



Pure Water North City Phase 1 Construction Projects
University City Working Group Meeting #6 Summary

Virtual Meeting – Zoom
Wednesday, July 21, 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 comments and 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

William “Bill” Beck, Renaissance La Jolla HOA
Ruth DeSantis, UC Community Foundation
Barry Bernstein, University City Community Association (UCCA)
Katie Rodolico, Resident
Merle Langston, UCCA
Amy Murad, Resident

Working Group Members Absent

Brenda Anderson, Engineer
Andy Zhao, UCSD/UCPG Liaison
Jerry Malamud, Resident
Pia Mantovani-Sud, Resident
Rita Lim Wilby, Resident

Project Team Members Present

John Stufflebean, Public Utilities Assistant Director, Pure Water Program
Steve Lindsay, Senior Construction Engineer
Sean McCarty, Deputy Project Manager
Clem Wassenburg, Construction Manager
Luke Wendel, Deputy Project Construction Manager
Reyhaneh Martin, Senior Project Manager
Richard Burdette, Construction Manager
Jude Dictado, Resident Engineer
Todd Linn, Resident Engineer
Tyler Marriott, Project Manager, Shimmick
Steve Ghiselin, Project Manager, OHL
Sarah Rossetto, Katz & Associates
Megan Drummy, Katz & Associates
Sarah Bowles, Katz & Associates

Other Attendees

Kaitlyn Willoughby, District 1 Council Representative

Public Members

N/A

Welcome and Introductions

John Stufflebean welcomed the University City Working Group (WG) and went over introductions, meeting participation guidelines and the agenda for the meeting.

Pure Water Program Update

J. Stufflebean 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. J. Stufflebean then provided a table of the projects in the University City community with their estimated start and completion dates.

NCPWF & Pump Station Project Overview

Sean McCarty provided an overview of the North City Pure Water Facility project and introduced Luke Wendel to expand on these activities. L. Wendel referenced a new photo of the project site and pointed out some notable objects and activities, including the CM trailers, perimeter fencing/retaining walls, the security fence and the planned location of future structures. L. Wendel also explained the status of the traffic configuration along Eastgate Mall, including the installation of steel plates and reduced speed signage.

Contractor Introduction: Shimmick

Following L. Wendel's presentation, Tyler Marriott introduced himself as the project manager for the NCWPF for the Shimmick construction contractor team and gave background on Shimmick, recent projects and key components of the NCPWF project.

The following are questions and comments from WG members:

North City Pure Water Facility Project Questions

- **WG Member: Where will the equalization tanks be located?**
 - Project Team: They will be part of the expansion at the North City Water Reclamation Plant (NCWRP).
- **WG Member: Where is the tunneling happening?**
 - Project Team: The tunneling is from Executive Drive to NCWRP. The tunnel will run easterly across the 805. OHL will be doing the tunnel.

Morena Northern Pipeline & Tunnels Project

Steve Lindsay provided an overview of the alignment location and components of the Morena Northern Pipelines & Tunnels project. S. Lindsay introduced Clem Wassenburg as a Construction Manager for the project; C. Wassenburg introduced his background and recent relevant portfolio of projects and his role in the project. S. Lindsay continued the presentation by going over "What to Expect," including expected impacts, bike lane detours, temporary closures and impacts such as noise, dust, construction vehicle traffic, and more.

Contractor Introduction: OHL

S. Lindsay introduced Steve Ghiselin, Project Manager at OHL for the Morena Northern Pipelines & Tunnels project. S. Ghiselin gave a background of OHL, its history and experience and similar

projects in the region. S. Ghiselin also provided key components of the Morena Northern project, such as the shaft and tunnel work along the alignment.

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Morena Northern Pipelines and Tunnels Project Questions

- **WG Member: A few years ago, there was an issue with high density polyethylene pipe, and the 48-inch galvanized steel costing additional money. We talked about an upgrading of the pipe material. Is that correct?**
 - Project Team: We initially had high density polyethylene pipe in that Morena Middle section through Clairemont, from Clairemont Mesa Boulevard and Clairemont Drive to Iroquois Avenue because it's a low-pressure area. But the City decided to go with a full welded steel pipe that is cement mortar lined on the inside and pressed current cathodic protection, paper wrapped, mortar shielded on the outside.
- **WG Member: What you're saying is that this choice of material is better for the ups and downs of the landscape, or not?**
 - Project Team: No, predominantly we had steel in this area due to the tunneling and very large factors of safety. If the design pressure is 100 and we have a factor safety of 2, it means that the pipe can withstand twice the amount of force against it. In some areas, we were at 5.

