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San Bernardino Water Department Protects Water Quality with Lead Service Line Replacement Program

San Bernardino, CA (January 21, 2025) –The San Bernardino Municipal Water Department (SBMWD) is nearing completion of its Lead Service Line Replacement Program. This program ensures compliance with United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR), which require all water suppliers to complete an inventory of lead service lines and replace those that may contain lead.

The final phase of the project was awarded in November 2024 and consists of approximately 300 service lines in the Muscoy area of San Bernardino County. Throughout the project, SBMWD worked closely with the County of San Bernardino further benefiting Muscoy residents in the form of related street improvements. This three-million-dollar project is fully funded through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program.

“In 2018, the Department identified nearly 5,000 services throughout its service area that were considered to potentially have lead, including unknown services. Through the diligence of our staff, we have brought the number down to approximately 300 services,” said SBMWD General Manager Miguel Guerrero. “This achievement reflects the Department’s commitment to providing safe and high-quality water services. Once the Muscoy project is completed by summer 2025, SBMWD will be one of the first water suppliers in California to complete a lead services replacement program.”

San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Vice Chair and Fifth District Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr., commented on the collaboration, “Working closely with SBMWD to improve infrastructure in this community has been a priority for the County. Together, our efforts have enhanced the quality of life for residents in the Fifth District.”

To learn more about the Lead Service Lateral Replacement program please visit the SBMWD website at www.sbmwd.org/LeadProgram

About San Bernardino Municipal Water Department

Established by The City of San Bernardino Charter in 1905, the San Bernardino Municipal Water Department is a municipal utility serving a population of more than 200,000, encompassing a forty-five square mile area of the City of San Bernardino and its surrounding communities. SBMWD also provides Water Reclamation services for the cities of San Bernardino and Loma Linda and Sewer Collection services for the City of San Bernardino. For over a century, SBMWD has been committed to delivering trusted, quality service to residents and ratepayers. Please visit SBMWD.org for more information.

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