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Press Release from Leucadia Wastewater District

Warning Signs Removed From South Carlsbad State Beach

On Sunday, October 24, 2010, Leucadia Wastewater District (LWD) staff removed warning signs from South Carlsbad State Beach indicating that the water is safe. The beach has been posted since shortly after LWD reported a sewage spill from its Batiquitos Pump Station into the Batiquitos Lagoon on October 19, 2010. The cause of the spill appears to be a lightning strike in the vicinity of the Batiquitos Pump Station during the early morning hours of October 19th, which disabled the pump station's main computer and communications equipment. The estimated spill volume was 60,000 gallons. Repairs to the pump station's main computer and communications equipment were made shortly after the event occurred and the pump station has been restored to normal operations.

LWD has been sampling and testing daily at various locations within the Batiquitos Lagoon and South Carlsbad State Beach since the event occurred. Test results have been clean for the past two days and the San Diego County Department of Environmental Health has authorized LWD to remove the warning signs.

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 provides 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 approximately 4 million gallons of treated wastewater daily.

The District's operations feature the use of advanced technology. Pipelines are regularly video-inspected to insure 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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