



**REPORT ON WATER QUALITY  
RELATIVE TO  
PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS**

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**CITY OF STOCKTON WATER SYSTEM**  
**REPORT ON WATER QUALITY**  
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**BACKGROUND**

Provisions of California Health and Safety Code Section 116470 (b) require that public water systems serving more than 10,000 service connections prepare a brief, written report by July 1, 2013 that provides information on water quality measurements from the three previous years that exceeded any Public Health Goals (PHGs) established by the California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA). The law also requires that where OEHHA has not adopted a PHG for a constituent, water suppliers are to use the Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLGs) set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Only constituents which have a California Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) or action level and either a PHG or MCLG has been set are to be addressed in this report.

This report provides the following information as specified in the California Health and Safety Code for any constituent detected in the City's water supply between 2010 and 2012 at a level exceeding a PHG or MCLG:

- Numerical public health risk associated with the MCL and the PHG or MCLG.
- Category or type of risk to health that could be associated with each constituent level.
- Best Available Treatment Technology that could be used to reduce the constituent level.
- Estimate of the cost to install that treatment if it is appropriate and feasible.

**PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS**

- PHGs are set by the California OEHHA and are based solely on public health risk considerations.
- None of the practical risk management factors that are considered by the USEPA or the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in setting drinking water standards are considered in setting the PHGs. These factors include analytical detection capability, treatment technology available, benefits and costs.
- PHGs are not enforceable and are not required to be met by any public water system. MCLGs are the federal equivalent to PHGs. Appendix A lists the regulated constituents for which PHGs have been set.

## **CITY OF STOCKTON WATER SOURCES**

The City of Stockton's water supply consists of both groundwater and surface water sources. Approximately 11 percent of the water supplied to our customers originates from wells owned by the City and the remainder of the City's drinking water is treated surface water produced through the Delta Water Supply Project Water Treatment Plant (WTP) or purchased from the Stockton East Water District (SEWD).

## **WATER QUALITY DATA CONSIDERED**

All of the water quality data collected on the City's groundwater sources and treated surface water between 2010 and 2012 for purposes of determining compliance with drinking water standards were considered for this report. These data were summarized in our 2010, 2011, and 2012 annual Drinking Water Quality Reports (i.e., Consumer Confidence Reports) which were mailed to all of our customers in June of 2011 and 2012, and made available electronically on the City's website in 2012. Copies of these reports may be viewed at [www.stocktongov.com/mud](http://www.stocktongov.com/mud).

## **GUIDELINES FOLLOWED**

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) for a workgroup which prepared guidelines for water utilities to use in preparing these reports. The ACWA guidelines were used in the preparation of this report.

## **BEST AVAILABLE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY AND COST ESTIMATES**

Both the USEPA and CDPH adopt Best Available Technologies (BATs) which are the best known methods of reducing contaminant levels to the MCL. Costs can be estimated for such technologies. However, since many PHGs and all MCLGs are set much lower than the MCL, it is not always possible, nor feasible, to determine what treatment is needed to further reduce a constituent downward to or near the PHG or MCLG, many of which are set at zero. Estimating the costs to reduce a constituent to zero is difficult, if not impossible, to verify by analytical means that the level has been lowered to zero. In some cases, installing treatment to try and further reduce very low levels of one constituent may have adverse effects on other aspects of water quality.

## **CONSTITUENTS DETECTED THAT EXCEED A PHG OR A MCLG**

The following is a discussion of constituents that were detected in one or more of our drinking water sources at levels above the PHG, or if no PHG, above the MCLG. The City of Stockton consistently delivers safe water at the lowest possible cost to our customers. The levels of these constituents were well below the MCL's, so this does not constitute a violation of drinking water regulations or indicate the water was unsafe to drink. These results could be considered typical for a California water agency. The health risk information for regulated constituents with PHGs are provided in Appendix B.

## **Total Coliform Bacteria**

Total coliform bacteria are measured at points in the City's distribution system. No more than 5% of all samples collected in a month can be positive for total coliforms in order to comply with the MCL. Although there is no PHG for total coliform bacteria, the MCLG is zero positive samples. The reason for the total coliform drinking water standard is to minimize the possibility of the water containing pathogens, which are organisms that cause waterborne disease. Because total coliform analysis is only a surrogate indicator of the potential presence of pathogens, it is not possible to state a specific numerical health risk. While USEPA normally sets MCLGs "at a level where no known or anticipated adverse effects on persons would occur," they indicate they cannot do so with total coliforms.

Coliform bacteria are an indicator organism that are ubiquitous in nature and are not generally considered harmful. They are used because of the ease in monitoring and analysis. If a positive sample is found, it indicates a potential problem that needs to be investigated and additional sampling is warranted. It is not at all unusual for a system to have an occasional positive coliform bacteria sample. It is difficult, if not impossible; to assure that a system will never get a positive sample.

During 2010, 2011 and 2012, between 145 and 184 samples were collected each month for coliform analyses. Occasionally, a sample was found to be positive for coliform bacteria but verification samples were negative and follow up actions were taken. A maximum of 0.1% of these samples were positive in any month.

The City adds chlorine at our sources to assure that the water served is microbiologically safe. The chlorine residual levels are carefully controlled to provide the best health protection without causing the water to have undesirable taste and odor, or increasing the level of certain compounds, such as trihalomethanes, which are byproducts of disinfection. This careful balance of treatment processes is essential to continue supplying our customers with safe drinking water.

Other equally important measures that we have implemented include: an effective cross-connection control program, an effective monitoring and surveillance program and maintaining positive pressures in our distribution system. Our system has already taken all of the steps described by CDPH as "Best Available Technology" for coliform bacteria in Title 22 CCR, Section 64447.

## **Radionuclides**

Many naturally occurring substances and a few man-made ones have the potential to emit ionizing radiation, and are therefore referred to as radioactive. Of the radionuclides that have been observed in drinking water, most are naturally occurring. The naturally occurring constituents of greatest concern in drinking water are uranium, radium 226 and radium 228. Most of the naturally occurring radionuclides are alpha particle emitters.

Contamination by man-made nuclear materials can also occur. The man-made radionuclides, which are primarily beta and photon emitters, are produced by a number of activities that involve the use of concentrated radioactive materials. These include production of electricity, nuclear medicines used in therapy and diagnosis, and various commercial products such as televisions or smoke detectors. The City of Stockton is only required to monitor its ground water and surface water supplies for naturally occurring radionuclides.

Exposure to radionuclides from drinking water results in an increased risk of cancer. In addition to cancer, exposure to uranium has the potential to cause kidney damage. In California, the radionuclides currently regulated in drinking water are gross alpha particle activity, radium 226 and radium 228, uranium, beta and photon emitters.

#### *Gross Alpha Particle Activity*

There is no PHG for gross alpha particle activity as OEHHA concluded in 2003 that a PHG was not practical. The MCL, or drinking water standard is 15 pCi/L.

The City of Stockton is required to monitor each of its drinking water wells for gross alpha particle activity at least once every four years. During the three-year period (2010-2012) covered by this report, a total of 15 samples were taken from 12 wells for gross alpha particle activity. We detected gross alpha particle activity in 15 of those samples in amounts ranging from 0.4 pCi/L to 12 pCi/L, and an average 5 pCi/L. The levels detected were below the MCL at all times.

Gross alpha particle activity was not detected in the one sample of the SEWD raw surface water.

