



City of Santa Barbara
Public Works Department

Memorandum

DATE: June 26, 2013
TO: Board of Water Commissioners
FROM: Catherine Taylor PE, Water System Manager *if*
SUBJECT: 2013 Report on City of Santa Barbara Water Quality Relative to Public Health Goals

Recommended Actions

Review the 2013 Report on City of Santa Barbara Water Quality Relative to Public Health Goals (Public Health Goals Report) and hold a Public Hearing to receive the Public Health Goals Report.

Summary

The 2013 Public Health Goals Report (Attachment 1) has been prepared by staff in compliance with SB 1307 (Calderone-Sher). This law, enacted in 1997, added provisions to the California Health and Safety Code that a brief Report be prepared every three years when a water purveyor with over 10,000 service connections detected one or more contaminants in the drinking water that exceed Public Health Goals (PHG), as adopted by the California Environmental Protection Agency Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), or that exceed the Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLG), established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Water purveyors are not required to meet either set of goals; rather they serve as benchmarks for water quality. Water purveyors are, however, required to ensure drinking water meets all California Department of Public Health (CDPH) regulations associated with Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL). The Public Health Goals Report provides information on the constituents detected in the City of Santa Barbara's water supplies from 2010 through 2013 that were above a PHG or MCLG but below the MCL as established by CDPH.

The Public Health Goals Report is intended to provide supplemental information to the public beyond the annual Consumer Confidence Report mailed annually to each customer on the quality of water delivered to customers. State law requires that a public hearing be held for the purpose of accepting public comment on the Public Health Goals Report. The public hearing is scheduled as part of the July 8, 2013 Board of Water Commissioners Meeting.

As indicated in the Public Health Goals Report, the City of Santa Barbara's water system complies with all health-based drinking water standards and all CDPH and USEPA water quality MCL regulations. The City of Santa Barbara will continue to review the PHGs and MCLGs and evaluate treatment alternatives and technology enhancements as they become available.

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

Attachment

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