

Carmel Area Wastewater District



Carmel Woods and Pescadero Road Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Homeowner Informational Update – Carmel Woods
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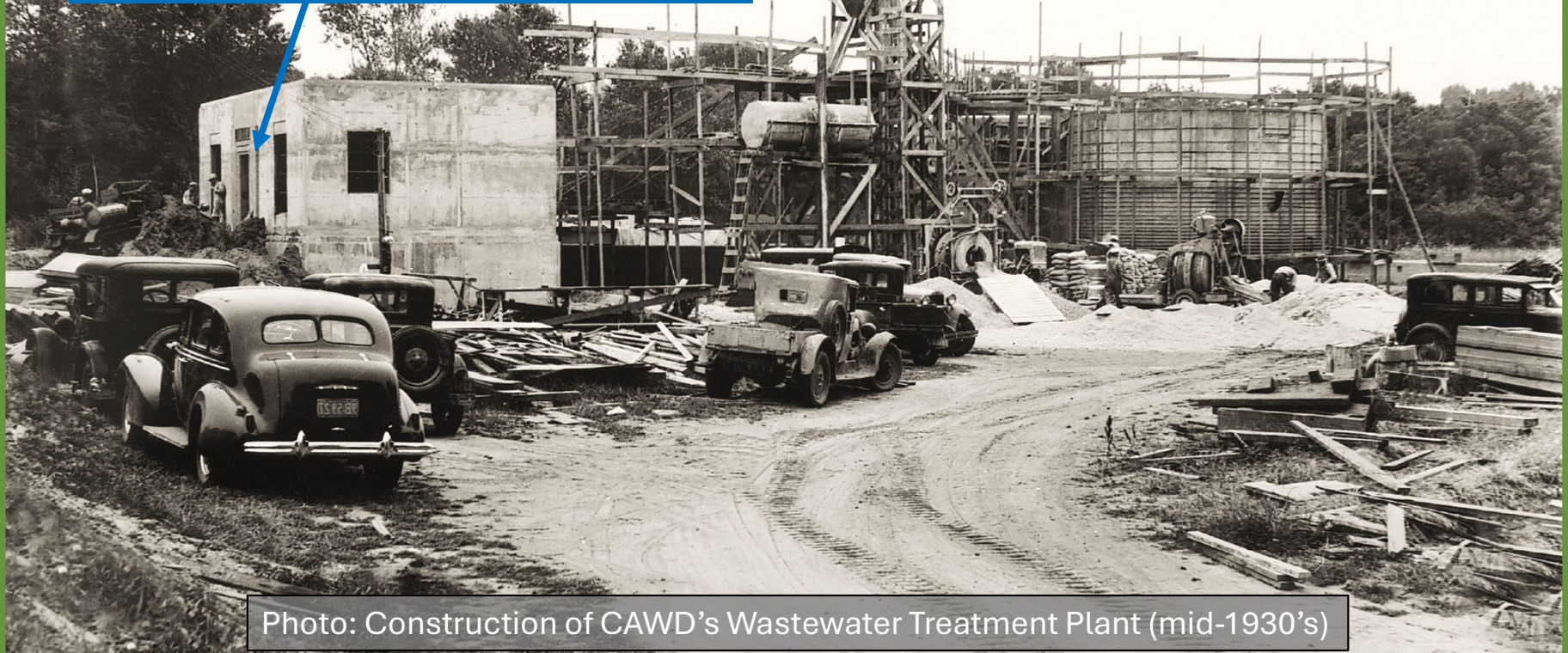
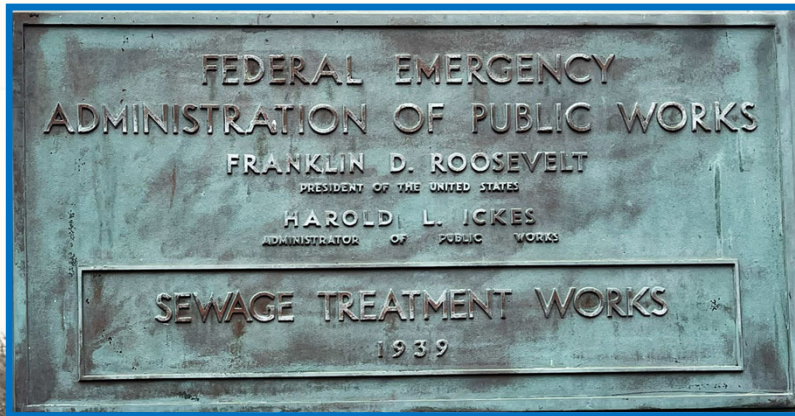
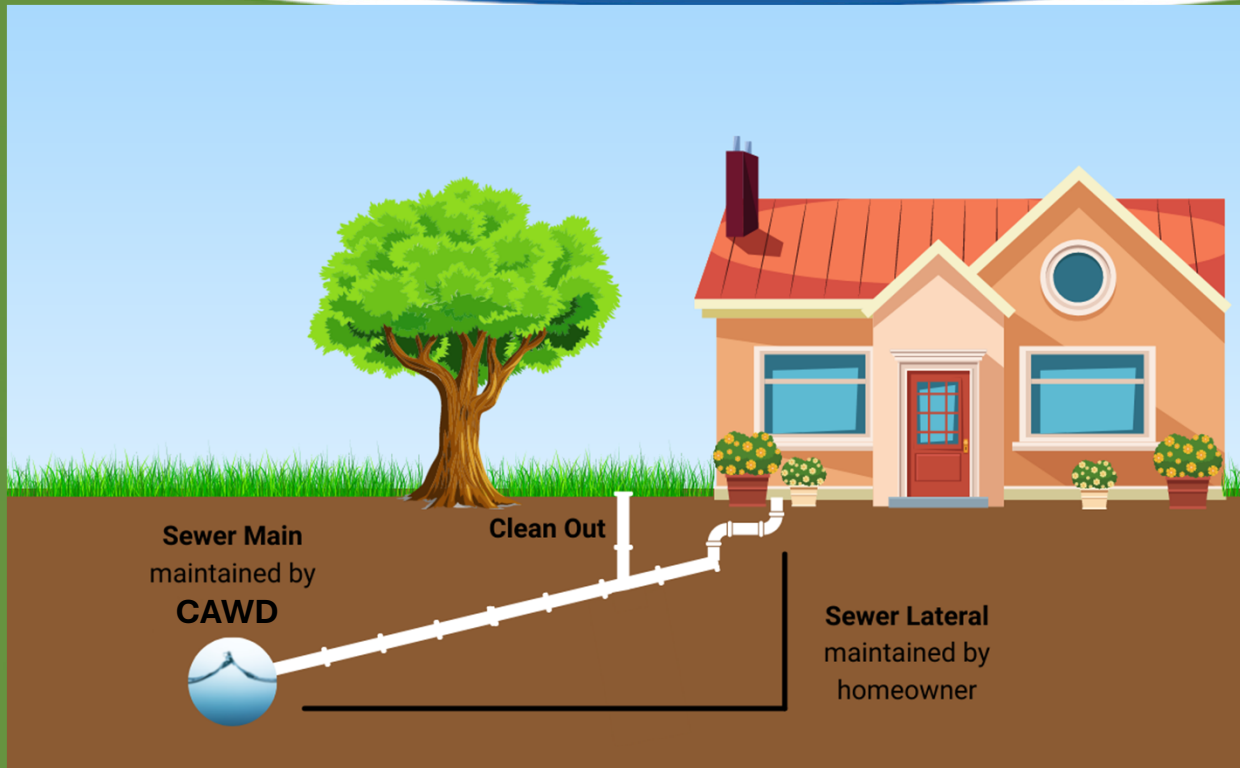


