

Sept. 13, 2021

Subject: **Morena Pump Station Project and Friars Road Partial Closure**

Dear Property Owner or Tenant,

In June 2021, the City of San Diego began construction on the new **Morena Pump Station**, one of several major water infrastructure projects that are part of Phase 1 of Pure Water San Diego. When complete, Pure Water will provide nearly half of San Diego's water supply locally by 2035 through purifying recycled water to produce safe, high-quality drinking water.

The Morena Pump Station will be located at the southwest corner of Custer Street and Sherman Street off Morena Boulevard, just north of Interstate 8 and east of Interstate 5. The pump station will divert an average of 32 million gallons per day (mgd) of wastewater from the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant to the North City Water Reclamation Plant on Eastgate Mall in University City, via an 11-mile, 48-inch wastewater pipeline that will be constructed as part of other Phase 1 projects. The Morena Pump Station project is expected to be completed in 2025.

Friars Road Partial Closure – Westbound Lanes

The Morena Pump Station project also includes the construction of major support infrastructure on the section of Friars Road adjacent to the pump station site, which needed to start early in the project to remain on schedule. This infrastructure work includes the construction of overflow sewers, diversion sewers, and a junction structure.

For the safety of construction crews and the public, **the westbound lanes of Friars Road between Napa Street and Sea World Drive are closed to traffic and are currently permitted to remain closed until July 2022.** A detour is in place for westbound traffic via Napa Street, Morena Boulevard, Tecolote Road, and Sea World Drive.

There is still eastbound vehicle access from Sea World Drive to Napa Street, and eastbound and westbound bicycle lanes are open and accessible. As construction progresses, this configuration will be re-evaluated, and updates on future traffic control measures will be provided to the community.

Construction Hours

Construction at the pump station site and on Friars Road is expected to take place predominantly from **7 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Monday to Friday**. Traffic control and the westbound road closure on Friars Road will be in place continuously. Construction days and hours may change, and occasionally there may be overnight work or temporary overnight full closures on Friars Road. Information on any changes will be posted to the project webpage.

The construction team is working to complete the work for this project as safely and efficiently as possible. Please follow all posted signage and please allow extra time to account for potential traffic delays when traveling in the vicinity of Friars Road, Napa Street, Tecolote Road, and Sea World Drive.

Contact Us

For more information, please visit morena.purewatersd.org. To receive project updates during construction, please click “Sign Up For Construction Updates” on the website and select the “Morena Pump Station” email list. For questions about the project, please call the project hotline at **833-MOR-PWSD (833-667-7973)** or email purewatersd@sandiego.gov.

Para informes en español, por favor comuníquese al 833-MOR-PWSD y mencione “Morena Pump Station” en su comunicación.

We greatly appreciate your patience and flexibility as this important project is constructed.

Sincerely,



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Morena Pump Station Project Map

