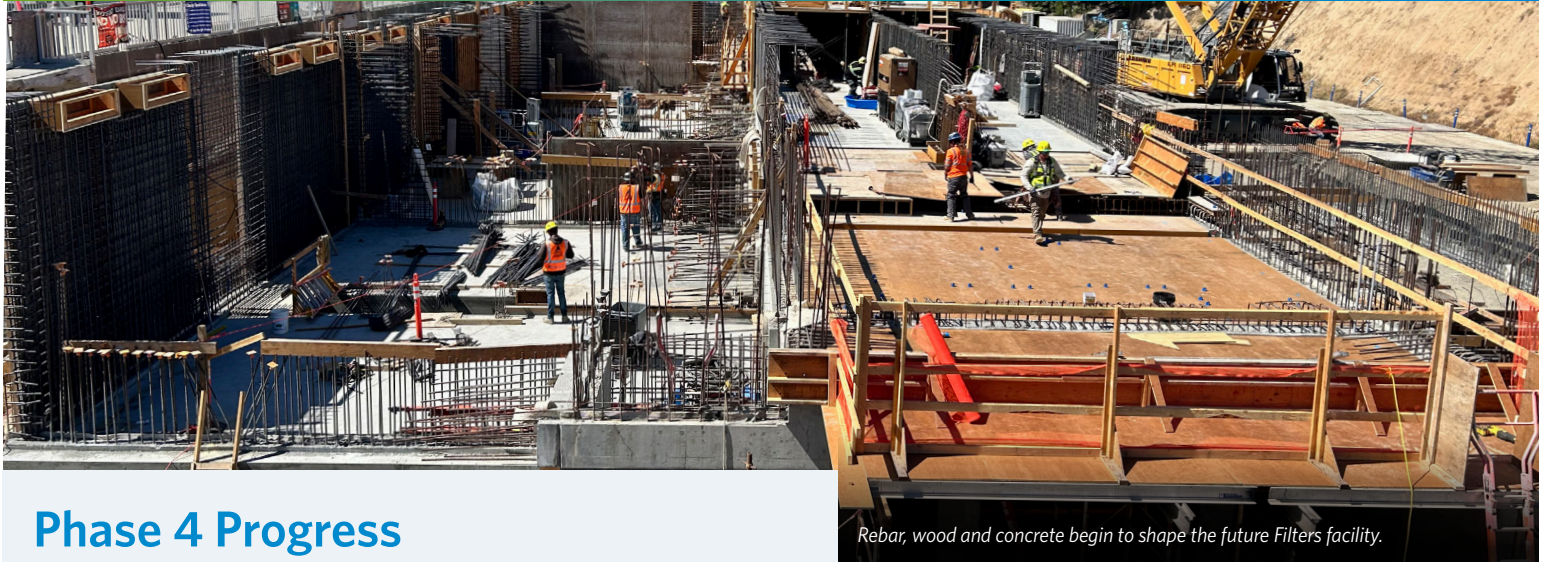


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RINCONADA WATER TREATMENT PLANT CONSTRUCTION NEWSLETTER

An update on the Reliability Improvement Project Phases 3-6



Rebar, wood and concrete begin to shape the future Filters facility.

Phase 4 Progress

In summer 2025, Phase 4 of the Rinconada Reliability Improvement Project Phases 3-6 continues to gain momentum as we upgrade aging equipment at the 58-year-old Rinconada Water Treatment Plant in Los Gatos. Phase 4 will include work on several necessary structures, such as the Dual Media Filters, Chlorine Contact Basin, Ozone Generation Building and the Liquid Oxygen Facility. This work is scheduled to be completed in 2027.

What is the current stage of construction?

- **Dual Media Filters:** Various pipes encased in concrete have been laid to create the foundation of the building called the Filter Gallery. An intricate framework of rebar and concrete make up the walls and the top floor of the building known as the Filter Bays. In the water treatment process, water is sent through the Filter Gallery up to large pools where sediments are removed from the water.
- **Chlorine Contact Basin:** Construction crews are working on the top deck of the Chlorine Contact Basin. Filtered water will eventually flow through this structure in a serpentine pattern, providing primary disinfection before distribution.
- **Ozone Generation:** Crews are excavating and preparing the soil for a network of conduit which will hold the control wiring for the future building's ozone generation equipment.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan at Rinconada

Protecting our waterways is one of Valley Water's top priorities. During a major construction project like the Rinconada Reliability Improvement Project, there are various guidelines to follow, such as the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). Within this plan, it is important to keep drain inlets located around the construction site free of debris and dirt. Clean drain inlets allow rainwater to flow through underground storm drain systems and reach waterways pollution-free.

