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## Press Release from Leucadia Wastewater District

On Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7:15 pm, Leucadia Wastewater District (LWD) crews responded to a wastewater incident on Highway 101 in Carlsbad, CA in the vicinity of Carlsbad Beach. The incident, which was identified by CA Fish and Game employees working in the area, involved a leak in a pipeline that carries wastewater from LWD and Encinitas to Encina Wastewater Authority for treatment.

The District maintains redundant pipelines in the Carlsbad State Beach and Batiquitos Lagoon areas. Crews responding to the incident took immediate measures to mitigate the leak by switching to the redundant pipeline and vacuuming spillage using high-pressure vector trucks. As a result, no wastewater reached the Batiquitos Lagoon or surrounding waters and there was no impact on native birds nesting in the local area. The wastewater was captured and returned to the sewage system downstream of the incident.

LWD crews are continuing to investigate the cause of the leak and repair the pipeline. We are working with local and state agencies to ensure that impact on area residents and the environment remains minimal.

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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