

Emergency Management Department

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**INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS IMPACTED BY
COLDWATER CANYON & HARTSOOK STREET WATER MAIN BREAKS
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INCIDENT SUMMARIES:

Coldwater Canyon Water Main Break:

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) reports substantial progress on the 62-inch City Trunkline which ruptured under Coldwater Canyon Avenue just south of Ventura Boulevard late Saturday night. Working overnight for the third day in a row, LADWP crews completed all repair work to the massive steel-riveted pipe early this morning. Pressure tests to check for ancillary leaks have confirmed the repaired line's integrity and water is currently being pushed through the pipe at increasing levels of pressure. Once full pressure has been reached, the main will be put back into full service, which is expected to happen today.

Water quality tests have confirmed the chlorination process for the line that began last night was successful and the LADWP's high water quality standards have been met. At no time during the incident were there any adverse impacts to water quality although some customers may have experienced mild turbidity.

No customers are currently without water service due to the trunkline rupture or any of the subsequent repairs.

After the line has been restored to service, crews will begin backfilling the street blowout with compacted sand and crushed rock. The backfill material will fill in spaces in the dry fill that is currently present, creating the ideal compaction necessary for street repairs to begin. The backfill process will require up to two days for placement and proper compaction and testing. Thereafter, when LADWP's portion of the fill work and stabilization is complete, the Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services will begin repaving work.

At this time, it is not possible to estimate when street repair work will be complete and Coldwater Canyon Avenue will be reopened. The media and public will be updated as work continues and a better estimate of completion is known.

About the Emergency Management Department (EMD)

The Emergency Management Department was established by ordinance in 2000 by the City Council and Mayor. EMD is dedicated to leading the City in comprehensive emergency management including: planning, mitigation, preparation, response to and recovery from natural, manmade and accidental incidents of high consequence.

Coldwater Canyon Avenue Traffic Detour Information For Tuesday, September 8:

All area commuters should avoid using Coldwater Canyon Avenue, between Mulholland Dr. and Ventura Blvd. due to Coldwater Canyon road closure between Halkirk Street and Ventura Blvd in both directions. Coldwater Canyon is also closed Southbound direction between Moorpark St. and Ventura Blvd. Northbound lanes on Coldwater Canyon between Moorpark St. and Ventura Blvd remain open for residents and businesses only.

Detour signs are posted prominently and traffic officers will be posted at the following intersections on Tuesday from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM:

- Moorpark Street and Coldwater Canyon Avenue
- Ventura Boulevard and Coldwater Canyon Avenue
- Ventura Boulevard and Alcove Avenue
- Halkirk Street and Coldwater Canyon Avenue

For local traffic conditions residents and commuters can check real-time traffic information at <http://trafficinfo.lacity.org/>

<<https://webmail.ladwp.com/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://trafficinfo.lacity.org/>> . Media can call the LADOT 24-hour Communications Center at 213 485-4184 and speak with an operator.

Up-to-date news and information can be found online at www.ladwpnews.com and at www.ladwpneighborhoodnews.com.

Hartsook Street Water Main Break:

A 6-inch water main break occurred this morning on Hartsook Street in the San Fernando Valley, which created a large sinkhole. The break was reported at approximately 5:20 AM. A Los Angeles City fire engine fell into the hole and has been recovered. Hartsook Street is closed. The main break is located near the intersection of Hartsook Street and Bellingham Avenue, east of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and south of Magnolia Boulevard. LADWP crews have responded and are in the process of shutting off the main.

SCHOOL ACCESS INFORMATION:

Schools near Coldwater Canyon Water Main Break:

Schools potentially affected: Dixie Canyon Elementary School, Riverside Elementary School & Harvard-Westlake School

- Street Closures:
 - Coldwater Canyon Avenue between Moorpark Street and Ventura Boulevard is closed to through traffic – local traffic only
 - Coldwater Canyon Avenue between Ventura Boulevard and Halkirk Street is closed to through traffic – local traffic only
- Alternate routes:
 - Dixie Canyon Elementary School - use Moorpark Street, Ventura Boulevard and Fulton Avenue for access
 - Riverside Elementary School - use Coldwater Canyon Avenue north of Moorpark Street, Moorpark Street, Ventura Boulevard, Fulton Avenue and Riverside Drive for access
 - Harvard-Westlake School – local access is available from Mulholland Drive on the south and from the north via Alcove Avenue and Halkirk Street

Schools near Bellingham Avenue & Hartsook Street Sinkhole:

Schools potentially affected: Burbank Elementary School, Colfax Elementary School & North Hollywood High School

- Local street closures on Bellingham Avenue and Hartsook Street - no significant disruptions to school access

INFORMATION SOURCES:

- Real-Time Traffic Information: <http://trafficinfo.lacity.org/>
- Incident Updates: www.ladwpnews.com and at www.ladwpneighborhoodnews.com .