

Frequently Asked Questions

**1. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT?**

The Alvarado-Niles Pipeline Seismic Improvement Project (Project) will improve the District's water transmission and distribution system reliability and enhance seismic reliability. The purpose of the project is to replace aging water pipeline infrastructure – pipelines, valves, service lines, and fire hydrants – to avoid unplanned service disruptions due to leaks, and to strengthen the pipeline to better withstand effects of an earthquake in the region.

**2. WHAT IS THE EXTENT OF THE PROJECT?**

The project is in Union City on Smith Street, between Union City Boulevard and Dyer Street, and on Alvarado Niles Road between Dyer Street and Santa Maria Drive/Union Landing Boulevard, and Almaden Boulevard and Central Avenue.

**3. WHAT IS THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT?**

The project construction is expected to start in June 2020 and finish in January 2021.

**4. WHAT ARE THE IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT?**

The project includes installation of a new buried pipeline using open trench excavation. Additionally, ancillary water lines to fire hydrants, and service laterals to residences and businesses, are also being replaced. For installation to occur, sawcutting of pavement, pavement demolition, trenching, installation of pipe and appurtenances, trench backfilling, and paving are required. Accordingly, traffic disruptions on Alvarado Niles Boulevard and Smith Street, noise, and dust are unavoidable. Traffic control will be provided, but residents may experience delays when entering and leaving the work area. Additionally, water service interruptions will occur for customers along the project route. Service interruptions are likely to last between two and eight hours. Residents will be notified, in person or with a door hanger, regarding planned water service interruptions 24 hours in advance.

**5. WHY IS THERE WORK AT NIGHT?**

Certain work activities are being performed at night to minimize the disruption caused by daytime water service interruptions. The types of work performed at night are restricted by noise limitations. Longer service interruptions (typically up to eight hours) are planned to occur at night. Shorter interruptions (typically up to two hours) will occur during the day.

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**6. WHO IS GOING TO PERFORM THE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION WORK?**

Garney Pacific, a pipeline construction contractor, is performing the work under contract with ACWD.

**7. WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I AM AWARE OF A PROBLEM WITH THE PROJECT?**

The following individuals may be contacted:

- First point of contact: Construction Inspector with 4LEAF Inc.
  - Marty Maduro, at (408) 823-9618 (all hours)
- Contractor Contact: Garney Pacific (General Contractor)
  - Brian Thompson, (209) 665-9922, bthompson@garney.com (all hours)
  - Clint Gust, (775) 813-7056, cgust@garney.com (all hours)
- Alameda County Water District: Sharene Gonzales, Public Affairs Supervisor (510) 668-4208, or sharene.gonzales@acwd.com (business hours)
- Alameda County Water District: Chris Delp, Engineering Supervisor (510) 668-4422, or chris.delp@acwd.com (business hours)

**8. WHERE CAN I GET UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT?**

If the project schedule changes, those changes will be noted on the project website.