ABOUT THIS PROJECT
The underground work will be completed in a project area bounded by Newport Boulevard, 23rd Street, Ocean Front Way and 31st Street (See boundary map on page 2). Work includes undergrounding all overhead utilities in the public right of way for the project area. Reconstruction of concrete alleys and paved areas will also occur. Total project costs are approximately $3.5 million. Undergrounding along Balboa Boulevard is encompassed by the Southern California Edison Rule 20a program and is completed at no additional cost to property owners.

With the City’s assistance, SCE has performed a redesign to reduce the cost. Other dry utility companies are currently completing their redesign. Upon completion, re-bidding of the project will take place.

WHEN WILL CONSTRUCTION START?
Before the undergrounding work begins, the Newport Pier Area Water Main Replacement will occur in impacted alleys to avoid breaks during the undergrounding project. This work has started and is considered the first step towards your undergrounding project.

In a further effort to reduce cost, the City will request bids for directly constructing the work and will manage the efforts of the underground infrastructure. Other Cities have done this, such as Laguna Beach, and it has resulted in some savings. The City bidding efforts and subsequent contract award by City Council will add several more months and we now anticipate beginning construction in fall of 2020.

NO ACTION IS NECESSARY at this time regarding your electrical meter upgrades or other service connections. You will be notified again when it is time to hook up to the new underground systems; anticipated in the Fall of 2021.

STAY INFORMED
Get more information from the City of Newport Beach at: www.newportbeachca.gov/ADstatus. If you would like E-mail updates on this district please send that request to PWinfo@Newportbeachca.gov to get on the list.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:
• Construction:
  - Water Main Replacement – January 2020 thru June 2020
  - Conduit and Vault installation – August 2020 thru Summer 2021
  - Residential Conversion - Fall 2021 thru Spring 2022
  - Pole Removal Summer 2022
  - Alley Reconstruction – Fall 2022 thru Spring 2023

FUNDING SOURCE:
• Assessment District Funds
• Rule 20a Funds

PROJECT CONTACTS:
- Public Works Department
  (949) 644-3311
- Michael J. Sinacori
  Assistant City Engineer
  msinacori@newportbeachca.gov
  (949) 644-3342
- Anna Baldenegro
  Associate Civil Engineer
  abaldenegro@newportbeachca.gov
  (949) 644-3034