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Overnight Construction for New Water Line

V. Lopez Jr. and Sons GEC, under contract with the City of Santa Maria, has begun the installation of a new irrigation water main on Boone Street between Miller Street and College Drive. This work will also include a similar water line on Camino Colegio from College Drive to Miller School Park.

The project will facilitate the use of untreated groundwater to irrigate large areas of turf at Allan Hancock College and at Miller Elementary School, which helps to preserve the use of State Water for domestic supply. The proposed project also helps to rehabilitate the groundwater basin by drawing out high-nitrate groundwater and using the nitrate in the water as a nutrient in place of applied chemical fertilizers.

Beginning on Monday, March 10th the contractor will be working in Miller Street, just north of Boone Street, to connect the new water line to the irrigation line near Simas Park. In an effort to minimize the impact to the driving public, the contractor will complete this work at night. It is anticipated that this work will take three nights to complete.

The driving public may experience delays due to roadway lane closures during construction. The City staff strongly recommends that drivers obey all temporary construction traffic control signs and flagmen, and use alternate routes whenever possible to avoid delays in travel time.

Funding for this project is provided by a Proposition 84 grant to the City, and through water meter revenues.

Questions may be directed to the Department of Public Works/Engineering Division, 925-0951 ext. 225.

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