

SECTION 02205 - EXISTING UTILITIES

PART 1 – GENERAL

1.1 NOTIFICATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 4216-4216.9, the CONTRACTOR shall notify the appropriate regional notification center of all excavations as required under Government Code sections 4216 to 4216.9. The CONTRACTOR shall contact Underground Service Alert of Southern California (a.k.a. DigAlert) at 1-800-227-2600 or **811** for the location of subsurface installations. CONTRACTOR shall furnish to the AGENCY written documentation of its contact(s) with Underground Service Alert within two (2) days after such contact(s) is (are) made.

1.2 IDENTIFICATION OF LOCATION

At least two (2) working days before performing any excavation work, the CONTRACTOR shall request the utility owners to mark or otherwise indicate the location of their service. CONTRACTOR shall furnish to the AGENCY written documentation of its contact(s) with utility owners requesting them to mark or otherwise indicate the location of their respective facilities within three (3) days after such contact(s).

It shall be the CONTRACTOR's responsibility to determine the exact location and depth of all utilities, including service connections, which have been marked by the respective owners and which CONTRACTOR believes may affect or be affected by CONTRACTOR's operations.

1.3 DAMAGE AND PROTECTION

The CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify the AGENCY and utility owner of any damage to a utility. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the cost of repairing and/or relocating damaged utilities

1.4 UTILITY RELOCATION AND REARRANGEMENT

The right is reserved to the AGENCY and the owners of utilities or their authorized agents to enter upon the Work area for the purpose of making such changes as are necessary for the rearrangement of their facilities or for making necessary connections or repairs to their properties. The CONTRACTOR shall cooperate with forces engaged in such work and shall conduct its operations in such a manner as to avoid any unnecessary delay or hindrance to the work being performed by such forces and shall allow the respective utilities time to relocate their facility.

The CONTRACTOR assumes responsibility for the removal, relocation, or protection of existing facilities wherein said facilities are identified on the approved plans, correctly field located by a utility company, or as provided for in the Water Utilities Manual. The CONTRACTOR shall coordinate with the AGENCY or owner of utility facilities for the rearrangement of said facilities.

In the event that underground utilities are found that are not shown on the approved plans or are found to exist in a substantially different location than shown on the approved plans, the CONTRACTOR shall: (1) notify the AGENCY of the existence of

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said facilities immediately in writing, and (2) take steps to ascertain the exact location of all underground facilities prior to doing work that may damage such facilities.

Temporary or permanent service, relocation or alteration of utilities desired by the CONTRACTOR for its own convenience shall be the CONTRACTOR's responsibility and it shall make arrangements and bear all costs.

Except where the owner of a damaged utility has advised that it intends to repair the damage through its own forces or forces that it will retain or has retained, CONTRACTOR shall, within 24 hours of receipt from the AGENCY or utility owner of notice to commence correction of damage, notify the AGENCY in writing if CONTRACTOR intends to repair the damage. During nights and weekends when work is not in progress, the AGENCY or utility owner may give such notice by telephone or by facsimile transmission to the CONTRACTOR's facsimile number designated. Such notice will be immediately effective. The CONTRACTOR's failure to provide timely written notification that it intends to repair the damage shall be deemed its agreement that the AGENCY may repair the damage at CONTRACTOR's expense without further notice and without prejudice to any other remedy available to the AGENCY. In such event, the CONTRACTOR may observe the work if this can be done without in any way delaying the progress thereof, but may not contest any element of the expense of repair or the lack of further notice.

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PART 2 – PRODUCTS (NOT USED)

PART 3 – EXECUTION (NOT USED)

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