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Santa Fe Ave road closure for sewer pipeline project

Perris, CA (September 30, 2008)—A nearly two-week road closure beginning Monday, October 6 on Santa Fe Avenue between 7th Street and Esplanade Avenue will be necessary to install a major sewer pipeline to serve San Jacinto city residents and businesses. This short segment of a 33-inch sewer just south of Jonnie Way is the last section of a four-mile wastewater infrastructure project that began in September 2007.

Although many pipeline installations can leave one lane open during normal work hours, and often can be restored to two lanes during evening hours, this specific segment requires a very large pit on a narrow street to complete the pipeline tie-ins. Bypass pumps and other equipment will be stationed nearby, so for safety reasons, traffic needs to be restricted, according to Charlie Bachmann, Eastern Municipal Water District Assistant General Manager for Engineering. “This is a more complicated operation,” he said, “but rather than extend the inconvenience over a longer timeframe, we worked with the contractor and the city of San Jacinto to complete this portion on an extremely tight schedule.”

Working hours on this road closure will be from 7 am to 5 pm, Mondays through Saturdays. It is scheduled to be reopened by Thursday, October 16. After pipeline installation, final paving will complete the project.

While Santa Fe Avenue will be closed to through-traffic, emergency vehicles, school buses and local residents will be able to enter and exit. For others, suggested traffic detour routes are 7th Street on the north, and Esplanade Avenue on the south.

A map with suggested detour routes can be viewed at http://www.emwd.org/news/news-archives/news_08/SanJac_SewerMap_10-08.pdf.

The wastewater project, known as the San Jacinto Valley Interceptor Sewer Project (Phase 1), will increase EMWD's ability to carry wastewater flows to EMWD's San Jacinto Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility at 770 N. Sanderson Avenue.

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EMWD is the freshwater, wastewater service and recycled water provider to a 555-square mile area from Moreno Valley southward along the I-215 corridor to Temecula and eastward to Hemet and San Jacinto. Approximately 675,000 people live and work in this area. In addition to its own water customers, EMWD supplements water to eight local water agencies and municipalities that have their own water departments. EMWD operates four water reclamation facilities and treats some 46 million gallons of wastewater daily. More information can be found at EMWD's web site www.emwd.org.