

HHIA - Utility Report for Meeting on 2017.12.18

Main San Gabriel Key Water Well Level updates:

Historic Low: 172.20 ft. (As of 2016.10.07)

Historic High: 295.30 ft. on 1983.07.20 (Since entry of judgment in 1973)

Current: 182.40 ft. (As of 2017.12.08, 61.77% vs High (295.30 ft.).

Related link:

<http://www.watermaster.org/>

Local Groundwater Level: 19% of Capacity

Major Reservoir Condition in CA: 56% of Capacity (down from 63% in Nov, 2017)

Local Rainfall: 6% of Season Normal (down from 13% in Nov, 2017)

CA Snowpack Level: 0% of Normal to Date

Related link:

<http://sgvmwd.org/>

La Puente Valley County Water District

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

SUBJECT: La Puente Valley County Water District (LPVCWD, Lead Agency) proposes to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Puente Valley Operable Unit, Intermediate Zone Remedy Project (Project) located within the Cities of Industry and La Puente, California. This Notice of Intent to adopt an IS/MND for the Project complies with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15072 requiring public noticing of the proposed Project.

Project Description: The proposed Project is comprised of the extraction and treatment of groundwater and conveyance to LPVCWD for potable end use in conformance with applicable permits. The Project consists of utilizing seven existing groundwater extraction wells (IZ-West, IZ- East, IZ-1, IZ-2, MZ-1, MZ-2 and MZ-3); a proposed treatment plant at 111 Hudson Avenue, City of Industry; conveyance infrastructure (to link the existing conveyance pipeline with the new water treatment plant); and minor water system improvements downstream of the treatment plant.

Project Location: 111 Hudson Avenue, City of Industry, CA 91744 (Water Treatment Plant)

Potential Environmental Effects: In addition to informing the public of the Project and its potential environmental effects, this IS/MND is intended to provide adequate environmental information to public agency decision makers so they may make an informed decision on the Project, consistent with the general responsibilities required of public agencies as outlined in Sections 15020 and 15025 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Public Review: The public review process of the IS/MND will culminate with a public hearing of the LPVCWD's Board of Directors on December 21, 2017, at 5:30 P.M. at 112 N First Street, La Puente, CA 91744 to consider adoption of a Final IS/MND. Comments from members of the public or other interested parties on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be received by the LPVCWD from November 17 through 5:00 p.m. on December 17, 2017. Written comments should be directed to

the contact person listed below. Copies of the initial study checklist and discussion of impacts, the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and documents referenced therein are available for review at the address shown below and on LPVCWD's website at: <http://www.lapuentewater.com/>

Contact Person:

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Related link:

http://www.lapuentewater.com/#Current_News

Rowland Water District

ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT TAKES TOP HONORS AT ACWA ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

OPARC Program wins Huell Howser Best in Blue Award

Rowland Heights, CA (November 30, 2017) – Rowland Water District's (RWD) OPARC program was recognized for achieving communications excellence by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) at its 2017 Fall Conference and Exhibition in Anaheim.

RWD received the Huell Howser Best in Blue Award on Nov. 29, 2017 at the conference for its OPARC Fire Hydrant Maintenance Program.

The first-of-its-kind community outreach effort, employing adults with disabilities to paint fire hydrants, launched in January 2016, in partnership with OPARC, a non-profit organization that facilitates meaningful employment opportunities for adults with disabilities in Southern California.

"This program inspired our District, our community and our region," said Rowland Water District General Manager Tom Coleman. "We are humbled to be honored with this prestigious award."

Four special needs employees were selected by the OPARC organization to be a part of Rowland's work force. They were paid \$15.00 per hour, more than twice the amount they would otherwise receive from government subsidies. In just one year, the four participants repainted more than 1,000 hydrants.

The program helped the District meet some of its key communication goals and initiatives such as broadening the definition of community through additional outreach, prioritizing opportunities that benefit all partners, and creating internal messaging that enhances staff morale and experiences.

"The District saw this as an opportunity to inspire the community and share the value of water, but also directly and positively enhance the lives of individuals with special needs," said Rowland Water District Board President Szu Pei Lu-Yang.

The Huell Howser Best in Blue Award honors outstanding communications achievements by public water agencies from across California. Winning projects and programs have measurable impact and reflect their agency's outreach goals while using available resources efficiently and responsibly.

