Welcome to Pure News, a newsletter about Pure Water San Diego, the City of San Diego's program to provide a safe, reliable and local water supply. This edition includes our 2021 Annual Report, a Phase 1 construction update and the launch of the new Phase 1 construction closure maps!

2021 Annual Report: A Year in Review

2021 was a busy year for Pure Water San Diego. The largest infrastructure project in City of San Diego history marked several important milestones during its first year of construction.

Check out our 2021 Annual Report: A Year in Review for a snapshot of the accomplishments and activities that took place in 2021. This report is more detailed than previous years and includes technical details such as information on regulatory and environmental progress, program funding, certification, training and more.

Outreach activities in 2021 included a Phase 1 kick-off event at the Pure Water Demonstration Facility, the start of construction outreach, and numerous presentations and informational meetings for a variety of community organizations. The Pure Water team also participated in water industry conferences to raise public awareness of the program as well as resumed school partnerships to distribute teacher toolkits and share educational information about the program. Thank you to everyone who engaged with us this past year!

Phase 1 Construction Spotlight

A total of 11 construction projects are part of Phase 1 North City construction. A full recap of 2021 construction activities is available on pages 4 and 5 of the 2021 Annual Report. Below is an update on recent construction activities for two of the projects.

Morena Northern Pipelines and Tunnels

Initial field work including underground utility investigations was performed in the University City area for Morena Northern Pipelines and Tunnels. In fall 2021, crews worked on Genesee Avenue from Appleton Street to State Route 52 as well as along
This month, underground utility work is scheduled to continue on Genesee Avenue from State Route 52 to Centurion Square. The work will provide confirmation of the exact location and depth of existing utilities in the public right-of-way before pipeline construction begins.

Workers complete utility work along Executive Drive for the Morena Northern Pipelines and Tunnels project (December 2021).

Utility work on Genesee Avenue is conducted in preparation for pipeline construction in 2022 (December 2021).

Morena Pump Station

At the Morena Pump Station site, located on the southwest corner of Sherman and Custer Streets by Morena Boulevard and just north of Interstate 8, work on the foundation has started.

Also as part of the project, construction is underway on Friars Road between Napa Street and Sea World Drive, including the building of pipe interceptor junction structures. The westbound traffic lane of this section of Friars Road remains closed, and as construction progresses, this configuration will be re-evaluated and updates on future traffic control measures will be provided to the community.

New Phase 1 Construction Closure Map

To kick off the new year with a new tool, there is a new interactive construction closure map, which showcases live road closures, including the detours and need-to-know information for commuters.
This closure map complements the original map of pipeline routes and facilities, which has comprehensive information on each of the Phase 1 projects.

Happy New Year!

In 2022, information will continue to be shared via all our communication channels about planned construction and community engagement. Sign up to stay informed about the latest Pure Water program and construction news.

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