

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **Regarding the Breach of the Phyllis Canal**

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While our research results regarding the breach of the Phyllis Canal at Manchester Park subdivision are preliminary at this time, and our investigation continues; we have found evidence of gopher holes in the area of the breach and believe that caused the ultimate collapse of the canal bank.

We have found fresh gopher holes since yesterday in the area of the breach, and crews are working to fix the problem and insure the stability of the canal bank.

While our investigation does continue, at this point it appears that gophers are the major culprit.

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