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Water in Trona area is now safe to drink, San Bernardino County says

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Shawn Dodson (left), with **San Bernardino County Fire**, stacks cases of water donated by Vince Burns (right), from Ridgecrest, at San Bernardino County Fire Station 57 Saturday July 6, 2019 in Trona. The area was hit with two major earthquakes since Thursday. (Photo by Will Lester, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin/SCNG)

Residents of the Trona area no longer have to boil their water for use in cooking or drink bottled water instead of tap water, San Bernardino County officials announced Wednesday, July 17.

The order had been in place since the powerful earthquakes July 4 and July 5 struck the town located on the southwest tip of Death Valley National Park. Searles Domestic Water Co. had to fix leaks in water mains that had allowed dirt to seep into the water supply.

The new phone numbers for customers to contact the water company are 760-382-3776 and 760-382-8553. No past due fees for the water bills will be assessed in July, the county said.

The county also announced Wednesday that the Trona Library would be resuming normal business hours starting Thursday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday; closed Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and closed Sunday.

Residents and business owners affected by the quakes can call the county at 877-410-8829 to have questions answered.

The county is providing daily updates on its website.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2019/07/17/water-in-trona-area-is-now-safe-to-drink-san-bernardino-county-says/>

Fire erupts after a resident attempts to burn waste vegetation

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A fire burned a field at the corner of Warren Vista Avenue at Lisbon Drive in Yucca Valley Thursday. The field is at the 8800 block of Warren Vista. County firefighters responded quickly before the fire spread to the neighboring homes.

YUCCA VALLEY — A fire erupted in a field at the corner of Warren Vista Avenue at Lisbon Drive in Yucca Valley this morning. Quick action from the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** stopped the fire from damaging neighboring homes.

County fire was dispatched to the 8800 block of Warren Vista Avenue at 12:04 p.m. Battalion Chief Mike McClintock said they received a report that a field was on fire and, upon their arrival, they saw a column of smoke coming from the area.

According to the chief, preliminary reports are that a local resident was burning waste vegetation in the field, which caused the fire.

Firefighters in the first engine got to the scene at 12:11 p.m. and tackled a spot fire that was threatening a house. Two homes were ultimately threatened by the fire, but only one sustained minor damage to the eaves of the building.

“The fire was knocked down in about 10 minutes,” McClintock said. “The spread was mitigated in about 15.”

A witness to the fire said that, without the quick action of county fire, the houses would have been much more badly damaged.

McClintock reminds the public that, since June 1, outdoor burning for any reason has been banned in the Morongo Basin.

“We’re trying to really get that information out to the public,” McClintock said. “A lot of people don’t know and try to burn off waste vegetation and that then starts a fire.”

http://www.hidesertstar.com/news/article_d2e270c8-a99f-11e9-b734-2b9438cd7975.html

Wind helps fire damage home

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Flames consume a home on Sunset Road Wednesday, July 17.

DESERT HEIGHTS — Heavy winds spread fire quickly through the interior of a home, in the 3000 block of Sunrise Road, that was heavily damaged by fire Wednesday afternoon, July 17.

Crews from Division 4 were dispatched to the structure fire, in the area of Desert Heights Drive and Valley Vista Road, at about 3:06 p.m.

Firefighters arrived 13 minutes later and found heavy smoke and fire coming from the single story house on Sunset Road.

Crews initiated a fire attack, trying to limit the fire's spread through the home. Due to wind conditions, the fire spread quickly through the interior, causing firefighters to fight the fire from the exterior, keeping the fire from spreading to nearby vegetation and protecting other exposures.

While fighting the fire the electrical service drop was compromised, bringing Southern California Edison to the scene to mitigate the hazard. The fire was knocked down in approximately 25 minutes.

Once the fire was knocked down, crews completed a search to find any potential victims. No victims were located as the residents were gone at the time of the fire. San Bernardino Sheriff Deputies were also on scene and assisted with evacuation of two dogs from the yard to safety, placing them in their patrol car until animal control arrived.

The fire's cause and origin is under investigation by **San Bernardino County Fire's** Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) Investigators.

Red Cross was notified to assist with the residents needs. Damage estimates weren't available at the time of the release but the home received major damage. San Bernardino County fire responded with two medic engines, one medic brush patrol, one battalion chief and one fire investigator and was assisted by one engine from Combat Center fire.

http://www.hidesertstar.com/the_desert_trail/news/article_b7429864-a98d-11e9-88f5-978fcda5bc85.html

Man Hoist Rescued After Near Drowning at Aztec Falls

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A 19-year-old male was rescued from emergency medical personnel from the Aztec Falls in the northern area of Twin Peaks.

The reporting party reported a possible drowning of a male victim who had jumped off of a small cliff into the water. When he hit the water he lost consciousness and bystanders pulled him from the water. They provided aid until emergency medical personnel arrived.

On Thursday, July 18, 2019, at around 2:40 p.m., **San Bernardino County Fire** requested the assistance of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Aviation Unit for a hoist rescue. The crew flew to the location and observed several subjects pointing to a male victim on top of a large rock.

A medic was hoisted down to the victim in order to secure and hoist him into the helicopter. He was subsequently transported by air to Loma Linda University Medical Center for treatment. San Bernardino County Sheriff's officials said that the victim was alert and oriented during his transport to the hospital.

<https://247headline.com/man-hoist-rescued-after-near-drowning-at-aztec-falls/>

Hoist Rescue of Injured 19 Year Old Male at Aztec Falls

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Twin Peaks, CA – On July 18 at 2:40 p.m., **San Bernardino Couty Fire** requested the assistance of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Aviatio Unit for a hoist rescue. A reporting party called 9-1-1 to report a drowning .

The crew of Air Rescue 306 flew to the location and observed several subjects pointing to a male subject (victim) on top of a large rock. San Bernardino County Fire medic was hoisted own to the victim and a rescue harness was plaed on the victim to hoist him up to the helicopter. The victim was flown to Loma Lida University Medical Center for treatment.

It was determine the victim, a 19 year old male, jumped off a small size cliff into the water and became unconscious upon impact. Bystanders pulled the victim out of the water and rendfered aid until help arrived. The victim was alert and oriented while enroute to the hospital.

<https://rotwnews.com/2019/07/18/hoist-rescue-of-injured-19-year-old-male-at-aztec-falls/>