

## **Firmin Street Project Frequently Asked Questions**

### **When will this occur?**

The work will begin early July, with preparation work starting July 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **How long will it last?**

The work will take approximately four to six weeks, provided there are no unanticipated delays.

### **What time will work begin, and end each day?**

Our plan is to start work at 7:00 am and work until 6:00 pm., with the exception of a few days when the work may go on for 24 hours.

### **Will there be work on the weekends?**

Yes, in order to reduce the time period for street closures and expedite completion of the work, the contractor plans to work on weekends.

### **What type of equipment will be used?**

Two well servicing units (rigs) will be placed over the wells. The units are 40 feet in length, and stand as high as 70 feet in the air. There will also be a portable mud pump and tank that measures approximately 40 feet long and 8 feet wide, located in the street near the rigs. Other attendant equipment that will periodically be on site during the well operations are two vacuum trucks, a bulk dry cement truck and trailer, a cement mixing truck and trailer, backhoe, forklift, portable crane and other support vehicles.

### **How noisy will it be?**

There will be some moderate noise associated with the work throughout the day. Noise will include the running of diesel motors, and the removal and installation of steel pipe.

### **How bad are the wells leaking?**

The amount of gas leaking is not considered enough to sustain a pilot light. The South Coast Air Quality Management District went to the sites multiple times over the past year, most recently in May and June. They found no emissions at the Patel well, and only trace gas leakage at the Rogalske well. Because the owners of these wells cannot be located, and the State of California considers these wells to pose a public nuisance, DOGGR will plug the wells with cement, permanently sealing them to today's high standards.

**Will the leaks get worst when work starts?**

Well leakage is not expected to get worst as work begins. DOGGR is taking extensive safety precautions to prevent the uncontrolled release of any gases or fluids during this operation, however it is possible that a noticeable increase in odors will occur at the initial onset of work. The City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Public Health, and DOGGR are working closely with the South Coast Air Quality Management District to provide monitoring near the site.

**Will residents be displaced from their homes?**

DOGGR and the City will be assessing real-time impacts through an upcoming door-to-door survey of residents and a community meeting. Currently no displacement of residents is expected with the exception that the houses at 324 and 323 Firmin Street will be “red tagged” during actual well work activity due to their immediate proximity to the wells.

**How will you protect residents during the work?**

Provisions have been made to assure police and fire have continued access to residents while the well work is in progress. Pedestrian walkways will be available at all times. Equipment associated with well work operations will be fenced off from public access. 24 hour security will be on site to assure equipment and road closures are maintained.

**Where will I park my car, how will I get to my home?**

The city is providing offsite parking for the residents two blocks away (corner of Temple and Beaudry). Residents will need to walk from this location. Carts will be available to assist residents in transporting groceries or other items back and forth. Security officers will also be available to walk with residents if needed.

**Will there be security for my car?**

Yes, private security will be present 24 hours a day at both the road closure, and offsite parking area.

**How will I get my groceries or other items home?**

Carts will be available to assist residents in transporting groceries or other items back and forth.

**What happens if there is an emergency?**

Emergency vehicles will have access to the street during this project.

**How long will my power, phone, or cable be off?**

The utilities will be disrupted for up to a few hours to relocate the lines at the beginning and at the completion of the project.

**Are there other leaking wells on my street?**

DOGGR is not aware of any other wells leaking of Firmin Street.

**Who do I call if I have a question?**

You can call our toll-free number (800) 209-3609

**Who Do I call if there is an emergency?**

For all emergencies call 911. Emergency vehicles will have access to the street at all times.

**How will I know if the scheduled work changes?**

Residents will be notified by door to door flyers. The notices will also be posted on the website: <http://www.conservation.ca.gov>. Residents can also call the toll-free number (800) 209-3609 for the latest updates.