Press Release

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Sewer Spill

San Marcos, CA – Due to construction activities associated with repairing a 54-inch pipeline at Encina Water Pollution Control Facility, Vallecitos experienced a sewer overflow of approximately 2,310 gallons yesterday. At no time was service to Vallecitos customers affected.

Vallecitos staff was first notified of the spill at approximately 5 p.m. yesterday. After arriving at the Carlsbad facility, which treats a portion of Vallecitos’ wastewater, crews quickly acted to contain and control the spill as well as investigate the cause of the failure.

The sewer spill was the result of a partial failure of a temporary wastewater pumping system put in place while repairs to the 54-inch pipeline were being made. Crews immediately went to work making the repair to the pumping system, which was eventually completed at 3 a.m. today, and the temporary line is now fully functional. It is estimated that the permanent repairs to the 54-inch main will be completed by Saturday the 23rd and the temporary system will be removed by then.

The wastewater spilled went to the storm channel located at the Encina Water Pollution Control Facility that eventually feeds into the ocean. The proper agencies have been notified and notification signs have been posted along the beach.

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Vallecitos Water District is an independent, special district dedicated to providing water, wastewater and reclamation services to approximately 94,000 people in a 45-square-mile area that includes San Marcos; the community of Lake San Marcos; portions of Carlsbad, Escondido and Vista; and other surrounding unincorporated areas. The public is invited to Board meetings, taking place at 4 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at Vallecitos’ Administration, Maintenance, and Operations Facility - 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos.