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## Press Release from Leucadia Wastewater District

On Tuesday, May 22, 2018, Leucadia Wastewater District (LWD) crews responded to a wastewater spill located on La Costa Avenue in Carlsbad, CA. The spill was caused by a single vehicle car accident that crashed into LWD's air vac.

LWD crews were notified of the spill at 1:45 pm and arrived on scene at approximately 1:55 pm. Crews immediately initiated emergency cleanup protocols to minimize the spill's impacts. LWD estimates that the spill lasted for approximately 18 minutes and that approximately 9,000 gallons were released with approximately 1,600 gallons recovered and safely returned to the wastewater system. The remaining wastewater was absorbed in nearby areas, alongside the road and sidewalk. LWD is continuing to investigate the cause of this incident to determine ways to avoid future incidents of this nature.

For more information, please contact LWD at (760) 753-0155.

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**Background:** Leucadia Wastewater District was formed in 1959 to collect, transport, and treat wastewater and provide recycled water for irrigation. The District provides service to about 60,000 customers in a 16-square-mile area that includes La Costa, Leucadia, and the Village Park area of Encinitas. The District manages of about 4 million gallons of treated wastewater daily.

The District's operations feature the use of advanced technology. Pipelines are regularly video-inspected to assure that they are secure and leak free. Computer mapping systems and mathematical modeling are used to design and maintain facilities so that they work under all conditions, at all times.

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