

The Water Log



ELSINORE VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT WELCOMES YOU TO THE WATER LOG – YOUR WATER NEWS CONNECTION!

As part of EVMWD’s commitment to serving our customers, we are excited to deliver updates about your water service to your front door. In each issue, you will find conservation tips, upcoming events, and EVMWD information. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and find it both educational and interesting.

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Recent rains bring relief, BUT DROUGHT CONTINUES

After nine atmospheric rivers slammed California, many people are wondering – are we still in a drought? It’s too soon to say. The state will continue to evaluate factors like Sierra Nevada snowpack through April, and the reality is, we simply don’t know what the rest of winter has in store. The recent storms did however provide enough water to give California’s reservoirs a needed boost, bringing many to historically average levels. This is good news after three years of drought had left key storage facilities critically low. But the Colorado River is still in crisis and our groundwater basins need replenishment.



What’s crystal clear is that California is going to continue experiencing flashy, unpredictable weather—long droughts punctuated by big, fast-moving storms. The feast or famine nature of our climate calls for new ideas and bold action from our state – we need infrastructure and resource management tools that allow us to capture water from these big storm events. It also means that we as individuals need to embrace efficiency as a way of life. We do not know when the next storm will come. We do not know when or how long the next drought will be. EVMWD is grateful that our customers have diligently conserved water throughout this ongoing drought, and we ask that you continue to do so as we make our way through the uncertainty of winter.

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HOURS OF OPERATION:

M-Th 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

F 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.





EVMWD'S 2023 ANNUAL SPLASH INTO SPRING COMMUNITY EVENT

Join EVMWD for the annual Splash into Spring event scheduled to take place Saturday, March 25, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the district's headquarters—located at 31315 Chaney Street in Lake Elsinore. The annual community water festival is a FREE family event where attendees will learn about the process EVMWD uses to treat more than 5.5 million gallons of sewer water per day, the construction and maintenance of more than 700 miles of pipeline throughout the EVMWD service area and saving money and water with a more water efficient home and landscape. Family friendly interactive displays will be set up allowing a hands-on approach to learning the operation of various departments within EVMWD. Additionally, the Wyland Clean Water Mobile Learning Experience will be on-site providing a museum-quality educational experience. It features a newly re-vamped multi-sensory theater with six interactive stations that will provide education about water quality, water resource availability, and conservation.

ANNUAL SPLASH INTO SPRING FESTIVAL WELCOMES COMMUNITY FOR A DAY OF FAMILY-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES

-  WATER-WISE GARDEN TOURS
-  GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
-  WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY TOURS
-  CONSERVATION DEMONSTRATIONS
-  FREE WATER SAVING DEVICES AND OTHER GIVEAWAYS
-  FREE REFRESHMENTS



HAVE YOU OPTED IN TO THE SEPTIC TO SEWER AVENUES AND SEDCO HILLS CONVERSION PROJECT FOR FREE?

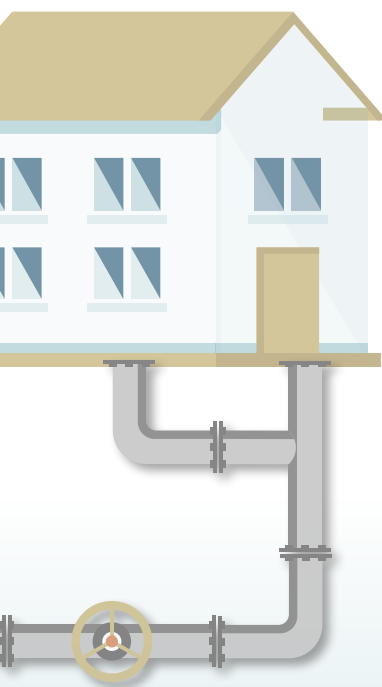
EVMWD is securing money from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) to improve the sewer systems in the communities of Sedco Hills and Avenues.

