3 water mains break in one day

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Three more water mains belonging to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power broke on Sunday, causing flooding and property damage in the Los Angeles Harbor Gateway area, South LA and Hancock Park.

Around 12:45 AM on Sunday, October 4th, a 6-inch iron water main burst on 5th Avenue near Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, leaving an estimated 25 to 30 customers without water. According to DWP spokeswoman Diane Galbraith, street damage was "minimal" and all customers had service restored by noon on Sunday.

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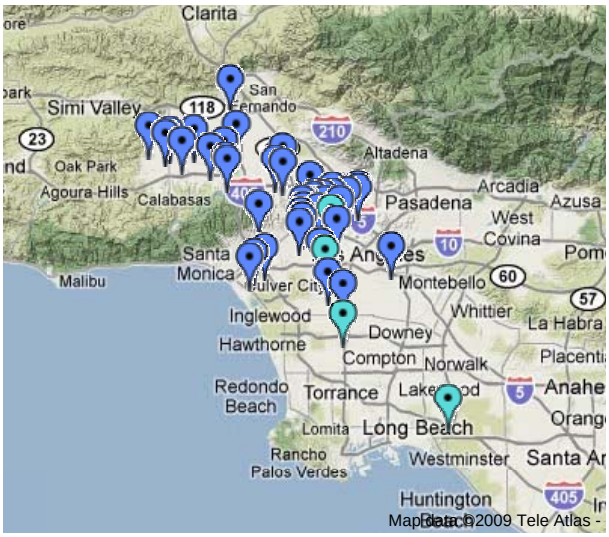
Less than an hour later, around 1:30 AM, firefighters and a DWP crew were on the scene at Menlo Avenue and 133rd Street in the Harbor Gateway area to shut off the water and combat the day's second water main break. This break affected 60 to 80 customers, said Galbraith, who stated that the incident did not cause any street closures but damaged one neighborhood resident's driveway. Galbraith estimated that repairs were completed in the early afternoon.

Still before dawn, a third water main broke in the Hancock Park area near Koreatown. The break took place at approximately 4:15 AM on the 300 block of South St. Andrews Place. The resulting floodwater damaged automobiles and the street itself before a crew stopped the flow half an hour later. Despite the damage, Galbraith said that the road was not closed to traffic. Water was shut off for 25-30 meters servicing nearby multi-family apartment buildings, likely leaving upwards of 100 people without water for most of the day. Galbraith expected service to be restored on St Anthony by 6 PM on Sunday evening.



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