

WaterFix: Risk to Humans

If simple small size water intakes can harm or kill humans, what happens if one of the California Waterfix Intakes malfunctions? What happens if a large or unknown natural gas conveyance line is hit by tunnel contractors?

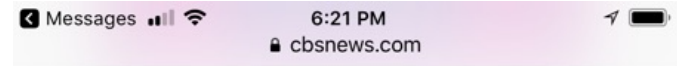


"He drowned right before their eyes": California man sucked under water by irrigation pipe

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Carlos Tovar and his family



Carlos Tovar was untangling a ski line when he was sucked under in the Sacramento River. His friends tried desperately to pull him back on board.

"They couldn't free Carlos and he drowned right before their eyes despite their efforts," Saeltzer said.



Investigators say it appears the man was held under by a pipe that juts out of the levee and into the Delta. It's used to pump water to crops.

"It's the first one that I've personally heard of" said Sgt. Darren Emerson

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY, Calif. — A Northern California man was sucked to his death under by an irrigation pipe. **CBS Sacramento reports** that the freak accident has left **his family** questioning how it all happened.

"Now a wonderful man is dead, he apparently got caught in an irrigation pipe running water out of the Delta," said Douglas Saeltzer, the family's attorney.



Carlos Tovar was untangling a ski line



San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office

Jun 29 at 3:53pm

On Saturday June 23, 2018, at approximately 12:20 pm, Sheriffs' Deputies responded to the area of Empire Cut Waterway near Lower Jones Rd for a report of a male subject beneath the water near an irrigation pipe.

Preliminary information indicated that occupants of a boat were towing a skier prior to the incident. After they retrieved the skier back onto the boat, the tow line was caught in the propeller. The victim then entered the water in an attempt to remove the tow line and did not resurface. 41 year old Carlos Tovar was transported to an area hospital and was pronounced dead.

The incident is currently under investigation by the Sheriff's Boating Safety Unit.



Oakley, CA

Very sad. Be careful out there.

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Jenifer Wasso

Jun 26 at 10:06am

DELTA WARNING!!!



Christina Siddall Peterson The Lakes - Discovery Bay

Yesterday at 4:41 PM

We lost a friend this weekend on the Delta in a freak accident. We were not aware (and I want to see if anyone else knows) that the piping that runs down the levee from the farmland into the Delta has enough suction to suck someone down into the water. Our friends got their rope caught in the prop and our friend went in to the water to get it loose. A massive yacht came by and caused a large wake that pushed him and the boat to the side of the levee. He just happened to be right above the grating at the end of the pipe. The large wake triggered the auto on switch to pump water out of the delta and into the farm, pulling him down into the water. There were 9 people on the boat trying to pull him out but he didn't make it. I want to spread the word to be careful on the Deltas. I've been boating for 4 years and didn't know that those piping (when switched on) created so much gravity it could pull someone down. We are so very saddened by his loss. If anyone has any info on these pipes, please post in here. I just want to spread the word to be careful.

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Memorial Fund for Carlos Tovar

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Carlos Tovar was tragically killed in a boating accident on Saturday, June 23rd. Carlos was an amazing father and husband as well as a loving son, brother, and friend to many. He leaves behind his wife, Mona, and two beautiful children, Izaiah and Olivia. The entire family is completely devastated and we ask for your help and support in lightening the financial burden that comes with such an unexpected tragic loss. The funds will go toward funeral costs and helping Mona and the kids with living expenses while they readjust in this difficult time. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. No donation is too small.

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To assure integrity, continuity and safety it is proposed that Waterboard should require that all water intakes located in rivers, streams and lakes be accurately charted and available online in human readable format, such as location on an interactive map. All intakes capable of sucking in sufficient flow to create a possibility of holding a human at the suction pipe, whether operating normally or malfunctioning, must be clearly marked and a bouy or other floating marker must be located at the suction point within the waterway. Statewide, the locations of all river and stream bottom drains must be reported and safety mechanisms must be verified so that there will not be accidental drownings due to bottom drain that can not be shut off.

Due to the sink holes apparently caused by the new method of horizontal or directional fracturing for oil or natural gas, Waterboard could direct that fracturing of ground below lakes, rivers and streams shall be prohibited to avoid possible sink holes that could drain the lakes, rivers or streams.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Sinkhole+Lake+Pennsylvania&&view=detail&mid=ADD322A2027E4A6462E4ADD322A2027E4A6462E4&&FORM=VRDGAR> Disaster like Lake Peigneur sink hole could happen around McDonald Island if tunnel contractors accidentally hit natural gas lines

