



Pure Water North City Phase 1 Construction Projects
Bay Park/Morena & Clairemont Working Group Meeting #6 Summary

Virtual Meeting – Zoom
Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

This document is not intended to capture verbatim comments from the meeting or function as meeting minutes. It is a summary of the questions posed by the Working Group members and the answers provided by City staff and consultants. The questions and answers are unattributed.

Bay Park/Morena Working Group Members Present

Trey McDonald, Director of Sustainability at University of San Diego
Morris “Mo” Nuspl, Deft Brewing

Clairemont Working Group Members Present

Jeff Baughn, Resident
David Curtis, Resident
Michael Dwyer, Resident
Kelly Johnson, Clairemont Town Square
Jonathan Layton, Resident/UTC Aerospace Systems

Bay Park/Morena Working Group Members Absent

Carol Baker, Resident
Kenneth Brooks, Resident
Delana Hardacre, Resident
Paul Kosen, Resident

Clairemont Working Group Members Absent

Stephanie Fullerton, Diocese of San Diego
Connor Munson, Brady Engineering
Morteza Rahimi, Clairemont Town Council

Project Team Members Present

Ray Bluff, Project Manager at Flatiron
Sarah Bowles, Outreach Team
Octavio Chiquete, Construction Manager
Andrea Demich, Assistant Deputy Director, Pure Water Program
Megan Drummy, Community Outreach Liaison
Ashley Keepers, Flatiron Project Engineer
Steve Lindsay, Senior Construction Engineer
Sean McCarty, Deputy Project Manager
Azin Nour, Construction Manager
Yesenia Ortega, Flatiron Field Engineer

Alex Zwierski, Flatiron Field Engineer

Other Attendees

Carrie Munson, Council District 2

Jon Shiner, Council District 6

Public Members Present

N/A

Welcome and Introduction

Andrea Demich welcomed the Bay Park/Morena and Clairemont Working Groups (WG) to their sixth meeting, thanked them for their participation and went over introductions, meeting participation guidelines and the agenda for the meeting. The project team introduced themselves and described their roles, along with WG members and District 2 and 6 representatives.

Pure Water Program Update

A. Demich gave an overview of the latest Phase 1 project updates, showing the full suite of the 10 planned Phase 1 Pure Water projects and their locations. A. Demich then provided a table of the projects in the Bay Park/Morena and Clairemont communities, including the Morena Pump Station, Morena Southern Pipelines and Morena Middle Pipelines, with their estimated start and completion dates.

The following are comments or questions from the WG members:

- **WG Member: Will the three projects in Clairemont be underway at the same time?**
 - Project Team: Yes, the Morena Pump Station, Morena Southern and Morena Middle Pipelines will be under construction at the same time. The southern and middle pipeline sections are split by Iroquois Avenue.

Morena Pump Station Project & Upcoming Activities

S. Lindsay described the Morena Pump Station project, outlining the work that is now underway at the project site. In addition, S. Lindsay explained the work taking place on Friars Road between Napa Street and Sea World Drive. Additionally, S. Lindsay provided a four-week lookahead for construction activities, such as potholing work, demolition of the ASPCA building at the pump station site, a temporary full closure of Friars Road, on-ground monitoring, and soil sampling for geotechnical reports.

The following are questions and comments from WG members:

- **WG Member: How will you interrupt the sewer flow to install the diversion pipe?**
 - Project Team: We are building the junction structure around the existing sewer pipes. We can work around the pipes safely so the sewage will continue to flow while we build three diversion structures. When the diversion structures are fully constructed, we will then cut into the pipe and divert the sewage flow. There will be a gate to close to get the sewage flow to head to the junction structure. The three diversion structures will all go to

the one junction structure and then flow back across Friars Road to the Morena Pump Station.

- **WG Member: How deep is the excavation at Sherman Street? My concern for a large excavation is that there will be large dump trucks, and therefore, traffic throughout the area.**
 - Project Team: The pipes won't be as deep as the Morena Pump Station, which is around 50 feet. The pipes will be around eight to nine feet. We will have trucks and truck traffic and will need to determine good staging areas so that commuter traffic is minimal.
- **WG Member: Do you know when a majority of the trenching along Sherman Street will occur?**
 - Project Team: We are still working on a schedule with Flatiron. We first need to determine the sewer relocation schedule, and from there will work towards a full project schedule. You can expect us to relay that project schedule to the community as soon as it's been confirmed, in advance of any work.
- **WG Member: Will Tio Leo's (Mexican restaurant) be impacted?**
 - Project Team: Most of the work in that area will be at night. Most customers will not be impacted as the work will be done by the morning.
- **WG Member: Is it possible to get support from the City to keep overnight RVs and other overnight vehicles off Sherman Street? The parking on Sherman Street has been a challenge because it limits parking for area businesses.**
 - Project Team: We have seen the overnight vehicles. However, this isn't an issue with our construction team as it doesn't impact our work. The Council office may be able to help resolve this issue as they know the rules and restrictions about overnight parking on Sherman Street. We suggest reaching out to your Council representative directly on this issue.
- **WG Member: Are there still planned moratoriums for digging by multiple utilities, such as SDG&E, in the same area at the same time?**
 - Project Team: We coordinate with other utilities to make sure we are all aware of what is planned in the area. If there are plans from other utility companies, we will not be working at the same time.

