

Ruptured gas lines temporarily close 2 Tahoe highways

Highway 50 was closed for a few blocks in South Lake Tahoe on Monday night because of a gas leak.

All residents and guests in hotels between Fairway and Herbert avenues were requested to shelter in place.

A backhoe had severed a 2-inch high pressure natural gas line.

The highway was closed between those streets from 11pm Aug. 6 to 1:30am Aug. 7.

At approximately 12:45am Southwest Gas was able to secure the gas line.

There was a separate Southwest Gas issue on Tuesday morning on the West Shore that caused Highway 89 to be closed for a few hours. It is now open.

Diamond K out of Texas, which was doing work for Southwest, ruptured a gas line at approximately 8:20am.

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