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Repair of Diamond Springs Main Scheduled for November 18 **Customers Asked to Conserve Water while the Repair Is Underway**

Placerville, CA . . . El Dorado Irrigation District (district) will be repairing a leak in the Diamond Springs water main beginning at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, November 18. The district is asking customers in the Diamond Springs area to reduce their water use Wednesday evening and into the early morning hours of Thursday, November 19.

“The less use there is during the repair, the less chance there is of creating an outage,” said Tom McKinney, EID’s director of operations. “We’re hoping that the work will take only a few hours, but there’s a possibility that repairs could be more extensive.”

McKinney added that the district “definitely wants to get the work completed well before the Thanksgiving holiday. As long as the weather cooperates, we intend to make the repairs next Wednesday. And we scheduled the work at night so customers are inconvenienced as little as possible. We appreciate their understanding and patience.”

The district will activate its customer notification call-out system Monday morning to alert up to 3,000 customers and remind them to use their water sparingly on Wednesday evening. A map of the potentially affected area will be posted on the district’s website at www.eid.org.

If a boil water advisory becomes necessary after the work begins, additional calls will be made Wednesday evening to those customers who would be affected. Boil water advisories are required by the state when outages or greatly reduced pressure occurs because of planned maintenance, like this project, or unexpected incidents such as sudden line breaks. During a boil water advisory, the district must take water samples and wait for results before calling customers to let them know the advisory has been lifted.

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