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WORK TO REPAIR WATER DELIVERY PIPELINE SERVING BEVERLY HILLS UNDERWAY; COMPLETION ANTICIPATED BY MONDAY, DEC. 24 Residents asked to continue conserving until Metropolitan Water District pipeline returns to service

With work to repair a leak from the main water delivery pipeline serving Beverly Hills expected to last through the weekend, city residents and businesses are asked to continue conserving water until the water line is returned to service, which could be as early as Monday, Dec. 24.

Evidence of the leak was discovered at the intersection of Sunset Boulevard and Alpine Drive last Friday. After pinpointing the exact location of the leak in Metropolitan's <u>Santa Monica</u> <u>Feeder</u>, crews began repairs Wednesday. Once the repairs are done, the pipeline will be inspected and disinfected before being put back into service.

"We know everyone in Beverly Hills is anxious to have their reliable water supply back, particularly in the middle of the busy holiday season," said Jim Green, Metropolitan's water system operations manager. "If we don't run into any additional challenges, the pipeline repairs should be completed in the next few days."

Since Monday, the city has been asking its residents and businesses to cut back their water use, including eliminating all outdoor watering. The city also has shored up available supplies during the outage through a water system interconnection with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

"We are very grateful to our residents and businesses who heeded our call to reduce their water use during this emergency," said Beverly Hills Mayor Julian A. Gold. "Thank you."

The Santa Monica Feeder, completed in 1941, stretches 24 miles from Eagle Rock to Santa Monica and serves treated water to five cities along the way.

Residents can visit <u>www.bewaterwise.com</u> for water-saving tips. Questions from the public may also be directed to the Beverly Hills Public Works Customer Service line at 310-285-2467 during business hours or email askPW@beverlyhills.org for more information.

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