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California Water Service Begins Water Infrastructure Upgrade to Improve Water Supply Reliability and Fire Protection in Chico

CHICO, Calif.—California Water Service (Cal Water) has begun work on a water infrastructure upgrade that will improve water supply reliability and fire protection in northwest Chico. The project, which will include installation of about 3,500 feet of new 8-inch and 6-inch water main and four new fire hydrants, is expected to be completed in March.

“Infrastructure improvements like this ensure Cal Water maintains a reliable water supply for both everyday and emergency needs, while also preventing water loss from aging pipes,” said Evan Markey, Cal Water Chico District Manager.

Installation will take place over the next six to eight weeks at:

- Cohasset Road between Esplanade and Manzanita Court
- Manzanita Court (in area of 660 and 685 Manzanita Court).

The majority of the work will be performed Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.; however, some work may be performed at night or during the weekends to help alleviate traffic issues. Temporary asphalt will be applied until permanent paving is completed, which can be up to 30 days after project completion.

About California Water Service

California Water Service provides high-quality, reliable water utility services to about 109,700 people through 30,800 service connections in Chico and Hamilton City, and about 2 million people statewide through 496,400 service connections. What sets Cal Water apart is its commitment to enhancing the quality of life for its customers and communities. Guided daily by their promise to provide quality, service, and value, the utility’s employees lead the way in working to protect the planet, care for people, and operate with the utmost integrity. Integral to Cal Water’s strategy is investing responsibly in infrastructure, sustainability initiatives, and community well-being. The utility has also been named one of “America’s Most Responsible Companies” and the “World’s Most Trustworthy Companies” by Newsweek and a Great Place to Work®, and is No. 1 in Customer Satisfaction Among Large Water Utilities in the West Region* by J.D. Power. More information is available at www.calwater.com.

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