Photo: Construction of CAWD's Wastewater Treatment Plant (mid-1930's)

How Does My Property's Sewer Operate?



- House plumbing is connected to a buried pipe outside called a lateral.
- You own the sewer lateral pipe until it connects to CAWD's main line.
- Water flows by gravity from the home to the sewer main to the treatment plant

Clay Sewer Pipe is Prone to Fracturing

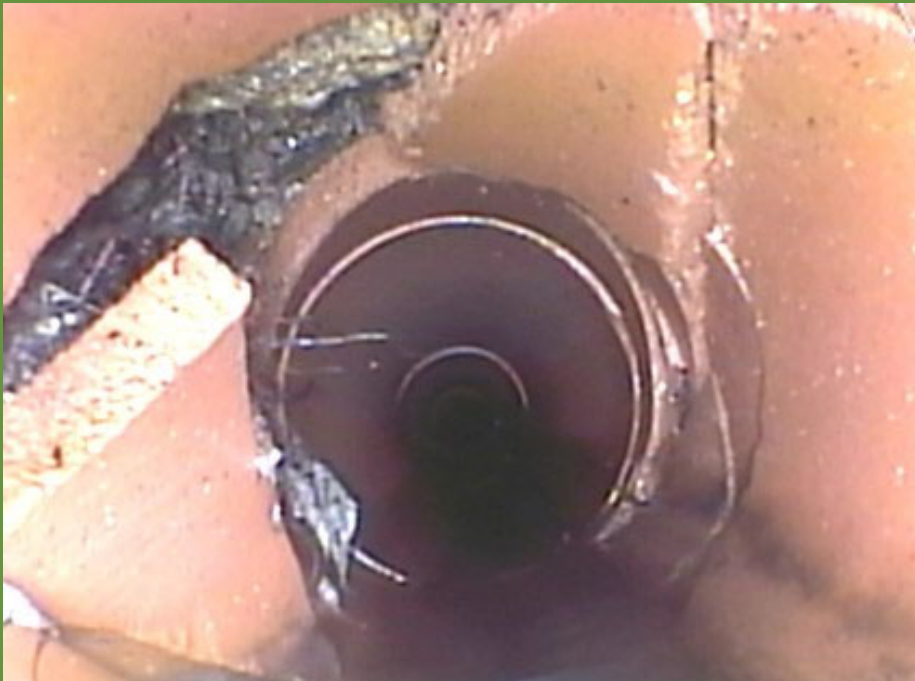


Photo: CCTV footage of broken clay sewer pipe



Photo: Broken clay flower pot

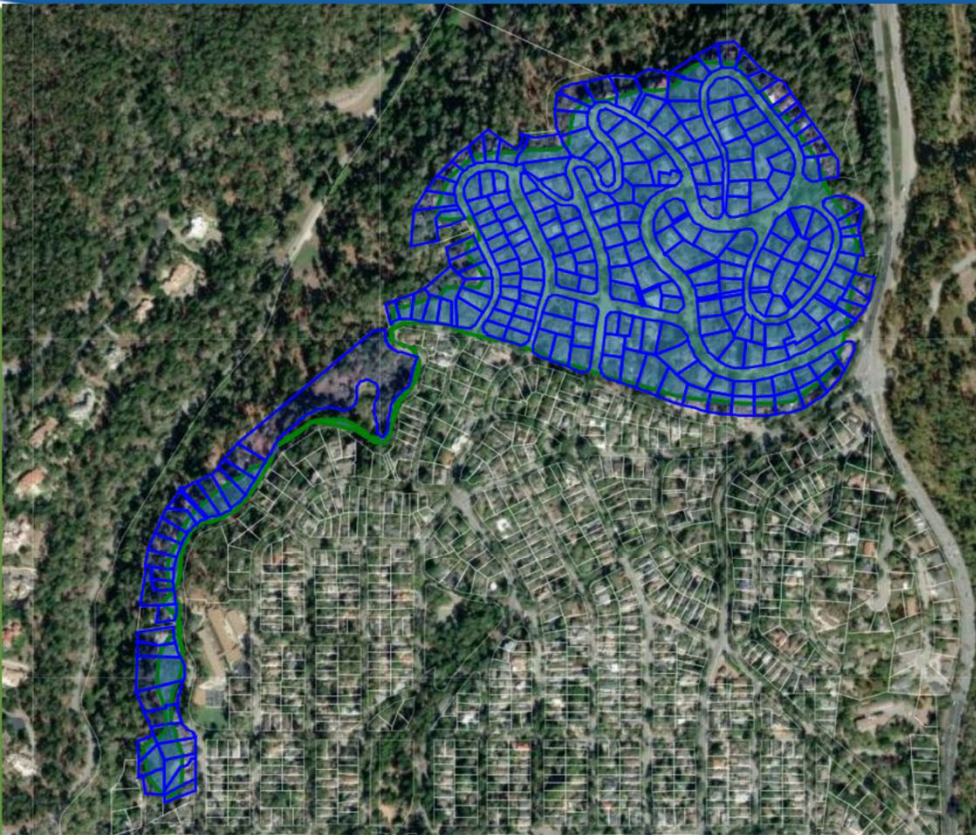
Will Ejector Pumps Be Required?



