

Pure News

The City of San Diego | Public Utilities Department

The City of San Diego's water resource strategy includes conservation, recycled water, groundwater, water reuse, and watershed and resource protection to help meet future water needs.

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Welcome to Pure News, the latest information and updates about Pure Water San Diego, the City of San Diego's program to provide a safe, reliable, and local water supply for the future. This edition includes workforce and construction highlights, community events and National Safety Month!

June is National Safety Month

June is featured as National Safety Month! The City of San Diego is committed to safety on Pure Water San Diego and all of the Phase 1 Projects. This includes worker safety and public safety around the project sites. Did you know that each construction project has a designated safety specialist who oversees and promotes safety?



Construction Highlights

Miramar and Scripps Ranch

In the Scripps Ranch & Miramar area for the North City Pure Water Pipeline (NCPWP), Dechlorination Facility and Subaqueous Pipeline project, the contractor has installed more than 28,000 linear feet – or more than five miles – of pipeline. In May, the next section of construction of the North City Pure Water Pipeline project began on Eastgate Mall.

Over at Miramar Reservoir, the Subaqueous Pipeline is nearly complete, demobilization and cleanup will be ongoing through the summer. Stay tuned for updates about aquatic recreation reopening later this year!



Barges remain on top of the Miramar Reservoir as construction continues below the surface.

University City

In University City for the Morena Pipelines Northern Alignment and Tunnels project, more than 13,000 linear feet of pipeline have been installed. Beginning in June, construction crews will clear and grade the work area on the north side of the railroad tracks for the construction of the Rose Canyon Tunnel shaft. Once the shaft has been completed, crews will tunnel under the railroad tracks in Rose Canyon near University City High School. In May, restoration striping work was completed between Eastgate Drive to Judicial Drive

Progress continues at the North City Pure Water Facility and Pump Station, the cornerstone project of Pure Water construction portfolio. The exterior of the Operations and Maintenance Building that fronts Eastgate Mall is complete and equipment is being installed in the main process building.

Clairemont, Bay Park and Morena

In Clairemont, Bay Ho, Bay Park and Morena for the Morena Pump Station project, the contractor is continuing soil freezing activities. Soil freezing is an innovative technique that reinforces soil and improves site conditions by installing a closed system of pipes into the ground and running refrigerant through the pipes, freezing the surrounding soil to create an extremely stable and impermeable wall.

For the Morena Conveyance South and Middle and Bike Lanes project, more than 20,000 linear feet of pipeline have been installed across the alignment. Crews continue to work on Clairemont Drive near Balboa Avenue to install pipeline between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., and to weld the pipeline between 4:30p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Additionally, crews are working on West



Construction continues on receiving shaft for the North City Pure Water Pipeline tunnel under Interstate 15.



Trenching work continues for the Morena Pipelines
Northern Alignment and Tunnels project.



Pipeline installation occurs in the westbound lanes on Nobel Drive.



Morena Boulevard installing pipeline during nighttime hours between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Soil freezing continues for the Morena Pump Station project.



Crews work on pipeline installation on Clairemont Drive.

To learn more about Pure Water Phase 1 – North City construction, visit the Phase 1 Projects page. To subscribe to construction alerts, please use the contact-form.

Community Events

The Pure Water outreach team has been hard at work attending some amazing community events! The team has participated in a handful of events over the past few months including the 39th Annual Linda Vista Multi-Cultural Fair & Parade, 27th Annual Clairmont Garden Tour, Barrio Logan Science & Art Expo, Sony Electronics Earth Day Fair, Asian Pacific Cultural Festival, and SANDAG Bike Anywhere Day. We enjoyed sharing updates about Phase 1 progress and connecting with community members about our City's water future.



Pure Water Outreach Team at the Asian Pacific Cultural Festival.



Pure Water Outreach Team at SANDAG Bike Anywhere Day.



Pure Water Outreach Team at Clairemont Garden Tour.

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