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California Water Service Begins Water Infrastructure Upgrade to Improve Water Supply Reliability and Fire Protection in Visalia

VISALIA, Calif.—California Water Service (Cal Water) will begin work on a water infrastructure upgrade this week that will improve water supply reliability and fire protection in Visalia. Crews are installing 3,500 feet of new 8-inch and 6-inch water main in northeast Visalia to replace aging main.

"Infrastructure improvements like this help Cal Water maintain a reliable water supply for both customers' everyday needs and firefighters' emergency needs, while also preventing water loss from aging pipes," said Stephen Johnson, District Manager.

The work will take place on Howard Avenue, Iris Avenue, Irma Street, Virmargo Court, and Goddard Street. The project is part of Cal Water's efforts to continually modernize and upgrade its water system to better serve customers. In Visalia, Cal Water maintains 590 miles of water main.

The northeast Visalia main replacement project is expected to last 90 days, and work will be performed on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

"We will make every effort to minimize traffic delays during construction, and we will notify customers in advance of any temporary water service interruptions," said Johnson, noting that customers can visit myaccount.calwater.com to confirm that their contact information is up to date, along with their preferences on how they would like to be notified.

Temporary asphalt will be applied until permanent paving is completed, which can be up to 30 days after project completion.

About California Water Service

California Water Service provides high-quality, reliable water utility services to about 145,000 people through approximately 53,000 service connections in Visalia and more than 2 million people through 499,400 service connections statewide. Cal Water's purpose is to enhance the quality of life for customers and communities. To do so, it invests responsibly in water and wastewater infrastructure, sustainability initiatives, and community well-being. The company's employees live by a set of strong core values and share a commitment to protecting the planet, caring for people, and operating with the utmost integrity. The utility has been named one of "America's Most Responsible Companies" and one of the "World's Most Trustworthy Companies" by *Newsweek*, a USA Top Workplace, and a Great Place to Work®. More information is available at www.calwater.com.