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Hueneme Road Reopened Following Completion of Pipeline Repairs

Hueneme Road, west of Pacific Coast Highway to Rice Avenue, reopened Sunday, March 8 in the evening following a 9-day long closure to repair a portion of the Regional Salinity Management Pipeline owned by Calleguas Municipal Water District.

The 19-mile Regional Salinity Management 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. The pipeline conveys salty water, or brine, generated from inland groundwater desalters out to the ocean. A portion of the 54-inch pipeline sustained a break on Saturday, February 29. A pipeline joint at the interface of two pipe sections was determined to be the point of failure.

“We greatly appreciated the patience of those impacted by the road closure,” stated General Manager Anthony Goff. “To reliably remove salts from the watershed and facilitate development of local water supplies, which is the function of this pipeline, is of critical importance. Our immediate next step will be to inspect remaining joints that are similar to this section of pipe and take remedial action, if necessary, in order to prevent another emergency repair.”

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Calleguas is one of twenty-six member agencies of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California providing water service to three quarters of Ventura County's population. Through 19 retail water agencies, Calleguas provides water to the cities of Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Moorpark, Camarillo, Oxnard, Port Hueneme and surrounding unincorporated areas including Oak Park, Santa Rosa Valley, Las Posas Valley, Somis, and Naval Base Ventura County.