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## PWD BEGINS 3-MONTH WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT IN EAST PALMDALE

*Palmdale, CA* – Contractors for Palmdale Water District (PWD) will begin work on replacing 1.5 miles of water mains starting this week. The areas to be affected are bounded by 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East to Division Street and Desert Sands Park to Avenue Q in East Palmdale.

Work on the \$2 million project will start with potholing on Avenue P-12 on Thursday. Construction will also take place on Stanridge Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street East, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East, Carolside Avenue and Division Street. Completion is expected by mid-April, according to contractor Toro Enterprises.

"This is one of our bigger water main replacements for this year," said Engineering Manager Scott Rogers. "We hope to limit some of the disruptions to the community by keeping everyone informed. Once the work is completed, we look forward to fewer leaks in this area."

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Most the existing pipes in the project area are double-dipped and wrapped steel from the 1950s. Contractors will replace them with ductile iron pipes and install new services to the District's existing customers.

Once this project is completed, PWD will have about 3.5 miles of 1950s pipes remaining in its system that has 400-plus miles of pipes.

Later this year, three other smaller pipeline replacement projects will take place at Avenue P and 15<sup>th</sup> Street East, Avenue Q-6 from 12<sup>th</sup> Street East to 15<sup>th</sup> Street East and Avenue Q-10 and 12<sup>th</sup> Street East.

Since 1918, the Palmdale Water District has provided high-quality water at a reasonable cost. We pride ourselves on providing great customer care; advocating for local water issues that help our residents; educating the community on water-use efficiency; and leading our region in researching and implementing emerging technologies that increase operational efficiency. For more information about PWD, visit <u>www.palmdalewater.org</u>.

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