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West County Wastewater Crews Complete Emergency Sewer Repair In Carriage Hills Neighborhood of Richmond

(RICHMOND, CA) Late Friday, July 8, 2023, the force main, or main sewer line near Castro Ranch Road in Richmond, experienced a break near a West County Wastewater (WCW) lift station, causing sewage seepage onto the surface of the asphalt.

WCW Collections System Operations staff were alerted by a community member who was passing through the area at approximately 8:00 p.m. Friday evening. Crews assembled staff and equipment and met with contractors to repair the broken Force Main from approximately 9:00 p.m. Friday evening until the final cleanup at approximately 4:45 a.m. Saturday morning, July 8, 2023. Every effort was taken to recover any leaked sewage, return it to the system, and not allow it into the storm water lines or into the nearby creek.

The issue has not affected the sewer service to the North and South Carriage Hills and surrounding areas. WCW does not anticipate any sewer interruptions, and besides a slight slowing of traffic, there was no significant impact to the community, the environment, or the creek.

WCW appreciates the community's patience Friday evening, while the repairs were completed. If you see any sewer backups or issues in your home or in the community, please call (510) 222-6700.

If there are any further updates or information from this event, WCW staff will be sure to update the community.

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West County Wastewater (WCW) was founded in 1921 to protect and serve the public health of the community through the construction and maintenance of a sewer system. Today, WCW provides sewage collection, treatment and disposal services to approximately 34,000 residences and 2,450 commercial and industrial businesses. WCW serves a total population of about 100,000 residents across 16.9 square miles. Governed by a five-member Board of Directors, WCW embraces practices that promote energy efficiency and environmental stewardship.