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NEWPORT DUNES CLOSURE CAUSED BY SEWER OVERFLOW

(Costa Mesa, CA) – At approximately 9:00 am on August 31, 2013, Costa Mesa Sanitary District was notified of a sewer pump station failure at Irvine Boulevard and Mesa Drive, which resulted in 77,000 gallons of raw sewage entering the Back Bay. The pump station failure was caused by a spike in the power lines supplying power to the pump station. Costa Mesa Sanitary District has been working with the Orange County Health Department, Orange County Public Works, City of Newport Beach, and Orange County Sanitation District to contain the overflow and recover from the incident.

No homes were affected by the overflow, however, to protect the health and safety of visitors and the community, Orange County Health Department has issued a closure for Newport Dunes. According to the Orange County Health Department, Newport Dunes has been closed as of August 31, 2013 at 3:40pm and the earliest it could possibly be opened back up is Tuesday afternoon, September 3, 2013.

Additionally, the District has retained the services of Ocean Blue Environmental Services to assist with cleanup efforts in the Back Bay.

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