#### *Health Risk Category*

The category of health risk associated with gross alpha particle activity is carcinogenicity. People who drink water containing gross alpha particle activity above the MCL throughout their lifetime could experience an increased risk of getting cancer.

#### *Numerical Health Risk at MCLG*

The numerical health risk for a MCLG of zero is zero.

#### *BAT and Treatment Costs*

The BAT to lower the level of alpha particles below the MCL is reverse osmosis, although it is not known if the technology is feasible of achieving the MCLG level of zero pCi/L.

The estimated annual cost to install and operate reverse osmosis systems at all of the City's wells would be approximately \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons of water treated, which includes annualized cost of construction plus operation and maintenance costs. This translates into

an additional annual cost of approximately \$35 per service connection per year for the life of the treatment system.

Since there is little data readily available to estimate cost of treatment to achieve absolute zero, installation of treatment may not necessarily achieve the MCLG and the costs may be significantly higher to do so.

### **Radium 226**

The PHG for Radium 226 is 0.05 pCi/L and MCL for Radium 226 plus Radium 228 is 5 pCi/L.

Testing for radium is not required unless the level of gross alpha particle activity detected exceeds 5 pCi/L.

One (1) sample was taken from one well and indicated the presence of Radium 226 at a level of 0.06 pCi/L.

#### *Health Risk Category*

The category of health risk associated with Radium 226 is carcinogenicity. People who drink water containing Radium 226 particles above the MCL throughout their lifetime could experience an increased risk of getting cancer.

#### *Numerical Health Risk at the PHG*

The numerical health risk for Radium 226 based on the PHG is  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ . This means one excess cancer case per million populations.

#### *BAT and Treatment Costs*

The BAT to lower the level of Radium 226 below the MCL is reverse osmosis, although it is not known if the technology is feasible of achieving the PHG level of 0.05 pCi/L.

The estimated annual cost to install and operate a reverse osmosis systems at all of the City's wells would be approximately \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons of treated water, which includes annualized cost of construction plus operation and maintenance costs. This translates into an additional annual cost of approximately \$35 per service connection per year for the life of the treatment system.

### **Radium 228**

The PHG for Radium 228 is 0.019 pCi/L and MCL for Radium 228 plus Radium 226 is 5 pCi/L.

Testing for radium is not required unless the level of gross alpha particle activity detected exceeds 5 pCi/L.

Four (4) samples were taken from one (1) well and those samples indicated the presence of Radium 228 ranging between 0.49 pCi/L up to a maximum of 0.69 pCi/L (with an average value of 0.54 pCi/L) but still lower than the MCL.

#### *Health Risk Category*

The category of health risk associated with Radium 228 is carcinogenicity. People who drink water containing Radium 228 particles above the MCL throughout their lifetime could experience an increased risk of getting cancer.

#### *Numerical Health Risk at the PHG*

The numerical health risk for Radium 228 based on the PHG is  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ . This means one excess cancer case per million population.

#### *BAT and Treatment Costs*

The BAT to lower the level of Radium 228 below the MCL is reverse osmosis, although it is not known if the technology is feasible of achieving the PHG level of 0.019 pCi/L.

The estimated annual cost to install and operate reverse osmosis treatment system at all of the City's wells would be approximately \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons of water treated, which includes annualized cost of construction plus operation and maintenance costs. This translates into an additional annual cost of approximately \$35 per service connection per year for the life of the treatment system.

## **Uranium**

The PHG for uranium is 0.43 pCi/L and MCL is 20 pCi/L.

During calendar year 2010, 2011 and 2012, eleven (11) uranium measurements were made at nine (9) wells. The level of uranium detected ranged from 4.4 pCi/L to 11.2 pCi/L, and averaged 6.5 pCi/L. The amount of uranium measured in these wells is below the MCL.

#### *Health Risk Category*

The category of health risk associated with uranium is carcinogenicity. People who drink water containing uranium above the MCL throughout their lifetime could experience an increased risk of getting cancer.

#### *Numerical Health Risk at MCLG*

The numerical health risk for uranium based on the PHG is  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ . This means one excess cancer case per million population.

### *BAT and Treatment Costs*

The BAT to lower the level of uranium below the MCL is reverse osmosis, although it is not known if the technology is feasible of achieving the PHG level of 0.43 pCi/L.

The estimated annual cost to install and operate reverse osmosis systems at all of the City's wells to reduce uranium below the PHG would be approximately \$2.60 per 1000 gallons of water treated, which includes annualized cost of construction plus operation and maintenance costs. This translates into an additional annual cost of approximately \$35 per service connection per year for the life of the treatment system.

### **Arsenic**

The PHG for arsenic is 0.004 µg/L and MCL is 10 µg/L.

Arsenic is a naturally occurring element and is widely distributed in the environment. In certain geographical areas, natural mineral deposits may contain large quantities of arsenic and this may result in higher levels of arsenic in water. The main commercial use of arsenic in the United States is pesticides and in wood preservatives.

In humans, while ingestion of larger doses of arsenic may be lethal, lower levels of exposure may cause a variety of systemic effects including irritation of the digestive tract, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. In addition, arsenic ingestion can increase the risk of cancer in the digestive system, lungs, heart and skin. The duration of arsenic exposure appears to be a key factor in determining the extent of the toxic effects.

The City of Stockton is required to monitor each of its drinking water wells for arsenic at least once every three years.

In sampling conducted in 2010, 2011 and 2012, twenty six (26) samples were collected from a total of twenty three (23) locations. Arsenic was detected in twenty five (25) of those samples. These values ranged from less than 2 µg/L up to a maximum of 7.4 µg/L, with an average concentration of 4.2 µg/L. The MCL is 10 µg/L on a quarterly running average.

Three (3) samples were collected from the SEWD treated surface water with no detections of arsenic.

### *Health Risk Category*

The health risk category for arsenic is carcinogenicity. People who drink water containing arsenic above the MCL throughout their lifetime could experience an increased risk of getting cancer.

### *Numerical Health Risk at MCLG*

The numerical health risk for arsenic based on the PHG is  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ . This means one excess cancer case per million population.

### *BAT and Treatment Costs*

The estimated annual cost to install and operate ion exchange treatment units on all of the City's wells to reduce arsenic levels to below the PHG would be approximately \$1.06 per 1,000 gallons of water treated, which includes annualized cost of construction plus operation and maintenance costs. This translates into an additional annual cost of approximately \$14 per service connection per year for the life of the treatment system.

### **Nickel**

The PHG for nickel is 12 µg/L and MCL is 100 µg/L.

Nickel is a naturally occurring element. Nickel enters groundwater and surface water by dissolution of rocks and soils, from atmospheric fallout, from biological decays and from waste disposal. Elevated nickel levels may exist in drinking water as a result of the corrosion of nickel-containing alloys used as valves and other components in the water distribution system as well as from nickel-plated faucets.

In sampling conducted in 2010, 2011 and 2012, twenty three (23) samples were collected from a total of twenty three (23) locations. Nickel was detected in three (3) of those samples. The values ranged from less than 10 µg/L up to a maximum of 32 µg/L, with an average concentration of 3.3 µg/L. The MCL is 100 µg/L. None of the CDPH designated active wells exceeded the drinking water standard, or MCL, of 100 µg/L.

Three (3) samples were collected from the SEWD treated surface water with no detections of nickel.

### *Health Risk Category*

The health risk category for nickel is developmental toxicity.

