



April 25, 2024

Honorable Ken Calvert
House of Representative, 41st District
2205 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: Request for STAG funding, Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion

Dear Representative Calvert:

On behalf of Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), I respectfully request your support for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) funding for the Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion Project in the FY 2025 Interior EPA Appropriations bill.

EMWD is the water, wastewater service, and recycled water provider to more than one million people living and working within a 601-square mile service area in western Riverside County and northern San Diego County. EMWD is California's sixth-largest retail water agency with a mission to deliver value to customers and the communities we serve by providing safe, reliable, economical, and environmentally sustainable water, wastewater, and recycled water services. EMWD provides retail water service to customers located within the cities of Canyon Lake, Hemet, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Perris, San Jacinto, and Temecula and, the adjacent unincorporated communities. EMWD works hard to leverage external funding to reduce the financial burden on its ratepayers, over a third of whom are disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged.

EMWD is seeking assistance to fund the next phase of the septic to sewer conversion project in the ethnically diverse, disadvantaged community of Quail Valley. Quail Valley's challenges are many, however the most severe challenge is the raw sewage that, during rain events, overflows from failing septic tanks into residents' front yards, then into the streets of Quail Valley, which flows downstream into Canyon Lake, a drinking water reservoir.

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The septic system failures occur due to the very small lot size (small leach fields), the lack of percolation capacity in the surrounding soil, and in some cases, improper installation dating back to the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. While a portion of the community (Subarea 9) has been converted from septic to sewer, the building permit moratorium in the area will continue until both Subareas 9 and 4 are complete and connected to a centralized sewer system.

The Quail Valley Septic to Sewer conversion project has been identified as a priority for both the California State Water Resources Control Board, and the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. EMWD's efforts are now being directed to provide sewer solutions to the 540 homes within Subarea 4. This region is hilly, rocky, with very small lot sizes and very narrow roads. These are all variables that make sewer system construction very challenging and expensive.

EMWD is requesting \$5 million from the STAG account to construct the septic to sewer conversion project for Subarea 4. The total cost for this phase of the project is \$40.6 million.

Thank you for your long-standing partnership to resolve the issues in Quail Valley and for considering requesting STAG funding for the Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion project. This project will improve water quality and will provide benefits long into the future for a community in need.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at paulep@emwd.org.

Sincerely,

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Philip E. Paule
President, Board of Directors

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April 26th, 2024

Phil Paule
President, Board of Directors
Eastern Municipal Water District
2270 Trumble Road
Perris, CA 92572-8300

Subject: Support EMWD's Request for STAG Funding, Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion

Dear President Paule:

I would like to express my support for the Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) \$5 million request for U.S. EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) funding for the Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion in the FY 2025 Interior EPA Appropriations bill.

EMWD is the water, wastewater service, and recycled water provider to nearly one million people within a 601-square mile service area in western Riverside County and northern San Diego County, and works very hard to leverage external funding to reduce the financial burden on its ratepayers, over a third of whom are disadvantaged.

Quail Valley's challenges are many, however the most severe challenge is the raw sewage that, during rain events, overflows from failing septic tanks into residents' front yards, then into the streets of Quail Valley, and flows downstream to Canyon Lake, a drinking water reservoir.

The Quail Valley Septic to Sewer project has been identified as a priority for both the California State Water Resources Control Board and the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. EMWD's efforts are now being directed to provide sewer solutions to the 540 homes within Subarea 4.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Kelly Seyarto
State Senator, 32nd District

Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

May 1, 2024

The Honorable Ken Calvert
United State House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

SUPPORT FOR EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT'S REQUEST FOR USEPA's STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING FOR QUAIL VALLEY SEPTIC TO SEWER CONVERSION

Dear Congressman Ken Calvert,

On behalf of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board), I am pleased to support Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD's) request for U.S. EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) funding for the Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion Project in the FY 2025 Interior EPA Appropriations bill.

Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) is the water, wastewater service, and recycled water provider to nearly one million people within a 601-square mile service area in western Riverside County and northern San Diego County. EMWD works very hard to leverage external funding to reduce the financial burden on its ratepayers, over a third of whom are disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged.

A prohibition for new septic systems in Subareas 4 and 9 of Quail Valley because of numerous failed septic systems was issued by the Santa Ana Water Board to protect public health and surface water quality impacts. During rain events, the failed septic systems have been known to result in sewage surfacing within these residential areas of Quail Valley that then flow downstream into Canyon Lake, a drinking water reservoir.

The Santa Ana Water Board supports EMWD's request for \$5 million from STAG to help fund the next phase of the septic to sewer conversion project in the ethnically diverse, disadvantaged community of Quail Valley. This project helps to protect the public health of the Quail Valley residents and water quality impacts to Canyon Lake.

The Quail Valley Septic to Sewer project has been identified as a priority for both the California State Water Resources Control Board and the Santa Ana Water Board. EMWD's efforts are now being directed to provide sewer solutions to the 540 homes within Subarea 4. This region is hilly, the soil is rocky, lot sizes are very small, and the

KRISTINE MURRAY, CHAIR | JAYNE JOY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

roads are very narrow. These are all variables that make sewer system construction very challenging and expensive.

Lastly, this project aligns with the Santa Ana Water Board's Racial Equity Resolution. Thank you for advancing this important project for funding.

Sincerely,

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Kris Murray
Chair

cc: Joe Mouawad, General Manager, EMWD



SENT VIA EMAIL

April 29, 2024

The Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Support EMWD's Request for STAG Funding, Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion

Dear Representative Calvert,

Please accept this letter from the City of Lake Elsinore in support of Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) \$5 million request for U.S. EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) funding for the Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion in the FY 2025 Interior EPA Appropriations bill.

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Lake Elsinore supports EMWD's request for \$5 million from STAG to help fund the next phase of the septic to sewer conversion project in the ethnically diverse community of Quail Valley. Quail Valley's challenges are many; however, the most severe challenge is the black water that, during rain events, overflows from failing septic tanks into residents' front yards, then into the streets of Quail Valley, and flows downstream to Canyon Lake, a drinking water reservoir.

The Quail Valley Septic to Sewer project has been identified as a priority for both the California State Water Resources Control Board and the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. EMWD's efforts are now being directed towards providing sewer solutions to the 540 homes within Subarea 4. This region is hilly, the soil is rocky, lot sizes are very small, and the roads are very narrow. These are all variables that make sewer system construction very challenging and expensive.

Thank you for advancing this important project for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Manos".

Steve Manos
Mayor
City of Lake Elsinore

cc: Honorable Senator Alex Padilla
Honorable Senator Laphonza Butler

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April 14, 2022
Phil Paule
President, Board of Directors
Eastern Municipal Water District
2270 Trumble Road
Perris CA 92572-8300

Subject: Support EMWD's Request for STAG funding, Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion

Dear President Paule:

On behalf of the City of Canyon Lake, I am pleased to support Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) request for U.S. EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) funding for the Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion Project in the FY 2023 Interior EPA Appropriations bill.

EMWD is the water, wastewater service, and recycled water provider to nearly one million people western Riverside County and works very hard to leverage external funding to reduce the financial burden on its ratepayers, over a third of whom are disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged.

The City of Canyon Lake supports EMWD's request for \$2.5 million from STAG to help fund the next phase of the septic to sewer conversion project in the disadvantaged community of Quail Valley. Quail Valley's challenges are many, however the most severe challenge is the raw sewage that, during rain events, overflows from failing septic tanks into residents' front yards, then into the streets of Quail Valley, and flows downstream to Canyon Lake, a drinking water reservoir.

This project has been identified as a priority for both the California State Water Resources Control Board and the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. EMWD's efforts are now being directed to provide sewer solutions to the 540 homes within Subarea 4. This region is hilly, the soil is rocky, lot sizes are very small, and the roads are very narrow. These are all variables that make sewer system construction very challenging and expensive.

Please let me know if we can support this important project in any other way.

