Project Updates Week Ending July 25, 2026

On July 23, shortly after midnight, the multi-day commissioning phase for the relocated sewer and siphon was completed. Crews have begun to unearth, demolish, and remove the sewer bypass. Manhole structures with various plugs and channels that connected the temporary and permanent systems have been modified. Plugs were removed and temporary bypass inlets (channels) filled to allow for permanent operations. The contractor also began to excavate and slurry around the 84" manholes to encase and protect the structure as required. Photos of these various activities are provided below.

During the week of July 27, temporary odors are expected to occur during culvert demolition. Activities will begin with a fish flushing of the culvert followed by demolition and earthwork. These odors are expected to vary with weather and wind conditions, and odors are anticipated to decrease as activities progress and work towards completion.

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. It is important to note that during this imminent 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. Environmental monitoring, including water quality testing, will continue throughout. Crews are expected to work extended hours during the shutdown period, to ensure the water quality and ecological health of the Lagoon are maintained.

On Thursday July 23, crews placed steel plates to protect the soils, grass, and irrigation system in anticipation of crane mobilization on Friday, July 24. The cranes will support the required work to add and remove sheet piles, which will allow the culvert demolition and tidal channel to be activated. The steel plates have been removed as of the evening of Friday, July 24.We apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused during the afternoon of the Municipal Band concert. We appreciate the public's patience and caution around the plates. Please note, crews may also need to relocate the crane to Alamitos Heights Park to address sheet piles in the Colorado Lagoon in early August. Similar temporary protection devices will need to be installed in the park to protect the grass and associated irrigation systems.

The field at Marina Vista Park is expected to reopen to the public on July 31, 2026, which marks the completion of the park's sod establishment. Construction fencing will be realigned to allow for the public use of fields, while the remainder of the work continues.



Photo: Removal of plugs to support transition to permanent sewer system.



Photo: Overnight sewer commissioning activities



Photo: Unearthing bypass/temporary system



Photo: Channels/inlets plugged with concrete and slurry encasement of 84” manhole



Photo: Demolishing sewer bypass (temporary sewer)



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