

# Pure News



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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.

## October 2024

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 **celebrates the fantastic employees working on the Pure Water Program, recaps the community events our outreach team attended this quarter, and provides a few construction highlights.**



### October 17 is Imagine A Day Without Water

Join us on this year's Imagine a Day Without Water, as we recognize advancements and investments made across the water industry! Water is an essential part of our everyday life. Since San Diego receives an inconsistent amount local rainfall due to our desert geography, we are more vulnerable to climate impacts. That's where Pure Water San Diego comes in! We're proud to provide a local source of high-quality drinking water to the region.

Learn more at [US Water Alliance.org](https://www.uswateralliance.org).

### #ICYMI: California Water Professionals Week

California Water Professionals Appreciation Week was October 5 through October 13! We celebrated the important role of water industry professionals at the City of San Diego who work tirelessly to deliver safe and reliable water, maintain the current system and build the Pure Water infrastructure for the future. Did you know that City staff work around the clock to deliver clean, safe, reliable drinking water?



### Women in Water

Female employees are playing critical roles in making Pure Water San Diego a reality for San Diego for generations to come. Though women are generally underrepresented in the water sector—according to the World Bank, the employment of women at water utilities currently stands at 18 percent—women represent a significant portion of the large team of City staff, contractors, and consultants who are delivering the Pure Water Program.

Women serve in a variety of roles as part of the Pure Water Program: from planning,

engineering and constructing the Phase 1 Projects to overseeing consultant teams and aspects such as regulatory compliance, workforce compliance and water plant operations once construction is finished. Empowering women to advance their careers in the water industry leads to a unique combination of perspectives, talents, and knowledge to solve some of the City's most pressing water challenges.

**49%**  
OF CITY EMPLOYEES  
WORKING ON PURE  
WATER PHASE 1 ARE  
**WOMEN**

**Over 1/2** of these  
**WOMEN**  
hold senior-level or  
supervisory technical  
and engineering  
positions.

Of the consultants  
on the **PURE WATER  
PROGRAM  
MANAGEMENT  
TEAM,**  
**50%** are  
**WOMEN.**

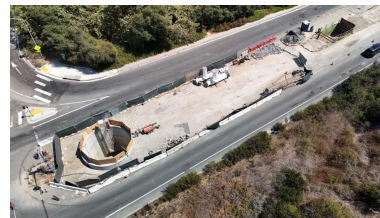
**WOMEN**  
working for the  
construction contractors  
have together worked  
**21,650** project hours  
through June 2024.

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## Construction Highlights

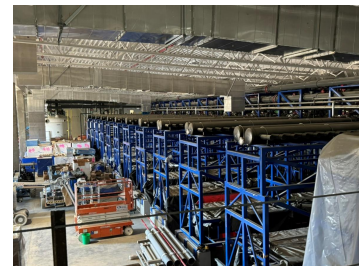
### University City

In University City for the [Morena Pipelines Northern Alignment and Tunnels project](#), more than **1,500 linear feet** of pipeline has been installed. **As of October**, construction is underway on Genesee Avenue between Centurion Square and Decoro Street. This phase of the project involves the construction of a third tunneling shaft south of Decoro Street, which will connect with the recently completed shaft at Rose Canyon.



*Tunneling work on continues Genesee for the Morena Pipelines Northern Alignment and Tunnels project.*

Progress continues at the [North City Pure Water Facility and Pump Station](#), the cornerstone project of the Pure Water construction portfolio. **In October**, crews will continue work on electrical infrastructure including elements of the building's ozone generation system.



*Installation of the membrane filtration system begins at the North City Pure Water Facility.*

### 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. Westbound Friars Road between Napa Street and Sea World Drive will continue to be closed to vehicle traffic through the end of 2024 as crews perform ongoing work that requires the current traffic control configuration. The project team is currently evaluating the traffic control plan and is looking for alternatives to implement in early 2025 to better serve community members and commuters.



*Soil freezing continues for the Morena Pump Station project.*

For the [Morena Conveyance South and Middle and Bike Lanes project](#), over **30,000 linear feet** of pipeline have been installed across the alignment. Work is continuing to progress along Clairemont Drive, between Fox Avenue and Feather Avenue. Pipeline installation is occurring during daytime hours, and welding activity to complete the pipeline installation is happening during nighttime hours. Crews are also continuing pipeline installation on West Morena Boulevard, moving northwest. A new phase of traffic control was recently installed between Buenos Avenue and Morena Boulevard, where night work will take place in the Vega Street intersection, and work will occur 24 hours per day throughout the rest of the work zone.



*Crews continue nighttime welding activities to complete pipeline installation on Clairemont Drive.*

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## 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 Subaqueous pipeline project wrapped up major construction in July, and Miramar Reservoir was reopened to on-water recreation! We're proud that the reservoir was able to reopen ahead of schedule.



*As of July 2024, Miramar Reservoir is open to on-water activities.*

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 team has been active in the community at several local community events this year, such as [the Scripps Ranch 4th of July Run and Ride](#), [the Mayor's Back to School Event](#), and [Clairemont Family 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 Scripps Ranch 4th of July Run and Ride.



Pure Water Outreach Team with Mayor Gloria at the Mayor's Back to School event.

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