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### **Controlled blasting starts Sept. 12 for Anderson Dam Tunnel Project**

Dear Neighbor,

The work on Valley Water's Anderson Dam Tunnel Project, which began in May of 2021, is progressing well as construction workers have since excavated nearly 775-feet of the 1,700-foot-long tunnel, which will provide greater control over reservoir water levels.

Beginning on Sept. 12, 2023, crews will be set to perform controlled blasting of the hard rock they've encountered to continue tunnel excavation. For the next several weeks, a series of contained detonations is anticipated to occur Monday through Friday and potentially on Saturday between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Residents within several hundred feet of the tunnel entrance work site located off Cochrane Road may hear a series of short and long warning horn alarms for construction crews' safety, before and after controlled blasts. The activities involve crews placing small explosive charges within drilled rock, a method often performed within residential and commercial areas for similar public works efforts. Certified staff will strictly oversee the detonations to ensure all necessary safety measures are in place, which include noise and vibration monitoring, storage, and handling restrictions, along with additional precaution measures.

Valley Water will provide you ongoing construction updates through notifications that will be shared via Nextdoor, Facebook, email, and on our [project webpage](#). You can also find information through the City of Morgan Hill's social media channels. If you would like to receive additional prior notification, please provide your phone number and or email address to Valley Water's neighborhood liaison Tony Mercado at 408-426-1039 or at [tmercado@valleywater.org](mailto:tmercado@valleywater.org).

Valley Water appreciates your patience as we continue to work on this high-priority safety and water supply project. If you have any questions regarding the underground detonations, please contact me at [rmccarter@valleywater.org](mailto:rmccarter@valleywater.org).

Sincerely,

Ryan McCarter  
Acting Deputy Operating Officer  
Valley Water

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