

**Monterey County Health Department  
Environmental Health Division Emergency  
Response Incident Report Proposition 65  
Notification**

**MCHD 23 066-  
CM024-00093**

Incident Date: 8/6/2023		Incident Time: 8:06pm	
Incident Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Material <input type="checkbox"/> Suspected Bioterrorist Threat <input type="checkbox"/> Clandestine Drug Lab	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sewage <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Time Notified: 9:09pm		Time Completed: 3:00am	
Location: 28061 Heron Ct (Carmel Valley Ranch)		City: Carmel Valley	
Hazardous Material: Sewage		Quantity: Approx. 600 gal	
Physical Properties: Liquid		Physical / Health Hazards: Biological	
Land Use: Residential	Direct/Constructed Connections Found:	Entered Storm Drain System/Receiving Waters: Yes	
Environment Affected: Carmel Valley River			Weather / Temperature: 60 F
Type of Container: Sewage Main			
First Responder / Agency on Scene: Monterey County Regional Fire Dept			
Incident Commander: Mark Miller		Agency / Telephone: (831) 917-3260	
Other Responding Personnel / Agencies / Telephone:			
California American Water James Bricker Wastewater Foreman 831-236-2635	( ) -	( ) -	

Source Investigation Conducted? Yes		Source Identified? Yes	
Responsible Party Information: <input type="checkbox"/> - Invoice	California American Water 511 Forest Lodge Road Suite 100, Pacific Grove, Ca 93950 E-Mail:		
Vehicle Information:	O.E.S. Control #: 23-5025	NRC #:	

<b>Other Notifications:</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> RWQCB	<input type="checkbox"/> Air District	<input type="checkbox"/> MRWPCA	<input type="checkbox"/> DFG	<input type="checkbox"/> NOAA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cal-EMA	<input type="checkbox"/> FED EPA	<input type="checkbox"/> DHS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Narrative:**

I received a call from Monterey County Regional Fire Department at approximately 9:09pm in regards to a sewage release that was currently occurring inside Carmel Valley Ranch. Mark Miller from the fire department informed me of an active sewage release and that sewage did make it into the stormwater system before they were able to sandbag the stormwater inlets. Per California American Water (Cal-Am) approximately 600 gallons of sewage had entered the stormwater system which leads to the Carmel Valley River. Mark Miller also informed me that Cal-OES had already been notified of the release.

I arrived on scene and met with James Bricker, Wastewater Foreman, with Cal-Am. I observed ponded sewage in the Heron Court roadway as well as sewage still flowing out of 3 manholes. Mr. Bricker informed me that a pumper truck from Green Line had been contacted and was on its way to pump out the ponded sewage. PSTS Inc had also been contacted to send out a vehicle to hydro-jet the clogged sewage main but informed Cal-Am they were unable to respond. Cal-Am then requested a hydro-jet vehicle from Green Line but they also were unable to complete the request. The pumper truck from Green Line arrived at approximately 11:00pm and vacuumed the ponding sewage as well as the sewage from the clogged sewage main. At approximately 2:00am the Green Line pumper truck had vacuumed its final load for the night. Cal-Am informed me that they would have two pumper trucks ready in the morning to keep up with the normal increase of wastewater coming from waking residents and that the trucks would continue to pump until a hydro-jet could be obtained to clear the line. I left the scene at approximately 2:10am.

The Monterey County Environmental Health Bureau will continue to follow up with Cal-Am until the sewage main is operational and cleanup is complete.

**Roger Beretti**-I received notification at 8:00 AM 8/7/23 to follow up. I arrived at about 9:30 AM. The impacted storm drain gates were blocked with sand bags. Effluent was retained on Heron Court. Greenline was vacuuming the effluent out of the street. Met with Mike Magretto with Cal Am at 10:00 AM. He reported that the blockage is cleared. Carmel Area Wastewater District hydrojet truck and a Greenline hydrojet truck both serviced the sewer lines from different points.

Effluent was no longer ponding on Heron Court after Greenline completed this round of vacuuming. Mike Magretto reported to me that Disaster Kleenup Services was enroute to clean and disinfect the Heron Court area. I advised that someone remain to direct people away from the affected area until Disaster Kleenup Services arrive.

An estimate by Cal Am of 600 gallons of effluent entered the storm drain system. The storm drain system release into the Carmel River. It is unknown how much, if any, effluent reached the river. The Environmental Health Bureau issued a press release advising bathers not to have river water contact for 72 hours after the release into the storm drain system. It was confirmed at 10:00 AM on August 7, 2023 that release into the storm drain system had ceased.

**Incident Status:**

Mitigated No Further Action  Health Department Follow-up Warranted

Referred to other Agency or Department for follow-up:

Contact information:

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Action taken:

Form Completed By:                     *Randy McMurray*                      
 Randy McMurray, R. E. H. S. IV

8/7/2023  
 Date

**FOR LOCAL AGENCY USE ONLY  
 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM A DESIGNATED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE AND  
 THAT I HAVE REPORTED THIS INFORMATION TO LOCAL OFFICIALS PURSUANT  
 TO SECTION 25180.7 OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE.**

DocuSigned by:  
                    *Ricardo Encarnacion*                      
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                    Ric Encarnacion, R. E. H. S., M. P. H.                      
 Acting Director of Environmental Health

8/7/2023 | 3:13 PM PDT  
 Date

**ACTIVITY LOG**

Date	Activity	Specialist	Start	Stop	Total
8/6/2023	Incident Response	Randy McMurray	9:00pm	3:00am	6 hrs
8/7/2023	Report Writing	Randy McMurray	10:30am	11:00am	.5 hrs
<b>**make your selection** - TOTAL:</b>					<b>6.5 hrs</b>

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