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Major Water System Outage:
Customers Urged to Conserve

COLFAX -- Water users in the area between Colfax and Meadow Vista are being asked to conserve water while construction crews repair a major pipeline break off Secret Town Road above Colfax.

Placer County Water Agency spokeswoman Valerie Lord said Sunday (Oct. 2) that water is expected to be out until sometime Monday morning. The pipeline supplies local water treatment plants as well as irrigation water users.

"We've been calling all our customers in the area and asking them to postpone any outside watering and to limit inside water use only to what is absolutely necessary," Lord said.

The Secret Town Pipeline, which carries water from the Boardman Canal, ruptured early Saturday morning. The 24-inch fiberglass pipeline runs down a steep heavily wooded hillside where access is difficult.

PCWA crews replaced an 18-foot section of the pipeline by late Saturday and were called back to the scene after 1 a.m. Sunday when a second section failed just downstream of the original break.

By Sunday afternoon, repairs were still in progress. Lord said new concrete would have to cure for five hours or so and then it would take another six hours to flow water into the delivery system.

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The pipeline break has affected areas below Gold Run, including Colfax, Weimar, Applegate and Meadow Vista to Lake Theodore in Clipper Gap.

For information on the water outage, contact the PCWA Business Center in Auburn at (530) 823-4850 or (800) 464-0030.