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Construction Begins on Upper Northwest Interceptor Section 1 & 2

Sanitation district to improve the sewer system in northern Sacramento County

SACRAMENTO COUNTY—Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCS D) is kicking-off construction work in the Natomas area on the Upper Northwest Interceptor 1 & 2 (UNWI 1 & 2), a new section in a regional sewer system designed to ensure reliable service and accommodate the area's growing population. The first in a series of related construction activities is scheduled to begin in early February.

During this first phase, drilling and tunneling shaft construction will take place at the New Natomas Pump Station located near Airport Road and San Juan Road. Construction hours are between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday. Certain exceptions will apply.

UNWI 1 & 2 runs adjacent to Natomas Boulevard and Truxel Road to the New Natomas Pumping station, near Interstates 5 and 80. This section of the UNWI project includes approximately 19,300 feet of 144-inch pipe and 55 feet of 120-inch pipe, totaling more than 3.5 miles of underground pipeline. The project also includes the installation of 20 manholes spaced approximately 1,000 feet apart. As with all SRCS D projects that benefit new users, UNWI 1 & 2 will be funded by impact fees paid to the District by developers and passed on to new-home buyers. Monthly sewer bills will not be increased to fund UNWI 1 & 2.

Throughout the duration of the project, tentatively lasting through winter 2010, the project team will make every effort to minimize impacts and inconveniences to the community during construction. However, motorists, business owners and residents may experience increased levels of dust, noise and truck traffic in the immediate project area.

The patience and cooperation of those living and working near the project area is greatly appreciated. SRCS D has implemented a plan to maintain communications with impacted communities throughout UNWI 1&2 construction. For more information, please call the 24-hour project hotline at **(866) 479-0600** or visit the project Web site at **www.unwi1-4.com**.

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UNWI 1 & 2 is part of the larger Upper Northwest Interceptor (UNWI) system. The UNWI system has been in design since the early 1990s and is broken into nine sections (UNWI 1-9) for easier design and construction. The entire UNWI travels approximately 20 miles from Citrus Heights, through North Highlands and Rio Linda to Natomas.

When complete, the sewer pipeline will carry wastewater flows from northeast Sacramento County to the New Natomas Pump Station near the intersection of Interstates 5 and 80, from which flows will be sent to the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in Elk Grove via the existing Lower Northwest Interceptor.

The entire UNWI sewer system is expected to be ready for service in 2010.