Project Updates Week Ending July 4, 2026

This week, specialized crews completed a patch and repair to the CIPP liner, originally installed in mid-June and performed CCTV camera inspections as required by the County Sanitation District. The repair and CCTV inspection results are pending County review and acceptance, which is required for them to authorize the initiation of commissioning. Additionally, ASTM D790 lab testing results were separately approved and accepted concluding the repair efforts. The City expects to receive approval to begin commissioning and followed with bypass system unearthing, demolition, and removal.

Curbs, gutter, and sidewalks along Colorado Street and in proximity of the bridge are being installed (see photos below). Within the open channel areas, soil offhaul and export are expected to complete next week, and will resume after culvert demolition and final phases of grading begin. Irrigation mains to support habitat establishment are also being placed.
In addition, other work required by agencies to fully complete their utility relocations, such as an SCE vault adjustment and telecommunications line raising are complete. LADWP is also on site installing a cathodic protection system for their existing assets prior to job completion (see photos below).

As a reminder, critical work required to establish the open channel is expected to begin in July. An aerator system deployed earlier in June was installed in the lagoon this week in preparation of these activities and help support dissolved oxygen levels. As mentioned in prior updates, 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. Please refer to prior updates for additional considerations and what to expect during culvert shutdown and demolition activities.

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. Crews are expected to work extended hours and during weekends to prepare for the culvert shutdown, and throughout the shutdown period, to ensure the water quality and ecological health of the Lagoon are maintained. The Contractor is deploying additional resources to expedite this work and minimize any nuisances associated with this activity during that time.

Sod installation is now complete at Marina Vista Park. 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: This phase of soil offhaul and export is expected to complete next week; additional excavation and offhaul are expected to commence after culvert demolition activities are completed.



Photo: Concrete pours continue for curb and gutter installation.



Photo: Curbs and gutter finishing work by contractor



Photo: SCE performing adjustments to their vaults.



Photo: LADWP crews installing cathodic protection system.