



MENIFEE: Sewer project to cut through Sun City



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A sign alerts drivers to a major sewer project that will cut through city streets and two golf courses in the Sun City section of Menifee.

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A major sewer line project will tear up roads and fairways in the retirement community of Sun City over the next year.

The \$14.9 million Eastern Municipal Water District project officially started this week. The new sewer line will cut through some major Sun City streets and two golf courses, causing some traffic delays in the Menifee community.

The new pipeline will run south along Sun City Boulevard to McCall Boulevard. It will head further south, crossing Cherry Hills Boulevard and Murrieta Road, before reaching the Sun City Lift Station, located at Murrieta Road and Salt Creek.

Work got underway this week and is scheduled to last about 13 months.

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The water district will replace an existing pipeline — called a force main — that is 20 years old and running at full capacity, said Armando Arroyo, a civil engineer working for the water district, during a recent meeting of the Menifee City Council.

Arroyo said building a new force main was the easiest way to add capacity to the Sun City Lift Station.

“This would allow for growth for the city and provide reliable operation without danger of spills and possible pipeline breaks,” Arroyo said.

At the same time, a 12-inch recycled water pipe serving the California Golf & Art Country Club and the North Golf Course will be replaced. Arroyo said the existing PVC pipe is old and too thin, and breaks three or four times a year, causing difficult and costly repairs.

Weka, Inc. of Highland is the project’s general contractor.

Work on the PVC pipe will start first. Crews will have to cut through the golf courses and the district wanted to get the work done during the summer, typically the courses’ slowest part of the year.

Arroyo said most of the golf course work will be done during the day. However, crews will work at night when the project must cross fairways, to avoid stopping play.