Schedule

- **WG Member: When will we have a date that we can tell our constituents/neighbors that construction will be starting?**
 - Project Team: The Morena Northern schedule is still in development. Within the next month, we hope to confirm an initial schedule and will be able to share more details with the WG and the community. Our team has the public's interest and safety in mind. We will do everything within our power to minimize any impacts and keep people moving around us.
- **WG Member: Are we talking another one or two months (for the schedule)? If so, will we have another meeting like this soon?**
 - Project Team: We need to provide that to you. If you'd like another meeting, absolutely, once we have the schedule defined.
 - Outreach Team: We have a process in place to make sure you will get your questions answered, which includes the contact information of the community liaison, Sarah, as well as the project hotline and dedicated project sections on our website. We will continue to provide additional and updated information as well as maps of the projects as well.
 - Outreach Team: You can reach Community Liaison, Sarah Bowles, directly at sbowles@sandiego.gov. You can also reach us at our phone line at (833) UTC-PWSD. The outreach team manages that, and we respond within 24 hours, if not less. Please reach out to us with any questions to maintain the accuracy of the updated information we give to you.

Street and Median Work

- **WG Member: Several people have made it clear that street work has already started. Who is marking the streets? Is it graffiti?**
 - Project Team: Some of the markings are from about six months ago, to confirm the SDG&E utility locations prior to design. You might still see some paint markings on the street because of that. You may see more painting to the street in the future.
- **WG Member: We still need to work out some details on what's going on with the medians. We have some hiccups with the renovation of the medians.**
 - Project Team: We will probably do that under a separate project. Let's get in touch with each other to discuss.

Irrigation

- **WG Member: Is there any possibility to make the water usable for irrigation? The demand for irrigation water is much higher.**
 - Project Team: That is not feasible. You must have a whole separate set of pipes to deliver that water – and we do have that toward the purple pipes. About 8% of that water goes to those irrigation pipes. Pure Water is a better solution and the purification process is better, making the water cleaner than water from the Colorado River.

Project Cost

- **WG Member: Do we have an update on how much this whole project is estimated to costs? What is the current price?**
 - Project Team: The total cost for Phase 1 is at \$1.5 billion. Not doing Pure Water would be more expensive in the long run. We would have had to expand the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant, which would cost \$4 billion, and we would have to continue to buy imported water. This would cost more than Pure Water altogether.
- **WG Member: What will Phase 2 cost?**
 - Project Team: We are putting the final touches on Phase 2 now. We are still figuring out which reservoir we will send water to for this Phase. It will probably be also twice as expensive.

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.

Plans for Future Information Distribution

With the uncertainty surrounding the project schedule, WG members discussed the potential to hold future meetings, and J. Stufflebean agreed to hold a future meeting once the schedule information for the Morena Northern Pipeline & Tunnels project becomes available. The date of the future WG meeting is to-be-determined, pending those details. WG members also commented on the distribution of information, outreach and noticing strategies, including newsletter inclusion, handouts and mailings, newspaper ads, and targeting HOA organizations. WG members addressed the need to build the WG moving forward by adding more members.

The following are questions and comments regarding follow-up items from WG members:

Construction Outreach and Notifications

- **WG Member: Will there always be someone to reach? We should have a list of people with contact information, a time of day they are available and then a backup phone number.**
 - Project Team: We have the Pure Water Hotline, with the inquiries to be sent to whoever is on duty.
 - Outreach Team: We have a Community Liaison, Sarah Bowles, who is the liaison for University City. You can have her direct contact information and we, as the outreach team, are here for that purpose.
- **WG Member: The newsletter is very helpful, but I think handouts or mailings or maybe something in the newspaper in the area would be beneficial. This project is going to impact a lot of people. The more information with details you can give us the better.**
 - Outreach Team: We mailed a pre-construction notice to the University City community in June and we will continue to provide information about the project impacts via construction notices, the website, social media, etc. There will be additional reaching out within newsletters and other ways moving forward.
- **WG Member: A lot of neighborhoods have their own websites, which is another great way to share information.**

Future Meetings

- **Project Team: Would you like to have another meeting? The contractor will be giving us a schedule too.**
 - WG Member: I think having a meeting would be helpful because it's more direct and concise. The more information you give us, that would be most helpful.
 - WG Member: I agree, we've got to get the scheduling information because we've got to disseminate that information to those in the area. We have an excellent website and Sarah will continue to share updated information with us.
- **WG Member: If we could get information on who all of you are, your role and how we could get in touch with you that would be great.**
 - Outreach Team: The meeting summary will include all the participant names and their roles.
- **WG Member: I live in an area greatly impacted by construction and we have a neighborhood watch meeting coming up. Can someone attend and speak to us about the construction?**
 - Project Team: Yes, we are happy to go out and speak. We will follow up with you about the details.
- **WG Member: I believe there are additional people who should be included in these meetings.**
 - Project Team: Whoever you want to invite to the next meeting in terms of working groups, that would be fine.
- **WG Member: Perhaps we can get a replacement UCSD representative to attend the next meeting.**

Closing and Next Steps

J. Stufflebean closed the meeting by thanking the WG members for their time and participation. To view current project and meeting materials, visit the Pure Water San Diego website at utc.purewatersd.org.

Following the meeting, WG members receive a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and meeting summary, and they will be emailed their Certificates of Appreciation.