### *Numerical Health Risk at MCLG*

The numerical health risk for a PHG of 12 µg/L is believed to be without any significant health risk to individuals exposed to the chemical over a lifetime.

### *BAT and Treatment Costs*

The estimated annual cost to install and operate ion exchange treatment units on all of the City's wells to reduce nickel levels to below the PHG would be approximately \$1.06 per 1,000 gallons of water treated, which includes annualized cost of construction plus operation and maintenance costs. This translates into an additional annual cost of approximately \$14 per service connection per year for the life of the treatment system.

### **Bromate**

The PHG for bromate is 0.1 µg/L and MCL is 10 µg/L calculated on a quarterly running average. Bromate is formed when naturally occurring bromide reacts with ozone in the

surface water treatment process. The City uses ozone in the treatment process at the Delta Water Supply Project Water Treatment Plant.

In sampling conducted at the Delta Water Supply Project Water Treatment Plant in 2012, a total of eight samples were collected and bromate was detected in five of those samples. Values ranged from less than 1 µg/L to 12 µg/L with an average of 4.7 µg/L. The City is in compliance with the MCL as the average is below 10 µg/L.

#### *Health Risk Category*

The health risk category for bromate is carcinogenicity. People who drink water containing bromate above the MCL throughout their lifetime could experience an increased risk of getting cancer.

#### *Numerical Health Risk at MCLG*

The numerical health risk for bromate based on the PHG is  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ . This means one excess cancer case per million populations.

#### *BAT and Treatment Costs*

The estimated annual cost to install and operate a reverse osmosis treatment unit at the Delta Water Supply Project Water Treatment Plant to reduce bromate levels to below the PHG would be approximately \$2.38 per 1,000 gallons of water treated, which includes annualized cost of construction plus operation and maintenance costs. This translates into an additional annual cost of approximately \$228 per service connection per year for the life of the treatment system, assuming the treatment plant operates 100% of the time to meet system demand.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER ACTION**

Our drinking water quality meets all State of California Department of Public Health and USEPA drinking water standards set to protect public health. To further reduce the levels of the constituents identified in this report that are already significantly below the health-based Maximum Contaminant Levels established to provide “safe drinking water”, additional costly treatment processes would be required. The effectiveness of the treatment processes to provide any significant reductions in constituent levels at these already low values is uncertain. The health protection benefits of these further hypothetical reductions are not at all clear and may not be quantifiable. Therefore, no action is proposed at this time.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **MCLs, DLRs and PHGs for Regulated Drinking Water Contaminants**

**MCLs, DLRs, and PHGs for Regulated Drinking Water Contaminants**

**(Units are in milligrams per liter (mg/L), unless otherwise noted.)**

**Last Update: January 30, 2013**

This table includes:

CDPH's maximum contaminant levels (MCLs)

CDPH's detection limits for purposes of reporting (DLRs)

[Public health goals \(PHGs\) from the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment \(OEHHA\)](#)

Also, PHGs for NDMA and 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (which are not yet regulated) are included at the bottom of this table.

	<b>MCL</b>	<b>DLR</b>	<b>PHG</b>	<b>Date of PHG</b>
<b>Chemicals with MCLs in 22 CCR §64431—Inorganic Chemicals</b>				
Aluminum	1	0.05	0.6	2001
Antimony	0.006	0.006	0.02	1997
Antimony	--	--	0.0007	2009 draft
Arsenic	0.010	0.002	0.000004	2004
Asbestos (MFL = million fibers per liter; for fibers >10 microns long)	7 MFL	0.2 MFL	7 MFL	2003
Barium	1	0.1	2	2003
Beryllium	0.004	0.001	0.001	2003
Cadmium	0.005	0.001	0.00004	2006
Chromium, Total - OEHHA withdrew the 0.0025-mg/L PHG	0.05	0.01	withdrawn Nov. 2001	1999
Chromium, Hexavalent (Chromium-6) - MCL to be established - currently regulated under the total chromium MCL	--	0.001	0.00002	2011
Cyanide	0.15	0.1	0.15	1997
Fluoride	2	0.1	1	1997
Mercury (inorganic)	0.002	0.001	0.0012	1999 (rev2005)*
Nickel	0.1	0.01	0.012	2001
Nitrate (as NO3)	45	2	45	1997
Nitrite (as N)	1 as N	0.4	1 as N	1997
Nitrate + Nitrite	10 as N	--	10 as N	1997
Perchlorate	0.006	0.004	0.006	2004
Perchlorate	--	--	0.001	2011 draft
Selenium	0.05	0.005	0.03	2010
Thallium	0.002	0.001	0.0001	1999 (rev2004)

**Copper and Lead, 22 CCR §64672.3**

*Values referred to as MCLs for lead and copper are not actually MCLs; instead, they are called "Action Levels" under the lead and copper rule*

Copper	1.3	0.05	0.3	2008
Lead	0.015	0.005	0.0002	2009
<b>Radionuclides with MCLs in 22 CCR §64441 and §64443—Radioactivity</b>				
[units are picocuries per liter (pCi/L), unless otherwise stated; n/a = not applicable]				
Gross alpha particle activity - OEHHA concluded in 2003 that a PHG was not practical	15	3	none	n/a
Gross beta particle activity - OEHHA concluded in 2003 that a PHG was not practical	4 mrem/yr	4	none	n/a
Radium-226	--	1	0.05	2006
Radium-228	--	1	0.019	2006
Radium-226 + Radium-228	5	--	--	--
Strontium-90	8	2	0.35	2006
Tritium	20,000	1,000	400	2006
Uranium	20	1	0.43	2001
<b>Chemicals with MCLs in 22 CCR §64444—Organic Chemicals</b>				
<b>(a) Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs)</b>				
Benzene	0.001	0.0005	0.00015	2001
Carbon tetrachloride	0.0005	0.0005	0.0001	2000
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	0.6	0.0005	0.6	1997 (rev2009)
1,4-Dichlorobenzene (p-DCB)	0.005	0.0005	0.006	1997
1,1-Dichloroethane (1,1-DCA)	0.005	0.0005	0.003	2003
1,2-Dichloroethane (1,2-DCA)	0.0005	0.0005	0.0004	1999 (rev2005)
1,1-Dichloroethylene (1,1-DCE)	0.006	0.0005	0.01	1999
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	0.006	0.0005	0.1	2006
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene	0.01	0.0005	0.06	2006
Dichloromethane (Methylene chloride)	0.005	0.0005	0.004	2000
1,2-Dichloropropane	0.005	0.0005	0.0005	1999
1,3-Dichloropropene	0.0005	0.0005	0.0002	1999 (rev2006)
Ethylbenzene	0.3	0.0005	0.3	1997
Methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE)	0.013	0.003	0.013	1999
Monochlorobenzene	0.07	0.0005	0.2	2003
Styrene	0.1	0.0005	0.0005	2010
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	0.001	0.0005	0.0001	2003
Tetrachloroethylene (PCE)	0.005	0.0005	0.00006	2001
Toluene	0.15	0.0005	0.15	1999
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	0.005	0.0005	0.005	1999
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA)	0.2	0.0005	1	2006
1,1,2-Trichloroethane (1,1,2-TCA)	0.005	0.0005	0.0003	2006
Trichloroethylene (TCE)	0.005	0.0005	0.0017	2009
Trichlorofluoromethane (Freon 11)	0.15	0.005	0.7	1997
1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-Trifluoroethane (Freon 113)	1.2	0.01	4	1997 (rev2011)
Vinyl chloride	0.0005	0.0005	0.00005	2000
Xylenes	1.75	0.0005	1.8	1997

