



News Release

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Tahoe Sierra Water Main Flushing Project Extended

South Lake Tahoe, CA (August 10, 2021) – The South Tahoe Public Utility District water main flushing project in the Tahoe Sierra neighborhood has been extended through August 20, 2021. The District is flushing the water mains to ensure high quality drinking water and recommends residents not use water while the District is flushing the waterline on their street, as the water may be cloudy or discolored. District staff will distribute door hangers one to two business days before the work is planned and will knock on doors the day the work will occur.

“So far, the project has been a success,” said Chris Stanley, Manager of Field Operations. “We have already flushed most of the water mains east of Sierra Boulevard and will be working on the west side of the neighborhood over the next two weeks.”

The water main flushing project is conducted between 8am – 5pm, Monday through Friday. For businesses on Lake Tahoe Blvd between River Drive and Carson Avenue, flushing will occur between 10pm and 6am to minimize impacts. After the water main on the street has been flushed, the District recommends residents clear their household plumbing by running outdoor hose spigots or un-screened cold water faucets, such as a bathtub, until the water runs clear.

Water may be turned off during construction and the District recommends having at least five gallons of water on hand. Throughout the work, the District will be sampling for turbidity, chlorine, and bacteria to ensure that the water quality is safe for consumption. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the project, call 530-544-6474.



The flushing truck is attached to two fire hydrants. One hose pumps water into the water main at a high pressure and the other hose returns water to the truck to be filtered and tested before being pumped back into the water system. This process minimizes water loss.

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