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**Union Sanitary District Repairs to Damaged Sewer Line Complete,
Restoration of Alvarado Boulevard Underway**

Repairs to a damaged sewer line caused by an October 2015 sinkhole in Union City have been completed by Union Sanitary District, and restoration of the sinkhole area on Alvarado Boulevard is in progress.

The sinkhole caused extensive damage to a 33-inch diameter sewer pipe that runs 20 feet below Alvarado Boulevard in Union City. A manhole in the area also was damaged when the sinkhole occurred. The sewer line has been repaired and a new manhole installed, with flows returning to normal in mid-March. Repairs to several other utilities in the vicinity of the sinkhole have been completed and will be put in service within the next week.

The repair project required closing westbound traffic lanes on Alvarado Boulevard between Fair Ranch Road and Fredi Street. USD's contractor excavated the damaged pavement area and removed the asphalt and soils disturbed by the sinkhole. Crews are now backfilling and compacting the area, with paving expected to be completed and the road opened to traffic in mid-April, weather permitting. Crews will return to complete final lane and crosswalk striping approximately one week later.

The cause of the sinkhole is still unknown at this time. Determining an exact cause may be difficult, as multiple factors could have contributed to the sinkhole. The affected area includes infrastructure for several utilities, as well as extensive groundwater and sandy soils.

“We appreciate the public’s patience during this work to complete a permanent, effective repair as quickly and safely as possible,” said USD General Manager Paul Eldredge. “The District also recognizes the City of Union City, New Haven Unified School District and the Alameda County fire department for their support of our efforts to minimize inconvenience to the public and ensure appropriate access is maintained at all times for emergency services.”

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Union Sanitary District operates a 33 million gallon per day wastewater treatment facility in Union City and provides collection, treatment and disposal services to a total population of over 344,000 in Fremont, Newark and Union City, CA. The District maintains over 800 miles of underground pipeline in its service area. For more information about Union Sanitary District, please visit www.unionsanitary.ca.gov.