



## **News for Immediate Release**

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### **DWR Statement on Water Release from State Water Project Pipeline in Fremont**

**SACRAMENTO** -- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) today is assisting residents on Wabana Street in Fremont impacted by water unintentionally released from a pipeline last night. The pipeline is part of the State Water Project aqueduct system.

The release was stopped after two hours. There were no injuries and any residents temporarily displaced have returned to their homes. The cause of the release is under investigation.

The result of the release caused some flooding of backyards and several garages. At this time it does not appear that the inside of any homes have been damaged.

DWR is on-site working to assess the extent of any damage and to provide cleanup and any assistance residents may need.

**Background:**

At approximately 11 p.m. last night, (Feb. 3, 2012), it was discovered that water had been unintentionally released from the pipeline at mile 33.8 in Fremont, west of I-680.

The release flooded approximately 15 backyards and four garages along Wabana Street.

DWR responded to the scene shortly after midnight this morning, secured the area with assistance of the local fire department and will be on-site today assessing the impact.

Clean-up crews will be working on-site and DWR staff will be available to provide assistance to residents.

There are no water delivery interruptions from the leak in the pipeline which delivers water to the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

For more information call or see Elizabeth Scott on-site, call Ted Thomas or <http://www.water.ca.gov/>

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