



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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MEDIA RELEASE

DATE: September 4, 2017

TO: LOCAL NEWS MEDIA

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Background: Pursuant to California Water Code Section 13271 the local health officer and the director of environmental health shall immediately notify the public of a discharge of a hazardous substance or sewage to the waters of the state if it is necessary to safeguard public health and safety.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following report was received from the following person or entity on the date set forth below:

REPORTING PERSON OR ENTITY NAME: San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department, Environmental Health Services

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1489, 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406

PHONE: (805) 781-5544 Regular Business Hours

SUBSTANCE OF REPORT:

- 1. At approximately 2 PM on September 4, 2017, approximately 3,000 gallons of sewage was released from a private sewer lateral pipeline located at 351 Lark Drive, Paso Robles. The sewage has released onto the street and entered a storm drain on Sherwood Road.**
- 2. The release is ongoing. (Update: the release ended on 9/4/17)**
- 3. The release was caused by a blockage of the private sewer lateral pipeline, according to City of Paso Robles Utilities Department Staff on scene.**
- 4. The property owner is responsible for the repair and cleanup but the City of Paso Robles Utilities Department is assisting to mitigate effects to Public Health by removing sewage from the public road and disinfecting the affected area at the time of this report.**

The Health Officer of San Luis Obispo County has made the following determinations:

- The reporting person or entity is considered to be reliable and the Health Officer has been unable to make an independent investigation.**
- The information from the City of Paso Robles, has been diligently reported. The Public Health Department advises the public to avoid contact with areas affected by a sewage releases until those areas have been cleaned and disinfected.**

Legality of Discharge:

- Illegal**
- Legal**
- No determination possible because: Regional Water Quality Control Board has the authority over this question.**

Likelihood that the discharge would be injurious to public health or safety:

- Likely:**
- Unlikely: Providing individuals have no direct contact with sewage.**
- No determination possible at this time because:**

Aaron LaBarre for Dr. Penny Borenstein,
COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

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