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### RECYCLED WATER PROJECT CONSTRUCTION MOVES TO BRUSH STREET

**Ukiah, CA. March 28, 2024.** – Construction for Phase Four of the Recycled Water Project is moving to Brush Street. Starting the week of April 1, Ghilotti Construction will begin installing recycled water pipelines on Brush Street near Mazzoni. Work will progress to the east, ultimately going underneath Highway 101 to connect with the first three phases of the project.

This portion of the project is expected to take about two weeks, and will require traffic control during construction hours (7am – 5pm) along Brush Street. When possible, one-way traffic will be allowed westbound only; full closures may need to be done intermittently. Residents should plan to use Ford or Clara streets when possible. Traffic from the fairgrounds will be allowed to exit only on Mazzoni, and may proceed to State Street from Brush.

Nearly all of the utility work related to this project is complete on Low Gap Road, Bush Street, and around Vinewood Park. However, near the end of April, concrete crews will be onsite to reconstruct sidewalks and curb ramps on Low Gap, and finally, after school is out, the section between State and Bush will get much-needed new pavement.

The portion of this project that has impacted streets will be wrapping up in June; however, work at the Water and Wastewater Treatment plants will continue well into the summer. At these facilities, infrastructure is being upgraded, storage tanks and ponds are being added, and more.

This phase of the project was made possible by a \$53.7 million grant from the California State Water Resources Control Board, and completes Ukiah’s Recycled Water Project. Phases 1-3 were built with \$34 million in funding from the State Water Resources Control Board, including grants and a low-interest loan. With this project, the City of Ukiah’s water capacity is strengthened by 50%.

**Community Benefits from the Project:** Almost 90% of the water used by Ukiah is replenished back into the water basin. Reduces demand on Russian River from 3,000 AFY to 300 AFY. Supports production of 1,000 AFY by the recycled water facility - enough for more than 2,500 families. Phases 1-3 support the needs of over 700 acres of ag land, increasing capacity to 1,000 acres with Phase 4.

**Infrastructure Expansions Completed through Phases 1-3:** 8 miles of pipeline constructed 66 million gallons of storage.

**Infrastructure Expansion Included in Phase 4:** 3 additional miles of pipeline. Addition of 5 million gallon Production Augmentation Unit (PAU).

More information about this project can be found at [www.ukiahrecycledwater.com](http://www.ukiahrecycledwater.com).



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