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WATER COLORATION

Sweeny, Texas, March 06, 2023 - Recently, some of our water customers have experienced discolored tap water (reddish/brown) coming out of their faucets at home. Regular water testing per the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations performed show that Sweeny's public water system meets all drinking water standards. All water test results are published by TCEQ on the water watch website (Water System No. TX0200009 <https://dww2.tceq.texas.gov/DWW/>)

The City of Sweeny would like to let our customers know that we are aware of the coloration in the water, and we are working to clear the water through routine flushing and changing/upgrading aged water infrastructure. Tentative flushing schedules can be found on the Public Works page of the City of Sweeny website. (https://www.sweenytx.gov/city_departments/public_works.php)

The City takes monthly samples to test for E. Coli and Coliform bacteria and takes and tests for lead and copper in the water system twice annually. Sampling is done by TCEQ-licensed water operators employed by the City, and tests are performed by Brazoria County Lab in Angleton. The City has two full time, licensed, water operators on staff – Public Works Director, Ross Aguirre, and Water Operator Kevin Eskridge, and a third full time staff members working toward reinstatement of a water operator license. Credentials for water operators licensed in Texas can be found by visiting the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality website (<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/licensing/licenses/waterlic#acceptC>)

The City of Sweeny will hold a Special City Council meeting on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the water color with the public and staff members and city engineer will be available to answer questions. The meeting will be held at Sweeny City Hall located at 102 W. Ashley-Wilson Road, Sweeny, TX 77480 in City Council Chambers.

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