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PCWA Water Project Near Railhead Park

AUBURN -- The Placer County Water Agency is relocating a section of a large water pipeline that runs through the property of a south Auburn apartment complex near Railhead Park.

Work began last fall on the Boardman Pipeline Relocation Project and was suspended due to wet weather. Construction is expected to resume beginning the week of March 14.

PCWA project engineer Ken Powers said the work is expected to take about six weeks and will require traffic controls and detours. Hours will be limited to 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and access to Railhead Park will be preserved throughout the work.

The water project will relocate an existing 800-foot-long underground line that runs beneath the Pacific Heights Apartments complex. The new 54-inch buried pipeline will run for 875 feet along Meadowlark Lane, Pacific Avenue and Sacramento Street.

Powers said all planning and paperwork for the project has been completed and the pipeline is ready for delivery to the site. Contractor on the job is Marques Pipeline, Inc. of Sacramento.

Many years ago, when the apartment complex was developed, the owner encased an existing section of the Boardman Canal on the property. The old pipe does not lie directly beneath any of the apartment buildings but runs beneath the landscaped areas of the complex and is inaccessible for PCWA repair and maintenance.

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After the new and relocated pipeline is in operation, the old portion of the canal under the Pacific Heights Apartments will be filled in with concrete.

Streets in the project area will be repaved following completion of the pipeline work, however, timing of the repaving work will depend on temperatures and weather conditions, Powers noted.

Any questions about the project should be referred to Ken Powers at the PCWA Technical Services Department, (530) 823-4886, during weekday business hours. Any after-hours emergency calls should be directed to the agency's main number, (530) 823-4850.

The water agency will be posting project updates on its website at www.pcwa.net.