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Valencia Grove project moving forward

Construction: Crews tackling outside exterior project; residents could move in by April

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REDLANDS >> Move-in day for residents of the [Valencia Grove Housing Community](#) could come as early as April, according to the county's housing authority.

Crews are on site, at the northeast corner of Orange Street and Lugonia Avenue, completing exterior work in advance of the approval for occupancy.

“The landscaping work, that’s a big project and that has to be completed to get (the) certificate,” said Ana Gamiz, director of policy and community affairs for the San Bernardino County

Housing Authority.

The first phase of the multimillion-dollar project includes 228 units and replaces a 70-year-old low-income housing development demolished in 2012.

With assistance from the housing authority, previous residents found housing elsewhere before construction began and will have first claim at available units.

Two additional phases will follow.

Gus Joslin, assistant executive director of the housing authority, said construction on the next phase is expected to begin when funding is available.

“Before we do anything we have to isolate that funding and get approved,” he said.

Construction on the remaining phases is expected go faster.

A partnership between the housing authority and other groups, including Chase Bank and the city of Redlands, is backing the project.

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