

## **Emergency Repair for Malibu Country Mart**

The Malibu Country Mart (Country Mart) is a premiere shopping destination for the exclusive Malibu, CA community. Located along the Pacific Ocean in Northern Los Angeles County, Malibu is known for its celebrity and movie star residents. Country Mart is part of the Civic Center area of Malibu, which has a number of onsite wastewater treatment systems in operation.

Recent inspections of their wastewater treatment system by Country Mart indicated that several components needed to be replaced on a fast-track basis. The initial scope of work included: the repair of several septic tanks with riser and lid replacements; replace two, 5,000 gallon septic tanks; abandon several obsolete tanks; Distribution Box replacement; and installation of two new lift stations. Kevin Poffenbarger, PE of EPD led the upgrade design and inspection effort for Country Mart. The concrete tanks and lift stations were supplied by Jensen Precast.

The IWS team, led by Ron Seale (PM) and Bruce Wilkerson (Superintendent), mobilized to the project site on an expedited basis to begin work. Due to the high level of retail activity at Country Mart, traffic control was a critical element of the project to ensure safety for the construction crew and customers. IWS executed the scope of work without incident or requiring any of the businesses to close during the



Replacing a pump vault manhole access cover



field work. Ron Seale noted that, "IWS does some large and complex projects, but this relatively small upgrade required a lot of planning and coordination due to the traffic and logistics in working in a very active retail environment."

Stu McNelis, the Owners representative for County Mart, was a key element in the coordination effort with the tenants and maintenance staff. Stu recognized the many challenges for this field work, "IWS did a great job making sure the work area was safe for the public, our tenants, our staff, and the IWS employees. In addition, they accommodated our schedule and were very flexible in scheduling their work."



Completing repair of tank and pump vault risers in planter area

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