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## Statement Regarding Construction Incident at Las Virgenes Reservoir

October 2, 2014

At approximately 11 a.m. on Wednesday October 1st, a contractor was unloading 40-foot long sections of pipe to be installed at the 5-million gallon tank project site at Las Virgenes Reservoir in Westlake Village. A trailer holding four pipe sections was parked on the dam, north of the new berm surrounding a portion of the tank. As a section of pipe was being lifted, an adjacent pipe was jarred and rolled off the trailer onto the nearby access road where it stopped, resting against the roadway curb and an adjacent tree on District property. Fortunately, no one was injured, and damage was limited to the pipe and a section of chain link fence.

Nevertheless, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District takes safety matters very seriously. The District has responded to the incident in the following ways:

- The contractor was instructed to re-secure the remaining pipe sections and move the truck to a different location.
- The two remaining sections were safely off-loaded and the damaged section of pipe reloaded onto the trailer.
- The contractor was then instructed to terminate all pipe deliveries at the reservoir site until it provides the District with an incident report and a plan to prevent any future occurrences.
- Until an acceptable plan is submitted, pipe deliveries are halted. Other work will continue at the site, including the installation of pipe already at the project location.
- Pipe will no longer be unloaded from trailers at the location where the incident occurred.

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District remains committed to the safe completion of the project using every appropriate method to assure that outcome.

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