



CITY OF MILPITAS AGENDA REPORT (AR)

Item Title:	Conduct a Public Hearing and Approve the City of Milpitas 2019 Public Health Goals Report on Water Quality
Category:	Public Hearings-Community Services and Sustainable Infrastructure
Meeting Date:	9/3/2019
Staff Contact:	Tony Ndah, 408-586-2602
Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive public comments and then move to close the public hearing. 2. Accept and approve the City of Milpitas 2019 Public Health Goals Report on Water Quality in accordance with provisions of the California Health and Safety Code.

Background:

California Health and Safety Code requires all California water retailers serving more than 10,000 service connections that detect one or more contaminants in drinking water which exceed the Public Health Goal (PHG) to prepare a report every three years to inform consumers of water quality constituents that exceeded the Public Health Goals (PHGs). PHGs are non-enforceable water quality goals established by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and are based solely on public health risk considerations. Maximum Containment Level Goals (MCLG), established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), are the federal equivalent to California's PHGs. Public water systems are also required to hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting and responding to public comment on the report, which may be done as part of a regularly scheduled Council meeting. The PHG Report covers calendar years 2016-2018. The report is presented to Council to satisfy the public hearing requirements and to obtain Council approval.

Analysis:

Staff completed the 2019 Public Health Goal report for the City of Milpitas drinking water quality (2016-2018) relative to the Public Health Goals adopted by California Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) and the Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLGs) adopted by the USEPA.

The City of Milpitas water system complies with all of the health-based drinking water standards and Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) required by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), Division of Drinking Water, and the USEPA. PHGs (a California standard) and MCLGs (a federal equivalent) are levels of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLs are set as close to the PHGs or (MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible.

During the three-year reporting period, there was one (1) exceedance measured for total coliform in the City's water system. Coliform has no known health implications, but any level of detection is still required to be reported. Although the coliform result exceeded the Public Health Goals, it was far below the mandated MCL limits. The City and its water suppliers will continue to implement the best available technologies for total coliform as well as implementing best practices for monitoring and maintenance of the water system.

Fiscal Impact:

There are no specific fiscal implications from accepting the 2019 Public Health Goal Report.

California Environmental Quality Act:

By the definition provided in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378, this action does not qualify as a “project” for the purpose of CEQA as this action has no potential to result in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

Recommendation:

1. Receive public comments and then move to close the public hearing.
2. Accept and approve the City of Milpitas 2019 Public Health Goals Report on Water Quality in accordance with provisions on the California Health and Safety Code.

Attachments:

1. City of Milpitas 2019 Public Health Goals Report