To align with Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District's (EVMWD) Sewer Master Plan and Groundwater Protection goals, Sedco Hills and Avenues will be transitioned to the EVMWD sewer system in a phased approach over a period of 48 months. The project costs NOTHING for the property owner to participate and the project will cover the cost of construction work, all associated fees, abandonment of your septic tank, and restoration of your yard. Opting into this project will save residents an average of \$60,000 in conversion costs.

Benefits of the project impact the entire community. These include increased property value, improvement of general health, reduction of water pollution, elimination of costly septic system maintenance and repairs, and reduced septic odors.

Once you are connected to EVMWD's sewer system, your monthly EVMWD bill will include water and sewer charges based on approved fixed and variable rates. Worried about a possible bill increase? For more information about EVMWD's Rate Assistance for Residents of Elsinore Valley (RARE) Program, please visit www.evmwd.com/assistance.

If EVMWD secures money for the project, construction is anticipated to begin in mid-2023 and take approximately 48 months. To learn more about the project or to opt-in, visit www.evmwd.com/septic, call our helpline at 951-200-4136, or email us at septicconversion@evmwd.net.



"WATER IS LIFE" POSTER CONTEST: Artistic Water Conservation Messages

Seventeen local students were recognized for their winning contributions to the 2022-23 "Water Is Life" poster contest. Family members, students, and teachers gathered in February to celebrate the exceptional talent of this year's student artists. The annual contest for kindergarten through fifth graders provides an opportunity for students to creatively express important conservation messages through art. Over 1,700 students participated in the contest, using their artistic talents to demonstrate the value of water in the community, the environment, and at home.



EVMWD'S 2022-2023 POSTER CONTEST WINNERS:

ALBERHILL ELEMENTARY
Madison Devor

DONALD GRAHAM ELEMENTARY
Cody Everman
Abril Langarica

ELSINORE ELEMENTARY
Kenzo D. Washington
Selenne Lujano

LAKELAND VILLAGE
Emmanuel Hernandez Villaseñor
Bryan Garcia

RAILROAD CANYON ELEMENTARY
Gabriella Castro

RICE CANYON ELEMENTARY
Katelynn Avery

TUSCANY HILLS ELEMENTARY
Isabella Rodriguez
Isis Tam
Shaylin Flanders

WILLIAM COLLIER ELEMENTARY
Farahnaz Laiq
Angie Bustamante
Emely Villa
Esther Cui
Iriana Garcia Castillo



The winners received trophies and prizes and their teachers were given gift cards for classroom essentials. Several winning entries will be submitted to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for a chance to be featured in the regional "Water Is Life" calendar for 2024.



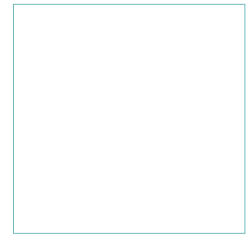
UNCLAIMED FUNDS MIGHT BE WAITING FOR YOU!

CHECK OUR UNCLAIMED FUNDS LIST TO VERIFY

Occasionally, customers close their water and sewer accounts with a balance owed to them and no forwarding address. To simplify the process of locating customers who may have money owned to them, EVMWD has posted an unclaimed funds list on its website.

TO REVIEW THE LIST AND SUBMIT A CLAIM, CUSTOMERS MAY VISIT WWW.EVMWD.COM OR CONTACT OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE TEAM AT (951) 674-3146.





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EVMWD IS COMMITTED TO HIGH QUALITY DRINKING WATER

Your water quality starts well before the tap! There is a team of skilled and dedicated individuals who are passionate about providing you with clean, reliable water 24/7. Our expert staff work diligently to ensure that the water you drink meets and exceeds all state and federal standards. Our highly trained team performs over 21,867 tests annually to meet some of the most stringent standards in the world, and they work tirelessly around the clock to ensure that our water systems are operating correctly before the water reaches your tap.



Learn more about EVMWD's commitment to water quality by visiting www.evmwd.com/ccr to review our Annual Water Quality Report.