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**UNDERGROUND UTILITY WORK SCHEDULED FOR
MORRO BAY WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY PROJECT PIPELINES**

Morro Bay, Calif. – Beginning Monday, Nov. 25, the City of Morro Bay crews will be working on Atascadero Road, Main Street, Quintana Road and South Bay Boulevard to gather information about and confirm the locations of buried utilities. The work will provide the City's team with important information about the location and depth of the existing utilities in the public right-of-way as part of the planning for the pipelines associated with the City's Water Reclamation Facility Project.

This work is expected to be complete by Thursday, Dec. 19. Crews will work on weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 29, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Experienced professionals will conduct underground utility location work using a specialized truck. The work at each site will take approximately one to two hours, with phased completion from north to south (Atascadero Road to South Bay Boulevard). All of the site work will occur within the public right-of-way with approved traffic control plans from the City of Morro Bay and an approved permit from the California Department of Transportation. Minor traffic control, like signage and cones, will be in place to direct traffic around the active work areas, but no full road closures are expected.

In select cases where underground utility location work is scheduled near a driveway, the crews will accommodate all necessary driveway access. A small test hole at each site will be backfilled and patched immediately, and only a small patch will be evident following the work. No material will be discharged during the testing or left behind at the sites.

Please contact 877-MORROBAYH2O with questions about this work or for more information about the City's Water Reclamation Facility Project.

About the Water Reclamation Facility

The City of Morro Bay Water Reclamation Facility Program involves replacing the City's existing wastewater treatment plant with an advanced water purification facility that will meet state regulations, protect the environment, and contribute a safe and reliable water source for Morro Bay's homes and businesses. The project will create a drought buffer and is capable of providing up to 80 percent of the City's water needs in the future.

The project includes construction of a new one million gallon per day advanced treatment facility, two new lift stations, approximately 3.5 miles of pipelines and wells to inject the purified water into the groundwater aquifer, which can be extracted for reuse through the City's existing infrastructure. The current schedule includes final pipeline design by early 2020, pipeline construction beginning in mid-2020 and project completion by 2023.

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