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Subject: City of Vallejo Comprehensive Citywide Watermain Flushing Program

Notice to Vallejo Water Customers

The City of Vallejo is restarting its annual citywide watermain flushing program on November 18, 2002 to provide the highest quality water to its customers.

The program will begin in the vicinity of Sonoma Blvd. between Mare Island Way and Maine St., and proceed to the Monterey St. area between York and Florida Sts., and on Mare Island north and south of "G" St. Notification of additional areas will be provided in the future.

The process involves opening fire hydrants and letting water run through the lines at high velocity to remove the sediment that collects naturally inside the water pipes. During the flushing process, there may be a few temporary effects which could include silt, or colored water at the tap and a temporary drop in pressure. In addition, oxygen may be introduced into the system giving water a milky white coloring. This should subside within 48 hours after flushing. To remedy these problems, where possible, after flushing has occurred in your area, run the outside water taps for 5-10 minutes until the water runs clear.

Door hangers will be left at residences and businesses two to six days before flushing is to begin. It is advised that residents limit their water use as much as possible while lines are being flushed. The water is safe to drink, but it may stain clothing or dishes, so it is advisable to avoid using hot water, doing laundry or running the dishwasher.

This year's program will last from November 2002 to April 2003. Public notification will be provided through monthly updates in the Vallejo Times Herald, televised community listings on Channel 15, and via the City's website (www.ci.vallejo.ca.us) and vallejonews.com. Customers may call the following numbers for questions regarding: Watermain Flushing Schedule (649-4810), or Water Quality Issues (649-3472).