Related link:

<https://www.rowlandwater.com/rowland-water-district-takes-top-honors-at-acwa-annual-fall-conference/>

Southern California Gas**SoCalGas and Sempra Energy Pledge More Than \$150,000 to Assist Southern California Fire Victims**

Dec 9, 2017

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas), today announced it will donate more than \$100,000 to assist victims of the four wildfires that continue to destroy homes and property across the region. Sempra Energy, a Fortune 500 energy services holding company that includes San Diego Gas & Electric and SoCalGas, will contribute another \$50,000, for a total of more than \$150,000 in donations.

SoCalGas and Sempra Energy have pledged \$100,000 to the United Way Thomas Fire Fund, a partnership effort with the American Red Cross of Ventura County and the Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services. SoCalGas has also pledged donations in support of the following relief funds and organizations:

- Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation
- United Way of Greater Los Angeles' Southern California Wildfire Fund
- Santa Clarita Disaster Coalition
- Ventura County Animal Services
- Ventura County Humane Society and
- Gentle Barn animal shelter in Santa Clarita

"SoCalGas wants to do our part to help our neighbors who have lost so much and are enduring the hardships these fires have dealt," said Lisa Alexander, SoCalGas vice president of customer solutions and communications. "We have thousands of employees who all live in, and are an active part of, the communities that SoCalGas serves—so we are happy to be part of the relief efforts."

"During this overwhelming time, we want our friends and neighbors to know that we stand united with them now more than ever before in our 72-year history serving the people of Ventura County," said Eric Harrison, President and CEO of United Way of Ventura County. "In the days and weeks ahead, we will deploy more than \$1 million that has been donated already to the United Way Thomas Fire Fund to those who have experienced devastation and heartache beyond measure."

SoCalGas has more than 350 field representatives working alongside fire fighters in support of public safety and first responders, and in some very localized areas we have isolated our system at individual homes or in neighborhoods impacted by the fires. The company stands ready to quickly restore service to homes directly affected by the fires.

Related link:

<https://sempra.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=19080&item=137386>

SoCalGas Launches 34th Annual Gas Assistance Fund Donation Drive

SoCalGas, its customers and employees have contributed nearly \$18 million to the Gas Assistance Fund since its inception

Dec 4, 2017

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- As temperatures cool across its service area, Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) is once again inviting customers and employees to contribute to the company's Gas Assistance Fund, a program that helps income-qualified customers pay their natural gas bill with a one-time grant of up to \$100 per household. Donations will be matched by SoCalGas.

The Gas Assistance Fund is administered by the United Way of Greater Los Angeles (United Way) and helps veterans, the elderly, people with disabilities and families in need pay their natural gas bills so they can cook, have hot water and heat their homes. United Way partners with nearly 80 nonprofit organizations throughout SoCalGas' service territory to distribute the grants.

Since 1983, SoCalGas, the company's customers and its employees have contributed nearly \$18 million to the Gas Assistance Fund, which has helped more than 224,000 individuals, families, seniors and veterans. In 2016, the fund received \$432,000 in donations and benefitted nearly 4,800 households.

"Through the Gas Assistance Fund, we're able to help some of our customers who may otherwise not have a warm home during the winter months," said Lisa Alexander, vice president of customer solutions and communications at SoCalGas and United Way board member. "SoCalGas thanks our generous customers and employees who donate to aid others in need, and we are grateful for their continuous support of the program for nearly 35 years."

"In Los Angeles County, 1.9 million people live below the poverty line, and sometimes that means making hard decisions come pay day," said Elise Buik, president and CEO of United Way. "The Gas Assistance Fund helps ensure that more people don't have to make the incredibly difficult decision between heating their homes and feeding their families. Donating is a simple but profound gesture, and we're so thankful for everyone who can support."

Those who wish to contribute to the fund may do so online or by mailing a check to: Gas Assistance Fund, File 56826, United Way Inc., P.O. Box 746826, Los Angeles, CA 90074-6826. Donations are tax-deductible and accepted year-round.

Those who wish to apply for a grant may do so by filling out an application at a participating United Way partner agency between Feb. 2nd and May 31st (or until the fund is depleted). For additional program information, including a list of partner agencies and income guidelines, [click here](#).

In addition to the Gas Assistance Fund, SoCalGas offers other programs and services that can help customers manage home energy costs. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Related link:

<https://sempra.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=19080&item=137381>

Traffic Advisory: Natural Gas Pipeline Modernization Project in Tarzana December 2

Crews are expected to work in area on Saturdays through mid-December Project is part of a multi-billion-dollar safety enhancement program

Dec 1, 2017

WHAT: On Saturday, December 2 from midnight to noon, SoCalGas will be performing a pipeline improvement project at the intersection of Burbank Boulevard and Lindley Avenue in Tarzana. Crews are expected to work on the natural gas pipeline on Saturdays through December 9.

