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month two years ago, and that May usage through the 15th is down 30 percent from 2013 levels.

Eldredge added the latest water use rules are aimed less at homeowners than at shopping centers,

enforced conservation goals would erode the extra revenue Napa has built from water rate increases in the past four years, slowing pipeline and other improvements made necessary by age or

ber 2014 sliced revenue by 6 percent, despite two rate hikes in that period. Reaching the 20 percent threshold likely would shrink the Water Enterprise Fund by \$1.9 million, which the city has said would require it to

homes and businesses without reliable water sources, and the county ordered The Carneros Inn - a major tourist venue in the unincorporated county - to cease trucking in water in June.

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But, unless workers finish the job a few days early, drivers choosing the street to beat traffic will end up making U-turns at construction barriers.

"It's just something for the community to be aware of," Mayor Jill Techel said.

The McKinstry Street project was scheduled to take 45 days and be completed on May 14, well in advance of BottleRock. As of Thursday afternoon, new sidewalks lined a road bed that was concrete in one direction and base layer in the other.

Workers lost several days to rain, Stalker said. Also, design drawings didn't match site conditions, the city wanted a design change to prevent water from getting under sidewalks and the city

wants flood gates installed and tested before the road opening, he said.

A handful of little things adds up to a three-week delay, he said.

Completing the McKinstry Street work will be a major milestone for the flood control bypass project. Other remaining bypass work includes planting vegetation for landscaping and erosion control. Stalker said the entire bypass project should be finished by July 15.

The bypass will be a massive flood safety valve for the Napa River. Floodwaters will crest a weir near Oxbow Public Market and run down a channel a quarter-mile long and 300 feet wide to rejoin the river near Veterans Memorial Park.

McKinstry Street crosses the bypass. Lowering this section of street six feet will allow water

to flow over it when the bypass is flooded. During these periods, traffic will be barred from entering the bypass section of the street by flood gates.

Most of the time, the bypass will be dry and serve as a kind of park. People will be able to drive across

it on McKinstry Street and to walk its length between the downtown and the Oxbow district on concrete paths.

Work on the flood control bypass channel began a year ago and involved hauling away more than 1,000 truckloads of dirt.

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RESTORATION ADVISORY  
BOARD (RAB)  
May 2015 MEETING



The Department of Navy (DON) invites interested members of the public to attend updates and presentations with members of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) made up of representatives from the local community, Navy, Federal and State regulatory agencies. The DON encourages the public to keep informed about the environmental cleanup at Former Mare Island Naval Shipyard (MINS), Vallejo, California.

**May 2015 Featured Topics**

**Proposed Plan/Draft Remedial Action Plan,  
Installation Restoration Site 17 (IR-17) and Building 503**

**Eastern Early Transfer Parcel (EETP)  
Update and Path Forward - 2015**



**Date: Thursday, May 28, 2015**  
**Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:25 p.m.**  
**Location: Mare Island Conference Center**  
**375 G St., Vallejo, CA**

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