**(b) Non-Volatile Synthetic Organic Chemicals (SOCs)**

Alachlor	0.002	0.001	0.004	1997
Atrazine	0.001	0.0005	0.00015	1999
Bentazon	0.018	0.002	0.2	1999 (rev2009)
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.0002	0.0001	0.000007	2010
Carbofuran	0.018	0.005	0.0017	2000
Chlordane	0.0001	0.0001	0.00003	1997 (rev2006)
Dalapon	0.2	0.01	0.79	1997 (rev2009)
1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP)	0.0002	0.00001	0.0000017	1999
2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D)	0.07	0.01	0.02	2009
Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate	0.4	0.005	0.2	2003
Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP)	0.004	0.003	0.012	1997
Dinoseb	0.007	0.002	0.014	1997 (rev2010)
Diquat	0.02	0.004	0.015	2000
Endrin	0.002	0.0001	0.0018	1999 (rev2008)
Endothal	0.1	0.045	0.58	1997
Ethylene dibromide (EDB)	0.00005	0.00002	0.00001	2003
Glyphosate	0.7	0.025	0.9	2007
Heptachlor	0.00001	0.00001	0.000008	1999
Heptachlor epoxide	0.00001	0.00001	0.000006	1999
Hexachlorobenzene	0.001	0.0005	0.00003	2003
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	0.05	0.001	0.05	1999
Lindane	0.0002	0.0002	0.000032	1999 (rev2005)
Methoxychlor	0.03	0.01	0.00009	2010
Molinate	0.02	0.002	0.001	2008
Oxamyl	0.05	0.02	0.026	2009
Pentachlorophenol	0.001	0.0002	0.0003	2009
Picloram	0.5	0.001	0.5	1997
Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)	0.0005	0.0005	0.00009	2007
Simazine	0.004	0.001	0.004	2001
2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	0.05	0.001	0.025	2003
2,3,7,8-TCDD (dioxin)	$3 \times 10^{-8}$	$5 \times 10^{-9}$	$5 \times 10^{-11}$	2010
Thiobencarb	0.07	0.001	0.07	2000
Toxaphene	0.003	0.001	0.00003	2003

**Chemicals with MCLs in 22 CCR §64533—Disinfection Byproducts**

Total Trihalomethanes	0.080	--	0.0008	2010 draft
Bromodichloromethane	--	0.0010	--	--
Bromoform	--	0.0010	--	--
Chloroform	--	0.0010	--	--
Dibromochloromethane	--	0.0010	--	--
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5)	0.060	--	--	--
Monochloroacetic Acid	--	0.0020	--	--
Dichloroacetic Acid	--	0.0010	--	--
Trichloroacetic Acid	--	0.0010	--	--

Monobromoacetic Acid	--	0.0010	--	--
Dibromoacetic Acid	--	0.0010	--	--
Bromate	0.010	0.0050**	0.0001	2009
Chlorite	1.0	0.020	0.05	2009
<b>Chemicals with PHGs established in response to CDPH requests. These are not currently regulated drinking water contaminants.</b>				
N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA)	--	--	0.000003	2006
1,2,3-Trichloropropane	--	--	0.0000007	2009
*OEHHA's review of this chemical during the year indicated (rev20XX) resulted in no change in the PHG.				
**The DLR for Bromate is 0.0010 mg/L for analysis performed using EPA Method 317.0 Revision 2.0, 321.8, or 326.0.				

## **APPENDIX B**

### **Health Risk Information for Public Health Goal Exceedance Reports**

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Under the Calderon-Sher Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996 (the Act), water utilities are required to prepare a report every three years for contaminants that exceed public health goals (PHGs) (Health and Safety Code Section 116470 (b)(2)). The numerical health risk for a contaminant is to be presented with the category of health risk, along with a plainly worded description of these terms. The cancer health risk is to be calculated at the PHG and at the California maximum contaminant level (MCL). This report is prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to assist the water utilities in meeting their requirements.

PHGs are concentrations of contaminants in drinking water that pose no significant health risk if consumed for a lifetime. PHGs are developed and published by OEHHA (Health and Safety Code Section 116365) using current risk assessment principles, practices and methods.

**Numerical health risks.** Table 1 presents health risk categories and cancer risk values for chemical contaminants in drinking water that have PHGs.

The Act requires that OEHHA publish PHGs based on health risk assessments using the most current scientific methods. As defined in statute, PHGs for non-carcinogenic chemicals in drinking water are set at a concentration “at which no known or anticipated adverse health effects will occur, with an adequate margin of safety.” For carcinogens, PHGs are set at a concentration that “does not pose any significant risk to health.” PHGs provide one basis for revising MCLs, along with cost and technological feasibility. OEHHA has been publishing PHGs since 1997 and the entire list published to date is shown in Table 1.

Table 2 presents health risk information for contaminants that do not have PHGs but have state or federal regulatory standards. The Act requires that, for chemical contaminants with California MCLs that do not yet have PHGs, water utilities use the

federal maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG) for the purpose of complying with the requirement of public notification. MCLGs, like PHGs, are strictly health based and include a margin of safety. One difference, however, is that the MCLGs for carcinogens are set at zero because the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) assumes there is no absolutely safe level of exposure to them. PHGs, on the other hand, are set at a level considered to pose no *significant* risk of cancer; this is usually a no more than one-in-a-million excess cancer risk ( $1 \times 10^{-6}$ ) level for a lifetime of exposure. In Table 2, the cancer risks shown are based on the U.S. EPA's evaluations.

**For more information on health risks:** The adverse health effects for each chemical with a PHG are summarized in each PHG technical support document. These documents are available on the OEHHA Web site (<http://www.oehha.ca.gov>). Also, U.S. EPA has consumer and technical fact sheets on most of the chemicals having MCLs. For copies of the fact sheets, call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791, or explore the U.S. EPA Ground Water and Drinking Water web page at <http://water.epa.gov/drink/>.

**Table 1: Health Risk Categories and Cancer Risk Values for Chemicals with California Public Health Goals (PHGs)**

Chemical	Health Risk Category <sup>1</sup>	California PHG (mg/L) <sup>2</sup>	Cancer Risk <sup>3</sup> at the PHG	California MCL <sup>4</sup> (mg/L)	Cancer Risk at the California MCL
<a href="#">Alachlor</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.004	NA <sup>5</sup>	0.002	NA
<a href="#">Aluminum</a>	neurotoxicity and immunotoxicity (harms the nervous and immune systems)	0.6	NA	1	NA
<a href="#">Antimony</a>	digestive system toxicity (causes vomiting)	0.02	NA	0.006	NA
<a href="#">Arsenic</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.000004 (4x10 <sup>-6</sup> )	1x10 <sup>-6</sup> (one per million)	0.01	2.5x10 <sup>-3</sup> (2.5 per thousand)
<a href="#">Asbestos</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	7 MFL <sup>6</sup> (fibers >10 microns in length)	1x10 <sup>-6</sup>	7 MFL (fibers >10 microns in length)	1x10 <sup>-6</sup> (one per million)
<a href="#">Atrazine</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.00015	1x10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.001	7x10 <sup>-6</sup> (seven per million)

<sup>1</sup> Based on the OEHHA PHG technical support document unless otherwise specified. The categories are the hazard traits defined by OEHHA for California's Toxics Information Clearinghouse (online at: [http://oehha.ca.gov/multimedia/green/pdf/GC\\_Regtext011912.pdf](http://oehha.ca.gov/multimedia/green/pdf/GC_Regtext011912.pdf)).

