

## UNWI Phases 2/3 (Sections 1-4)

### Recap for first set of open houses for design of UNWI 1-4 and RLI

**April 19, 2004**

Three members of the public attended the open house meeting on Monday, April 19 in the multi-purpose room at Natomas Park Elementary School. Due to the small turnout, the project team did not give the formal presentation and attendees were invited to ask questions at the information station.

Two attendees submitted comment cards.

- One resident does not live adjacent to the route; however, the resident was concerned about traffic diversion, noise, cost of the project, duration of construction and associated impacts. This resident is not concerned with the Rio Linda Interceptor.
- The second resident lives along Elkhorn Boulevard. His comments included, “We are located on the north side of Elkhorn Blvd. from the UPRR tracks to the East Main Drain. Our business ships approximately 60 truck and trailer loads of fertilizer and pesticide west on Elkhorn Blvd. from 6:30 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Sunday. Our peak season is spring – March to June. Our primary concerns are the timing of the project and access during construction.” He is not concerned with the Rio Linda Interceptor.

A Natomas resident, Eileen Yamada, came to the open house at 8:15 p.m., after the project team had left. She sent the following concerns to project manager, Duong “Winn” Nguyen. His comments are included.

1. You came to the open house at 8:15 p.m. last night and there was no one there.
  - ◆ I apologize for not having a chance to talk to you on Monday night. There was a very poor turnout (total of 2 residents) and after they left, we stayed for some time, and then seeing no further attendees we began to take down our meeting setup. We probably left right before you arrived and we certainly should have waited longer. This won't happen again.
2. No one informed you that there would be a pipeline built along your area before you moved in.
  - ◆ The District has been coordinating with all developers since 1996 for the acquisition of easements to accommodate the interceptor. Unfortunately, it appears the developer did not divulge the district's intended use of the corridor for the pipe installation.
3. Since the proposed pipeline is going through developed communities, it should have been installed before houses were built
  - ◆ The planning for the construction of the Upper Northwest Interceptor (UNWI) started long before the rapid development took place in the Natomas area. The reason why the interceptor was not installed earlier is that it could not be placed into service until the downstream pipe (the Lower Northwest Interceptors) was installed. Currently, the Lower Northwest Interceptors are in progress and scheduled for completion in 2006.

Moreover, it is very costly to install a large capital project and not put it on-line immediately. The cost of not operating this project can be as much as \$1.5-\$2 million dollars per year.

4. The pipeline should be re-routed to undeveloped areas
  - ◆ The proposed UNWI alignment did in fact go through an undeveloped area when it was identified, studied and selected in 1993. That is why the district has worked to secure easements in order to provide this important and critical link in the interceptor system. These interceptors are vital components to the regional sanitation district's infrastructure and ability to collect wastewater from throughout our region, and send it to the Regional Treatment Plant in Elk Grove where it is treated and then the cleaned water is safely discharged to the Sacramento River. The interceptors are located in all parts of the Sacramento region and are being installed in many places in addition to the future pipeline in Natomas.
5. The construction will cause disruptions to residents who are using the bikeway and the levee along the drainage canal. The construction will cause problems to nearby residents.
  - ◆ We understand the construction will cause temporary disruption to users of the existing bikelanes and the levee trail. This is why we encourage residents to voice their concerns so that we know about them and can try to mitigate their concerns. We cannot completely eliminate all construction-related impacts, but we will try to keep them at controllable levels. For your information, because of the ground conditions, the depth of the pipe and limited corridor we are considering using trenchless construction (tunneling) to keep disruptions and inconveniences to the minimum. We will work closely with the entire community to find additional ways to reduce the project impacts.

### **April 20, 2004**

Ten members of the public attended the open house meeting on Tuesday, April 20 in the library at Rio Linda High School. Attendants included a reporter from the Sacramento Bee and a representative from Sacramento County Supervisor Roger Dickinson's office.

No comment cards collected at meeting, attendees chose to return by mail.

Lucy Eidam began introductions and Duong "Winn" Nguyen and Mike Watson gave the PowerPoint presentation and discussed the project information.

### **Notes from information station flipcharts:**

- ◆ Should build UNWI 1-4 now.
- ◆ Concern about the capacity in Dry Creek interceptor, south of Elkhorn Blvd.
- ◆ Planning level cost estimate for UNWI 1-4 (Sac Bee)-cost of UNWI 5-6 construction.
- ◆ Want RLI built now to tie into UNWI 4.
- ◆ What are the traffic impacts to Elkhorn Blvd.?
  - How many lanes will be impacted?
- ◆ Why can't the pump station be moved off of the corner, further up the route?
  - Where it currently meets with UNWI 5, Cherry Lane at Dry Creek.
  - This is the first notice/contact since July. Do not want to sell. Asked for engineering report.
  - First notice last summer, then the second three weeks ago.
  - Neighbor across Cherry Lane is willing to sell, according to the Akins.
- ◆ Pleasant Grove Waste Water Treatment Plant

- Why is Placer Vineyards asking to come into Sacramento County? It is four miles to PGWWTP versus 22 miles to SRCSD.