

# THE PIPELINE



## PALM DESERT SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

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### Dear neighbors,

As you know, the Coachella Valley continues to grow rapidly as more and more people seek out the strong neighborhoods and quality of life we enjoy here in our desert cities.

While we, at the Coachella Valley Water District, anticipate the demands that future development will put on our infrastructure, we are planning ahead so that our customers continue to receive the quality service that they have come to expect.

Therefore, we want to inform you of our upcoming Palm Desert Sewer Improvement Project – an ambitious plan to supplement existing sewer pipeline along some of the city's busiest streets in order to accommodate the growing communities of Palm Desert, Rancho Mirage and Cathedral City.

We understand this will create some unavoidable inconveniences for residents and businesses, including road closures and detours, temporary loss of street parking and traffic delays among others.

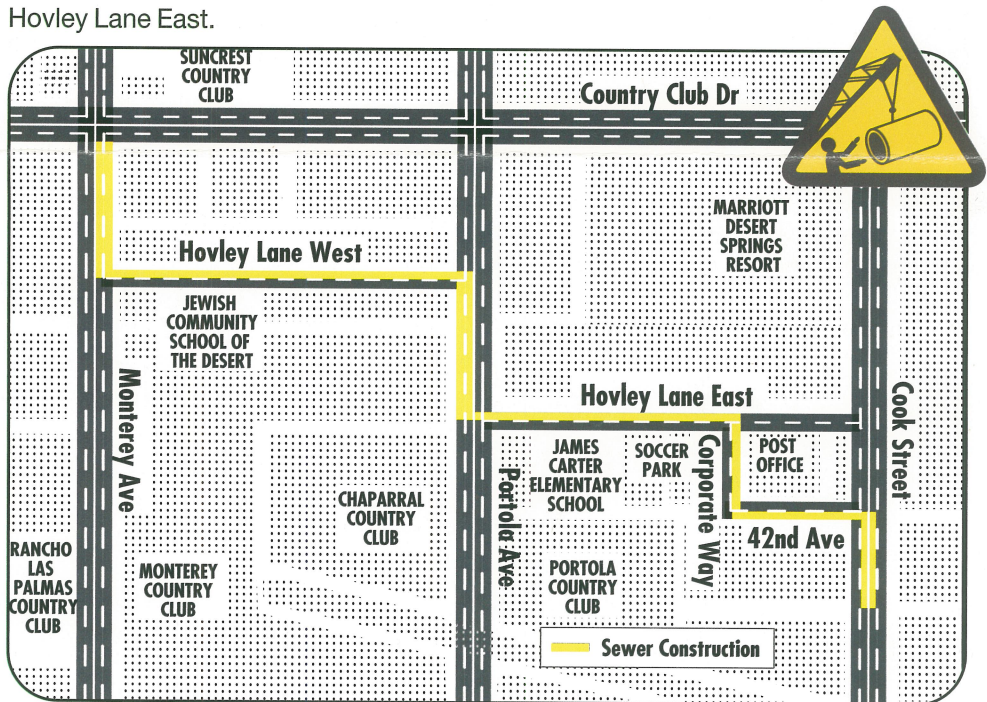
We will be making every effort to minimize disruptions to your daily routines and to keep you informed about this project with progress reports and construction schedule updates. We will also be scheduling public meetings to answer questions and to keep the community informed.

Thank you for your patience during this time as we continue to do what is necessary to best serve our customers and the people of the Coachella Valley.

**Steve Robbins**  
CVWD General Manager  
Chief Engineer

### JUST AROUND THE CORNER: CVWD PREPARES FOR AMBITIOUS SEWER PROJECT

The Palm Desert Sewer Improvement Project is a bold effort by the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) to install a new 33-inch sewer pipeline 3.5 miles across Monterey Avenue and Cook Street and along Hovley Lane West, Portola Avenue and Hovley Lane East.



A larger-capacity pipeline is needed to supplement the existing pipeline, which is unsuitable to accommodate the rapid development and future growth for the cities of Palm Desert, Rancho Mirage and portions of Cathedral City. Moreover, the new sewer line will prevent potential sewer spills during peak wet-weather periods when existing trunk sewers are vulnerable.

The \$12-million project is funded through the CVWD's Sanitation Capacity Charge, which is a one-time fee paid by homeowners or business customers who connect to the district's sewer system for the first time.

Construction will take place in segments of 600 feet at a time. The first phase will begin along Cook Street up to 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Then, work crews will continue along 42<sup>nd</sup>, Corporate Way and Hovley Lane East where many businesses operate. The project will

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Palm Desert Sewer Improvement  
Project Hotline: (760) 832-0739

Project Website: [www.cvwd.org/  
pd\\_construction\\_update.htm](http://www.cvwd.org/pd_construction_update.htm)

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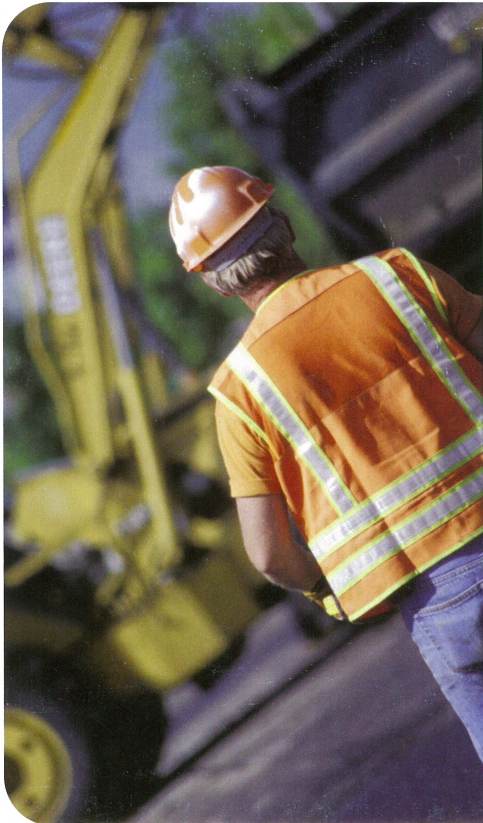
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require lane closures to allow for trenching of up to 24 feet around locations including the Palm Desert Post Office and James Carter Elementary School as well as various businesses.

CVWD officials are making all necessary preparations to accommodate businesses and residents who will be affected by construction schedules as well as street closures and detours. Some of the construction will be completed at night to minimize traffic disruption.

Public meetings will be scheduled to allow residents and business owners to address any questions or concerns regarding the project. Mailers and flyers will be delivered to all residents and businesses in the project area with notification of meeting times as well as regular updates and construction alerts. Information on how to contact CVWD representatives who will be available to assist residents or business owners during the project will also be provided.

Construction is set to begin early April with a project completion date expected for February 2007.



## QUICK FACTS



- **Project:** The Palm Desert Sewer Improvement Project
- **Lead Agency:** The Coachella Valley Water District
- **Goal:** To accommodate rapid development and future growth
- **Size:** Concrete pipe 33 inches in diameter, 3.5 miles long and up to 24 feet deep
- **Cost:** \$12 million paid through a one-time sewer connection charge
- **Location:** Along portions of Monterey, Portola and 42nd avenues, Hovley Lane East and West and Cook Street and Corporate Way
- **Duration:** April 2006 to February 2007
- **Time:** Construction to begin early April. Public to be notified of progress.

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