



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## Water Department

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### *San Vicente Reservoir Temporarily Closed to Public Recreation*

SAN DIEGO – Due to a recent sewage spill upstream near Ramona, the Water Department is temporarily closing San Vicente Reservoir to public recreation on Thursday, March 30, 2006 until further notice.

San Vicente Reservoir will be temporarily closed to all water-based recreation, such as water skiing, wakeboarding, and fishing. San Vicente Reservoir is not presently being used as a source of supply to the City's drinking water distribution system. Samples collected Monday and Tuesday were within acceptable limits for water quality. Samples collected Wednesday -- following Tuesday night's rainfall -- are being analyzed and results will be available Thursday. Reopening of the reservoir will depend on these results.

The sewage spill, estimated at 82,500-gallons, occurred Monday morning, March 27, near the 24000 block of San Vicente Road in Ramona. The spill, which was caused by vandalism of a sewer main, was remedied by crews from the Ramona Municipal Water District who removed the debris that was obstructing the sewer line. The spill flowed into San Vicente Creek, which ultimately flows into San Vicente Reservoir. The California Department of Health Services and the County Department of Environmental Health have been notified of the spill and are being kept apprised of water quality test results.

*For more information on San Vicente Reservoir, please call the City of San Diego at (619) 527-3121. For more information on the sewage spill, please call the Ramona Municipal Water District at (760) 788-2211.*

*The Water Department maintains the water system that serves San Diego, and provides treated water service to the City of Del Mar, and wholesale water service to the California-American Water Company delivering water to Coronado, Imperial Beach, and portions of southern San Diego. This includes the treatment and delivery of more than 200 million gallons of water that is transported daily through more than 3,000 miles of pipelines. For more information about the Water Department's programs and services, please visit [www.sandiego.gov/water](http://www.sandiego.gov/water) or call (619) 515-3500 for general information.*

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