



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Date: December 27, 2017
To: Area Residents
From: Vince Antonino, Pr. Government and Regional Affairs Representative
Subject: Upper Feeder Pipeline Shutdown

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California will be inspecting a major water pipeline in your neighborhood. Work on our Upper Feeder pipeline will begin on January 6, 2018, and continue through January 19, 2018. The purpose of the shutdown is to support the Santa Ana River Bridge construction project currently underway. In order to return the water system back into service as quickly as possible, we will be required to work around the clock during those days. 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.

At some point during this shutdown period, activities related to the project will occur in your neighborhood. The inspection and maintenance requires us to work within the pipe, so there will be no need for excavation. Unfortunately, the work at these locations may create an inconvenience due to noise from portable generators and other equipment necessary to work on the pipeline. Also, there might be restricted street parking for a period of time at some of these locations.

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

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