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Groundbreaking Marks Start of City's Largest Infrastructure Project in 2016

San Diego (Sept. 1, 2016) – Councilman Mark Kersey today helped break ground on the City's largest infrastructure project of 2016, the construction of two new clearwells at the Miramar Water Treatment Plant. The \$114 million project will bring added water storage capacity to the treatment plant to further secure San Diego's water supply. The project also includes a one megawatt solar photovoltaic system to help offset the energy consumption at the site.

"This project will help improve our water supply system and provide the city with safe and clean drinking water for generations to come," said Kersey, chair of the City's infrastructure committee.

The Miramar Water Treatment Plant, located in the District Five community of Scripps Ranch, is one of the City of San Diego's three drinking water treatment facilities. It began operation in 1962 and now provides drinking water to an estimated 500,000 customers in the northern section of the city, including District Five.

"These significant improvements to the Miramar Water Treatment Plant show our unwavering commitment to a safe and reliable drinking water supply for those who live, work and visit San Diego," said Halla Razak, director of the Public Utilities Department.

The project also includes a new chlorine contact chamber and lift pump system which improve water quality.

Following the demolition of the existing clearwells, construction will begin on two new clearwells, increasing the combined storage capacity from 52 to 58 million gallons. The project is expected to be completed by summer 2020.

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