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Calleguas MWD to reinforce critical water pipelines in Simi Valley *- No impact on water service anticipated -*

In an effort to protect southern Ventura County's primary water supply, later this month the Calleguas Municipal Water District (Calleguas) will initiate construction of a project designed to fortify eight vulnerable segments of 78-inch-diameter pipeline within the City of Simi Valley. This pipeline is one of two in the City that convey imported state water supplies to the region.

"This project is essential to maintain the structural integrity of a major pipeline that provides water service for not only 130,000 residents in Simi Valley, but an additional one-half million throughout the Calleguas service area," said Calleguas General Manager Susan Mulligan. "Calleguas is committed to ensuring a reliable water supply for three-quarters of Ventura County's population and our Board has clearly demonstrated this through numerous system upgrades totaling nearly \$100 million since the turn of the century."

The project is anticipated to extend through May 2017 and includes the placement of cement-sand slurry (which is similar to concrete) in areas approximately 15 feet by 10

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feet and 12 feet deep to encase existing pre-stressed concrete cylinder pipe segments that are at risk of failure due to subsurface conditions and seismic activity. The two Calleguas pipelines in the City were constructed in the 1960s and early 1970s and have experienced several breaks over the last 20 years.

As the pipeline underlies Cochran Street, Smith Road, and Yosemite Avenue, the project will require excavation within existing roadways at various locations and temporarily impact traffic circulation. Preliminary excavation to locate existing utilities necessary to precisely establish project sites will be underway in the coming days.

“We continue to work closely with the City of Simi Valley to design a traffic control plan to minimize impacts on local motorists while enabling our contractor adequate space to work,” Mulligan said. “We apologize for any inconvenience and are committed to completing the project, including roadway restoration, as quickly as possible.”

Project updates will be available under the Capital Projects link at calleguas.com, by phone at 805-579-7128, and by email at info@calleguas.com, and by visiting the City of Simi Valley’s website, www.simivalley.org.

Calleguas is one of twenty-six member agencies of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the primary urban water supplier in Ventura County providing water service to a population of approximately 635,000. Through 19 retail water agencies and companies, Calleguas provides water to the cities of Oxnard, Camarillo, Moorpark, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and Port Hueneme as well as surrounding unincorporated areas.

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