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# California Water Service Set to Begin Water Infrastructure Upgrade to Improve Water Supply Reliability and Fire Protection in Bakersfield

BAKERSFIELD, Calif.—California Water Service (Cal Water) will begin work this month to upgrade a pump station, which will improve water supply reliability and fire protection for its customers on the northeast side of Bakersfield.

This project will help keep the water system functioning properly and delivering safe, clean water to local customers—anytime they need it. The infrastructure improvement project, set to begin in late March and run through August, includes installing new motor control centers, transformers, a pressure tank, and associated pipelines. Work will be performed off University Ave near Bakersfield College, Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

"We will work hard to minimize any temporary inconvenience to our customers and community as we make these improvements," said Rafael Molina, Cal Water's Bakersfield District Manager. "Progressive upgrades such as this one help us improve not just everyday reliability, but also our emergency preparedness so that water infrastructure remains reliable during emergencies and natural disasters."

The pump station upgrade is part of Cal Water's broader commitment to proactive, ongoing maintenance and upgrades that support safe, clean, reliable drinking water.

## About California Water Service

California Water Service provides high-quality, reliable water utility services to about 445,600 people through approximately 120,000 service connections in its Bakersfield District and the City of Bakersfield water system, which it operates, and more than 2 million people statewide through 499,400 service connections. 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 1,200 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, commemorating a century of service this year, 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](http://www.calwater.com).