



Water System Operations

• Quarterly Desert Housing Report – Q2 (Oct-Dec) FY 2023 - 2024

Summary

This quarterly report provides an update on the effort to improve conditions at the four residential villages (Hinds Pumping Plant, Eagle Mountain Pumping Plant, Iron Mountain Pumping Plant, and Gene Pumping Plant) where employees live along the Colorado River Aqueduct.

The effort to improve conditions at the villages is comprised of three phases. The first phase includes the Desert Housing & Recreation Interim Action Plan (DHRIAP), which started in September 2022 and is intended to address immediate issues and respond to resident requests for focused improvements. The second phase consists of community planning and design. The community planning work is nearing completion, and a report will be provided to the Board in the second quarter of 2024. The third and final phase will include the construction of kitchens, recreational amenities, and lodging. Additional information regarding each phase is provided in the detailed report section.

In addition, there is a high-level work order summary that highlights the status of scheduled and responding to maintenance activities for this reporting period that demonstrates the organization's commitment to maintaining the residential villages.

Purpose

Informational

Attachments

None

Detailed Report

Desert Housing Improvement Program

The District Housing Improvement Program consists of three (3) phases:

Phase I: DHRIAP – In September 2022, a Housing and Recreation Committee (HRC) was established consisting of representatives from the Office of the General Manager, Facilities Management, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Water Systems Operations. After meeting with residents and gathering feedback on immediate housing and recreational needs, the committee created a Desert Housing and Recreation Interim Action Plan (DHRIAP). The DHRIAP focuses resources on making near-term improvements in the four villages. To date, the DHRIAP consists of 33 projects. Eight of 22 projects focused on improving housing are complete. Crews are working on installing backyard shade structures and air conditioning units in garages and continuing work to renovate and refurbish 16 houses needed for new incoming employees. As of Q2, 23/24, 51 of the 96 houses needed for employee housing are new (11), renovated (17), or refurbished (23). The employee input in helping to create the Plan led to the creation of 11 projects to improve existing recreation facilities, of which six are now complete.

Through December 2023, a total of \$5.5 million has been expended to address immediate needs and resident requests. It is anticipated that completion of the 33 housing and recreation projects will require an expenditure of

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approximately \$10 million. There has been a considerable increase in the scope of work for this first phase, including the renovation and refurbishment of an additional six houses for new employees, additional carports, the addition of a Gene Camp community center, the replacement of over 30 electrical load centers and the complete replastering of the Iron Mountain Pool.

Phase II: Community Planning and Design

A. Community Planning – Metropolitan is in the process of creating a future vision for employees. Metropolitan has acquired the services of a community planner (consultant) to assist with the development of a future vision of how best to provide employees that require housing in the remote Desert locations with a sense of community, recreational amenities, improved kitchens and lodges, and appropriate housing options. The community planning work is nearing completion, and a report will be provided to the Board in the second quarter of 2024.

B. Design – Following the creation of an updated vision, design packages will be prepared.

Phase III: Implementation/Construction – Following completion of phase II, Metropolitan will proceed with the implementation/construction phase.

DHRIAP Project Highlights

Housing Renovations



Target
Completion:
June 2024

Seven houses were selected to be removed from the demolition list and will be completely renovated for tenant occupancy. 16 houses are currently under various stages of construction.



Renovation work - Before



Renovation work - After

Backyard Privacy Slats

 **Target Completion:**
TBD

Where existing fencing is in good shape, the installation of privacy slats at 10 houses has been completed. An award for a contract for the installation of fencing at the remaining houses (with privacy slats) is being prepared for bid.




Before



After

Emergency Contact Information

 **Completed:**
February 2024

Refrigerator magnets with emergency contact information and procedures have been delivered to each residence. The goal is to ensure that residents and guests have the pertinent information available in the event of an emergency.

EAGLE MOUNTAIN FIRE AND EMERGENCY

- Call 911 on the landline (wall phone) over cell phone so call location can be tracked.
- Call Desert Dispatch (442) 262-2500 to send someone to the gate to meet emergency responders.

Emergency/Medical Services	Address	Phone Number
Poison Control Center		(800) 222-1222
Tristate Care Flight (Medical Helicopter)		(800) 800-0900
Industrial Health Medical Group (Non-emergency Work Related Injuries Only)	49305 Grapefruit Blvd. Ste.1-Unit 1 Coachella, CA 92236	(760) 398-0723
John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital	47111 Monroe St, Indio, CA 92201	(760) 347-6191
Riverside County Fire Department Station 49	43880 Tamarisk Dr, Desert Center, CA 92239	(760) 227-3253

IRON MOUNTAIN MEDICAL AIR TRANSPORT

- Call 911 on the landline (wall phone) over cell phone so call location can be tracked.
- Call Desert Dispatch (442) 262-2500 to send someone to the gate to meet emergency responders.

CONSULT with 911 to determine if emergency is life-threatening requiring air transport.
 CONTACT Medical Air Transport Service if deemed life-threatening.
 INFORM 911 that you intend to request air transport directly.

Medical Air Transport Service (800) 800-0900

PROVIDE Caller's name, contact information, nature of emergency
 Clear and precise location (GPS location if possible), such as facility address including building and room or outdoor area; or major cross streets.
 CONTACT Desert Dispatch and Desert Management to provide the same information given during 911 call.

IRON MTN. 6001 Iron Mtn. Pump Plant Rd. Earp, CA 92242

GPS (Latitude, Longitude)
34.143964, -115.121137

Medical air transport cost incurred for a non-work related injury will be charged to the injured person's insurance. Rev 2023

Refrigerator magnets displaying emergency contact information

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Work Order Summary

The total count of work orders generated within this reporting period was 90. The team completed 88 workorders (98%), including (40) Corrective Maintenance, (17) general maintenance, (7) preventative maintenance, and (26) housing improvement work orders. The backlog for this period is 2 weeks of work orders (2%), including (1) resident request(s), and (1) housing improvement work orders. There are no outstanding work orders related to health and safety concerns