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CALTRANS AGREES TO SETTLE WITH SANITARY DISTRICT

(Costa Mesa, CA) – Yesterday, officials from the Costa Mesa Sanitary District (CMSD) learned that Caltrans accepted CMSD's settlement demand of \$41,293.50 for damaging a sewer pipe at 2285 Newport Boulevard. The pipe was damaged in 1992 when Caltrans was installing a street light as part of a street widening project. CMSD officials believe a Caltrans contractor drilled through the eight inch pipe while installing the street light concrete base. The contractor failed to notify CMSD of the sewer pipe break and performed substandard repair by using a 6" pipe. CMSD learned about the substandard repair after its cleaning crew was experiencing difficulties cleaning the pipeline. CMSD excavated the pipeline to learn why the cleaning crew was experiencing difficulties and that was when they saw the 6" pipe. The settlement will pay for removing the street light and concrete base, repairing the sewer pipe, restoring the improvements and reimbursing CMSD for attorney fees. A check from the State of California will arrive within four to six weeks and then CMSD can begin repairing the sewer pipe.

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