

Quarterly Newsletter

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What's New

- District Receives Finance Excellence Award
- Community Gathers for Veterans Day Ceremony
- Palm Desert Customer Service Center Now Open
- New Boundary Fence Construction Completed
- Progress Continues on Fall Turf Renovation
- Fertigation System Upgrade Enhances Grounds Care
- Section 27 Opens for Purchases

District Recognized for Excellence in Financial Management

CVPCD recently received a national award recognizing its commitment to responsible financial management and transparency.



The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was presented to CVPCD by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its financial report

covering the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The award recognizes public agencies that clearly and accurately report how public funds are managed.

"This accomplishment reflects our commitment to exceptional public cemetery operations and the high standards our community expects and deserves," said Board Chair Ernesto Rosales.

Only a small number of public agencies statewide earned the award this year. Of more than 5,000 government agencies in California eligible for the program, fewer than 10 percent met the criteria. CVPCD is also one of only two public cemetery districts in California to receive the Certificate of Achievement.

General Manager Joshua Bonner credited the District's staff and partners for their work. "Producing a clear and accurate financial report takes a team effort," Bonner said. "We appreciate the dedication of our finance and audit teams and the continued support of our Board of Trustees."

The GFOA Certificate of Achievement is the highest recognition in public-sector financial reporting and reflects the District's ongoing focus on transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship of public resources.

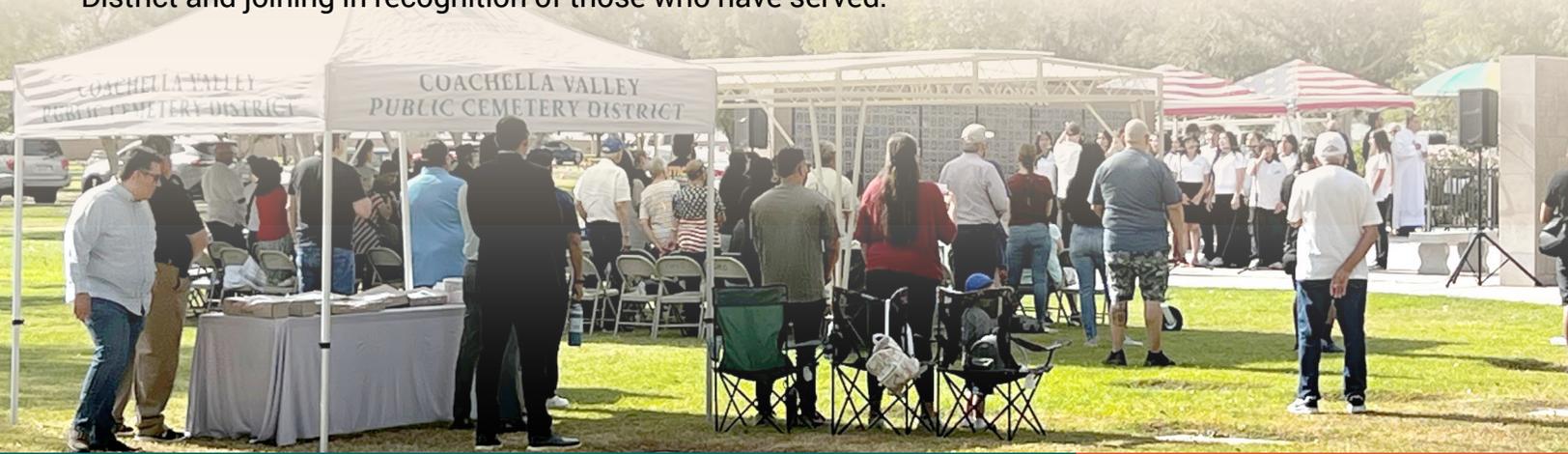
With Gratitude and Respect for Our Veterans

District Hosts Annual Veterans Day Ceremony



The District extends its sincere appreciation to the community members who attended and supported this year's annual Veterans Day ceremony. Hosted once again in partnership with the American Legion, the event provided a meaningful opportunity to honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans.

The ceremony included patriotic music, a pass and review, a rifle volley, and other traditional elements that reflect the solemn significance of the day. The District would also like to thank Chair Ernesto Rosales and Trustees Marcos Coronel Jr. and Bruce Underwood, Dr. P.H., C.N.S. for representing the District and joining in recognition of those who have served.



Expanding Our Services to Palm Desert

New Customer Service Center Now Open

The Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District is pleased to announce the opening of its new Palm Desert Customer Service Center, created to better serve residents and businesses on the west side of the District.