This modernization project will enhance safety of SoCalGas' natural gas pipeline system with the installation of new valve technology and the replacement of several sections of pipeline connected to the valve. Operators can control the valves from a remote location, automatically shut off the valve if a decrease in pressure is detected and respond more quickly if gas flow needs to be shut off in an emergency.

Since the company began using this new valve technology five years ago, the PSEP program has replaced or retrofitted more than 130 valves in the service territory. For photos and a video about valves, visit [this link](#).

Traffic lanes near the intersection of Burbank Boulevard and Lindley Avenue will remain open. However, to perform this pipeline improvement project safely, lanes will be narrowed near the work site for excavation, equipment and vehicles. Eastbound traffic on Burbank Boulevard near the intersection with Lindley Avenue will be narrowed in the slow lane. Southbound traffic on Lindley Avenue approaching the intersection with Burbank Boulevard will be narrowed in the slow lane. Temporary parking restrictions in this area will be in effect. Traffic control signage will help direct the flow of traffic.

No interruption to natural gas service is anticipated.

Customers may smell the odor of natural gas. Although this is normal when crews are working, SoCalGas encourages anyone who has concerns about the smell of gas to call us from a safe location at 1-800-427-2200Call: 1-800-427-2200. SoCalGas is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

WHERE: Intersection of Burbank Boulevard and Lindley Avenue in Tarzana, CA, as shown in [this link](#).

WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 2 from midnight to noon.

NOTE: This effort is part of SoCalGas' Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan (PSEP), a multi-billion-dollar program that tests and updates the natural gas pipeline infrastructure in Southern California. SoCalGas' five-year capital plan includes \$6 billion in infrastructure investments, including approximately \$1.2 billion this year for improvements to distribution, transmission and storage systems and for pipeline safety.

PUBLIC CONTACT: Customers with questions or concerns about the construction work may call SoCalGas' Customer Contact Center 24-hours a day, seven-days a week at 800-427-2200Call: 800-427-2200. Our top priorities are to work safely and to provide the communities we serve with safe and reliable natural gas service.

Related link:

<https://sempra.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=19080&item=137383>

SoCalGas Announces Project to Promote Long-Term Service Reliability in City of Bakersfield, City of Shafter and Kern County**\$29 million project will add seven new miles of pipeline and add critical redundancy to support homes and businesses in growing area**

Nov 27, 2017

LOS ANGELES, November 27, 2017 – Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) announced it will install a new seven-mile section of a natural gas pipeline in Kern County beginning on Wednesday, Nov. 29. The \$29 million modernization project will enhance the reliability of SoCalGas' natural gas pipeline system that serves homes, businesses and critical facilities in the Southern San Joaquin Valley. The project is expected to be completed in April 2018.

Demand for natural gas in Kern County has grown in recent decades and continues to increase. The new pipeline will connect two existing pipelines to create a loop that will improve redundancy and keep natural gas flowing to customers' homes and businesses even if, for instance, a local gas line is out of service for maintenance.

"Our customers prefer natural gas to electricity by a margin of 4 to 1 because it's more reliable and more affordable than any alternative," said Rob Duchow, public affairs manager for SoCalGas. "Upgrading our pipeline system to meet the growing needs of Kern County helps ensure we can continue to reliably provide natural gas service to our customers."

"Residents and business owners in Kern County will benefit from this investment in the natural gas pipeline system," said Bob Smith, Bakersfield City Councilman. "The new pipeline installation will ensure that our communities continue to receive safe, reliable natural gas service for heat and hot water."

"Installing new pipeline ensures reliability of natural gas service in the City of Shafter," said Cathy Prout, Mayor of Shafter. "The construction work will also enhance the safety of the pipeline system in our region."

"Thousands of residential and commercial customers in Kern County heat their homes and prepare their meals using natural gas," said David Couch, Kern County Supervisor. "This infrastructure investment will help ensure that these needs are met."

SoCalGas' five-year capital plan includes \$6 billion in infrastructure investments, including approximately \$1.2 billion this year for improvements to distribution, transmission and storage systems and for pipeline safety.

Lane Reductions on Santa Fe Way and Beech Avenue begin November 29

The installation of new natural gas pipeline will start on Santa Fe Way between Reina Road and 7th Standard Road, on 7th Standard Road between Galpin Street and Beech Avenue, and on Beech Avenue north of 7th Standard Road. To perform this pipeline installation safely, traffic lanes will be reduced to one lane beginning November 29, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. There may be delays up to

15 minutes possible during construction due to lane reductions. Traffic control flagmen will help alternate the flow of traffic from both directions into one shared lane near the work site. Commuters passing by the work site may see excavation, equipment and vehicles. As work progresses, Enos Lane (State Route 43) will be reduced to one lane near the intersection with 7th Standard Road.

