

VANDENBERG VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Vandenberg Village Flushing Water Mains, May 23-26

Vandenberg Village, CA, May 17, 2016. Vandenberg Village Community Services District (VVCSD) will be flushing water mains throughout the community from Monday, May 23 through Thursday, May 26. The District's Field Crew will start flushing from fire hydrants on the south side of the village and generally work toward the country club.

Flushing removes sediment and mineral deposits that accumulate in water mains over time. During the process of flushing, residents may observe small amounts of sediment, yellow or rusty water, and experience low water pressure. There are no health risks associated with discoloration or sediment and these effects may last a day or two. If residents experience discolored water they should run cold water faucets for about five minutes until the water is clear. To avoid staining clothing, the District recommends that households not do laundry, especially whites, when flushing is occurring in their neighborhood.

According to the District Operations & Maintenance Manager Mike Garner, the relatively small volume of water used during flushing is worth the benefits. "After we flush, tap water is noticeably clearer and brighter. It smells fresher, too." Garner said.

Flushing is normally an annual event but VVCSD has decreased the frequency to every other year during the drought.

A notice of the scheduled flushing was included in the monthly bill that customers received earlier this month.

VVCSD is an independent special district that provides water and wastewater services to a community of 7,000 people in northern Santa Barbara County. It is governed by a five-member, elected board of directors.

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