A Qualified SWPPP Practitioner has been trained and certified by the State Water Board to conduct frequent inspections of the areas around drain inlets to ensure compliance. Although stormwater control is an important aspect of the SWPPP, best management practices are implemented in every weather condition to keep debris out of our waterways.



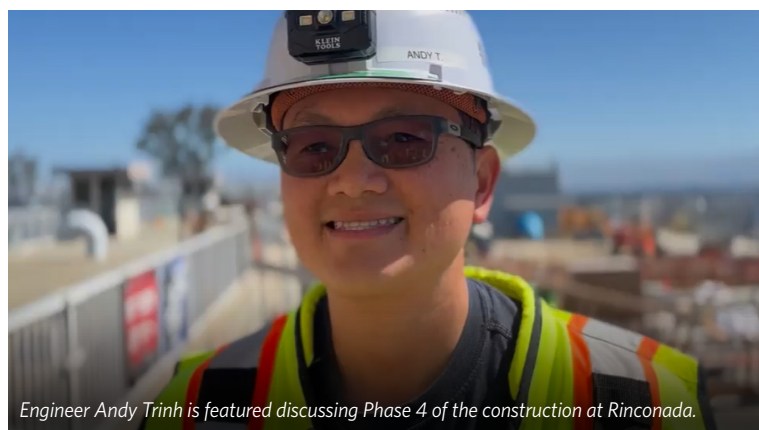
A drain inlet is used to prevent construction debris from entering drain systems and waterways.

Water Treatment Plants Behind the Scenes: Rinconada

As part of a new video series, Valley Water takes you behind the walls of its longest running water treatment plant, for a glimpse at the current construction progress, and a chance to meet some of the key contributors to the success of the Rinconada Reliability Improvement Project.

Featured interview: Meet Andy Trinh, Associate Civil Engineer of the Large Construction Projects Unit. Check out the full video via [youtube.com/watch?v=m35BjAARkqQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m35BjAARkqQ).

Subscribe to Valley Water's YouTube channel to view future videos in this series: [youtube.com/@Valleywater](https://www.youtube.com/@Valleywater).



Engineer Andy Trinh is featured discussing Phase 4 of the construction at Rinconada.

Event: Tour of the Rinconada Water Treatment Plant

On April 4, 2025, Manager Lotina Nishijima gave a limited tour from the upper deck of the Rinconada Water Treatment Plant to several members from the Town of Los Gatos, including local residents, a librarian, a police officer, a senior planner and a compliance officer. The group gathered for introductions prior to being led to the upper deck for a view of the plant. Models of the old and new plant renderings were shared to help visualize the full construction sequence of the project phases. The tour was well received.

Upon project completion, the Rinconada Water Treatment plant will offer the latest water treatment disinfectant technology. The addition of the Ozone building will purify drinking water by successfully removing contaminants.

Rinconada Public Meeting

On March 26, 2025, Valley Water hosted a quarterly community meeting about the Rinconada Water Treatment Plant Reliability Improvement Project Phases 3-6 to provide the latest status update on the project and share responses to the latest neighborhood concerns and questions.

Before the hybrid public event began, interested participants who signed up were given a brief tour of the construction project from the upper deck of the Rinconada Water Treatment Plant.

Vice Chair Richard Santos and Director Nai Hsueh attended the meeting, along with 15 community members and two people who joined online via Zoom. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.

Based on the positive feedback we have received from the community and steady progress made toward project milestones, Valley Water will be shifting from quarterly to biannual construction progress meetings. We will continue to send regular notifications via email and Nextdoor regarding any updates that may have an impact on the surrounding neighbors of Rinconada. The next public meeting at Rinconada Water Treatment Plant is scheduled for fall 2025.

A link to the recording of the public meeting is available on the project website and Valley Water's YouTube channel.



Community members participating in the Rinconada Water Treatment Plant tour led by Sam Bogale, Valley Water's Deputy Operating Officer of Treated Water, and Aaron Baker, Chief Operating Officer of Water Utility.

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