Sincerely,

Chris Mann
City Manager

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April 30, 2024

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Phil Paule
President, Board of Directors
Eastern Municipal Water District
2270 Trumble Road
Perris, CA 92572-8300

SUBJECT: SUPPORT EMWD'S REQUEST FOR STAG FUNDING, QUAIL VALLEY SEPTIC TO SEWER CONVERSION

Dear President Paule:

On behalf of Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD), I am pleased to support Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) \$5 million request for U.S. EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) funding for the Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion in the FY 2025 Interior EPA Appropriations bill.

EMWD is the water, wastewater service, and recycled water provider to nearly one million people within a 601-square mile service area in western Riverside County and northern San Diego County, and works very hard to leverage external funding to reduce the financial burden on its ratepayers, over a third of whom are disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged.

EVMWD supports EMWD's request for \$5 million from STAG to help fund the next phase of the septic to sewer conversion project in the ethnically diverse, disadvantaged community of Quail Valley. Quail Valley's challenges are many, however the most severe challenge is the raw sewage that, during rain events, overflows from failing septic tanks into residents' front yards, then into the streets of Quail Valley, and flows downstream to Canyon Lake, a drinking water reservoir.

The Quail Valley Septic to Sewer project has been identified as a priority for both the California State Water Resources Control Board and the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. EMWD's efforts are now being directed to provide sewer solutions to the 540 homes within Subarea 4. This region is hilly, the soil is rocky, lot sizes are very small, and the roads are very narrow. These are all variables that make sewer system construction very challenging and expensive.

Thank you for advancing this important project for funding.

Sincerely,



Chance Edmondson
Board President

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April 15, 2022

Phil Paule
President, Board of Directors
Eastern Municipal Water District
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Subject: Support EMWD's Request for STAG funding, Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion

Dear President Paule:

On behalf of the Canyon Lake Property Owners Association (POA), I am pleased to support Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) request for U.S. EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) funding for the Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion Project in the FY 2023 Interior EPA Appropriations bill.

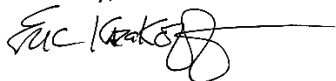
EMWD is the water, wastewater service, and recycled water provider to nearly one million people within a 555-square mile service area in western Riverside County and works very hard to leverage external funding to reduce the financial burden on its ratepayers, over a third of whom are disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged.

The Canyon Lake POA supports EMWD's request for \$2.5 million from STAG to help fund the next phase of the septic to sewer conversion project in the ethnically diverse, disadvantaged community of Quail Valley. Quail Valley's challenges are many, however the most severe challenge is the raw sewage that, during rain events, overflows from failing septic tanks into residents' front yards, then into the streets of Quail Valley, and flows downstream to Canyon Lake, a drinking water reservoir.

The Quail Valley Septic to Sewer project has been identified as a priority for both the California State Water Resources Control Board and the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. EMWD's efforts are now being directed to provide sewer solutions to the 540 homes within Subarea 4. This region is hilly, the soil is rocky, lot sizes are very small, and the roads are very narrow. These are all variables that make sewer system construction very challenging and expensive.

Please let me know if we can support this important project in any other way.

Sincerely,



Eric Kazakoff
General Manager

April 18, 2022

Phil Paule
President, Board of Directors
Eastern Municipal Water District
2270 Trumble Road
Perris CA 92572-8300

Subject: Support EMWD's Request for STAG funding, Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion

Dear President Paule:

On behalf of the Quail Valley Community Group, I am pleased to support Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) request for U.S. EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) funding for the Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion Project in the FY 2023 Interior EPA Appropriations bill.

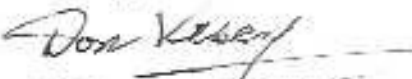
EMWD is the water, wastewater service, and recycled water provider to nearly one million people within a 555-square mile service area in western Riverside County and works very hard to leverage external funding to reduce the financial burden on its ratepayers, over a third of whom are disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged.

