

Southern First Aqueduct Facilities Improvement Project

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Frequently Asked Questions - Site Restoration

Why is construction still happening in my area when the project is complete?

Now that major construction on the Southern First Aqueduct structures is complete, crews can begin site restoration to return construction sites to their original condition.

Our Operation & Maintenance crews also plan to conduct pipeline inspections in summer 2026, which will involve work at every Pipeline 1 structure.

What is site restoration?

Site restoration involves two main activities:

Revegetation - This restores native vegetation disturbed during construction and includes: ripping and amending soil, installing erosion control materials, and hydroseeding. Landscape improvements made by property owners will not be replaced during this process.

Site Improvements - This restores roads and work areas within the project limits. It includes repairing curbs, gutters, and pavement damaged by construction activities, and restoring any fences removed for construction.

When will site restoration be complete?

Site restoration is currently scheduled to take place through summer 2026.

Will I be affected by this construction? What can I expect?

Details of specific restoration activities, including duration by location, will be provided to affected stakeholders and the public before work begins.

Potential impacts of site restoration may include noise, dust, lights, heavy equipment, backup alarms, material deliveries, and areas to place temporary construction materials. The Water Authority will employ measures to mitigate these impacts as appropriate including traffic control and street detours, designated parking areas, construction signage, changes to pedestrian and bike routes, and signage at Sycamore Canyon/Gooden Ranch County Preserve for users of affected biking and hiking trails.



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