

Pure Water North City Phase 1 Construction Projects Scripps Ranch/Miramar Working Group Meeting #6 Summary

> Virtual Meeting – Zoom Wednesday, July 28, 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.

### **Working Group Members Present**

Tom Derr, Mira Mesa Planning Group Craig Jackson, Mira Mesa Recreation Council, Pacific Ridge HOA James Roberts, Murphy Development Wally Wulfeck, Scripps Ranch Planning Group Sandra Wetzel-Smith, Scripps Ranch Planning Group Stuart Gross, Scripps Ranch Planning Group

### **Working Group Members Absent**

Robert Mixon, Mira Mesa Planning Group Bari Vaz, Mira Mesa Town Council, Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce, Envision Miramar Wayne Cox, Sorrento Valley Town Council Kathryne de Valcourt, The Currie Partners, Inc. Bob Ilko, Scripps Ranch Civic Association

#### **Project Team Members Present**

John Stufflebean, Public Utilities Assistant Director, Pure Water Program Steve Lindsay, Senior Construction Manager Sean McCarty, Deputy Project Manager Ryan Plunk, Project Manager at WA Rasic Gilbert Estrada, WA Rasic Fabiola Armillas, Project Manager Clem Wassenberg, Construction Manager Azin Nour, Construction Manager Alice Altes, Senior Project Manager Gary Sturney, Resident Engineer Sarah Rossetto, Community Outreach Liaison Megan Drummy, Outreach Team Sarah Bowles, Outreach Team

#### **Other Attendees**

Quinton Grounds, Council District 5

#### **Public Members Present**

Kaitlin Arduino, Property Owner Jim Roberts, Engineer for Murphy Development

## Welcome and Introduction

John Stufflebean welcomed the Scripps Ranch/Miramar Working Group (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, District 5 representatives and observers.

## Pure Water Program Update

J. Stufflebean gave an overview of the latest Phase 1 project updates, showing 10 planned Phase 1 Pure Water projects and their locations. J. Stufflebean then provided a table of the projects in the Scripps Ranch and Miramar communities with their estimated start and completion dates.

The following are questions and comments from WG members:

- WG Member: The change from one-third to one-half is significant. This should be good news with the current drought climate. This can be a news-hook to help people appreciate what's occurring with the Pure Water Project.
  Project Team: Yes, thank you, we will consider this angle.
- WG Member: Is the new North City Pure Water Facility going to use all the recycled water output from the existing treatment plant, or is there some available for purple pipe use? For years, we have been asking for an extension of the purple pipe that comes to the corner of Pomerado Road and Avenue of Nations. Ideally, we would like to have recycled water about two-thirds of a mile farther east on Pomerado Road. There's a major park there, HOAs, a senior facility, etc. It does not make sense to spend potable water on people's lawns there are clear uses for recycled water as opposed to potable water.
  - Project Team: We are currently not focusing on non-potable water expansion. We are focusing on Pure Water as the future.

## North City Pure Water Pipeline Project Overview

S. Lindsay described the North City Pure Water Pipeline project, outlining the alignment and specifications of the pipeline that will be installed. After walking through the alignment from the North City Pure Water Facility to Miramar Reservoir, S. McCarty discussed the plans for parking at the reservoir and anticipated impacts to access to the reservoir. To move on to the next segment of the presentation, S. Lindsay introduced Ryan Plunk, one of two project managers for WA Rasic for the project.

The following are questions and comments from WG members:

### Road Impacts and Closures

- WG Member: There are metal plates in the road along Eastgate Mall what are those for and will they be cleaned up?
  - Project Team: The metal trench plates are there for the construction of the North City Pure Water Facility and the North City Water Reclamation Plant Expansion. They will be there for the duration of the construction. There will be present for the whole alignment, throughout the project. We will do our best to maintain them, so they are not hazardous to drivers.

- WG Member: Will the night work along Miramar Road be a major impact for the public? Especially for the trucks that go in and out of Eastgate Mall to Miramar Road.
  - Project Team: Traffic control will be in place to guide the traffic through the lane closures. We understand the impact this could have so we will be going door-to-door to make sure that businesses and residents know when and where lane closures are happening.
- WG Member: We have talked about having a website with maps that will list the notices including the schedules, detour routes and planned activity. What is it?
  - Project Team: We have a website: <u>scrippsranch.purewatersd.org</u>. Here is where you can find the list of projects in Scripps Ranch and Miramar and the construction notices will be listed on the project page.

