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NEWSLETTER

Update on Water Main Replacement Project

As anticipated, the pipeline project will begin mid-August. Actually, on August 12th. The contractor, Argonaut Construction, has developed a very aggressive schedule and hopes to have all work completed in about 2 to 3 months.

You have probably seen the fliers placed on your mailboxes if you live near an impacted area. Not all of the pipelines will be replaced as the \$2 million grant from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) only funds replacing about 1/5 of our mainlines.

We received an inquiry that this newsletter will attempt to respond to.

1. Traffic delays were something that we worked carefully with our consultant Brelje and Race to minimize. When a street lane is closed there will be traffic control diverting drivers to the other lane or onto a different street (detour). Traffic delays of up to 20 minutes might be expected as the Contractor loads and

unloads trucks in the lane closures. We apologize to Members, their guests and their workers in advance for any inconvenience these delays may cause and ask for their patience during this limited construction period. Most cases there will not be a detour unless it is not much of an inconvenience.

2. Planned water services outages are limited to 8 hours or less. However the work involved in integrating the new lines into our old system is complex and likely to encounter issues that result in delays. The cross over also requires abundant care to avoid introducing contaminants into our system. Should any outage exceed the planned outage period, the Contractor and Construction management team will work with affected Members on a work around if it should be required. We thank Members in advance for their understanding in this regard. The project is actually adding more hydrants to the system so that once

the project is completed, we will be in an even better situation.

General approach: The Contractor plans on starting work on Canyon and lower Grove Street provided the bird and bat survey allows this. We will have an answer during the week of August 4th. This is the largest section of the project.

The other two sections of work are minor work on Kenleigh (installed a pressure regulating valve) and more significant work on Viewcrest down to parts of Grove Street below Viewcrest, up to Belmont Court. At this point we are not sure which of these two areas will be next. Once we know, we will let you know.

We hope that the project will progress smoothly but the unexpected always happens when one is excavating. We have spent a lot of time trying to anticipate such things and have provided plans and specifications that are highly detailed as a means to trying to minimize issues that could come up.