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SB 1359 (Torlakson)
Subsurface installations: excavations

The California State Senate is considering SB 1359 that could have an effect on all sewer systems that have pressurized sewer lines. The bill would require that, once notified by a regional notification center, pressurized sewer lines be marked by the owner's representative. That representative would be required to complete a state-approved training program and utilize the best available technology for locating the installations. The bill would also require that the owners of pressurized sewer lines meet onsite with the excavator if a proposed excavation is within 10 feet of a high priority pipeline (pressurized sewer line). If damage occurs to properly marked pipelines, the excavator would be liable for all costs due to damage caused by the excavator. If the lines are not properly marked, liability is shifted to the owner.

The bill may be viewed at:

http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=sb_1359&sess=CUR&house=B&site=sen