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Tests show sewage spill had no adverse effects on Cameron Park Lake

Placerville, CA... El Dorado Irrigation District (district) today received final laboratory test results from water sampling following a sewage spill in Cameron Park, a community located in western El Dorado County. The test results show that the spill had no adverse impacts on Cameron Park Lake in the center of a recreation area in the community.

County environmental health officials reviewed the results and concurred with the district's conclusions. Normal activities can resume at the lake. As time and staff resources allow, the county will remove the restrictions that were posted at the lake.

The incident was initially reported at approximately 9:00 am on Saturday, May 23 during the Memorial Day weekend. District crews were immediately dispatched to the site where the spill emanated from a manhole located at the intersection of Winterhaven and Chesapeake Bay roads in the Winterhaven subdivision of Cameron Park. The location of the spill was about a mile from Cameron Park Lake and separated from the lake by dense vegetation and homes.

District protocols require notification of local and state environmental and health agencies when sewage spills occur. After being notified, the county asked the district to take water samples to determine if the sewer water had reached the lake. In the meantime, the county posted signs restricting fishing and boating at the lake.

The Cameron Park Community Services District, the operator of the recreation area, had closed the swimming lagoon—which is not connected to the lake—on Friday before the spill occurred. The closure was necessary because of maintenance work on the lagoon's drain and was not related to the spill.

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