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## **Public Works News Release**

### **Water Line and Hydrant Work Starting in September**

The City of Bishop expects to start the construction of water line and fire hydrants on May Street, Willow Street, North Third Street about the middle of September. Construction will impact May Street between Main and Hanby, Willow Street between Whitney Alley and Third, and North Third Street between Willow and Pine. The improvements will replace old and small pipes prone to leaks with new larger pipe that can carry far more water for fire protection. The contractor is Marzano and Sons out of June Lake. The project is expected to cost about \$480,000.

In addition to replacing pipes, old fire hydrants will be replaced and new hydrants will be constructed at most intersections along the affected streets. The new hydrants will make it easier and faster for the fire department to put out fires. For some property owners, the additional fire hydrants could reduce insurance costs. Since parking is not allowed within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, the addition of hydrants will impact parking to some degree. Most of the locations for the new hydrants were marked with paint on the street last fall and are still visible.

The water line construction will include new water services to most properties adjacent to the construction. The project is funded from city water funds so there will be no direct cost to affected properties. Water shutoffs lasting up to several hours will be necessary during construction. Construction will require trenches in the street so traffic impacts should be anticipated.

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