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**Alex Ruiz - Fwd: 16" Main Shutdown Soledad Mt. Rd. -**

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**From:** David Jarrell  
**To:** Jamie Fox Rice; Steve McNally  
**Date:** 6/18/2007 3:32 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: 16" Main Shutdown Soledad Mt. Rd. -  
**CC:** Alex Ruiz; Bill Harris; Jeff Gattas; Richard Haas

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Water service was restored at approximately 2:00 p.m.

>>> David Jarrell 6/18/2007 12:19:02 PM >>>  
 Steve and Jamie,

Below is notification of a 16" main shutdown affecting 46 services in La Jolla. We will provide an update, including the estimated time of service restoration, as soon as it is available.

Regards,  
 Dave

>>> Johnny Mitchell 6/18/2007 11:35 AM >>>

**We are reporting the following water main emergency shutdown:**

<b>Event/Facility:</b>	16" AC Water Main Shutdown
<b>Location:</b>	6062 Soledad Mt. Rd.
<b>Thom Bros /Council:</b>	1247 J-2 / Council District 2 (La Jolla)
<b>Reported Date/Time:</b>	6/18/07 11:08 AM
<b>Shutdown Date/Time:</b>	6/18/07 Crew has requested regulator crews for assistance with shutdown
<b>Impact:</b>	46 Services 5900-6200 Soledad Mt. Rd.
<b>Significant Elements:</b>	Water Ops. crews pulled existing water service from the main. Minor street damage, no media, no environmental issues
<b>Temp Water Source:</b>	N/A
<b>Status:</b>	Crew on site making repairs
<b>Est Service Restoration:</b>	Unknown at this time. Updates will be provided.
<b>Service Request #:</b>	2994556

**From:** Jim Fisher<JFisher@sandiego.gov>  
**To:** RuizA@sandiego.gov  
**Date:** Fri, Jul 20, 2007 7:06 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Fwd: Re: Soledad Mtn Road

Alex, That is the location of the break last night. Lets talk on Monday to determine how we want to look further into this. Jim

-----Original Message-----

From: "Alex Ruiz" RuizA@sandiego.gov  
To: JFisher@sandiego.gov  
Sent: 7/20/07 5:10 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Re: Soledad Mtn Road

Jim (F):

This is a ways south from our Caminito Avola location... Did we have a main break at Mr. Crab's location....??

Alex

(619) 533-6692  
Assistant Director  
Water Department

>>> Richard Haas 7/19/2007 11:26 AM >>>

Hi Thyme,

Jim Barrett, the Director of the Water Department, is researching this problem and is planning to call Mr. Crab back.

Jim or Alex Ruiz (Assistant Director) will send you an e-mail and let you know the summary of their discussions.

Rich

>>> Thyme Curtis 7/19/2007 10:34 AM >>>

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Thanks,

Thyme

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**Jim Barrett - Re: Fwd: 5700 Block of Soledad Mt. Road - Concerns of Citizens**

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**From:** Janet Bruce  
**To:** Barrett, Jim; Ruiz, Alex  
**Date:** 7/24/2007 8:32 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: 5700 Block of Soledad Mt. Road - Concerns of Citizens  
**CC:** Boekamp, Patti; Hawk, Rob; Qsar, George; Ruhi, Hossein

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Jim/Alex - The customer had not given an address when I initially spoke to him. I called Customer Service and there is an account with that last name at 5703 Soledad Mountain Road. I called Rob Hawk and provided this information to him.  
Janet

>>> Rob Hawk 7/24/2007 7:52 AM >>>

I'll go by this morning on my way back from Alta La Jolla, about 10AM. Do we have a specific address? Or some photos?

Rob

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>>> George Qsar 7/24/07 6:37 AM >>>

No, I'm not aware of this. George

>>> Hossein Ruhi 07/24/2007 6:07 AM >>>

Are aware of this situation ? lets talk . we should visit the site

>>> Patti Boekamp 07/23/2007 3:59 PM >>>

We have Rob Hawk, a Senior Geologist - he may have even been here when Desert View had to be pinned back to the hillside....I was out late last week, so perhaps you already got someone to have Rob go take a look.

