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This week, crews completed the installation of a CIPP liner in the sewer siphon's VCP piping, as required by the County. System inspection and testing has been re-initiated and is expected to continue into next week as the contractor addresses one segment of piping which is showing a minor air leak. Part of the acceptance process requires an ASTM D790 test to confirm the strength of the liner material after its installation and curing period. This test is expected to be completed next week. Commissioning is also expected to begin next week and continue into early July.

Crews continued with installation of sidewalks along Colorado Street and at the Eliot Street intersection. Sidewalks, curb and gutter and associated forms are being placed in preparation for concrete and asphalt installation as shown in the photos below.
As a reminder - critical work required to establish the open channel is expected to begin in mid-June and continue into July. Before tidal flows can be rerouted, there are several phased and monitored activities associated with this work including fish exclusion/rescue, final shut down of the culvert, removal of marine growth and sediment from the culvert, culvert demolition, and final grading and earthwork. Some of these activities were previously conducted in 2009 as part of the Phase 1 Colorado Lagoon Restoration, and most recently, when the diversion channel was established at Eliot Street as required for the Eliot bridge construction. Please note, marine growth and sediment are typically submerged, and natural decomposition processes produce odors that can be carried by wind when marine growth and sediment are exposed to air. As the underlying goal of this restoration project is to decommission the culvert and transition to an open earthen channel for hydraulic connectivity, the demolition of the culvert is a critical step. Temporary odors are expected to occur during these activities and are expected to vary with weather and wind conditions. Odors are anticipated to decrease as culvert demolition activities progress. Environmental monitoring at the Lagoon will continue during these activities.

In anticipation of this critical work to transition the hydraulics of the Lagoon, aerators were deployed at the Colorado Lagoon this month. The aerators are expected to be installed next week and activated as work occurs to maintain dissolved oxygen levels in the Lagoon.
It is important to note that during the final culvert shutdown, the Lagoon will be temporarily disconnected from Alamitos Bay making the culvert demolition and the transition to the open channel waterway activation time-critical work. As such, crews will be working extended hours and over the weekend to reconnect the Lagoon to Marine Stadium, as soon as feasible, to ensure the water quality and ecological health of the Lagoon is maintained.

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The Contractor is deploying additional resources to expedite this work and minimize any nuisances associated with this activity.

Sod installation is now complete at Marina Vista Park. Please note sod surface layers have sand from the nursery, contributing to the tint and discoloration that is seen in photos, and is expected to pass through with continual irrigation. Trees and shrubs have been installed at various locations east of the open channel. The field at Marina Vista Park will be open to the public in late July 2026, after the completion of the sod establishment period.



Photo: Sidewalk installation at Colorado Street.



Photo: Preparing for sidewalk installation along Eliot Street (at intersection of Colorado).