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City of Hemet Responds to Sewer Blockage and Spill on West Florida Ave

Hemet, Calif.— On Saturday, July 27th, 2024, a sewer spill was reported in the 2800 Block of West Florida Ave in the City of Hemet. City crews responded to the issue and discovered a blockage in the mainline due to unauthorized items illegally stored down a maintenance hole.

The blockage resulted in approximately 20,000 gallons of sewage flowing into an adjacent storm drain conveyance. After some work, crews cleared the blockage and returned the wastewater system to normal operations. Crews also cleaned the affected storm drain area and recovered all spilled sewage from the conveyance system.

City officials have reported the spill to the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, the California State Water Resources Control Board, and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), as required. Additionally, Riverside County Flood Control and Riverside County Health have been notified by Cal OES. Moving forward, City officials will take measures to prevent further vandalism of maintenance holes.

For further questions regarding this incident, contact the City of Hemet's Public Works Department at (951) 765-3712.