

Friday, May 29, 2026

MORENA NORTHERN ALIGNMENT PIPELINES AND TUNNELS PROJECT UPDATE

Beginning on Saturday, May 30, Marian Bear Park will be reopened. Please note that the contractor will continue minor construction activities to finish the San Clemente tunnel crossing.

Significant work has been completed so far on the San Clemente tunnel crossing at Marian Bear Park. Crews finished over 1,000 feet of tunneling and shaft work, in addition to the installation of pipeline casing, and two 48-inch and 30-inch pipelines. Hydroseeding, vegetation, and restoration activities at the Genesee Ave parking lot were completed in early May.

Final construction activities are expected to continue through Summer 2026. Crews will work intermittently Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Most activity will occur underground.

What to Expect:

All trails have been reopened for community use, and the parking lot is open to cars. Trash and bathroom services have been reestablished. To complete work at the park, crews will block off a small section of the parking lot. Please note:

- Parking restrictions will be enforced near the work zone; please avoid parking in areas with “no parking” signs. Vehicles in violation of these signs will be towed.
- 24/7 access for emergency vehicles, residences and businesses will be maintained.
- To prioritize community safety, the work area shown below will be delineated with caution tape and signs. Please avoid the work zone when using park facilities.

The City and project team are committed to completing construction as safely and efficiently as possible. Thank you to the University City and Clairemont communities for your ongoing patience and coordination.

Why: Pure Water San Diego is the City of San Diego’s advanced water purification program that will provide nearly half of San Diego’s water supply locally by 2035 and significantly reduce treated discharges from the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant. Pure Water San Diego will use proven water purification technology to clean recycled water to produce safe, high-quality drinking water. The phased, multi-year program offers a cost-effective investment for San Diego’s water and wastewater needs. San Diegans are getting dual value from this investment — reliable, sustainable drinking water and avoided wastewater costs. The Morena Northern Pipelines and Tunnels project is one of several major water infrastructure projects in Phase 1 of Pure Water San Diego.

Work Area at Marian Bear Park Parking Lot at Genesee Avenue



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