<sup>2</sup> mg/L = milligrams per liter of water or parts per million (ppm)

<sup>3</sup> Cancer Risk = Upper estimate of excess cancer risk from lifetime exposure. Actual cancer risk may be lower or zero. 1x10<sup>-6</sup> means one excess cancer case per million people exposed.

<sup>4</sup> MCL = maximum contaminant level.

<sup>5</sup> NA = not applicable. Risk cannot be calculated. The PHG is set at a level that is believed to be without any significant public health risk to individuals exposed to the chemical over a lifetime.

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<a href="#">Barium</a>	cardiovascular toxicity (causes high blood pressure)	2	NA	1	NA
<a href="#">Bentazon</a>	hepatotoxicity and digestive system toxicity (harms the liver, intestine, and causes body weight effects <sup>7</sup> )	0.2	NA	0.018	NA
<a href="#">Benzene</a>	carcinogenicity (causes leukemia)	0.00015	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.001	$7 \times 10^{-6}$ (seven per million)
<a href="#">Benzo[a]pyrene</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.000007	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.0002	$3 \times 10^{-5}$ (three per hundred thousand)
<a href="#">Beryllium</a>	digestive system toxicity (harms the stomach or intestine)	0.001	NA	0.004	NA
<a href="#">Bromate</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.0001	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.01	$1 \times 10^{-4}$ (one per ten thousand)
<a href="#">Cadmium</a>	nephrotoxicity (harms the kidney)	0.00004	NA	0.005	NA
<a href="#">Carbofuran</a>	reproductive toxicity (harms the testis)	0.0017	NA	0.018	NA

<sup>7</sup> Body weight effects are an indicator of general toxicity in animal studies.

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<a href="#">Carbon tetrachloride</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.0001	1×10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.0005	5×10 <sup>-6</sup> (five per million)
<a href="#">Chlordane</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.00003	1×10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.0001	3×10 <sup>-6</sup> (three per million)
<a href="#">Chlorite</a>	hematotoxicity (causes anemia) neurotoxicity (causes neurobehavioral effects)	0.05	NA	1	NA
<a href="#">Chromium, hexavalent</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.00002	1×10 <sup>-6</sup>	---	NA
<a href="#">Copper</a>	digestive system toxicity (causes nausea, vomiting, diarrhea)	0.3	NA	1.3 (AL) <sup>8</sup>	NA
<a href="#">Cyanide</a>	neurotoxicity (damages nerves) endocrine toxicity (affects the thyroid)	0.15	NA	0.15	NA
<a href="#">Dalapon</a>	nephrotoxicity (harms the kidney)	0.79	NA	0.2	NA
<a href="#">1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP)</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.0000017 (1.7×10 <sup>-6</sup> )	1×10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.0002	1×10 <sup>-4</sup> (one per ten thousand)

<sup>8</sup> AL = action level. The action levels for copper and lead refer to a concentration measured at the tap. Much of the copper and lead in drinking water is derived from household plumbing (The Lead and Copper Rule, Title 22, California Code of Regulations [CCR] section 64672.3).

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<a href="#">1,2-Dichlorobenzene (o-DCB)</a>	hepatotoxicity (harms the liver)	0.6	NA	0.6	NA
<a href="#">1,4-Dichlorobenzene (p-DCB)</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.006	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.005	$8 \times 10^{-7}$ (eight per ten million)
<a href="#">1,1-Dichloroethane (1,1-DCA)</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.003	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.005	$2 \times 10^{-6}$ (two per million)
<a href="#">1,2-Dichloroethane (1,2-DCA)</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.0004	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.0005	$1 \times 10^{-6}$ (one per million)
<a href="#">1,1-Dichloroethylene (1,1-DCE)</a>	hepatotoxicity (harms the liver)	0.01	NA	0.006	NA
<a href="#">1,2-Dichloroethylene, cis</a>	nephrotoxicity (harms the kidney)	0.1	NA	0.006	NA
<a href="#">1,2-Dichloroethylene, trans</a>	hepatotoxicity (harms the liver)	0.06	NA	0.01	NA
<a href="#">Dichloromethane (methylene chloride)</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.004	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.005	$1 \times 10^{-6}$ (one per million)
<a href="#">2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D)</a>	hepatotoxicity and nephrotoxicity (harms the liver and kidney)	0.02	NA	0.07	NA

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<a href="#">1,2-Dichloropropane (propylene dichloride)</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.0005	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.005	$1 \times 10^{-5}$ (one per hundred thousand)
<a href="#">1,3-Dichloropropene (Telone II®)</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.0002	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.0005	$2 \times 10^{-6}$ (two per million)
<a href="#">Di(2-ethylhexyl) adipate (DEHA)</a>	developmental toxicity (disrupts development)	0.2	NA	0.4	NA
<a href="#">Diethylhexyl-phthalate (DEHP)</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.012	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.004	$3 \times 10^{-7}$ (three per ten million)
<a href="#">Dinoseb</a>	reproductive toxicity (harms the uterus and testis)	0.014	NA	0.007	NA
<a href="#">Dioxin (2,3,7,8-TCDD)</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	$5 \times 10^{-11}$	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	$3 \times 10^{-8}$	$6 \times 10^{-4}$ (six per ten thousand)
<a href="#">Diquat</a>	ocular toxicity (harms the eye) developmental toxicity (causes malformation)	0.015	NA	0.02	NA
<a href="#">Endothall</a>	digestive system toxicity (harms the stomach or intestine)	0.58	NA	0.1	NA
<a href="#">Endrin</a>	hepatotoxicity (harms the liver) neurotoxicity (causes convulsions)	0.0018	NA	0.002	NA

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<a href="#">Ethylbenzene (phenylethane)</a>	hepatotoxicity (harms the liver)	0.3	NA	0.3	NA
<a href="#">Ethylene dibromide</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.00001	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.00005	$5 \times 10^{-6}$ (five per million)
<a href="#">Fluoride</a>	musculoskeletal toxicity (causes tooth mottling)	1	NA	2	NA
<a href="#">Glyphosate</a>	nephrotoxicity (harms the kidney)	0.9	NA	0.7	NA
<a href="#">Heptachlor</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.000008	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.00001	$1 \times 10^{-6}$ (one per million)
<a href="#">Heptachlor epoxide</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.000006	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.00001	$2 \times 10^{-6}$ (two per million)
<a href="#">Hexachlorobenzene</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.00003	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.001	$3 \times 10^{-5}$ (three per hundred thousand)
<a href="#">Hexachloro-cyclopentadiene (HEX)</a>	digestive system toxicity (causes stomach lesions)	0.05	NA	0.05	NA