Quail Valley Community Group supports EMWD's request for \$2.5 million from STAG to help fund the next phase of the septic to sewer conversion project in the ethnically diverse, disadvantaged community of Quail Valley. Quail Valley's challenges are many, however the most severe challenge is the raw sewage that, during rain events, overflows from failing septic tanks into residents' front yards, then into the streets of Quail Valley, and flows downstream to Canyon Lake, a drinking water reservoir.

The Quail Valley Septic to Sewer project has been identified as a priority for both the California State Water Resources Control Board and the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. EMWD's efforts are now being directed to provide sewer solutions to the 540 homes within Subarea 4. This region is hilly, the soil is rocky, lot sizes are very small, and the roads are very narrow. These are all variables that make sewer system construction very challenging and expensive.

Please let me know if we can support this important project in any other way.

Sincerely,


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May 2, 2024

The Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Subject: Support EMWD's Request for STAG Funding, Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion

Dear President Paule:

As Riverside County Third District Supervisor, I am pleased to support Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) \$5 million request for U.S. EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) funding for the Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion in the FY 2025 Interior EPA Appropriations bill.

EMWD is the water, wastewater service, and recycled water provider to nearly one million people within a 601-square mile service area in western Riverside County and northern San Diego County and works very hard to leverage external funding to reduce the financial burden on its ratepayers, over a third of whom are disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged.

On behalf of the Third Supervisorial District, I support EMWD's request for \$5 million from STAG to help fund the next phase of the septic to sewer conversion project in the ethnically diverse, disadvantaged community of Quail Valley. Quail Valley's challenges are many, however the most severe challenge is the raw sewage that, during rain events, overflows from failing septic tanks into residents' front yards, then into the streets of Quail Valley, and flows downstream to Canyon Lake, a drinking water reservoir.

The Quail Valley Septic to Sewer project has been identified as a priority for both the California State Water Resources Control Board and the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. EMWD's efforts are now being directed to provide sewer solutions to the 540 homes within Subarea 4. This region is hilly, the soil is rocky, lot sizes are very small, and the roads are very narrow. These are all variables that make sewer system construction very challenging and expensive.

Thank you for advancing this important project for funding.

Sincerely,

Chuck Washington
Riverside County Third District Supervisor

April 29, 2024

Phil Paule
President, Board of Directors
Eastern Municipal Water District
2270 Trumble Road
Perris, CA 92572-8300

Subject: Support EMWD's Request for STAG Funding, Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion

Dear President Paule:

On behalf of the City of Menifee, I am delighted to endorse Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) request for \$5 million in funding from the U.S. EPA's State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG) program. This funding is designated for the Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion project as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 Interior EPA Appropriations bill.

EMWD serves as the primary provider of water, wastewater, and recycled water services to nearly one million residents across a vast 601-square mile area encompassing western Riverside County and northern San Diego County. The district is dedicated to diligently seeking external funding opportunities to alleviate the financial strain on its ratepayers, a significant portion of whom face disadvantages. This initiative reflects EMWD's commitment to enhancing environmental sustainability while supporting the diverse needs of its community.

The City of Menifee stands behind EMWD's request for \$5 million from the STAG program to facilitate the forthcoming stage of the Septic to Sewer Conversion endeavor in Quail Valley, a community characterized by its ethnic diversity and economic challenges. Among these challenges, the most pressing is the issue of untreated sewage, which, particularly during rainfall, inundates from failing septic systems into the yards of residents, subsequently streaming through the streets and into Canyon Lake, a crucial drinking water reservoir.

Recognized as a priority by both the California State Water Resources Control Board and the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Quail Valley Septic to Sewer project is now focusing on providing sewer solutions to the 540 homes within Subarea 4. This area presents unique obstacles due to its hilly terrain, rocky soil, small lot sizes, and narrow roads, all of which significantly raise the difficulty and cost of constructing a sewer system.

We express our gratitude for your support in advancing this vital project toward securing funding. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Philip Southard, Public Information and Legislative Affairs Officer, City Executive Office at (951) 723-3873 or psouthard@cityofmenifee.us.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Bill Zimmerman, Mayor