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MARCH START FOR EASTERN PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION

Construction work on the eastern pipeline as part of the North South Interconnection System Project will start in the middle of March.

SA Water Head of Infrastructure Management Jeremy Randell says the NSISP will provide security of drinking water supply to metropolitan Adelaide by allowing the transfer of water from Happy Valley in the South to Hope Valley in the north.

“The 12 kilometre eastern pipeline is an integral part of the project, which will connect the new pump stations planned for Clapham and Wattle Park,” Mr Randell said.

“Minimising the impacts of construction on the community will be paramount.

“All residential and commercial properties likely to be impacted by pipeline works will be doorknocked before construction starts in their street to ensure any impacts are minimised and concerns are addressed.

“The majority of the pipe will be laid within roadways or through existing public space and we expect approximately 30 metres will be constructed each day at various locations along the route.

“The final construction program detailing where works will start and finish is currently being finalised and this information will be passed on to the community over the coming weeks.

“We anticipate construction on the pipeline will take about nine months to complete.”

Mr Randell says Leed Engineering and Construction had been selected as the successful contractor to construct the eastern pipeline.

“Leed is highly experienced in pipeline construction having successfully completed other SA Water projects including the Torrens Aqueduct Replacement Project, the Southern Urban Reuse Project and as an alliance member in the Glenelg to Adelaide Park Lands Recycled Water Project,” he said.

“The company has an excellent record in managing construction projects, with a strong focus on stakeholder and environmental management.”

The North South Interconnection System Project has three major components:

- Construction of 3 new pump stations – 2 on existing SA Water sites at Clapham and Wattle Park and the third is being considered for a location in Gilberton.
- Construction of different sections of pipe work totaling about 32km (ie. a number of existing pipes located mostly in road corridors will be upgraded, duplicated or replaced to enable larger quantities of water to move through the distribution network).
- Pressure Regulating Valves throughout the SA Water system to manage pressure going through infrastructure and into customer taps.

It is anticipated the NSISP will be completed in late 2012.

For more information about the project visit the SA Water website at www.sawater.com.au or call the project information line on 1800 812 362.