



February 26, 2026

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

Subject: Request for Community Project 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. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiative (EDI) Community Project Funding for the Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion Project in the Fiscal Year 2027 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

EMWD is the water, wastewater service, and recycled water provider to more than one million people living and working with a 682-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 construction element 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

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failing septic tanks into residents' front yards, then into the streets of Quail Valley, which flows downstream into Canyon Lake, a drinking water reservoir.

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 state and the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. EMWD's efforts are now being directed to provide a sewer solution 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.

Thank you for your consideration of EMWD's request for \$10 million in Community Project Funding through the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiative (EDI) account for the Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion Project.

If you have any questions, please contact EMWD's General Manager, Joe Mouawad, P.E. Mouawadj@emwd.org.

Sincerely,

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Stephen J. Corona
President, Board of Directors

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March 2nd, 2026

Stephen J. Corona
Eastern Municipal Water District
2270 Trumble Road
Perris, CA 92570

Subject: Support for EMWD's Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion Project

Dear Board President Corona:

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Sincerely,

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Kelly Seyarto
State Senator, 32nd District

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE



Supervisor Chuck Washington Third District

March 2, 2026

Stephen J. Corona
Eastern Municipal Water District
2270 Trumble Road Perris, CA 92570

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Sincerely,

Chuck Washington
Riverside County Third District Supervisor



March 4, 2026

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If you have any questions, please contact me at 951.848.0496 or jsimpson@lake-elsinore.org.

Sincerely,

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City Manager
City of Lake Elsinore

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March 3, 2026

Stephen J. Corona
Eastern Municipal Water District
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Perris, CA 92570

Subject: Support for EMWD's Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion Project

Dear Board President Corona:

On behalf of the City of Menifee, I am pleased to support Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) request for FY 2027 Appropriation funding from the Economic Development Initiative through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD-EDI) for the Quail Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion project.

For many years, the Quail Valley community located in our city has experienced surface and groundwater pollution due to failing septic tanks. In 2006, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board placed a moratorium on septic system construction to mitigate the water quality issue. The moratorium requires that certain areas, like 4, receive new infrastructure to divert wastewater from the septic to sewer systems.

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Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Philip Southard, Communications and Government Affairs Director, at (951) 723-3873 or psouthard@cityofmenifee.us.

Sincerely,



Bob Karwin
Acting Mayor



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**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR EMWD'S QUAIL VALLEY SEPTIC TO SEWER
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Erin Sasse, Director of Government Relations, at esasse@evmwd.net or (951) 674-3146, ext. 8229.

Sincerely,

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Greg Thomas
General Manager

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