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Central Coast Blue Groundwater Basin Evaluation Underway

Pismo Beach, California – Pismo Beach, CA- There are visible signs of Central Coast Blue progress underway in our community. Drilling and construction of a test injection well site will be occurring at the Coastal Dunes RV Park at 1001 Pacific Boulevard in Oceano over the next three months. The test injection well allows the regional project leaders, Five Cities communities, to investigate the groundwater basin hydrogeology and understand subsurface conditions for future purified water injection, as part of the proposed Central Coast Blue project.

While Central Coast Blue is still in the early phases of approval and environmental reviews, this test well injection effort is essential in understanding the benefits and potential locations for Santa Maria Groundwater Basin purified water injection. The well construction will take approximately 12 weeks to construct, at which time the temporary walls used for safety and noise reduction will be removed. Upon completion of the well construction, a series of tests will occur to understand this location's feasibility for groundwater injection.

The City has taken significant measures to minimize impacts during drilling and construction including, nesting bird surveys, a traffic control plan, sound barriers, and archaeological and Native American monitoring. The most visible component of the current work is the temporary sound barrier wall, which stretches alongside State Route 1.

“Central Coast Blue connects our community in closing the water gap and moves us towards a one water future.” Benjamin Fine, PE, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, said. “Rigorous testing and evaluations, such as the test injection well efforts underway now, build confidence and puts us one step closer to executing the Central Coast Blue project.”

The Central Coast Blue project is a collaborative effort between multiple agencies – City of Pismo Beach, City of Arroyo Grande, City of Grover Beach, South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District and Oceano Community Services District. The evaluation

underway is fully funded by a grant from the State Water Resources Control Board from Proposition 1.

When fully executed, the regional groundwater recycled water facility will increase municipal groundwater supplies by 30 percent and reduce the amount of treated wastewater discharged into the ocean by 77 percent. Central Coast Blue will provide water independence for our communities, enhance water supply and quality, provide drought resistance, and create an asset out of a resource currently that is currently unutilized.

One Water. One Community. One Future.

One Community

Central Coast Blue protects our shared groundwater

One Water

Central Coast Blue recognizes all water has value

One Future

Central Coast Blue is the right investment for the future

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