

Water line break impacts Stateline casinos

Stateline casinos were without water for part of Saturday night because of a water main break.

The flow of water created a sink hole on Highway 50 in the casino corridor. Workers for the departments of transportation from both states are handling traffic flow around the problem area.

The pipe belongs to Edgewood Water Company. The problem was at the connection on the Harrah's Lake Tahoe bullnose near Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel. It's at the crosswalk on the Nevada side.

"Water was being lost faster than the pumps (could handle it)," Eric Guevin, spokesman for Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District, told *Lake Tahoe News*. "There was almost an emergency."

He said Harrah's was impacted the most. No one from the hotel-casino was available for comment.

Guevin credited Edgewood crews for locating the valve quickly to stop the flow of water.

The cause is not certain, but it could be old pipes.

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