



WEST COUNTY
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Spill Containment at Tara Hills, Richmond

(RICHMOND, CA) Just before midnight, Tuesday, August 29, 2023, West County Wastewater (WCW) staff were made aware of a sewage spill from a manhole located near the Tara Hills Lift station. WCW staff have confirmed the spill is from a force main near the Tara Hills Lift Station behind the Richmond Country Club off Giant Highway, but the cause is still under investigation.

The spill was reported to the State Office of Emergency Services within the first two hours after WCW became aware of the incident.

WCW's Collections, Operations, and Maintenance staff and contractors have been on the scene since approximately 12:45 a.m., Wednesday, August 30, 2023.

The spill has been contained, and no sewage reached the San Francisco Bay. Crews continue to divert flow from the four pipes leading into the Force Main so the issue can be assessed and repairs can be made.

Residents and visitors in the immediate area may notice an odor. Trucks and equipment are in the area, but there is no impact on traffic. WCW appreciates the community's patience while we continue repairs over the next few days. Staff will continue to post updates on this incident.

If you see any sewer backups or issues in your home or in the community, please call **(510) 222-6700**.

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