Customers are not anticipated to experience any service interruptions. Some residents and local business owners may occasionally smell the odorant in natural gas and may also hear some work-related noise. During work hours, commuters passing by the work site will see excavation, equipment and vehicles. Customers with questions may contact SoCalGas' call center at 1-800-427-2200. Call: 1-800-427-2200. The call center is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

SoCalGas dedicates a significant amount of resources to improving the safety and integrity of its more than 101,000 miles of natural gas pipelines. In 2016, the company invested approximately \$1.2 billion on various improvements to distribution, transmission and storage systems and for pipeline safety projects.

Related link:

<https://sempra.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=19080&item=137380>

SoCalGas Begins New Phase of Pipeline Safety Project in Imperial County

New pipeline will enhance reliability to customers in the service area

Nov 20, 2017

LOS ANGELES, November 20, 2017 – Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) today announced the start of additional work on a pipeline modernization project in Imperial County. The work stretches from Calipatria to El Centro and is the continuation of a project that began in September 2015.

SoCalGas installed a new 11-mile natural gas transmission line in June 2016 as phase one of this project, which replaces an older pipeline. This phase will connect the new line to existing distribution lines in the service area. This work is underway and is expected to be completed by April 2018.

“The Imperial County Department of Public Works appreciates the work by SoCalGas as they move forward to upgrade their critical public infrastructure,” John Gay, Imperial County Public Works director said. “The department will assist SoCalGas’ efforts by providing the public with road closure and detour information through different media sources as their project progresses.”

“Thousands of customers in Imperial County will benefit from this new natural gas pipeline,” said Deborah McGarrey, public affairs manager for SoCalGas. “Updating the SoCalGas pipeline system with new, state-of-the-art pipelines will ensure the safe, reliable delivery of natural gas to area homes and businesses for many years to come.”

Connecting these distribution and service lines to the new transmission pipeline will involve excavation in nine different locations in Imperial County. There may be some impact to traffic intermittently throughout the project, and lane and/or road closure information will be provided.

Customers are not anticipated to experience any service interruptions. Some residents and local business owners may occasionally smell the odorant in natural gas and may also hear some work-related noise. During work hours, commuters passing by the work site may see excavation, equipment

and vehicles. Residents with questions may contact SoCalGas' call center at 1-800-427-2200. The call center is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The final phase of this project is scheduled to begin in August of next year. This entails abandoning, or removing the old pipeline from service, which means gas will no longer flow through this older pipeline. As part of this decommissioning, SoCalGas crews will remove the sections of the pipeline that cross over irrigation canals. Phase three work is expected to take about six months to complete.

The effort is part of SoCalGas' Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan, a multi-billion-dollar program that identifies various high pressure pipeline sections throughout SoCalGas' system and schedules them to be pressure-tested and/or replaced. SoCalGas' five-year capital plan includes \$6 billion in infrastructure investments, including approximately \$1.2 billion this year for improvements to distribution, transmission and storage systems and for pipeline safety. Since the PSEP program began in 2013, SoCalGas has tested and/or replaced 175 miles of high pressure lines, and upgraded or replaced 130 valves.

Related link:

<https://sempra.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=19080&item=137368>

SoCalGas Tops List of United Way's HomeWalk Fundraisers for Fifth Year Running

Nearly 850 SoCalGas employees and friends will walk to help end homelessness in Los Angeles County

Nov 17, 2017

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 17, 2017 —Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) will be the top team fundraiser and have the most participants of any team for the fifth year in a row at United Way of Greater Los Angeles' (United Way) HomeWalk 2017. The event is an annual 5K family run/walk that raises public awareness and funds to help end homelessness in Los Angeles County.

Nearly 850 members of Team SoCalGas have raised nearly \$95,000 for this year's HomeWalk, which will take place at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18 at Grand Park in Downtown Los Angeles. The funds will directly support United Way's mission to end homelessness for individuals, veterans and families in Los Angeles County, where more than 57,000 people are now homeless.

"We're proud that so many SoCalGas employees and their families and friends, as well as the company's partners, participate in the United Way's efforts to fight homelessness in Los Angeles County," said Lisa Alexander, vice president of customer solutions and communications at SoCalGas and United Way board member. "We believe everyone deserves a place to come home to, and we are pleased to join United Way, the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles in the fight to eradicate homelessness."

SoCalGas employees, along with their family and friends, and the company's partners have supported HomeWalk every year since its inception in 2006.

"HomeWalk is the only 5K family run/walk dedicated to ending homelessness in L.A. County, and SoCalGas has been there every step of the way," said Elise Buik, President and CEO of United Way. "Over the past ten years, HomeWalk has mobilized over 85,000 people and raised enough funds to move 18,000 individuals, families and veterans off the streets and into housing. But it's still going to

take an amazing feat to end homelessness, and we couldn't do it without the incredible support of local businesses and community members, like SoCalGas.”

Related link:

<https://sempra.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=19080&item=137378>

Southern California Edison

Thomas Fire Leads to Santa Barbara Area Outage

December 10, 2017

Media Contact: Brian Leventhal, (202) 997-5747

ROSEMEAD, Calif., December 10, 2017 — The Thomas wildfire in Ventura County, California has interrupted the transmission lines for the Santa Barbara area, leaving more than 85,000 customers without electric power. The Santa Barbara area transmission emergency is not affecting other parts of SCE's transmission system.

As soon as the area is safe for restoration, SCE crews will assess the damage and redirect power to affected customers. However, given the unpredictability of the fire, SCE is asking customers currently without electricity to prepare for the possibility of an extended power outage.

The utility is coordinating its emergency efforts with state, county and local officials. Medical Baseline, Critical Care and Essential Use customers have been alerted.

SCE reminds customers experiencing a service interruption in the Santa Barbara area that they do not need to call SCE to report a power outage. SCE will provide the latest information on the restoration of electrical service in the Santa Barbara area on its website and via Twitter and Facebook. Customers may also download the SCE outages app on their smartphones.

SCE is requesting customers without power to turn off the lights in any unoccupied rooms, except for a single lightbulb, which will be the signal that power has been restored. Turning off appliances helps ensure against overloading, which could delay the restoration of service.

When service is restored, SCE is requesting residential and commercial customers to significantly reduce power consumption in order to provide maximum coverage to the entire Santa Barbara area.

During this emergency, SCE reminds its customers of the following safety tips:

- Use extreme caution when driving, especially at intersections where traffic signals may not be working. Approach those intersections as four-way stops.
- Do not use **candles for lighting** since they pose a significant fire hazard. Use flashlights instead.
- If you see a downed line or dangling wire — even if it appears not to be live — don't touch or approach it and call 911 immediately.
- Do not use outdoor cooking equipment indoors. Such equipment can emit carbon monoxide and other toxic gases.

- If you use a generator, place it outdoors and do not connect it to your household circuits. That creates “backfeed,” which is dangerous to repair crews. Instead, plug individual appliances directly into the generator using a heavy-duty extension cord.

Related link:

<https://newsroom.edison.com/releases/releases-20171210>

Edison International Raises Common Stock Dividend 11.5 Percent; 14th Consecutive Annual Increase

Southern California Edison declares preferred stock dividends

December 07, 2017

Media Contact: Charles Coleman, (626) 302-7982

ROSEMEAD, Calif., December 7, 2017 — Edison International (NYSE: EIX) today declared a quarterly common stock dividend of \$0.605 per share, payable on January 31, 2018, to shareholders of record on December 29, 2017. This action increases the annual dividend by \$0.25 per share for the fourth year in a row. The 2018 annual dividend rate will be \$2.42 per share, an increase of 11.5 percent from the current annual dividend rate of \$2.17 per share.

“With this action today, we are taking another meaningful step in raising our dividend towards the upper end of our target payout ratio of 45 to 55 percent of Southern California Edison earnings for Edison International,” said Pedro Pizarro, president and CEO of Edison International. “Our strong balance sheet provides us the flexibility to continue to grow our dividends faster than the growth rate in earnings and also maintain our dividend growth rate higher than the industry average.”

Details on SCE Preferred Stock Dividends

Additionally, Southern California Edison today declared the following dividends:

- A semiannual dividend of \$31.25 per share on the Series E preference stock, payable on February 1, 2018, to shareholders of record on January 5, 2018.
- Quarterly dividends of \$0.255 per share on the 4.08% series of cumulative preferred stock, \$0.265 per share on the 4.24% series of cumulative preferred stock and \$0.29875 per share on the 4.78% series of cumulative preferred stock. Each of these dividends is payable on February 28, 2018, to shareholders of record on February 5, 2018.
- A quarterly dividend of \$0.27 per share on the 4.32% series of cumulative preferred stock, payable on March 31, 2018, to shareholders of record on March 5, 2018.

Related link:

<https://newsroom.edison.com/releases/edison-international-raises-common-stock-dividend-11-5-percent-14th-consecutive-annual-increase>

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