Patti

>>> Jim Barrett 7/19/2007 10:27 AM >>>

Alex - we need to chat about this before I call Mr. Crabbe back... I believe that this is about to become another Caminito Avola and the proximity to Desert View only exacerbates the concern. A three inch drop in four months is not normal... even for trench subsidence. jim

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>>> Janet Bruce 7/19/2007 10:23 AM >>>

Jim, Mr. Tom Crabbe (619) 997-4359 called asking to speak to you regarding concerns that he and his neighbors have.

Emergency work was done last night by the Water Department. The crew did a great job. **However, he and his neighbors are very concerned because something is going on in the area.** The street that was patched last March has separated and the street appears to have dropped 3 inches. He believes the City just plans to repatch the street. They feel the ground may be shifting which may have caused the break last night. There was major damage in the past on Desert View Drive (to 4 homes) which is below their street. They feel that the City should send out a geologist to see if something is happenings in the area, before any major damage occurs.

He would like someone to call him back regarding their concerns.

Janet

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**From:** Alex Ruiz  
**To:** Jim Barrett; Jim Fisher  
**Date:** 7/24/2007 3:39 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Fwd: 5700 Block of Soledad Mt. Road - Concerns of Citizens  
**CC:** David Jarrell; Richard Haas; Stan Medina

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Jim F:

Ok.. Would you contact the appropriate staff in MWWD to see if they can televise? But unless it turns up a sewer issue, i think we are going to end up assuming street repair costs. Just seems too close and too coincidental to our blown service. In addition, one could argue that while the tear may have been pre-existing, the blown service likely exacerbated the problem, especially if potholing ends up showing a void.....

but I am still open

Alex

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>>> Jim Fisher 7/24/2007 3:05:21 PM >>>

Jim/Alex,

Stan Medina and I visited the site yesterday. In addition, we reviewed our records since January 2004 to determine the history in the area from a water perspective.

A review of the records, shows that the blown service (initially reported as a main break) on July 18th is the only water related activity in the immediate area (+/- 1/4 mile) since January 2004. The blown service was approximately 50 feet away from the tear in the street. In addition, Mr. Crab reported that the tear appeared in March 2007. Based on this, our blown service could not have caused the tear in the street.

The tear in the street is located above the sewer main (see attachment). I would recommend requesting MWWD to televise their sewer main to see if they have a problem with it. If they do, they should proceed to repair the street. If not, then the street repair should go to Streets. Jim

>>> Alex Ruiz 7/24/2007 1:19:17 PM >>>

Jim F:

Based upon Rob's conclusions, I would recommend we go ahead and make the indicate repairs to the street. This situation sounds very similar to Marlborough Drive,

where our main break discharge traveled along the sewer trenchline causing the failure of the sewer trench. As I recall, we finally made the street repairs in that situation too....

Alex

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>>> Jim Barrett 7/24/2007 1:10:01 PM >>>

Alex/Jim - doesn't look like Rob sees a significant problem but is recommending some rework of previous repairs... not sure whether the tear is ours so we may need to coordinate with E&CP... or just go ahead and fix it while we're in the area (as Rob seems to think the tear is indirectly ours). Please let me know your thoughts so I can close with CD1. Thanks, jim

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**From:** Alex Ruiz  
**To:** Jim Barrett; Jim Fisher; Thyme Curtis  
**Date:** Mon, Aug 6, 2007 2:18 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Soledad Mtn Road

All:

The following is a summary of today's observations from Jim Fisher, Water Ops Division Deputy Director, who personally visited the Soledad Mt Rd site this morning:

- A water leak reported on Friday was the result of a defective repair saddle. It appears that the adhesive used to attached the gasket to the stainless steel saddle failed and allowed water to leak out. - The actual amount of water coming from the previous repair/patch was minimal, so the leak was held until today for repairs.
- The cracks in the street do not appear to have changed since Operations Division managers visited the site a couple weeks ago.
- The report of "a lot of water" was the result of the main draining activity associate with the leak repairs and the excavated hole being pumped out. As mentioned before there was minimal leakage coming from the failed saddle itself.
- Our understanding was that SDG&E was on site to shutdown a gas service to a single residence who had a leak and that it was in no way related to the leaking water service.
- Johnny Mitchell, Acting Construction Manager spoke to Mr. Crab, who showed Johnny what he thought was additional ground subsidence and a crack on the house at this address (see attached pictures). Neither the subsidence or crack appear to be related to the blown service in mid July, nor the leak on Friday.

