HOVMSD sets sights on headworks facility renovation

As the Interceptor Rehabilitation Project wraps up, Heart of the Valley Metropolitan

Sewerage District is moving forward to its next major infrastructure investment: the headworks project.

As the point of entry to the treatment facility, HOVMSD's headworks building receives wastewater and provides flow measurement, composite sampling and debris screening. The project focuses on rehabilitating the building and screening equipment. Work will be carefully sequenced to allow equipment replacement while keeping the building in continuous service and avoiding the need to bypass wastewater flows around the building. Once complete, the project provides new screening equipment and building upgrades that align with current applicable building codes.

The headworks project builds on HOVMSD's recent investments in its wastewater collection system and continues the district's focus on protecting public health, preserving water quality and providing dependable service to its member communities.

"This is the kind of project that allows our system to continue serving our member communities for the long term," HOVMSD Director Brian Helminger said. "While much of this work happens behind the scenes, it's essential to maintaining the reliable wastewater treatment services our communities depend on every day."

The headworks project is funded entirely through HOVMSD's financial reserves. The 2027 project went out for bid on Oct. 5, with a bid opening date of Nov. 18. Contractor selection and contract award follows the bidding process, with construction anticipated to begin in mid-2027.

Additional updates will be shared as the project progresses through bidding, contractor selection and construction. To learn more about the project, visit hvmsd.org.