The new office is located at **44801 Village Court, Suite 104, Palm Desert, CA 92260**, and operates by appointment only. Appointments may be scheduled online at CVPCD.org or by calling **(760) 398-3221**.



Appointments are required for all at-need and pre-need arrangements, as well as for lot selection and transfer services.

Coachella Office Appointments:

Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
and 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Palm Desert Office Appointments:

Wednesday through Friday,
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Please note that appointments involving lot or niche selection must be scheduled at the Coachella Office, as physical viewing of burial spaces is not available at the Palm Desert location. We are confident this new Customer Service Center will improve accessibility and further demonstrate the District's ongoing commitment to serving our community with care and convenience.

Improving Privacy for Our Community

Enhanced Fence Construction Completed

The District has completed construction of a new fence along the southern property line, replacing older fencing and the prior shrub line that ran along the southeastern portion of the cemetery. This new fence includes a privacy shield designed to reduce disruption to cemetery grounds, while also providing a partial barrier for wind and dust.

The fence now extends the full length of the southern cemetery boundary, including the currently undeveloped portion of the cemetery, providing protection and privacy for future areas as they are developed. In addition, a short section of fencing was installed along the western side of the property where it borders the Cahuilla Desert Academy middle school, an area where no fence previously existed.



This project was completed as part of the District's 2025–2026 capital budget, at a total cost of \$154,674.



Caring for Our Grounds

Fall Turf and Overseeding Progress

Thank you for your patience as we complete our fall turf renovation and annual overseeding with rye grass. This year, seeding was scheduled later than usual, following Día de los Muertos, due to the unseasonably warm conditions. As a result, the establishment of new grass was slower than anticipated, however, growth is now progressing nicely.



Ongoing maintenance continues in Sections 26 and 27, including the recent application of topdressing to support healthy growth. Given the high volume of foot traffic these areas experience, additional care and time are required for a full recovery. We appreciate the community's continued patience as we work to restore these sections and maintain the best possible grounds for all visitors.

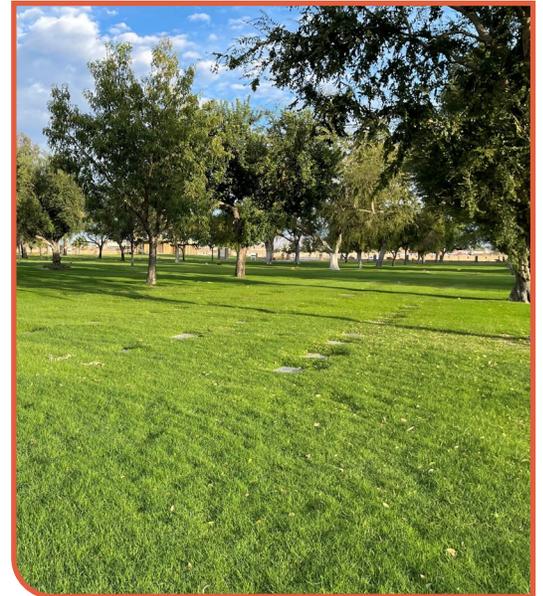
Advancing Sustainable Grounds Management

Turf Fertigation Upgrade Supports Healthier Landscapes

The District has completed installation of a new fertigation system that will deliver dissolved fertilizers directly through the irrigation network. This system uses a precision injector to mix exact amounts of nutrients into the irrigation water, ensuring they are delivered straight to plant root zones on a scheduled basis.

By applying nutrients more efficiently, the fertigation system allows for better control of plant health while reducing fertilizer waste and runoff. This upgrade supports healthier grounds, more consistent growth, and improved environmental stewardship across District properties.

This investment reflects the District's ongoing commitment to providing the best possible grounds and a well-cared-for environment for the community we serve.



Expanding Interment Capacity for the Future

Section 27 Now Open

The District is pleased to announce the opening of Section 27 for lot purchases. The map to the left is provided for your reference. Lots may be purchased beginning **Tuesday, January 13, 2026**, and will be available by appointment. For questions regarding the opening of this section, please contact our front office at **(760) 398-3221**. To book an appointment online, visit CVPCD.org.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

JANUARY

Jan 1 – District Offices Closed
Jan 9 – Board Meeting

FEBRUARY

Feb 12 – District Offices Closed
Feb 13 – Board Meeting
Feb 16 - District Offices Closed

MARCH

March 13 – Board Meeting

For a complete list of District events, meetings, closures, and no mowing dates, please visit CVPCD.org and view the calendar located on the home page.

