



October 24, 2024

Joint Statement from the City of Lake Elsinore, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and the Summerly Homeowners Association

City of Lake Elsinore, EVMWD and the Summerly HOA Continue to Collaborate to Address Odor Concerns in the Summerly Neighborhood

We want to assure the Summerly community that the City of Lake Elsinore, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD) and the Summerly Homeowners Associations (HOA) are working together to address concerns regarding the odor in the Summerly residential community. Representatives from all three agencies met earlier today to continue efforts to pinpoint the source of the odor and determine the appropriate next steps.

EVMWD reports that the odor is not linked to EVMWD's sewer system based on extensive testing over several days. The City is also conducting testing of the 71-acre stormwater detention basin, and we expect to receive those results within the next week.

Our teams continue collaborating and exploring all possible causes and solutions to resolve the issue quickly. We are working closely with all regulatory agencies including the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

We empathize with the residents of the Summerly community, and we are committed to providing clear and transparent updates as we continue to work toward addressing the situation. A town hall meeting will be scheduled in the near future once we know more about the source and potential solution.

The health and safety of our community remain our top priority, and we will continue working together to mitigate the issue and keep residents informed.

We appreciate your patience and understanding.

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Greg Thomas
General Manger
EVMWD

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Simpson".

Jason Simpson
City Manager
City of Lake Elsinore

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Chris Webber
Board President
Summerly HOA