

# Culvert Self-Inspection Letter

Permanent Road Division

October 4, 2023

**RE: SELF-INSPECTION OF CULVERTS IN PERMANENT ROAD DIVISION (PRD) ZONE**

Dear Property Owner,

On behalf of the PRD road committee the County would like to remind property owners that it is best practice to periodically inspect your culverts for any damages or debris, especially before the rainy season. Property owners are encouraged to routinely inspect the culverts and clear any blockages that they feel do not require professional oversight. For more in-depth issues, County staff can assist.

Malfunctioning culverts can create hazardous traffic conditions and a blocked culvert can cause water to pond on roadways instead of being properly diverted. In addition, periodic maintenance of culverts allows property owners to become aware of issues before they create hazardous road conditions, property damage or cause an emergency road closure. Property owners are asked to examine their culverts for potential issues and follow the recommended guideline below.

- Clean debris from inlet/outlet.
- Inspect trash rack to ensure it is in good working condition.
- Review upstream of culvert for potential erosion issues.
- Inspect pipe for any dents or damages.

For any questions regarding this letter or its contents, you may contact your PRD Chairperson. This information for each PRD can be found on our website:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/specialdistricts/prd/PRDzones.html>

Sincerely,

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