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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) started a water infrastructure upgrade this week that will improve water supply reliability and fire protection in downtown Visalia. Crews are installing 2,100 feet of new 8-inch water main on Acequia Avenue, from Bridge to Clark streets.

“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 project is part of Cal Water’s efforts to continually modernize and upgrade its water system to better serve customers. In Visalia, Cal Water has 590 miles of main and replaces approximately 7,000 feet of main per year.

The downtown main replacement is expected to last three months, and work will be performed initially at night from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. with a full road closure in the immediate construction area. After several weeks, work will transition to daytime from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with traffic control in place for motorists.

“We will make every effort to minimize traffic delays during construction, and we will notify customers in advance in instances when after-hours work may be needed,” 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 496,400 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 1,100+ 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 the “World’s Most Trustworthy Companies” by *Newsweek*, a Top Workplace, and a Great Place to Work®. More information is available at www.calwater.com.

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