

Hi Belle,

Here is the letter for the water leak at 85 Olema Bolinas Rd:

On Friday, August 2nd pooling water was noticed in the front yard of the property in between the house and Olema Bolinas Rd. After a little digging around, it was apparent that there was a large water leak from the main water line feeding the house. The water was immediately shut off at the meter by myself, Nick, and the yard was left to dry out for the weekend before any digging would continue. On Tuesday, August 6th, after digging down and exposing a 10' section of the main water line, it was clear that there was a crack on the underside of the 3/4" galvanized steel water line that runs from the water meter at the road to the underside of the house. There was a large hole and erosion underneath the pipe due to the downward pressure of the water from the crack.

I cleaned the pipe up as best I could to inspect for other potentially bad areas of the line and decided it only needed a 4' section of pipe to be replaced. I cut out the section, used a pipe dye to make threads on the existing pipe, replaced it with a brand new 4' section of galvanized pipe along with a coupler on one end and a union on the other. Everything seemed good and tight, so I turned the water back on at the meter to check for leaks and the pressure test checked out. We left the ground open and line exposed for about a week after to make sure everything held, and it did. Problem fixed.

We are asking for assistance for our water bill of \$3,080. It's hard to say how long this leak had been going on due to the amount of water used on the bill and the washout that was noticed below the pipe. As I stated earlier it wasn't noticeable on the surface until the water finally saturated the ground underneath because of the location of the puncture being on the underside of the line. This house is constantly monitored by myself, Annabelle, the groups that use it and our Roadside stand employees every Friday afternoon. We ask that you can please consider our request to reduce this prior water bill.

Thanks,

Nick
Star Route Farms