

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

MEETING NAME: REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

MEETING DATE(S): AUGUST 14 & 18, 2025

FROM: DANNY FRIEND, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

FOR: ACTION X DIRECTION INFORMATION



PUBLIC HEARING ~ REPORT ON PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a Public Hearing to receive public comment on the Public Health Report, then receive and file the report.

SUMMARY

Per the California Health and Safety Code – §116470(b), starting on or before July 1, 1998, and every three years thereafter, public water systems serving more than 10,000 service connections that detect one or more contaminants in drinking water that exceed the applicable public health goal (PHG) shall prepare a brief written report in that does each of the following: Identify each contaminant detected in drinking water that exceeds a PHG; Disclose the public health risk category; Describes the best available technology; Provide cost estimates; and Propose action that will be taken.

In accordance with the requirements of California Health and Safety Code (California Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996, SB 1307), a public hearing must be held. The purpose of this public hearing is to allow the Board to accept and respond to public comments on the report. The public hearing notice was published in the Desert Sun on August 5, and August 12, 2025.

ANALYSIS

This report presents a comparison of the District's three public water systems' water quality against PHGs and Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for the calendar years 2022, 2023, and 2024. PHGs are non-enforceable goals set by the California Environmental Protection Agency and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. The District's water systems consistently complied with all health-based drinking water standards and MCLs mandated by the Division of Drinking Water and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency throughout the reporting period. During 2022-2024, 32 different constituents were analyzed, totaling approximately 281 samples tested by a State-certified analytical laboratory. Of these, five constituents were detected at levels exceeding their respective PHGs but remained below the enforceable MCLs for drinking water standards. See Attachment A for a breakdown of the constituents found.

FISCAL IMPACT & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

There is no fiscal impact to the District based on the Report's recommendations. This project directly supports Strategic Plan SMART Goal #2.1 Water Supply – Ensure excellence in regulatory compliance.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: MSWD Public Health Goal Report 2025

Attachment B: 2022, 2023, and 2024 MSWD Water Quality Report (CCR)

Attachment C: Excerpt from California Health & Safety Code: Section 116470(b)

Attachment D: ACWA Public Health Goals Report Guidelines - April 2025

Attachment E: Health Risk Information for Public Health Goal Exceedance Reports

Attachment F: Proof of Publication