



## Rosamond Community Services District

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### RCSD Secures \$880,000 in State Funding to Help Pay For RWRP

Being fiscally and environmentally responsible means seeking out ways to protect our natural resources and doing so in the most cost-efficient way possible. Both of these goals are accomplished by RCSD's participation in the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

This plan coordinates how our natural water resources are responsibly used and protected. Participating in the plan also unlocks California Proposition 1 grant money for use on projects that contribute to the well-being of our local watershed.

Antelope Valley agencies submitted 22 applications for funding. Only 5 of these were approved and funded, splitting up a grant of \$3.8 million dollars. RCSD was one of the 5 approvals and will receive \$880,000 in reimbursement towards the construction for the Rosamond Water Reclamation Plant.



### Natural Disaster Plan Helps Unlock Funding

RCSD's Public Works department recently refreshed their portion of the Kern County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan identifies hazards posed by potential natural

disasters and develops plans to help mitigate damage. Further, RCSD unlocks access to state and federal grant money by participating in the plan.

The current plan is a refresh of Kern County's original 2015 plan. Both the original and refresh plans were developed according to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidelines.

It is a question of when, not if, a natural disaster will affect our area. The importance of RCSD's disaster preparedness cannot be understated since we provide our community two essential services: water and sewer. This makes the time and money spent on disaster mitigation worthwhile investments. This is especially true when you consider that FEMA estimates that every \$1 spent in preparation and mitigation activities is worth \$7 in recovery and reconstruction costs.

The plan identified four natural disasters that are likely to affect our area: drought, flood, earthquake, and extreme weather.

#### **Drought**

Our community and state have already felt the effects of severe drought. It was only a few years ago that water restrictions were enacted and the price of water skyrocketed. Kern county is already entering another period of drought.

Being able to produce water locally, instead of purchasing it from outside sources, is of the utmost importance in times of severe drought. Instead of making recommendations to mitigate the effects of drought, the new plan applauded RCSD's construction of the Rosamond Water Reclamation Plant. The RWRP will help capture wastewater for future use and increase our pumping allowance. The Willow Springs Water Bank is also essential to this effort.

### **Flood**

Much of our community is located on a 100-year flood plain. Despite this, RCSD is well prepared for flooding, the only risks to the system being water getting into the sewer line. This would pose little hazard to our water and sewer systems.

### **Earthquake**

Major earthquakes are known to break water and sewer lines, causing major health and safety hazards. There is little that can be done to prevent these breaks, other than keeping water and sewer lines current. However, we can mitigate the likelihood of breaks by installing seismically activated automatic shutoff valves and remote pressure and level sensors.

These valves and sensors would both help prevent water and sewer from leaking through broken pipes and alert RCSD staff to the location and severity of breaks. Our team is seeking funding to purchase and install these potentially life-saving devices.

### **Extreme Weather**

Triple-digit and freezing temperatures are a yearly occurrence in our area but are still considered natural hazards. While RCSD is well adapted to our normally extreme weather, we are seeking funding for additional backup generators to assist in maintaining water and sewer service in the event of widespread power outages.

### **View The Plan**

You are welcome to review the Kern Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan online at [mitigatehazards.com/county-of-kern](http://mitigatehazards.com/county-of-kern). The plan also includes good information on home mitigation ideas to help you and your family prepare for and recover from a natural disaster.

If we've learned anything from the current pandemic, it is the importance of looking out for each other and working together as a community. RCSD remains committed to disaster preparation and mitigation so you can rely on us when disaster strikes.

## **Rosamond Community Survey: We Want To Hear From You**

At RCSD, Rosamond Community Service isn't just our name, it's our mission. We've made a strong push to communicate better with our community over the last year and want to know how we're doing, what's working, and what we can do to improve.

We will be conducting a Rosamond Community Survey during the month of March that focuses on our communication efforts. To participate in the survey and have your voice heard please visit our website, [rosamondCSD.com](http://rosamondCSD.com), hover over I WANT TO in the menu, and click Take the Survey in the dropdown.

You can also navigate directly to the survey at [rosamondcsd.com/i-want-to/take-the-survey](http://rosamondcsd.com/i-want-to/take-the-survey)

If you do not have internet, a printed survey can be mailed to you by calling us at 661-256-3411.

The survey only takes a few minutes to complete. To ensure we receive quality data, only one survey per IP address will be accepted.

## **Bulky Waste and Hazardous Waste Drop-off Events**

Rosamond residents looking to get rid of bulky or hazardous waste have two opportunities to do so for free this month. Kern County is holding a hazardous waste drop-off event on March 6th and Waste Management is hosting a bulky waste drop-off event on March 13. Details below.

### **Hazardous Waste Drop-off**

6 March 2021, 9am-12pm  
Kern County Public Works  
17035 Finin St, Bldg 2, Mojave

### **Bulky Waste Drop-off**

13 March 2021, 8am-12pm  
Waste Management Rosamond Yard  
1713 Sierra Hwy, Rosamond  
**NO HAZARDOUS OR CONTRACTOR WASTE**  
**NO TIRES**



50 LBS. PER VEHICLE PER WEEK

**DANGER**  
NO SMOKING

# Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

## MOJAVE



**SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021**  
**17035 FINNIN STREET, BUILDING #2**  
**9 AM - 12 PM**

### Accepted Materials

Batteries | Motor Oil | Paints | Light Bulbs |  
Sharps | Pool Chemicals | Automotive Products |  
Cleaning Products & more!



**TOO TOXIC  
TO TRASH!**



**RULES  
TO  
FOLLOW**

- Label All Containers
- No Leaking Containers
- Do Not Mix Wastes
- Transport no more than 15 gallons or 125 lbs of waste per trip

Business Waste **NOT** accepted

\*Collection event may be cancelled due to weather conditions

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