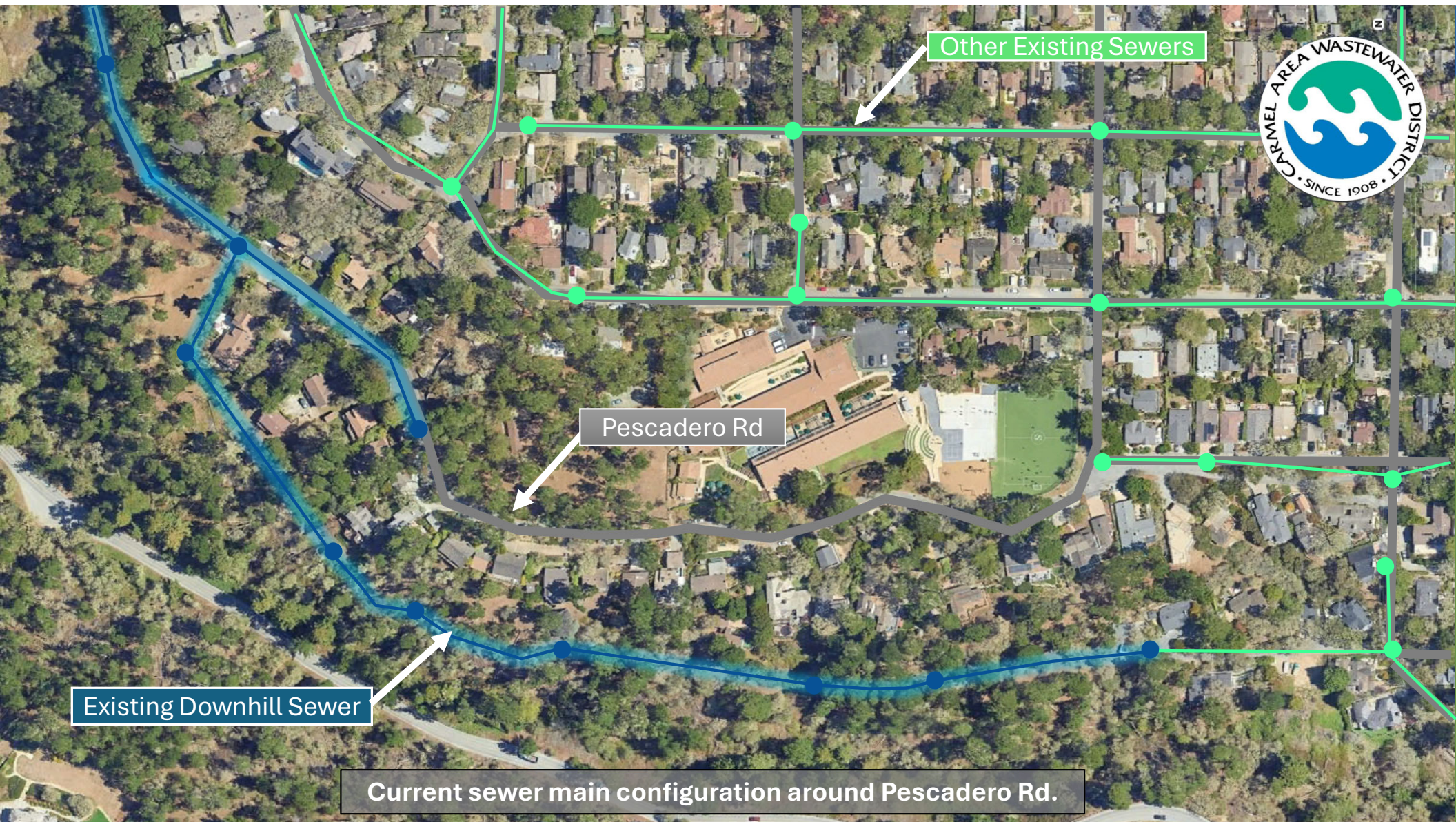
NO EJECTOR PUMPS!

We heard your concerns and the project approach has been modified to eliminate the need for pumps.

Carmel Woods Sewer System Overview



- Sewer systems are grouped into “flow basins” that combine upstream flows on the way to the wastewater treatment plant
- Wastewater from >300 homes in Carmel Woods flows through the sewer line in the backyards of Pescadero Rd.
- Existing backyard sewer line is prone to failure and difficult to access
- New sewer main in Pescadero Rd. will carry flows from Carmel Woods





Other Existing Sewers

Remove
Section

Pescadero Rd

New Sewer in
Pescadero Rd

New Slip-lined Sewer

Future sewer main configuration around Pescadero Rd.

