



TRIUNFO SANITATION DISTRICT

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Board of Directors
Triunfo Sanitation District
Ventura County, California

SEWER SPILL – LAKE SHERWOOD GOLF COURSE

On January 6th an estimated 5,250 gallon wastewater spill occurred on the Lake Sherwood Golf Course. The wastewater flowed from a golf course drain into a drainage channel connected to a pond on the golf course. The golf course operator reported the spill to our staff and also helped to provide better access to the spill area. Staff utilized a potable hydrorodder to remove the blockage from the sewer main.

The spill was greater than 1,000 gallons and entered a waterway requiring staff to contact the Ventura County Health Department, State Office of Emergency Services, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Staff posted warning signs and collected nine water samples from the point the wastewater entered the drainage channel to ½-mile downstream of the spill following the Ventura County Environmental Health Department guidelines. Following the spill staff cleaned up woodchips on the golf course at the spill location. The golf course operator declined staff's offer to replace the woodchips as they produce their own onsite.

Sewer mains are cleaned at a minimum of once every three years as part of the routine wastewater collection system maintenance program. The sewer main that was blocked causing this spill was last cleaned in August of 2011. Follow-up investigation of the spill found the sewer main contained pool plaster and foam that is used to make artificial rocks. This material blocked the line resulting in the spill. Apparently a homeowner or pool contactor dumped this material into the sewer.

ANDY HOVEY – TECHNICAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR

APPROVED FOR JANUARY 23, 2012 AGENDA

Mark Lawler - District Manager

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