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<a href="#">Lead</a>	developmental neurotoxicity (causes neurobehavioral effects in children) cardiovascular toxicity (cause high blood pressure) carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.0002	$3 \times 10^{-8}$ (PHG is not based on this effect)	0.015 (AL) <sup>8</sup>	$2 \times 10^{-6}$ (two per million)
<a href="#">Lindane (<math>\gamma</math>-BHC)</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.000032	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.0002	$6 \times 10^{-6}$ (six per million)
<a href="#">Mercury (inorganic)</a>	nephrotoxicity (harms the kidney)	0.0012	NA	0.002	NA
<a href="#">Methoxychlor</a>	endocrine toxicity (causes hormone effects)	0.00009	NA	0.03	NA
<a href="#">Methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE)</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.013	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.013	$1 \times 10^{-6}$ (one per million)
<a href="#">Molinate</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.001	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.02	$2 \times 10^{-5}$ (two per hundred thousand)
<a href="#">Monochlorobenzene (chlorobenzene)</a>	hepatotoxicity (harms the liver)	0.2	NA	0.07	NA
<a href="#">Nickel</a>	developmental toxicity (causes increased neonatal deaths)	0.012	NA	0.1	NA

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<a href="#">Nitrate</a>	hematotoxicity (causes methemoglobinemia)	45 as nitrate	NA	45 as NO <sub>3</sub>	NA
<a href="#">Nitrite</a>	hematotoxicity (causes methemoglobinemia)	1 as nitrogen	NA	1 as nitrite-nitrogen	NA
<a href="#">Nitrate and Nitrite</a>	hematotoxicity (causes methemoglobinemia)	10 as nitrogen	NA	10 as nitrogen	NA
<a href="#">N-nitroso-dimethyl-amine (NDMA)</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.000003	1x10 <sup>-6</sup>	---	NA
<a href="#">Oxamyl</a>	general toxicity (causes body weight effects)	0.026	NA	0.05	NA
<a href="#">Pentachloro-phenol (PCP)</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.0003	1x10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.001	3x10 <sup>-6</sup> (three per million)
<a href="#">Perchlorate</a>	endocrine toxicity (affects the thyroid) developmental toxicity (causes neurodevelopmental deficits)	0.006 <sup>9</sup>	NA	0.006	NA
<a href="#">Picloram</a>	hepatotoxicity (harms the liver)	0.5	NA	0.5	NA

<sup>9</sup> This is the current PHG value for perchlorate. A revised draft PHG for perchlorate was posted online for public comment on December 7, 2012. <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/water/phg/120712Perchlorate.html>.

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<a href="#">Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.00009	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.0005	$6 \times 10^{-6}$ (six per million)
<a href="#">Radium-226</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.05 pCi/L	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	5 pCi/L	$1 \times 10^{-4}$ (one per ten thousand)
<a href="#">Radium-228</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.019 pCi/L	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	5 pCi/L (combined Ra <sup>226+228</sup> )	$3 \times 10^{-4}$ (three per ten thousand)
<a href="#">Selenium</a>	integumentary toxicity (causes hair loss and nail damage)	0.03	NA	0.05	NA
<a href="#">Silvex (2,4,5-TP)</a>	hepatotoxicity (harms the liver)	0.025	NA	0.05	NA
<a href="#">Simazine</a>	general toxicity (causes body weight effects)	0.004	NA	0.004	NA
<a href="#">Strontium-90</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.35 pCi/L	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	8 pCi/L	$2 \times 10^{-5}$ (two per hundred thousand)
<a href="#">Styrene (vinylbenzene)</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.0005	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.1	$2 \times 10^{-4}$ (two per ten thousand)

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<a href="#">1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.0001	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.001	$1 \times 10^{-5}$ (one per hundred thousand)
<a href="#">Tetrachloroethylene (perchloroethylene, or PCE)</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.00006	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.005	$8 \times 10^{-5}$ (eight per hundred thousand)
<a href="#">Thallium</a>	integumentary toxicity (causes hair loss)	0.0001	NA	0.002	NA
<a href="#">Thiobencarb</a>	general toxicity (causes body weight effects) hematotoxicity (affects red blood cells)	0.07	NA	0.07	NA
<a href="#">Toluene (methylbenzene)</a>	hepatotoxicity (harms the liver) endocrine toxicity (harms the thymus)	0.15	NA	0.15	NA
<a href="#">Toxaphene</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.00003	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.003	$1 \times 10^{-4}$ (one per ten thousand)
<a href="#">1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene (Unsym-TCB)</a>	endocrine toxicity (harms adrenal glands)	0.005	NA	0.005	NA

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<a href="#">1,1,1-Trichloroethane</a>	neurotoxicity (harms the nervous system), reproductive toxicity (causes fewer offspring) hepatotoxicity (harms the liver) hematotoxicity (causes blood effects)	1	NA	0.2	NA
<a href="#">1,1,2-Trichloroethane</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.0003	1x10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.005	2x10 <sup>-5</sup> (two per hundred thousand)
<a href="#">1,1,2-Trichloroethylene (TCE)</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.0017	1x10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.005	3x10 <sup>-6</sup> (three per million)
<a href="#">Trichlorofluoromethane (Freon 11)</a>	hepatotoxicity (harms the liver)	0.7	NA	0.15	NA
<a href="#">1,2,3-Trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP)</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.0000007	1x10 <sup>-6</sup>	---	NA
<a href="#">1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane (Freon 113)</a>	hepatotoxicity (harms the liver)	4	NA	1.2	NA
<a href="#">Tritium</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	400 pCi/L	1x10 <sup>-6</sup>	20,000 pCi/L	5x10 <sup>-5</sup> (five per hundred thousand)

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<a href="#">Uranium</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.43 pCi/L	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	20 pCi/L	$5 \times 10^{-5}$ (five per hundred thousand)
<a href="#">Vinyl chloride</a>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0.00005	$1 \times 10^{-6}$	0.0005	$1 \times 10^{-5}$ (one per hundred thousand)
<a href="#">Xylene</a>	neurotoxicity (affects the senses, mood, and motor control)	1.8 (single isomer or sum of isomers)	NA	1.75 (single isomer or sum of isomers)	NA

**Table 2: Health Risk Categories and Cancer Risk Values for Chemicals without California Public Health Goals**

Chemical	Health Risk Category <sup>1</sup>	U.S. EPA MCLG <sup>2</sup> (mg/L)	Cancer Risk <sup>3</sup> @ MCLG	California MCL <sup>4</sup> (mg/L)	Cancer Risk @ California MCL
<b>Disinfection byproducts (DBPS)</b>					
Chloramines	acute toxicity (causes irritation) digestive system toxicity (harms the stomach) hematotoxicity (causes anemia)	4 <sup>5</sup>	NA	none	NA
Chlorine	acute toxicity (causes irritation) digestive system toxicity (harms the stomach)	4 <sup>5</sup>	NA	none	NA
Chlorine dioxide	hematotoxicity (causes anemia) neurotoxicity (harms the nervous system)	0.8 <sup>5</sup>	NA	none	NA
<b>Disinfection byproducts: haloacetic acids (HAA5)</b>					
Chloroacetic acid	general toxicity (causes body and organ weight changes <sup>6</sup> )	0.07	NA	none	NA
Dichloroacetic acid	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0	0	none	NA
Trichloroacetic acid	hepatotoxicity (harms the liver)	0.02	0	none	NA
Bromoacetic acid	NA	none	NA	none	NA

<sup>1</sup> Health risk category based on the U.S. EPA MCLG document or California MCL document unless otherwise specified.

<sup>2</sup> MCLG = maximum contaminant level goal established by U.S. EPA.

<sup>3</sup> Cancer Risk = Upper estimate of excess cancer risk from lifetime exposure. Actual cancer risk may be lower or zero.  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  means one excess cancer case per million people exposed.

<sup>4</sup> California MCL = maximum contaminant level established by California.