Contractor Introduction: Flatiron

S. Lindsay next introduced Ray Bluff, Project Manager for Flatiron, the contractor for the Morena Pump Station project. R. Bluff explained Flatiron's history, background and specialty areas in large-scale infrastructure projects, like highways, bridges, airports, wastewater facilities, pipeline and tunnel projects. R. Bluff explained that Flatiron employs over 3,400 craft and management positions and has relevant experience in the San Diego market, including the San Diego International Airport Terminal 1 project, West Mission Bay Bridge project, North Coast Corridor and North Coast Segment (Interstate-5).

Speaking specifically of the Morena Pump Station project, R. Bluff explained the key components includes off-site work on Friars Road and on-site construction of the pump station infrastructure. R. Bluff concluded his section by explaining the uniqueness of the project to include heavy civil engineering, state-of-the-art communications systems, micro-tunneling and other architectural disciplines.

The following are questions and comments from WG members:

- **WG Member: When do you expect the demolition of the ASPCA building?**
 - Project Team: That work is currently underway, and there are two phases of the demolition. The first phase is the abatement of hazardous materials, like asbestos, etc. The second phase will be the demolition of the physical structures themselves. That work is scheduled to start in August and will last for 30 days. After the demolition, the next phase includes soil and foundation stabilization treatments and testing.

Lookahead: Morena Southern and Morena Middle

Sean McCarty provided an overview of the alignment for the Morena Southern project, walking through the planned pipeline route that will run from Morena Boulevard to Milton Street, Chicago Street, Jellett Street, Denver Street, and Clairemont Drive to Iroquois Avenue. Then, he provided an overview of the Morena Middle project, which will run from Iroquois Avenue to Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and Genesee Avenue and Appleton Street near State Route 52, where it will connect with the northern section in University City.

In the next portion of the presentation, S. McCarty provided what residents can expect for the planned work hours in each section and walked through the specifications of the pipeline that will be installed, pointing out where the Morena pipeline and water pipelines will be installed along the route. Residents can expect that crews will coordinate with schools, shopping centers and other businesses along the alignment. Additionally, S. McCarty discussed access needs, traffic control, staging areas that will move along the alignment as construction progresses, and typical noise impacts related to construction.

The following are questions and comments from WG members:

- **WG Member: Are two different ends of Clairemont Drive being worked on simultaneously?**
 - Project Team: Yes, there are two different projects along Clairemont Drive – the Southern and Middle Pipelines. Therefore, Clairemont Drive will be worked on by two different contractors simultaneously.
- **WG Member: Will this work include tunneling?**
 - Project Team: We do have some tunneling on Friars Road in the closed off portion, where there will be micro-tunnels and shafts constructed. In the Southern and Middle Pipeline section, we do not have tunneling work. However, we do have some tunneling that is proposed in the Northern pipeline from Appleton Street up to the North City Water Reclamation Plant.
- **WG Member: Is there a shortage of steel and will this delay construction?**
 - Project Team: There is an increased lead time in getting steel pipe. We're assessing that on our current projects now. We're seeing that the lead time for steel pipe is about double what it was when we made those schedules. We're making accommodations and rechecking our existing schedules to make sure we can accommodate those before we go out to bid.
- **WG Member: To confirm, the entire alignment will be made with steel?**
 - Project Team: Yes, it is steel pipe.

Plans for Future Information Distribution

Megan Drummy, the community liaison for the Bay Park/Morena and Clairemont neighborhoods, described the various project communication channels. The portfolio of communications tactics for the outreach team includes media relations, e-blasts (email notices for construction impacts), direct mail, meetings, bulletin boards, kiosks, community event tracking, posts on NextDoor, project signage with contact information, and door-to-door outreach.

M. Drummy closed this section by asking WG members what the preferred next steps are for members moving forward, prompting a question about whether future meetings should be held for future project updates and whether there are additional community members who would like to participate.

WG members discussed the potential to hold future meetings and concluded that the preference is to hold a Zoom meeting and to continue to send updates to the group as the project develops. The date of the future WG meeting is to-be-determined.

The following are questions and comments from WG members:

- **WG Member: Will you be updating the interactive map on the website for the new Milton section?**
 - Project Team: Yes, we are currently working on a large-scale update to the interactive GIS map that you see on the Phase 1 website. This will be a better, newer version with more comprehensive information about each project section and their status.
- **WG Member: The first time there was a closure for Friars Road, the notification was delayed, and we received it after the work had already started.**
 - Project Team: Yes, unfortunately sometimes these updates happen simultaneously as the work is scheduled. As things get underway, and specifically with the temporary full closure of Friars Road in mid-August, we will be getting the community the information as quickly as possible.
- **WG Member: Do you have any plans to brief the Clairemont Planning Group or Clairemont Town Council?**
 - Project Team: Yes, that is in our plan in the coming months.
- **WG Member: If there are issues during construction, do we call the Morena project phone line?**
 - Project Team: Yes, we monitor the phone line and are in touch with the project teams. We typically respond within 24 hours.

Working Group Member Recognition

To recognize the contributions and work of the WG, A. Demich presented Certificates of Appreciation to the attending Working Group members. A. Demich acknowledged the members for their work and informed them that the Certificates would be provided to them via email after the meeting.

Closing and Next Steps

A. Demich closed the meeting by thanking the WG members for their time and participation.

Following the meeting, WG members receive a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and meeting summary.

To view the materials from all the Working Group meetings, visit the Pure Water San Diego website at phase1.purewatersd.org.