



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

**Date:** December 20, 2017  
**To:** Area residents and businesses  
**From:** Vince Antonino, Pr. Government and Regional Affairs Representative  
**Subject:** Upper Feeder Expansion Joint Replacement at Santa Ana River Bridge

**(REMINDER – 24 hour work will begin on January 6 to January 19, 2018)**

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) is replacing an expansion joint on the Upper Feeder pipeline at the Santa Ana River Bridge Crossing, a 1,010-foot-long steel truss bridge in the city of Jurupa Valley. The existing expansion joint's seals have deteriorated from continuous use over a period of 80 years.

The scope of the construction work will consist of the removal of bridge structural members to access the pipe and joint; removal of the existing expansion joint from the pipeline by cutting and removing an eight-foot pipe segment; installation of the new bellows-type expansion joint, and construction of a steel cage to provide lateral restraint at the joint.

The Upper Feeder conveys untreated water from Lake Mathews to the F.E. Weymouth Water Treatment Plant in the city of La Verne. This project is necessary to ensure that we can continue to provide reliable water supplies to our 26 member public agencies serving 19 million people.

This project began on November 15, 2017, and will be completed on February 14, 2018. The work at this location may create an inconvenience due to noise from the equipment necessary for the work on the bridge. **Starting January 6 through January 19, the contractor will work around the clock during those days. In the greenbelt at Linares Ave. and Camino Real, next to Indian Hills Elementary School, there will be equipment used for ventilation of the pipeline during this period.**

**The water supply to your homes and/or businesses should not be affected.** We ask for your understanding and patience as every effort will be made to minimize this inconvenience by completing the work as quickly as possible.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 217-6494, [vantonino@mwdh2o.com](mailto:vantonino@mwdh2o.com) or contact Salvador Vazquez at (213) 217-6752, [svazquez@mwdh2o.com](mailto:svazquez@mwdh2o.com)

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## What is a Shutdown?

- One of the biggest challenges to ensuring reliable water deliveries in Southern California is the need to routinely repair and upgrade existing pipelines and associated facilities, some of which are more than 60 years old.
- To meet that responsibility, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California temporarily takes parts of its delivery system out of service in the fall, winter and early spring, when temperatures usually are cooler and water demands are lower, to conduct inspections and perform maintenance and upgrades with the least impact on consumers.
- To safely gain access to many of these facilities, Metropolitan must halt the flow of water temporarily and allow the pipeline to empty. In some areas, particularly low points in the system, this water must be pumped out.
- Metropolitan makes every effort to minimize the amount of water that is discharged and recapture it for future use, particularly during the current drought conditions. When feasible, the water that is pumped out is discharged into facilities that replenish watersheds and local groundwater supplies. However, in some isolated situations, water cannot be captured.
- If you want to know more about this project, contact Metropolitan's Vince Antonino at (213) 217-6494.