# Scripps Miramar Ranch Library

- WG Member: Will there be any impact to the parking lot at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library?
  - Project Team: No, our teams will not park in the lot. We do know of two other projects with a different department that are in the early stages of design, however, those projects are not for Pure Water.

# Project Signage

- WG Member: Will there be signs along Miramar Road to notify traffic of the work happening? It would be great if the signs could include the impact and where to find more information. It would be good to place one west of Interstate-15 to capture commuters coming from Mira Mesa.
  - Project Team: We are in the planning stage for the signs, but we would like to place at least two – one on the west end of Miramar Road and one set east of Interstate 15. However, we will take your suggestion of placing one east of Interstate 15 into consideration. In addition, we are looking into portable messaging signs that are semi-permanent as well as informational kiosks.
- WG Member: There should also be signs at Camino Ruiz and Camino Santa Fe. There is a lot of heavy traffic on these roads coming in and out of Miramar Road. Will you consider adding more signs?
  - Project Team: Once we determine the traffic patterns, we will have at least the two required state-mandated signs. We can consider more signs if needed.

# Project Schedule

- WG Member: When will the schedule be available?
  - Project Team: We are hoping to have the schedule available in the next couple of weeks. We are currently working with our subcontractors to confirm and incorporate their schedules. As we get going with the upcoming potholing work on Aug. 9, we will have a notice posted to the website and distributed to the community. We suggest checking the website and signing up for our e-blasts so that you get emails about the schedule and impacts.
- WG Member: Would you expect the trenching to start sometime in the Fall?

 Project Team: There is a current shortage of steel pipe due to the pandemic. Therefore, we are working on getting the supply and their delivery schedules. Hopefully PVC pipe is available sooner. As soon as we know this information about our pipe supply, we will know when the trenching work can be scheduled. We could plan on having an early Fall meeting to go over the trenching work – perhaps a month or two from now.

## **Contractor Introduction: WA Rasic**

R. Plunk explained WA Rasic's history and background, including its market expertise in civil, power, gas and oil and recent similar projects in the Los Angeles area. R. Plunk described his experience and role for the North City Pure Water Pipeline project and the goal of being safe and efficient, limiting impacts as much as possible. R. Plunk then described overall approach and the upcoming potholing work beginning in the Scripps Ranch area.

## **Information Distribution**

Sarah Rossetto, the community liaison for the construction in Scripps Ranch and Miramar, described the various communication tactics, including new developments such as a new phone line and website landing page. The portfolio of communications tactics for the outreach team includes media relations, e-blasts (email notices for construction impacts), direct mail, meetings and door-to-door outreach. S. Rossetto 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 an in-person meeting once construction schedule information is available. The date of the future WG meeting is pending the construction schedule.

The following are questions and comments from WG members:

- WG Member: I prefer having an in-person meeting when it's safe to do so.
- WG Member: In addition to an in-person meeting, I would prefer e-mail communications with relevant attachments. We can share the attachments with constituents/community meetings.
- WG Member: There are other planning groups, like Miramar Ranch North, and then more north for Carmel Ranch/Silver Springs, and east in Ramona. I suggest connecting with those and the planning groups along the Interstate 15 corridor.
- WG Member: You may want to consider a publicity kick-off, like a groundbreaking event, where you can share details on the project with the media so everyone is aware of what is going on.
- WG Member: The Scripps Ranch Civic Association publishes a newspaper which is given to every resident in the 92131 zip code for free. I can put you in touch with the editor so that you can plan a placement.

### **Honoring of Working Group Members**

To recognize the contributions and work of the WG, J. Stufflebean presented Certificates of Appreciation to the attending Working Group members. J. Stufflebean acknowledged the

members for their work and informed them that the Certificates would be provided to all members after the meeting.

## **Closing and Next Steps**

J. Stufflebean 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, and they will be emailed their Certificates of Appreciation. To view current project and meeting materials, visit the Pure Water San Diego website at <u>scrippsranch.purewatersd.org</u>.