In conclusion, it does not appear that anything has changed in the area since the last time we were out there in mid July.

Staff will follow-up on the on-going analysis of the area in an effort to eliminate potential causes of street cracking. Staff will follow-up with MWWD to see what they have found in the televising of the sewer main, then with Field Engineering on boring the street to see if there is any undermining occurring.

If you have any questions, please let me or Jim Fisher know.

Alex

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>>> Thyme Curtis 8/6/2007 9:58 AM >>>

Hello,

Tom Crab just called and said there are new cracks in Soledad Mtn Road, as of today, that seems to indicate a much larger problem and is worried that a major problem needs to be averted.

There are new cracks at 5725 Soledad Mtn. Road, and the ground is sinking. Mr. Crab said that there is a lot of water from the leak, and that crews are working on the leak right now, though the street is cracking very badly "as we speak" and SDG&E has vented the street to prevent an explosion, as there is a gas leak. He was very concerned, I told him I would immediately email his concerns to the proper people.

Thank you,

**From:** <yluza@aol.com>  
**To:** <rhawk@sandiego.gov>  
**Date:** Wed, Aug 15, 2007 10:38 PM  
**Subject:** 5735 Soledad Mtn. Rd. concerns

Dear Mr. Hawk,

I know that you have been concerned about what is happening on our street (Soledad Mountain Rd. in La Jolla). We are very concerned as well, because we are next door to the garage that appears to have serious structural damage. We have noticed some very recent changes and problems which I will list. I will also attach pictures to illustrate our concerns.

Cracks on our outside stucco wall on the same side as the neighbor's damaged garage.

Cracks in the cement pathway next to that wall.

A cracked planter on that same side.

Movement of bricks on a brick pathway on that same side as well as in front of our house.

Separation of the front sidewalk from our tiled entry and separation of the sidewalk from our driveway.

Separation of our garage wall from the driveway.

Separation of a tiled walkway from the front wall of the house.

There are other cracks and such, and all this has been recent. If you visit our property, you will see that we maintain our house and improve it regularly, which has made us and our regular handyman very aware of these new developments. On August 3, before going out of town, I called in to let the city know that there was a problem with water coming up and puddling on our street. Next day I called again to ask why no one had come because the water was oozing out again and causing another puddle.

We know SDG&E has been working on gas leaks, and we have had a dreadful off-and-on sewer smell for a while. We fear all the water that has been forcing its way up from underground might be destabilizing the ground.

We thank you in advance for your attention to this serious matter.

Yolanda and Don Braunagel

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**From:** <yluza@aol.com>  
**To:** <rhawk@sandiego.gov>  
**Date:** 9/9/2007 1:57:13 AM  
**Subject:** Soledad Mountain Rd. La Jolla

September 9, 2007

Mr. Hawk,

My husband and I spoke to you briefly when you were here a few days ago. You said we could keep you informed on how our street is doing. We, and many of our neighbors, continue to be very concerned because the "patch" in the road appears to be sinking in. And also because at the time of the sewer rupture we had a terrible sewage smell in our bathroom. We had a couple of plumbers check it out but they found nothing wrong with the installation. As soon as the sewer was repaired the smell disappeared but now it is here again and we fear it may another sewer break.

Thank you for your concern.

Yolanda Braunagel

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Email and AIM finally together. You've gotta check out free AOL Mail - <http://mail.aol.com>

**From:** "Jim Fisher" <JFisher@sandiego.gov>  
**To:** <Hruhi@sandiego.gov>, <RHawk@sandiego.gov>, <JBarrett@sandiego.gov>, <JFisher@sandiego.gov>, <RuizA@sandiego.gov>, <RPalmucci@sandiego.gov>, <SMedina@sandiego.gov>, <JMeda@sandiego.gov>  
**Date:** 9/14/2007 3:11:15 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Soledad Mtn Road

Hossien, I have spoken to Stan Medina and he will make sure it is fixed today. Jim

-----Original Message-----

**From:** "Hossein Ruhi" Hruhi@sandiego.gov  
**To:** RHawk@sandiego.gov; JBarrett@sandiego.gov; JFisher@sandiego.gov; RuizA@sandiego.gov; RPalmucci@sandiego.gov  
**Cc:** AOskoui@sandiego.gov; RHaas@sandiego.gov  
**Sent:** 9/14/07 2:58 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Soledad Mtn Road

