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Alameda County Water District Water Completes Repair to Water Main in Union City

Fremont, Calif. — After around-the-clock efforts to repair a 14-inch diameter water main pipe in Union City, earlier this afternoon the Alameda County Water District completed the emergency fix.

With the repair complete, water service has been fully restored to the affected customers.

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 worked closely with officials of Union City and at this time Union City Boulevard is partially re-opened. 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 another utility was excavating in a location near the break, and that is being considered as a possible cause.

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.

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 or follow ACWD's Facebook and Twitter feeds @AlamedaCountyWD.

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