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Summerfield Ditch Break

A tree fell over the Summerfield Ditch, 3/4 miles west of the intake diversion, consequently it blocked the flow of water and damaged the bank. The bank apparently blew out all at once as mud had splashed about 10 to 15 feet up into the trees over 100 feet below the ditch.

The report of a ditch break was taken at 4:00 p.m. on May 22 and Jeff Welch and Douglas Ricciarelli responded to the call. They found the break about 7:00 p.m. and attempted to shut down the ditch by 7:30 p.m. They shut the inlet valve and it appeared to be all the way off; however, it was only jammed and still open sufficiently to allow about 3/4 cfs to pass by. This water ran for 3 1/2 days before it was discovered.

I deeply regret this incident and will do everything in my power to see it will not happen again.


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