



## Press Release

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### **Grease Clogs Sewer Line, Causes Overflow in Occidental**

#### *Agency posts public warning signs near Dutch Bill Creek*

Santa Rosa, CA– Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) officials on Thursday, July 19 responded to a report of wastewater flowing out of a manhole in front of the Post Office at 3821 Bohemian Highway in Occidental, CA. Approximately 315 gallons of wastewater overflowed from the manhole. Work crews were able to recover approximately 100 gallons of wastewater and soaked up the remaining wastewater that entered Dutch Bill Creek. The wastewater did not enter the Russian River. The Agency posted signs about the overflow in the surrounding area. The cause of the overflow was due to a sewer line clogged by grease.

#### **Below is a summary of the overflow:**

- Approximately 315 gallons of wastewater overflowed from a manhole near the Post Office in Occidental, CA.
- Agency posted signs warning the public of the overflow.
- Agency biologists surveyed the area and found no immediate environmental impacts to nearby Dutch Bill Creek.
- The cause of the overflow was due to a sewer line clogged by grease.

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Office of Emergency Services, the Sonoma County Environmental Health Department and the California Department of Fish and Game were notified of the overflow. The Occidental County Sanitation District sewer collection system is operated by the Agency.

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