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August 13, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

On Tuesday August 10, 2020 we experienced a major mechanical breakdown on 21st Street Avenue at approximately 1600. We expressed ordered pump parts to be delivered on August 11th that were received same day at 11:00AM.

We had an electrical/pump company (Priest Electric) rebuild and repair the pump. The repair took 7hrs to complete. Meanwhile, we bypassed the lift station with trash pumps which could not maintain the flow causing surcharging from manholes on 21st, putting raw sewage onto the street, and to drain into 2 storm drains which are not connected to receiving waters, but a catch basin.

After the repairs were complete, we limed the street and other infected areas, completing the cleanup on August 12th 4:00AM. We pumped down the catch basin and storm drains at 1:00PM on August 12th removing 4 Vector truckloads of raw sewage that was disposed of at the plant. The approximate total volume was 12,000gal.

I am notifying you via IPDES as according to the five day emergency discharge protocol.

Sincerely,

8/13/20

Salvador Arreola,
City of Caldwell, Superintendent