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Construction to Commence on 12th & 13th Streets Water Transmission Main *City Utilities Department Open House is designed to keep the communications pipelines open*

Sacramento, Calif. – The City of Sacramento’s Department of Utilities is hosting an open house to present construction plans regarding the replacement of the 12th and 13th Streets Water Transmission Main. This public event will take place on Wednesday, August 12, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at The Courtyard located at 1322 O Street. The project engineer will present the project plans and answer questions from neighboring residents and businesses in a brief program at 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

During the open house, community members and stakeholders will have the opportunity to view the water system map, talk with project staff, and register for e-mail updates.

The project, scheduled to begin in August and continue for a year, will replace existing 20-inch and 24-inch diameter riveted steel water pipelines constructed in 1915. The original pipelines, installed in 12th Street from H Street to O Street, were part of the riveted steel water main grid constructed in downtown Sacramento between 1870 and 1950. Over time the old pipes, made of steel sheets and connected with rivets, corrodes and requires replacement. The Department has systematically replaced a large portion of the 63,300 feet of riveted steel pipelines. The new project will help ensure a reliable water supply to the City of Sacramento and reduce the potential for property damage due to water main breaks.

The new 24-inch water main will follow the existing alignment on 12th Street from H Street to L Street, proceed down L Street to 13th Street, and down 13th Street to Q Street. The project also installs new fire hydrants and small distribution water mains.

Department of Utilities staff has worked to mitigate potential construction impacts by modifying the hours of construction to lessen disruption during peak travel times. City Utilities Staff will be working to notify area residents and businesses, as well as regional visitors, regarding the impacts of the work and potential detours. The construction will be done in one- to two-block segments. One travel lane will remain open during construction, with the area sealed with temporary pavement each night allowing travel to resume in off-construction hours.

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More information is available by visiting the project Web page at www.cityofsacramento.org/downtownwater. Those wishing to register for e-mail updates may call Tammy at (916)808-5454 or e-mail at Tammy.Nguyen@hdrinc.com. For questions or after hours information, call the City Department of Utilities 24-hour information line at (916) 808-5454.

**WHAT: 12th and 13th STREETS WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN PROJECT
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE**

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2009
4:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.
(IDENTICAL PRESENTATIONS AT 5:00 P.M. AND 6:00 P.M.)**

**WHERE: THE COURTYARD
1322 O STREET, SACRAMENTO**

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