

Project Updates Week Ending August 8, 2026

Last week, the contractor began fish flush activities to allow for the dewatering of the culvert and began to demolish the once-buried box culvert. The lagoon is currently disconnected from the Alamitos Bay, allowing for the decommissioning and demolition of the culvert. This week significant portions of the culvert have already been removed allowing for the contouring and grading of the eastern banks of the open channel (see photos below).

As mentioned in prior updates, demolition and grading activities associated with the box culvert are generating excess soil and debris, which require offhaul and disposal. As culvert demolition began last week, temporary odors emerged. As noted in prior weekly updates, odors were expected to occur and diminish as the culvert demolition concluded. Demolition and grading are expected to continue into next week (see photo below). Crews are working weekends to expedite this time sensitive work to ensure the ecological health of the lagoon is maintained. During this time, environmental monitoring and water quality testing will continue.

Additionally, as the culvert has been removed in a majority of the open channel areas, final storm drain lines were installed and connected (see photo below). Additionally, LA DWP finalized the installation of a cathodic protection system marking the completion of all miscellaneous utility work beneath Colorado Street. Smaller vegetated and planting areas that were designed in proximity of the bridges and wing walls require irrigation. The irrigation lines and valve installations are currently being installed.

Colorado Street paving is scheduled to occur in September. The paving of Colorado Street, including small portions of the Orlena and Eliot intersections, will occur first for operational needs. Fire Station 14 will require access to Colorado Street prior to any additional work on Eliot Street is undertaken. Please note, Eliot Street requires a final pavement course, which was not installed to mitigate damage to final asphalt surfacing from remaining construction work. Additionally, repairs to Eliot Street near the City fueling station and repairs to the concrete bike path at 3rd Street are now necessary due to damage from temporary routing of emergency vehicles on this path. Upon completion of Colorado Street, crews will demobilize construction trailers for the final paving of Eliot Street. More details to come as the work window approaches.

Marina Vista Park is now open to the public. Construction fencing is still necessary as other portions of the project area remain under construction. The orange snow fencing is in place to allow the plants to further mature.

Please note, in the month of August, crews may need to place a crane at Alamitos Heights Park to remove sheet piles. Similar to the temporary protection devices that were placed at Larry Curtis Park, steel plates or other devices, may need to be placed to protect the grass and irrigation system.



Photo: Recent photo of culvert mostly removed and concurrent grading



Photo: Culvert demolition in progress



Photo: Culvert demolition initiating



Photo: Shoring to support installation and connection of remaining storm drain lines



Photo: Crews installing forms in preparation for concrete placement for additional curb sections



Photo: Added new sheet piles to restrict water flow to advance culvert demolition work



Photo: Grading of the west bank of the open channel