WATER PROJECT CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

The San Diego County Water Authority is beginning construction in Mission Trails Regional Park. This work will upgrade the untreated water system in the northwest area of the park that delivers water to treatment plants serving the central and southern areas of San Diego County.

Thank you for your patience as we perform this critical work on our water infrastructure. Construction updates will be shared, as-needed, to deliver timely and important schedule and activity information. We also encourage you to follow the Water Authority’s social media platforms for additional updates on construction activities and your region’s water supply.

Schedule and Construction Traffic

The contractor set up work areas in March and started construction this month (April 2020). Work is scheduled to be complete in early 2022. Nearby residents will see an increase in construction traffic on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Calle de Vida, Portobelo Drive and Antigua Boulevard as well as in and near the western portion of Mission Trails Regional Park. Construction vehicles will use park trails to access work areas.
Trails Closed

Due to construction activities, some trails in the western portion of the park have been detoured while others will remain closed for the duration of construction. Trail closure signs are being installed and include a park map that show a user's location as well as alternate trails to bypass work areas and closed trails.

The Water Authority understands the importance of trail access to the public and has communicated with interested parties about planned construction activities that require trail closures to comply with environmental and safety requirements. Park trails closed during construction will reopen when it is safe to do so. Click here for a trail closure map with construction locations.

Environmental Work

Prior to starting construction, the Water Authority conducted habitat management activities that allowed the safe and humane relocation of small mammals and amphibians outside the work area. This work was in accordance with federal and state environmental permits to help protect and preserve sensitive species. Environmental fencing
About the Project

The Mission Trails Flow Regulatory Structure II Project includes a new 5-million-gallon underground covered reservoir, a flow control facility and pipeline interconnections. The reservoir will be covered with soil and vegetation, except for several access hatches and vents that allow for air movement inside the reservoir.

The first part of the Mission Trails Project was completed in late 2010, which included construction of a pipeline tunnel and stabilized crossing at the San Diego River and demolition of most above-ground vent stacks in the park. Click here to learn more.

Community Outreach

The Water Authority has engaged community leaders, stakeholders, and project neighbors to inform them about the project and incorporate feedback into mitigation measures to help reduce construction impacts on park users, the local community and the environment.

Future outreach and communication efforts will continue with park stakeholders and users as well as Tierrasanta schools and residents to share timely project information and receive feedback and questions about the project.