



WEST COUNTY
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Update: Spill Containment & Repair Completion 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. The spill came from a force main near the Tara Hills Lift Station behind the Richmond Country Club off Giant Highway. It was caused by a corroded valve approximately 11 feet down inside the manhole.

The spill was contained, and no sewage reached San Francisco Bay or any public waterway. A repair was completed at 2:00 a.m. on September 1, and the sewer system and affected pump stations were returned to normal operation. The system is being monitored closely and will continue to be at least through the Labor Day weekend.

Clean-up is ongoing, and residents or passersby in the immediate area may notice odors. Trucks and equipment remain in the area and should be mostly vacated from the site by later today, Friday, September 1. Traffic was not been impacted during the incident.

WCW appreciates the community's patience while we continue to monitor the repair over the next few days.

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

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