



News Release

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Water Quality Results After Sewer Spill at Fallen Leaf Lake

South Lake Tahoe, CA (July 29, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.) – At 12:19 a.m. on Sunday, July 28, 2024, a broken valve at one of South Tahoe Public Utility District’s sewer pump stations resulted in five to ten gallons of sewage spilling into Fallen Leaf Lake. Six water samples were collected from Fallen Leaf Lake on the morning of Sunday, July 28, 2024. Results from bacteria testing showed elevated levels of total coliform, including e.coli, at the point of entry and 150 feet north of the sewer spill. The bacteria levels detected are below the requirements for beach closures. Warning signs will remain in place until bacteria levels decrease to baseline. Ammonia, which is the main indicator of sewage in water, was not detected at any of the six sites. Additional water samples were collected on the morning of Monday, July 29, 2024, and results will be available Tuesday.

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