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Placer County Water Agency Launches Vital Pipeline Replacement Project to Provide Long-Term Water Reliability for Rocklin Residents

Rocklin, CA (January 16, 2024) - Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) has initiated a vital infrastructure project aimed at replacing aging pipelines along Midas Avenue and adjacent streets in the City of Rocklin. This project, prompted by a series of leaks and failures on the mainline pipes in recent years, is crucial for ensuring the long-lasting delivery of safe drinking water to residents.

The existing steel pipes, installed in 1963 and coated with cement mortar, are nearing the end of their useful life. To alleviate future risks of leaks and failures, PCWA will replace the outdated infrastructure with new pipes, minimizing these risks.

Contrary to the perception that the storms of 2023 triggered this project, it was already part of PCWA's regular maintenance schedule. However, the storms did lead to a strategic reconfiguration of the project plan. Phase 2, involving pipeline replacement from Clover Valley to Argonaut, was initiated first and will be followed by Phase 1 from Argonaut to 2nd Ave.

The construction, spanning multiple phases over several years, aims to minimize disruptions to residents. Phase 2 is expected to last until the end of June, while Phase 1 is anticipated to begin immediately after and continue until Spring 2025. In general, customers should not see noticeable changes in their water delivery except for a couple of short shutoffs to tie the new pipes and services into the system. Road closures will be limited to select days for paving and service installations as necessary, with efforts made to maintain at least one-way, and at times two-way, traffic throughout the project.

A delay in the project's start date from August to the current timeframe was attributed to supply chain issues, specifically with critical items such as brass fittings and valves. The schedule has built-in allowances for expected weather delays, with the contractor prioritizing safety during storm events. The contractor will ensure the street is safe to travel and drains are free of debris.

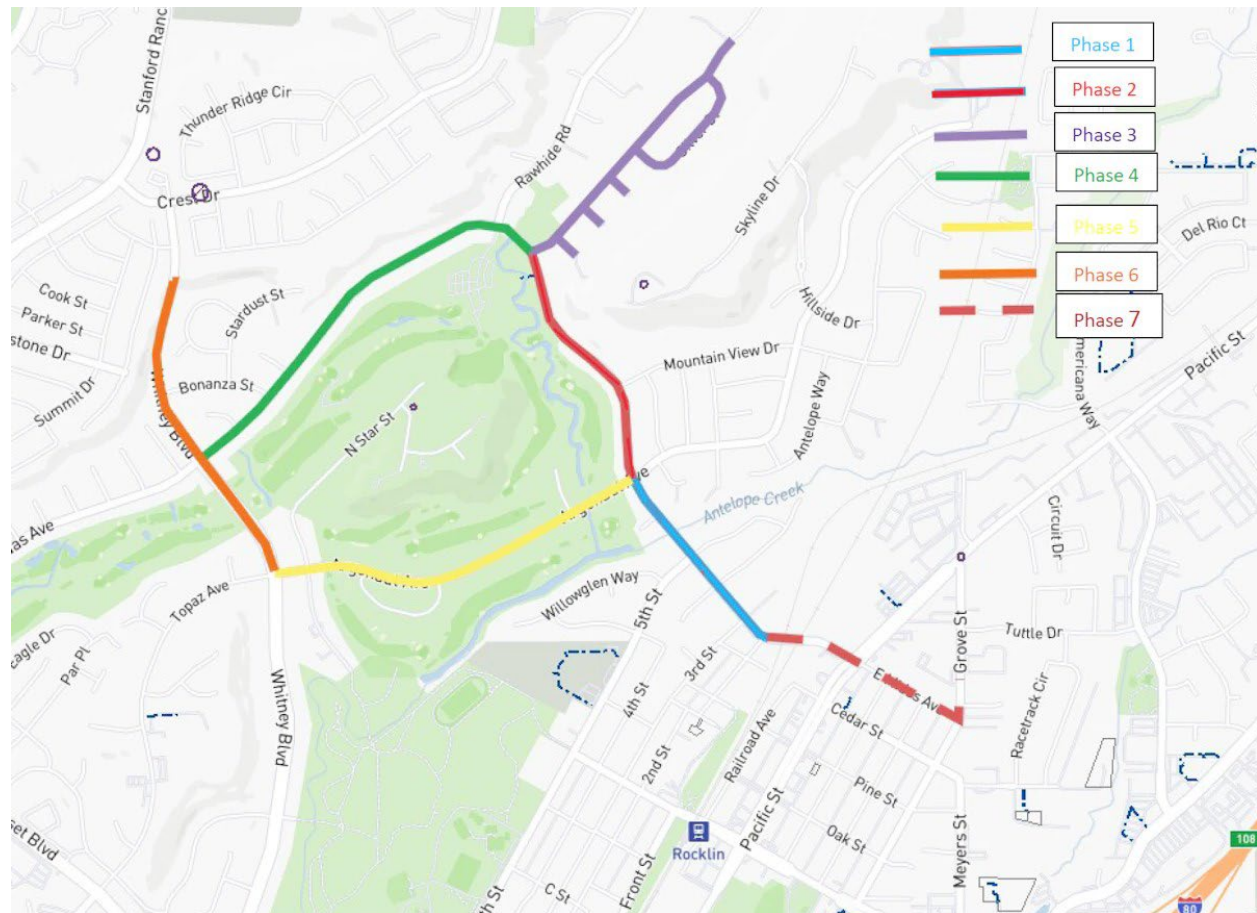
The estimated cost for Phase 2 and Phase 1 is \$3,500,000 and \$3,100,000, respectively, totaling \$6,600,000. The overall multi-year project cost, including subsequent phases, is projected to be \$24,000,000. Funding for the project is sourced from ratepayer money through monthly water bills,

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supplemented by the City of Rocklin, which is contributing to half of the street paving effort following pipeline installation.

This infrastructure project holds importance for Placer County Water Agency and the City of Rocklin, ensuring the continued delivery of safe drinking water to its residents. By replacing the mainline pipes along Midas, PCWA aims to reduce the frequency of repairs and maintenance and avoid additional costs and disruption of service that water main breaks would otherwise cause. This will provide a reliable water service in the City of Rocklin for years to come.

Placer County Water Agency expresses its understanding of any inconveniences caused during the construction period and remains committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of the community.



This map shows the locations of the seven phases of the Rocklin Main Replacement Project.

For more information on this construction project, please visit pcwa.net.

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Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) is the primary water resource agency for Placer County, California, with a broad range of responsibilities including water resource planning and management, retail and wholesale supply of drinking water and irrigation water, and production of hydroelectric energy.