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# SWEETWATER AUTHORITY APPROVES PIPELINE PROJECTS IN BONITA AND THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY

Chula Vista, CA – The Sweetwater Authority (Authority) Governing Board approved \$2.4M in pipeline projects in Bonita and National City to ensure continued reliable water service for customers. The Board voted to approve these projects at its April 27 Governing Board meeting. SRK Engineering was awarded the contract for construction that will begin in June 2022.

The proposed pipeline replacement projects are located on Bucky Lane (between E. 43rd Street to Sill Street) and 24th Street in National City, and on Sweetwater Road and Pray Street in Bonita. The purpose of the project is to replace old pipes with a history of leaks and to improve water service by providing a redundant water supply in case of an outage.

"The Governing Board's previous approval of its 2020 Master Plan has streamlined the process for the Board to be able to make these sorts of pipeline replacement projects a priority," said Chair Alejandra Sotelo-Solis. "We have worked diligently to prioritize maintenance projects in our community to ensure system reliability. We are excited for these pipeline projects that will break ground this summer in Bonita and the City of National City."

Once construction begins on these projects, the Authority will communicate directly with impacted customers and will post updates on its website and social media platforms. Construction is expected to be completed by December 2022.

The Authority's complex distribution system, which brings water from local sources to customers' taps, contains 400 miles of pipeline laid out below streets throughout the Authority's 36 square-mile service area. To ensure a safe and reliable water supply, the Authority systematically schedules new installations and replacements of aging water distribution pipelines.

Sweetwater Authority is a public water agency providing safe, reliable water to National City, Chula Vista and Bonita.

