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## **Alameda County Water District Water Main Repairs in Union City Nearing Completion**

**Fremont, Calif.** — Emergency repair crews for the Alameda County Water District made significant progress overnight on repairs to a major water main break in Union City. The break was a very serious one, with damage to a 14-inch-diameter pipe running beneath a busy thoroughfare.

ACWD crews moved quickly to mitigate the impact to customers in the area. Water was diverted via hoses to restore service to some customers, and at this time, very few customers are without water service.

Fixing the break was a complex process, with challenging soil conditions and other utility pipelines within the excavation. The pipe in question lies eight feet below the surface of Union City Blvd., and is very close to rail tracks operated by the Union Pacific Railroad. Crews had to be precise and deliberate in their excavation and repair work, which took time.

ACWD has worked closely with officials of Union City to minimize traffic disruptions in the area. The City of Union City will update its residents on traffic issues via Nixle, Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor, along with notifying the news media.

ACWD would like to thank the residents of Union City for their patience while we worked to make repairs. This is a high-traffic area and the lane closures were necessary for the safety of repair crews.

The cause of the break is not yet known. We are aware that a contractor for an electric/gas utility was excavating in a location near the break, and that is being considered as a possible cause. At this time, however, our focus is on completing repairs on the damaged pipe and working with Union City to safely restore traffic to the area.

Whenever a break occurs in a water line, it is possible some customers will see discoloration or sediment in their drinking water. ACWD is actively monitoring water quality, and at this time has found no reason for concern about water quality in its service area.

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Customers with questions about water service or quality can contact ACWD at (510) 668-6500. As new information becomes available, customers can visit [www.acwd.org](http://www.acwd.org) or follow ACWD's Facebook and Twitter feeds @AlamedaCountyWD.

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For over 100 years, the Alameda County Water District has supplied water to the residents and businesses of southern Alameda County. ACWD supplies drinking water to the more than 356,000 people living in the cities of Fremont, Newark and Union City. For more information, please visit [www.acwd.org](http://www.acwd.org).