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Calleguas Statement on Regional Salinity Management Pipeline Break

Hueneme Road – west of PCH to Rice Avenue – to remain closed for repairs

On Saturday, February 29, a portion of the Regional Salinity Management Pipeline owned and operated by Calleguas Municipal Water sustained a break. The affected area is Hueneme Road, west of PCH to Rice Avenue, in an unincorporated area of Ventura County. Motorists are advised to avoid this section of Hueneme Road as it will remain closed through most of the first week of March.

"Calleguas has staff and contractors working around the clock to determine the nature of the pipeline break, make repairs, and reopen Hueneme Road," stated General Manager Anthony Goff. "We appreciate the cooperation of neighboring agencies and request that all vehicle traffic avoid the location of the break. We are committed to restoring access to Hueneme Road as quickly as possible."

The Regional Salinity Management Pipeline is designed to collect salty water generated by water treatment facilities and convey that brine for discharge to the ocean. The pipeline enables water agencies to develop local water supplies from existing, poor quality groundwater. Currently, the pipeline extends from an ocean outfall located in the City of Port Hueneme to a point north of the City of Camarillo in the Las Posas Valley.

Updates will be made available under the Calleguas MWD Facebook page: <u>www.facebook.com/CalleguasMWD</u>, Twitter feed: <u>www.twitter.com/CalleguasMWD</u>, by phone at 805-579-7185, and by email at: <u>info@calleguas.com</u>.

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