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PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED AUG. 18 FOR MAJOR PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN MISSION GROVE AREA

The public is invited to learn more about a major Metropolitan Water District pipeline construction project set to begin next month along Alessandro Boulevard in the Mission Grove area of Riverside at a special open house Saturday, Aug. 18.

The event will be held at the headquarters of Western Municipal Water District, 450 E Alessandro Boulevard, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Representatives from Metropolitan and local water agencies will be on hand to discuss the construction of the pipeline, an eight-foot diameter drinking water line that will ultimately provide an additional 150 million gallons of treated water each day to homes and businesses in western Riverside County.

Because of the pipeline's size, Metropolitan anticipates there will be traffic disruptions along Alessandro Boulevard during construction between Northrop Drive and Sycamore Canyon Boulevard, including detours, reduced speeds and left-turn restrictions. However, two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained and customer access to all local businesses will be preserved. Other issues to be discussed include construction methods and schedule, as well as Alessandro road improvements.

Guests at the event also are invited to tour Western's Landscapes Southern California StyleSM garden, which provides valuable information on water-saving plants and landscapes suited for Southern California's climate.

Metropolitan plans to construct the pipeline in two phases, with the first phase along Alessandro to Cactus Avenue being done under a \$39.3 million contract awarded to the W.A. Rasic Construction Co., of Bell Gardens. The work, which will proceed east along Alessandro and then south in right of way adjacent to Interstate 215 to Cactus Avenue, is expected to be completed in 12 months.

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Additional information on the pipeline project and open house is available by contacting Tim Skrove, Metropolitan's senior government affairs representative for the area, at (951) 313-6617 or at tskrove@mwdh2o.com. Project information also is available at www.perrisvalleypipeline.com.

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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a cooperative of 26 cities and water agencies serving 18 million people in six counties. The district imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies, and helps its members to develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource-management programs.