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REPAIR WORK UNDERWAY ON AQUEDUCT LEAK

BYRON---State engineers and crews have controlled a leak at Mile 4.3 of the California Aqueduct of the State Water Project (SWP) north of Bethany Reservoir. The leak, located approximately 29 feet under water, was releasing an estimated 2 cubic feet per second. Approximately 55 cubic yards of concrete were pumped through the lining of the aqueduct to control the outflow. State engineers are on site monitoring this temporary repair.

Around-the-clock permanent repairs have begun. These will consist of constructing two 30-foot high cofferdams on either side of the leak, de-watering approximately 1200 feet of aqueduct, and repair of the damaged concrete lining. Repairs are anticipated to be completed by July 15, 2001.

During the repairs, the SWP will be able to meet South Bay Aqueduct customers water deliveries with modified operations on the system. These modified operations will include releasing water from Del Valle Reservoir, located several miles south of the City of Livermore. It is anticipated that only the swimming beaches at Del Valle Reservoir Recreation Area will be affected. Boat ramps and picnic areas will remain operable.

No other SWP deliveries are expected to be affected by this repair project. Such repairs are paid for by the water agencies who possess longterm contracts to buy SWP water, not the taxpayers

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