



THE CITY OF  
SAN DIEGO

# Water Group Job 3012

## Pacific Beach

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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#### **Q. How long has the project been in the works?**

The project was approved by City Council on March 23, 2010. Design of the project began on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

#### **Q. How is the project funded?**

This project is funded by water rates and revenue bonds.

#### **Q: Why is the Department of Public Health mandating the new pipes?**

The cast iron pipe that is being replaced is subject to deterioration with age leading to risk of water main breaks. More modern materials such as the PVC pipe being installed will be more durable and less susceptible to such deterioration, so the new system will have greater reliability.

#### **Q: What are the attributes that will make PVC a good material for the pipes?**

PVC material is industry standard for installation small diameter pipes. This material generally provides superior corrosion resistance, longevity and durability. There is research information available from various user and industry sources that can be referenced such as American Water Works Association Research Foundation (AWWARF).

#### **Q: What is the life expectancy of the PVC pipes that the project will install?**

Industry standard PVC pipes are expected to last 50 years or more.

#### **Q: Why will the project take three years?**

The project is estimated to take approximately three years to complete because it will be designed and constructed in phases, or smaller segments, in order to minimize impact to residents and businesses in the area. In addition, the City has to observe the summer moratorium, Memorial Day through Labor Day. Construction activities will be suspended during this period of time.

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**Q: On average how often are pipes bursting in Pacific Beach?**

The City's Public Utilities Department does not categorize water main breaks by zip code or community. In 2009, the City experienced 107 water main breaks.

**Q: Where will the water in the highline come from?**

The water will come from the same water system being improved. The source is typically from a fire hydrant connection near the area where the new pipe is being installed.

Because these high-lines are placed above the ground, motorists and pedestrians should exercise caution around them. For added safety, an asphalt mixture is placed over the high-lines where they pass driveways and other high traffic areas.

If a high-line leaks or breaks, please report it to the Public Utilities Department's 24-hour Emergency Services hotline at (619) 515-3525.

**Q: Because of the 2-inch highline, do you recommend that residents use less water?**

The high-line should not adversely affect the residents' water usage. However, the City encourages citizens to always conserve water, whether they're on a high-line or not.

**Q: Who should I call if I have other questions?**

You should contact the City's Resident Engineer on the Group Job in your neighborhood because he or she is the most knowledgeable person about that particular project. The Resident Engineer's phone number and the contractor's name and phone number are sent to each home in the area before construction begins.

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