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Press Release from Leucadia Wastewater District

On Wednesday, April 27, 2011, Leucadia Wastewater District (LWD) crews responded to a wastewater spill at the Batiquitos Pump Station on Highway 101 in Carlsbad, CA in the vicinity of South Carlsbad State Beach and the Batiquitos Lagoon. The spill appears to have been caused by the malfunction of an air release valve that allowed wastewater to spill from the District's main line.

At approximately 8:40 am, LWD crews arrived at the scene, identified the cause of the spill and isolated the malfunctioning air release valve thereby stopping the spill. LWD estimates that the spill lasted for 23 minutes and approximately 4,600 gallons were released into the Batiquitos Lagoon. LWD staff immediately began sampling the Batiquitos Lagoon and South Carlsbad State Beach area per its protocols. Warning signs have been posted at Carlsbad State Beach as directed by the San Diego County Department of Environmental Health. LWD is continuing to investigate this incident and plans to implement measures as appropriate to prevent future malfunctions.

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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