I have left a phone message for John Mitchell that it is urgent to fix this water leak as soon as possible it can not wait until tomorrow as Rob informed me that the crack on the street is growing wider . Jim Fisher is out of the office , any body from water dept. receiving this e-mail PLS help and get a crew there to fix the leak . I have asked Rob to keep an eye on the situation over the weekend . thanks

lh>>> Rob Hawk 09/14/2007 1:32 PM >>>

We have a new leak on the 5700 block according to Mr. Crabbe (5703). I spoke with Johnny Mitchell and he said he would attend to it. I'm headed up there now to see if anything new is going on.  
Rob Hawk

>>> Alex Ruiz 8/6/07 10:35 AM >>>

We have crews on site and will provide an update as soon as they can investigate the additional cracking... Our Construction Manager (Johnny Mitchell) is also responding to the scene...

Rob: Can you provide additional inspection of the "new cracks"?

Alex

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CC: <AOskoui@sandiego.gov>, <RHaas@sandiego.gov>

**From:** James Nagelvoort  
**To:** Carol Drummond  
**Date:** Tue, Sep 18, 2007 4:55 PM  
**Subject:** Dessert View Issue

Carol,

FYI, I received a phone call from a resident that lives in the area that was very concerned. She was complaining about broken water services, earth movement, and cracking in the road. She did not leave a name but her number is (858) 454-8945. I was going to call her back but thought the better of it. Can you please call her as soon as you get the "message" down as to what we are going to say to the public.

Thanks, James

**CC:** Dave Zoumaras; Jamal Batta

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Jamal

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From: "Rob Hawk" <rhawk@sandiego.gov>  
Sent: Thu, September 20, 2007 8:38 PM  
To: "Jamal Batta" <JBatta@sandiego.gov>, "Michael Handal" <MHandal@sandiego.gov>  
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Subject: Re: Soledad Mountain Road - Status Update

7. Met with SDG&E staff on-site this afternoon. They are adding valves to their main to be able to isolate the area of movement, and are adding flexible/stretchable sections to their service lines to allow for extension. In addition, each service is being equipped with an automatic shut-off valve activated by a large surge such as a break.

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>>> Jamal Batta 09/20/07 6:16 PM >>>

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Jamal

## Bill Harris - Re: FW: Soledad Mountain Road - Status Update

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**From:** Richard Haas  
**To:** Keely Sweeney  
**Date:** 9/21/2007 10:29 AM  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Soledad Mountain Road - Status Update  
**CC:** Afshin Oskoui; Bill Harris; David Jarrell; Greg Bych; Jaymie Bradford

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fyi. Rich

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**From:** Jamal Batta  
**To:** Duncan Hughes; Julio Fuentes  
**Date:** Thu, Sep 20, 2007 6:00 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Soledad Mountain Road

Duncan:

I went to the site today and the current speed is 35 mph. Therefore, we would like it to be reduced to 25 mph. I've seen a school on one of the side streets also. Our issues are on the 5700 block of the road.

Thanks, jamal  
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I'll say around 30 mph  
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>>> Duncan Hughes 9/19/2007 1:40 PM >>>  
Same question: What is a safe speed?

Thanks,

Duncan

>>> Jamal Batta 09/19/07 1:29 PM >>>  
Duncan:

Closing the road is not an option at this time. We need traffic to move slower near the 5700 block of Soledad Mountain Road. This is the most critical area on the road.

Thanks, jamal  
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>>> Duncan Hughes 9/19/2007 1:23 PM >>>  
So, in your engineering judgement, based on the dangerous condition, what would be a safe speed? And, would closing the road not be safer?

>>> Jamal Batta 09/19/07 11:19 AM >>>  
Yes.  
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>>> Duncan Hughes 9/19/2007 9:17:17 AM >>>  
Hi Jamal

Is this considered an immediately dangerous condition?

Duncan

>>> Julio Fuentes 09/19/07 9:08 AM >>>  
ok, Duncan will follow up, Julio

Julio Fuentes, Senior Traffic Engineer  
City of San Diego

>>> Jamal Batta 9/18/2007 6:07 PM >>>