

## Tammy Cloud-McMinn

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**From:** Sheila Cobian  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2024 9:30 AM  
**To:** Tammy Cloud-McMinn; Ana Alarcon  
**Subject:** FW: Question

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**Sent:** Saturday, January 6, 2024 12:00:25 AM  
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**Subject:** Re: Question

Emily,

2024 is not starting off so great on El Fuerte in La Costa. Here I am again voicing my concerns and complaints. The city engineers and traffic and public works are not the most liked departments right now by local residents (various city projects) and that can easily be seen and 'heard' on various local neighborhood message boards.

1. Let's rehash the El Fuerte Pressure Reducing Project that now is set to most likely receive more funding from a huge costly change order. See below.

*AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL CONTINGENCY FUNDS FOR THE PRESSURE-REDUCING STATION REPLACEMENT PHASE 2 PROJECT – Adoption of a Carlsbad Municipal Water District Board of Directors resolution authorizing additional contingency funds and increasing the Executive Manager's authority for approval of change orders by \$345,300 to the revised amount of \$870,000 for the Pressure-Reducing Station Replacement Phase 2 Project. (Staff contact: Emily Hasegawa and Dave Padilla, Public Works Department)*

I appreciate your transparency in the previous email dated 11/15/2023 but since then a few things have happened, or not happened per say.

A. **STEEL PLATE**- The steel plate is gone and the contractor filled the hole. Well it must have been filled by Lumpy Paving Company. How hard is it to make the asphalt smooth? Like really? My 9 year old could have done a better job. Should I speak to Ricardo Cervantes about this? Ultimately the City of Carlsbad inspectors should have reviewed the repair. Speaking of City of Carlsbad inspectors... I have yet to see one city vehicle in and around the El Fuerte Project since inception. Now I understand that I don't sit outside La Costa Meadows Elementary and watch the project take place but I am up and down El Fuerte between Corintia and Alga Roads multiple times per day. City inspectors should be out there overseeing its selected "low bid" contractors. Am I right?

B. **TRENCH LINE**- Like we previously discussed the long temporary lumpy asphalt line extending along the center of El Fuerte between Santa Isabel Street and Corintia is to be paved at the end of the project during La Costa Meadows elementary winter break. Winter break is just about over and nothing have been done. Is this because of the 'rock in the waterline' issue?

**C. Massive Construction @ Corintia and El Fuerte.** This construction zone(sorry but don't know what's going on here because local immediate vicinity residents were never told)literally in my back yard(I live on the top of the greenbelt a few houses in) has really caused a huge mess of sorts right outside the gate of La Costa Ridge. What's the plan when school is back in session since the construction mess is literally at a major crossing guard crosswalk with hundreds of parents and young kids and hundreds of vehicles too. Is the city going to provide police to control traffic safety?

The city and your department has an obligation to inform residents AND commuters that live within an 1/8-1/4 mile from the construction zone since it affects them on various levels. Posting a message on the city website is useless. Where are the digital signs explaining the approaching construction and timeline? I mean it shouldn't by any means take a resident like myself to suggest these things.

Ricky Green  
La Costa Ridge HOA

On Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 09:15:56 AM PST, Emily Hasegawa <[emily.hasegawa@carlsbadca.gov](mailto:emily.hasegawa@carlsbadca.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Green,

Thank you for your email and caring about the city. As I mentioned previously, the work along El Fuerte in front of the school is not complete and paving will be the last task. We have not allowed our Contractor to work in front of the school during school time. The Contractor encountered rock in the waterline alignment and the noisy work of breaking underground rock would not be great for the students' learning process. Since the Contractor has run into issues with procurement, they plan to do that section of work during the holiday break in December.

As for the new steel plate on El Fuerte, those plates are from Vallecitos Water District. If you have any questions, please reach out to them Ricardo Cervantes <[rcervantes@vwd.org](mailto:rcervantes@vwd.org)>

I am a resident too and I understand your frustration. Construction unfortunately can be inconvenient, but staff is trying to work within our constraints to maintain our beautiful city.

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-----Original Message-----

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Subject: Question

Emily,

Just following up. What's the status of El Fuerte water pressure reducing project?

Is it being overlayed during Thanksgiving break or is it going to be delayed?

Can you explain the new steel plate on El Fuerte too? I was happy to see a sign that says steel plate ahead but that's all I was happy about.

FYI:

Residents are fed up with the way your department and city engineers are handling road projects in and around the city. If you need to see the feedback first hand let me know and I'll provide it straight from Nextdoor.

Ricky Green

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