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## **SLV Water District Advances Project to Replace Two Leaking 20,000-gallon Redwood Storage Tanks**

*Bids for Construction Now Being Accepted; District Provides Update on Ratepayer-funded Capital Improvement Projects*

BOULDER CREEK, CA – The San Lorenzo Valley Water District (SLVWD) today announced the opening of the bid process for replacing a pair of 20,000-gallon redwood tanks used for drinking water. The tank replacement is a key capital improvement project among many others completed or in process that, combined, total \$16.85 million in infrastructure upgrades to the District’s 76-year-old water system.

The bid process will be open June 26 to July 28. The SLVWD Board of Directors anticipates selecting a contractor at its Aug. 18 meeting. Work is scheduled to begin late summer/early fall and is expected to be completed by March 2018.

The tanks, known as the “Swim Tanks,” are located off Scenic Way in Ben Lomond and are part of the original water distribution system acquired by the District from Citizens Utility Company in 1965. The current tanks are undersized for the service area and require ongoing maintenance to control leaks. The tanks will be replaced with a new 64,000-gallon bolted steel water tank at the same location. The \$678,000 project includes the tank, fencing, retaining walls and electronic “SCADA” control, which enables monitoring and controlling all aspects of the water system remotely.

### **ABOUT THE SLVWD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PROGRAM (2014-2017)**

SLVWD’s Capital Improvement Projects are funded by District ratepayers. Completed and in-process projects include:

#### **Completed**

Lompico Intertie/Booster Station

Final Cost: \$250k (funded through State grant). Status: project completed in 2014.

Olympia Mutual Pipelines (a portion of the project replaced existing SLVWD infrastructure)

Final Cost: \$1.7M (majority funded through SRF, paid by Olympia Assessment District).

Status: project completed in 2015.

Intertie 6

Final Cost: \$2M (partially paid by Proposition funds). Status: project completed in 2015.

Sunnycroft Road Pipeline Replacement  
Final Cost: \$68K. Status: project completed in 2015.

SCADA Upgrade @ Kirby Treatment Plant  
Final Cost: \$123K. Status: project completed in 2015.

Interties 2,3,4  
Final Cost: \$7.5M (partially paid by Proposition funds). Status: project completed in 2016.

SCADA Upgrade @ Lyon Treatment Plant  
Final Cost: \$160K. Status: project completed in 2016.

Pasatiempo Well 5 Repairs  
Final Cost: \$55K. Status: project completed in 2016.

### **Project In Process**

Probation Tank

Total Budget: \$1.95M. Status: design completed in 2016; environmental work completed in 2017; bidding process planned for early 2018; construction planned for mid-2018.

Fall Creek Fish Ladder

Total Budget: \$880K. Status: Design Completed in 2016; environmental work planned for completion in 2018; construction planned for 2019.

Bull/Bennett Pipeline Replacement

Total Budget: \$1.6M. Status: 2,000 LF of HDPE pipeline installed above ground in early 2017; final design planned for 2018; environmental work planned for 2018-19; bidding planned for 2019; construction planned for 2019.

### **ABOUT THE SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

The San Lorenzo Valley Water District is located in the mountains of northern Santa Cruz County. The district serves more than 7,800 metered connections. Established in 1941, the district supplies water to the communities of Boulder Creek, Brookdale, Ben Lomond, Zayante, Scotts Valley, Mañana Woods, Felton and Lompico. For more information, visit [www.slvwd.com](http://www.slvwd.com) or [www.facebook.com/slvwaterdistrict](http://www.facebook.com/slvwaterdistrict).

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