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Water Service Restored to City of San Diego Customers Following Main Break in Downtown

BOIL WATER NOTICE ISSUED TO NINE ADDRESSES AS WORK CONTINUES ON REPAIRS FOR SECOND WATER MAIN BREAK

SAN DIEGO – Water service has been restored to many Downtown customers following work by the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department to repair a broken water main near 11th Avenue and A Street. The break on the 76-year-old, 16-inch diameter cast iron pipeline occurred yesterday afternoon and has been repaired.

Additionally, a second water main break occurred yesterday near Balboa Park off state Route 163. Once stability of the slope has been confirmed, crews can complete repairs on the 62-year-old, 24-inch diameter, reinforced concrete steel cylinder pipe. No customers are without water due to this main break, although customers in the surrounding area may be experiencing lower water pressure than normal. There is currently no time estimate for completion of repairs on this second break.

Nine water service connections had water pressure that dropped below five pounds per square inch(psi) following the main breaks, therefore necessitating the issuance of boil water notices City staff has distributed boil water notices to those nine addresses and is working directly with the customers to ensure they know how to make their water safe to drink. State regulators will determine how long the boil water notice will be in effect based on daily testing. The specific addresses affected include:

- 545 Laurel St.
- 2302, 2350, 2395 and 2402 Sixth Ave.
- 1210 11th Ave.
- 1280 12th Ave.
- 1011 and 1110 A St.

The causes of both breaks are under investigation. <u>Caltrans</u> will determine when freeway lanes impacted by the water main breaks are reopened, but drivers are encouraged to plan for alternative routes during the morning commute.