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Sewage spills prompt \$201,000 fine

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SACRAMENTO--State water-quality enforcers have fined a local sewer utility \$201,000 for fouling **Arcade Creek** with an estimated 886,000 gallons of raw waste, officials announced Friday.

The enforcement action against Sacramento Area Sewer District covers several pipeline breaks since November 2006.

The largest of the spills occurred Feb. 13, when a pipe across the creek collapsed, releasing more than 700,000 gallons of untreated sewage, according to the state Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Arcade Creek winds along American River College and through Haggin Oaks Municipal Golf Course.

The 30-year-old sewer district serves more than 1 million residents in the region, including unincorporated areas of Sacramento County, Citrus Heights, Rancho Cordova, Elk Grove and portions of Folsom and Sacramento.

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