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Subject: Notice of Sanitary Sewer Spill – 1700 Block of River St upstream of San MH W0542

Ms. Basilio,

On Thursday late afternoon, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, city staff observed a wastewater overflow near the 1800 block of East Park Avenue at the site of a previous sewer spill occurring on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> after notification from the utility contractor working on emergency repairs of the sewer trunk line. Initially on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup>, the spill was an overflow contained near the spill MH M0222. Upon further investigation Friday July 7, it was determined that the contractor's bypass pumping operation installations were now non-operational and in conjunction with possible sediment blockages, began causing a spill. City staff and the local utility contractor continue to work around the clock to adjust and remove blockages to stop and prevent the spilling and make repairs to the collapsed sewer main. July 9<sup>th</sup> (midnight) when the release of sewage ceased, an estimated 194,251 gallons of wastewater was released into the wetland watershed area of Knights Creek. City staff immediately began cleanup and disinfecting at the overflow location. All appropriate regulatory and public health agencies have been notified, and warning signs have been posted.

Water quality sampling will be conducted above and below the spill location as required, signs posted and a press release issued immediately.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at at 229-259-3592 or [beryre@valdostacity.com](mailto:beryre@valdostacity.com)

Thank you,

Bradley Eyre,  
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