<sup>5</sup> Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal, or MRDLG

<sup>6</sup> Body weight effects are an indicator of general toxicity in animal studies.

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Dibromoacetic acid	NA	none	NA	none	NA
Total haloacetic acids	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	none	NA	0.06	NA
<b>Disinfection byproducts: trihalomethanes (THMs)</b>					
Bromodichloromethane (BDCM)	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0	0	none	NA
Bromoform	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0	0	none	NA
Chloroform	hepatotoxicity and nephrotoxicity (harms the liver and kidney)	0.07	NA	none	NA
Dibromochloromethane (DBCM)	hepatotoxicity, nephrotoxicity, and neurotoxicity (harms the liver, kidney, and nervous system)	0.06	NA	none	NA
Total (sum of BDCM, bromoform, chloroform and DBCM)	carcinogenicity (causes cancer), hepatotoxicity, nephrotoxicity, and neurotoxicity (harms the liver, kidney, and nervous system)	none	NA	0.08	NA

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<b>Radionuclides</b>					
Gross alpha particles <sup>7</sup>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0 ( <sup>210</sup> Po included)	0	15 pCi/L <sup>8</sup> (includes <sup>226</sup> Ra but not radon and uranium)	up to 1x10 <sup>-3</sup> (for <sup>210</sup> Po, the most potent alpha emitter)
Beta particles and photon emitters <sup>7</sup>	carcinogenicity (causes cancer)	0 ( <sup>210</sup> Pb included)	0	50 pCi/L (judged equiv. to 4 mrem/yr)	up to 2x10 <sup>-3</sup> (for <sup>210</sup> Pb, the most potent beta-emitter)

<sup>7</sup> MCLs for gross alpha and beta particles are screening standards for a group of radionuclides. Corresponding PHGs were not developed for gross alpha and beta particles. See the OEHHA memoranda discussing the cancer risks at these MCLs at <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/water/phg/index.html>.

<sup>8</sup> pCi/L = picocuries per liter of water.

## **APPENDIX C**

### **Cost Estimates for Treatment for Treatment Technologies**

**Source – Association of California Water Agencies**

***Suggested Guidelines for Preparation of Required Reports, dated February 2013***

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**Table 1**  
**Reference: 2012 ACWA PHG Survey**

**COST ESTIMATES FOR TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES**  
**(INCLUDES ANNUALIZED CAPITAL AND O&M COSTS)**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Treatment Technology</b>	<b>Source of Information</b>	<b>Estimated Unit Cost 2012 ACWA Survey (\$/1,000 gallons treated)</b>
1	Ion Exchange	Coachella Valley WD, for GW, to reduce Arsenic concentrations. 2011 costs.	1.84
2	Ion Exchange	City of Riverside Public Utilities, for GW, for Perchlorate treatment.	0.89
3	Ion Exchange	Carollo Engineers, anonymous utility, 2012 costs for treating GW source for Nitrates. Design source water concentration: 88 mg/L NO <sub>3</sub> . Design finished water concentration: 45 mg/L NO <sub>3</sub> . Does not include concentrate disposal or land cost.	0.67
4	Granular Activated Carbon	City of Riverside Public Utilities, GW sources, for TCE, DBCP (VOC, SOC) treatment.	0.45
5	Granular Activated Carbon	Carollo Engineers, anonymous utility, 2012 costs for treating SW source for TTHMs. Design source water concentration: 0.135 mg/L. Design finished water concentration: 0.07 mg/L. Does not include concentrate disposal or land cost.	0.32
6	Granular Activated Carbon, Liquid Phase	LADWP, Liquid Phase GAC treatment at Tujunga Well field. Costs for treating 2 wells. Treatment for 1,1 DCE (VOC). 2011-2012 costs.	1.36
7	Reverse Osmosis	Carollo Engineers, anonymous utility, 2012 costs for treating GW source for Nitrates. Design source water concentration: 88 mg/L NO <sub>3</sub> . Design finished water concentration: 45 mg/L NO <sub>3</sub> . Does not include concentrate disposal or land cost.	0.72
8	Packed Tower Aeration	City of Monrovia, treatment to reduce TCE, PCE concentrations. 2011-12 costs.	0.39
9	Ozonation+ Chemical addition	SCVWD, STWTP treatment plant includes chemical addition + ozone generation costs to reduce THM/HAA concentrations. 2009-2012 costs.	0.08
10	Ozonation+ Chemical addition	SCVWD, PWTP treatment plant includes chemical addition + ozone generation costs to reduce THM/HAA concentrations, 2009-2012 costs.	0.18

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<b>No.</b>	<b>Treatment Technology</b>	<b>Source of Information</b>	<b>Estimated Unit Cost 2012 ACWA Survey (\$/1,000 gallons treated)</b>
11	Coagulation/Filtration	Soquel WD, treatment to reduce manganese concentrations in GW. 2011 costs.	0.68
12	Coagulation/Filtration Optimization	San Diego WA, costs to reduce THM/Bromate, Turbidity concentrations, raw SW a blend of State Water Project water and Colorado River water, treated at Twin Oaks Valley WTP.	0.77
13	Blending (Well)	Rancho California WD, GW blending well, 1150 gpm, to reduce fluoride concentrations.	0.64
14	Blending (Wells)	Rancho California WD, GW blending wells, to reduce arsenic concentrations, 2012 costs.	0.52
15	Blending	Rancho California WD, using MWD water to blend with GW to reduce arsenic concentrations. 2012 costs.	0.62
16	Corrosion Inhibition	Atascadero Mutual WC, corrosion inhibitor addition to control aggressive water. 2011 costs.	0.08

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**Table 2**  
**Reference: Other Agencies**

**COST ESTIMATES FOR TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES**  
**(INCLUDES ANNUALIZED CAPITAL AND O&M COSTS)**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Treatment Technology</b>	<b>Source of Information</b>	<b>Estimated Unit Cost 2012 Other References (\$/1,000 gallons treated)</b>
1	Reduction - Coagulation- Filtration	Reference: February 28, 2013, Final Report Chromium Removal Research, City of Glendale, CA. 100-2000 gpm. Reduce Hexavalent Chromium to 1 ppb.	\$1.47 - \$9.23
2	IX - Weak Base Anion Resin	Reference: February 28, 2013, Final Report Chromium Removal Research, City of Glendale, CA. 100-2000 gpm. Reduce Hexavalent Chromium to 1 ppb.	\$1.50 - \$6.29
3	IX	Golden State Water Co., IX w/disposable resin, 1 MGD, Perchlorate removal, built in 2010.	\$0.46
4	IX	Golden State Water Co., IX w/disposable resin, 1000 gpm, perchlorate removal (Proposed; O&M estimated).	\$1.00
5	IX	Golden State Water Co., IX with brine regeneration, 500 gpm for Selenium removal, built in 2007.	\$6.57
6	GFO/Adsorption	Golden State Water Co., Granular Ferric Oxide Resin, Arsenic removal, 600 gpm, 2 facilities, built in 2006.	\$1.72 - \$1.84
7	RO	Reference: Inland Empire Utilities Agency : Chino Basin Desalter. RO cost to reduce 800 ppm TDS, 150 ppm Nitrate (as NO <sub>3</sub> ); approx. 7 mgd.	\$2.25
8	IX	Reference: Inland Empire Utilities Agency : Chino Basin Desalter. IX cost to reduce 150 ppm Nitrate (as NO <sub>3</sub> ); approx. 2.6 mgd.	\$1.25
9	Packed Tower Aeration	Reference: Inland Empire Utilities Agency : Chino Basin Desalter. PTA-VOC air stripping, typical treated flow of approx. 1.6 mgd.	\$0.38

