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## **Frequency of Hydrant Flushing Increasing *Hydrants Near RSMH Project Targeted***

**SEGUIN, Texas** – The City of Seguin is increasing the frequency of hydrant flushing as the process of installing new mains continues downtown.

“Flushing lines is normal protocol, especially when new water lines are being installed,” Seguin Water/Wastewater Director Emery Gallagher said. “The flushing helps ensure the quality of the water by helping to force natural mineral deposits out of the lines.”

The City of Seguin has identified approximately 12 hydrants near the River/San Marcos/Heideke Street project that will be targeted for more frequent flushing. The Seguin Fire Department will perform the flushing during the overnight hours to minimize the impact on nearby customers.

“We will flush the hydrants in the evening because water demand is not very high at that time,” Gallagher continued. “This helps ensure that any deposits being flushed out of the pipes are less likely to end up in the plumbing of homes and businesses.”

The City of Seguin has received reports of discolored water in some homes and businesses near the RSMH project. The discoloration is caused by natural mineral deposits on the inside of pipes becoming dislodged and stirred due to construction work. Testing has revealed the water to be bacterially safe for consumption.

If you are experiencing discolored water, fully open the cold-water faucet nearest your water meter, with the drain open, for about 10 minutes. Most dirty water situations will clear up in this time. If not, turn the water off, wait 10-15 minutes, and repeat the flushing.

A list of frequently asked questions about discolored water has been posted to the City of Seguin website, [www.seguintexas.gov](http://www.seguintexas.gov). It's accessible under the water department tab or by clicking the "Discolored Water Frequently Asked Questions" link on the bottom left side of the homepage.

Questions can be directed to the City of Seguin Water Department at 830-401-2404.

**About the RSMH Project**

The River/San Marcos/Heideke project includes utility, storm drainage, water, electric and sewer upgrades. The streets will also be reconstructed and sidewalks added. The improvements will alleviate current concerns with storm water drainage, sewer issues and water pressure. Streets included in the entire project include Milam between and Nolte, San Marcos between Kingsbury and Court, River between College and Mountain, Mountain between River and Gravel, Bauer between Court and Mountain, four side streets between River and Austin, and a small portion in the Glen Clove Subdivision. Seguin City Council selected Jordan Foster Construction for the work. The project is expected to take two years to complete.

**About the City of Seguin**

Seguin, Texas is located off Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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