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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **LAKE NACIMIENTO SEWER INTERCEPTOR BREACH, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA—March 31, 2011 -**

The County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department reports that a breach of the wastewater collection system at Oak Shores, within Lake Nacimiento, has been identified and repaired. The breach occurred on a lateral cleanout line to the collection system and posed a very low risk of any discharges from the system to the Lake. The actual result of the breach was a significant inflow of lake water into the collection system and the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

As a health precaution, County Department of Public Health and the State Department of Health had issued orders on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, to avoid all domestic use of water that is derived directly from the lake when the breach was initially noted. Subsequent testing of water quality in the lake has shown normal background bacteria levels for this time of year and there does not appear to be any concern at this time.

Public Works Department expects to conclude the verifications on the system by Friday morning, April 1, 2011, for review by County Public Health Department and the ability to lift any water restriction by late Friday.

Until that time, the Health Offices order is still in effect; specifically avoid swimming and other water contact activities for the time being. Residents who get their drinking water from the lake (Nacimiento Water Company at Oak Shores, Lake Nacimiento Resort, and the North Shore Boat and Ski Club) may consult the water purveyors for current status of usage. Delivery through the Nacimiento Pipeline is also on hold until the order is rescinded.

Residents of Heritage Ranch are not affected by the current drinking water restriction order nor are users downstream of Nacimiento Dam.

Questions on this issue can be directed to the San Luis Obispo County Public Works Department at (805) 781-5252, or Dave Flynn, Deputy Director, at (805) 781-4463 or [dflynn@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:dflynn@co.slo.ca.us).

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