10	IX	Reference: West Valley WD Report, for Water Recycling Funding Program, for 2.88 mgd treatment facility. IX to remove Perchlorate, Perchlorate levels 6-10 ppb. 2008 costs.	\$0.52 - \$0.74
11	Coagulation Filtration	Reference: West Valley WD, includes capital, O&M costs for 2.88 mgd treatment facility- Layne Christensen packaged coagulation Arsenic removal system. 2009-2012 costs.	\$0.34
12	FBR	Reference: West Valley WD/Envirogen design data for the O&M + actual capitol costs, 2.88 mgd fluidized bed reactor (FBR) treatment system, Perchlorate and Nitrate removal, followed by multimedia filtration & chlorination, 2012. NOTE: The capitol cost for the treatment facility for the first 2,000 gpm is \$23 million annualized over 20 years with ability to expand to 4,000 gpm with minimal costs in the future. \$17 million funded through state and federal grants with the remainder funded by WVWD and the City of Rialto.	\$1.55 - \$1.63

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**Table 3**

**Reference: 2010 ACWA Cost of Treatment Table, Costs Revised for 2012**

**COST ESTIMATES FOR TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES**

**(INCLUDES ANNUALIZED CAPITAL AND O&M COSTS)**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Treatment Technology</b>	<b>Source of Information</b>	<b>Estimated 2012* Unit Cost (\$/1,000 gallons treated)</b>
1	Granular Activated Carbon	Reference: Malcolm Pirnie estimate for California Urban Water Agencies, large surface water treatment plants treating water from the State Water Project to meet Stage 2 D/DBP and bromate regulation, 1998	0.53-1.00
2	Granular Activated Carbon	Reference: Carollo Engineers, estimate for VOC treatment (PCE), 95% removal of PCE, Oct. 1994,1900 gpm design capacity	0.24
3	Granular Activated Carbon	Reference: Carollo Engineers, est. for a large No. Calif. surf. water treatment plant ( 90 mgd capacity) treating water from the State Water Project, to reduce THM precursors, ENR construction cost index = 6262 (San Francisco area) - 1992	1.16
4	Granular Activated Carbon	Reference: CH2M Hill study on San Gabriel Basin, for 135 mgd central treatment facility for VOC and SOC removal by GAC, 1990	0.45-0.66
5	Granular Activated Carbon	Reference: Southern California Water Co. - actual data for "rented" GAC to remove VOCs (1,1-DCE), 1.5 mgd capacity facility, 1998	2.08
6	Granular Activated Carbon	Reference: Southern California Water Co. - actual data for permanent GAC to remove VOCs (TCE), 2.16 mgd plant capacity, 1998	1.35
7	Reverse Osmosis	Reference: Malcolm Pirnie estimate for California Urban Water Agencies, large surface water treatment plants treating water from the State Water Project to meet Stage 2 D/DBP and bromate regulation, 1998	1.56-2.99
8	Reverse Osmosis	Reference: Boyle Engineering, RO cost to reduce 1000 ppm TDS in brackish groundwater in So. Calif., 1.0 mgd plant operated at 40% of design flow, high brine line cost, May 1991	3.69
9	Reverse Osmosis	Reference: Boyle Engineering, RO cost to reduce 1000 ppm TDS in brackish groundwater in So. Calif., 1.0 mgd plant operated at 100% of design flow, high brine line cost, May 1991	2.27
10	Reverse Osmosis	Reference: Boyle Engineering, RO cost to reduce 1000 ppm TDS in brackish groundwater in So. Calif., 10.0 mgd plant operated at 40% of design flow, high brine line cost, May 1991	2.46
11	Reverse Osmosis	Reference: Boyle Engineering, RO cost to reduce 1000 ppm TDS in brackish groundwater in So. Calif., 10.0 mgd plant operated at 100% of design flow, high brine line cost, May 1991	1.90
12	Reverse Osmosis	Reference: Arsenic Removal Study, City of Scottsdale, AZ - CH2M Hill, for a 1.0 mgd plant operated at 40% of design capacity, Oct. 1991	6.17

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(INCLUDES ANNUALIZED CAPITAL AND O&M COSTS)

No.	Treatment Technology	Source of Information	Estimated 2012* Unit Cost (\$/1,000 gallons treated)
13	Reverse Osmosis	Reference: Arsenic Removal Study, City of Scottsdale, AZ - CH2M Hill, for a 1.0 mgd plant operated at 100% of design capacity, Oct. 1991	3.64
14	Reverse Osmosis	Reference: Arsenic Removal Study, City of Scottsdale, AZ - CH2M Hill, for a 10.0 mgd plant operated at 40% of design capacity, Oct. 1991	2.73
15	Reverse Osmosis	Reference: Arsenic Removal Study, City of Scottsdale, AZ - CH2M Hill, for a 10.0 mgd plant operated at 100% of design capacity, Oct. 1991	1.69
16	Reverse Osmosis	Reference: CH2M Hill study on San Gabriel Basin, for 135 mgd central treatment facility with RO to remove nitrate, 1990	1.70-2.99
17	Packed Tower Aeration	Reference: Analysis of Costs for Radon Removal... (AWWARF publication), Kennedy/Jenks, for a 1.4 mgd facility operating at 40% of design capacity, Oct. 1991	0.98
18	Packed Tower Aeration	Reference: Analysis of Costs for Radon Removal... (AWWARF publication), Kennedy/Jenks, for a 14.0 mgd facility operating at 40% of design capacity, Oct. 1991	0.52
19	Packed Tower Aeration	Reference: Carollo Engineers, estimate for VOC treatment (PCE) by packed tower aeration, without off-gas treatment, O&M costs based on operation during 329 days/year at 10% downtime, 16 hr/day air stripping operation, 1900 gpm design capacity, Oct. 1994	0.26
20	Packed Tower Aeration	Reference: Carollo Engineers, for PCE treatment by Ecolo-Flo Enviro-Tower air stripping, without off-gas treatment, O&M costs based on operation during 329 days/year at 10% downtime, 16 hr/day air stripping operation, 1900 gpm design capacity, Oct. 1994	0.27
21	Packed Tower Aeration	Reference: CH2M Hill study on San Gabriel Basin, for 135 mgd central treatment facility - packed tower aeration for VOC and radon removal, 1990	0.42-0.69
22	Advanced Oxidation Processes	Reference: Carollo Engineers, estimate for VOC treatment (PCE) by UV Light, Ozone, Hydrogen Peroxide, O&M costs based on operation during 329 days/year at 10% downtime, 24 hr/day AOP operation, 1900 gpm capacity, Oct. 1994	0.51
23	Ozonation	Reference: Malcolm Pirnie estimate for CUWA, large surface water treatment plants using ozone to treat water from the State Water Project to meet Stage 2 D/DBP and bromate regulation, <i>Cryptosporidium</i> inactivation requirements, 1998	0.12-0.24
24	Ion Exchange	Reference: CH2M Hill study on San Gabriel Basin, for 135 mgd central treatment facility - ion exchange to remove nitrate, 1990	0.57-0.74

Note: \*Costs were adjusted from date of original estimates to present, where appropriate, using Engineering News Record (ENR) building costs index (20-city average) from Dec 2012.