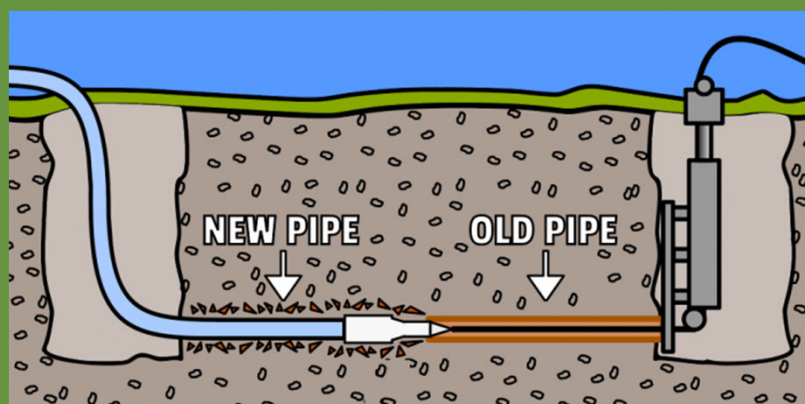


Carmel Woods Sewer Rehabilitation



- Approximately 3 miles of clay sewer pipes will be replaced
- Minimally-invasive “trenchless” construction methods:
 - Pipe bursting (new, **larger** plastic pipe is pulled through existing pipe)
 - Slip-lining (new, **smaller** plastic pipe pulled through existing pipe)
 - Cured-in-place pipe (new plastic pipe is inflated within existing pipe)
- “Open-trench” construction needed for shallow segments
- Manhole rehabilitation throughout the system

Photos of Construction – Pipe Bursting



Schematic: Trenchless pipe bursting



Photo: Pipe bursting on Mission St.

Photos of Construction – Trench Work



Photo: Digging trench on Scenic Rd.

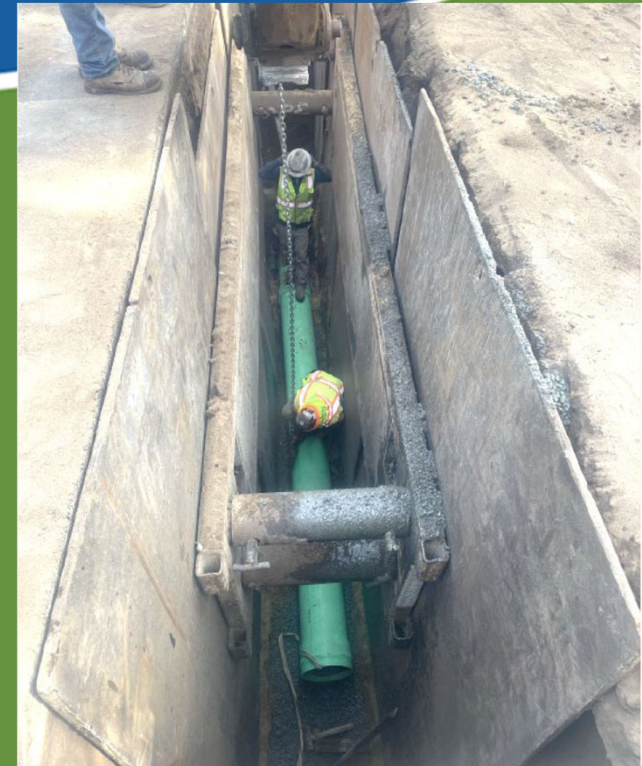


Photo: Open trench construction

Will my sewer service be impacted?



- There will be an ~8-hour period when we are connecting house laterals to the new pipe.
- We will request that you don't use your sewer during this time if possible.
- However, you will still be able to use your facilities during this time if needed and we will deal with it on the other end of the pipe.



Will access to my home be impacted?



- Residents will have access in and out of driveways.
- Work will be performed in short sections.
- Streets will be fully open to all traffic at night and on weekends.
- No street parking will be allowed (day or night) in areas of construction.
- Resurfacing of the street at the end of the project will require a 24-hour road closure for all vehicle traffic (residents included).

Will emergency services be impacted?



- No.
- Emergency services (fire, ambulance, police) will have priority over the construction activities. There will be no reduction in the capacity for emergency response.
- Emergency services will be kept informed of the project so they are prepared for changing road conditions.

Will construction impact trash pickup?



- No.
- Construction activities will be scheduled around trash pickup so there is no lapse in trash collection.



When will construction begin?



- Construction is expected to start in **December 2026**.
- CAWD will keep residents informed as the project planning progresses.
- Next public meetings are planned for October (date TBD).



How can I stay informed?



- CAWD will continue public outreach as the project start date approaches.
- Communication will be managed through the CAWD website (cawd.org), direct mailing to residents, presentations at regular and special Board meetings, community meetings, flyers and project signage.
- There will be a project “hotline” phone number posted on signs for contacting the project team during construction.

Help us serve you better!



- In the coming weeks, you will receive a letter asking you to share any special requests you might have.
- This includes scheduled medical or service visits, food delivery, planned construction or other events that could be impacted by the project
- You'll be able to send your information in via mail or through our secure online platform.

Questions?



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