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## **Appendix B-2**

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Notice of Public Hearing and Adoption Resolution

RESOLUTION 11-0608A

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE QUARTZ HILL WATER DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE 2010 INTEGRATED URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR QUARTZ HILL WATER DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Urban Water Management Planning Act (Division 6 of the California Water Code) requires each water supplier with more than 3000 customers (service connections), or annually supplying more than 3000 acre-feet of water to prepare and adopt an Urban Water Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Quartz Hill Water District has approximately 5,500 service connections and is therefore required to prepare and adopt an Urban Water Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the District's 2010 Integrated Urban Water Management Plan for the Quartz Hill Water District (attachment A) meets the requirements of the Urban Water Management Planning Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Quartz Hill Water District hereby adopts the 2010 Integrated Urban Water Management Plan for the Antelope Valley, Quartz Hill Water District, Rosamond Community Service District and Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works, Waterworks District No. 40.

Approved by the Board Members of Quartz Hill Water District at the Board Meeting on 6-8-11 at 42141 N 50th Street West, Quartz Hill, CA 93536.

Carried: Flick, J Powell, Scott, Gross, P Powell

Ayes: 8

Noes: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 0

Attested:



Allen G. Flick, Sr.  
President of the Board of Directors



Debi Pizzo  
Secretary to the Board of Directors

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY,  
PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, QUARTZ HILL WATER DISTRICT, AND  
ROSAMOND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF THE 2010 INTEGRATED  
REGIONAL URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY**

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The plan has been prepared in compliance with the Urban Water Management Planning Act and includes a water-shortage contingency plan, the projection of future water demands, identification of sufficient water supplies to meet projected water demands, and an explanation of existing and future water conservation practices to meet the reduction of 20 percent per capita use by the year 2020 based on the legislative Senate Bill X7-7

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Adoption of the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan is required under the Urban Water Management Planning Act by July 1, 2011 For further information regarding this matter, please call (626) 300-3315

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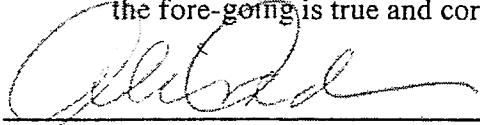
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LA CO WATER DISTRICT 40

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of the Antelope Valley Press, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily in the City of Palmdale, County of Los Angeles, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, under date of October 24, 1931, Case Number 328601, Modified Case Number 657770 April 11, 1956; also operating as the Ledger-Gazette, adjudicated a legal newspaper June 15, 1927, by Superior Court decree No. 224545; also operating as the Desert Mailer News, formerly known as the South Antelope Valley Foothill News, adjudicated a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California on May 29, 1967, Case Number NOC564 and adjudicated a newspaper of general circulation for the City of Lancaster, State of California on January 26, 1990, Case Number NOC10714, Modified October 22, 1990; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

May 12, 19, 2011

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that  
the fore-going is true and correct.



Signature

Dated. May 19, 2011  
Executed at Palmdale, California

LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY,  
PALMDALE WATER  
DISTRICT, QUARTZ HILL  
WATER DISTRICT, AND  
ROSAMOND COMMUNITY  
SERVICES DISTRICT  
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## **Appendix C**

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### Consumer Confidence Reports

## **Appendix C-1**

### **District No. 40 Consumer Confidence Report**



# 2010 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS  
DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2010

The Los Angeles County Waterworks District is pleased to provide you with our 2010 Annual Water Quality Report. We are committed to serving you a reliable supply of high quality water that meets State and Federal standards. Our ongoing efforts include increasing the capacity and reliability of the water system and ensuring the quality of our water supply through rigorous water quality testing.

There are two drinking water quality standards, Primary and Secondary Drinking Water Standards. Primary Drinking Water Standards are set for substances that are thought to pose a health risk at certain levels and are enforceable by law. Secondary Drinking Water Standards are set for substances that do not pose a health risk and are intended to control the aesthetic qualities related to the public acceptance of drinking water. Secondary Standards are not enforceable by law. We are pleased to inform you that during all of 2010, your drinking water met all Primary and Secondary Drinking Water Standards.

This report is intended to provide you with a better understanding of your drinking water. It contains information about where your water comes from, how your water is treated and monitored, and what contaminants may be present in your water. Moreover, we have included source water assessments, results from our water quality testing, and general information about your drinking water.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

## WHERE YOUR WATER COMES FROM

The sources of drinking water include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. The District's sources of drinking water in the Antelope Valley are local groundwater and surface ("imported") water purchased from the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK). AVEK's water primarily comes from the State Water Project (SWP), the 444 mile-long California Aqueduct that transports water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta to Southern California SWP contractors for use as agricultural or urban supply.

The surface water in your region comes from one of AVEK's facilities, Quartz Hill Water Treatment Plant (QHWTP) or Eastside Water Treatment Plant (EWTP). Water quality information is presented in the table contained in this report.

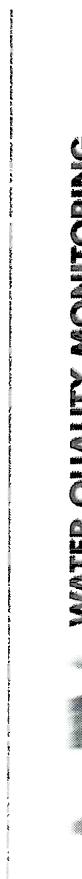
Regions 4 & 34 provides water to customers in Lancaster and Desert View Highlands. Customers received approximately 12% local groundwater and 88% SWP water from QHWTP in 2010.

Regions 24, 27, & 33 provides water to customers in Pearblossom, Littlerock and Sun Village. Customers received approximately 35% local groundwater and 65% SWP water from EWTP in 2010.

Region 35 provides water to customers in Northeast Los Angeles County. Customers received 100% local groundwater in 2010.

Region 38 provides water to customers in Lake Los Angeles. Customers received approximately 65% local groundwater and 35% SWP water from EWTP in 2010.

Region 39 provides water to customers in Rock Creek. Customers received approximately 50% local groundwater and 50% water purchased from Region 24 in 2010.

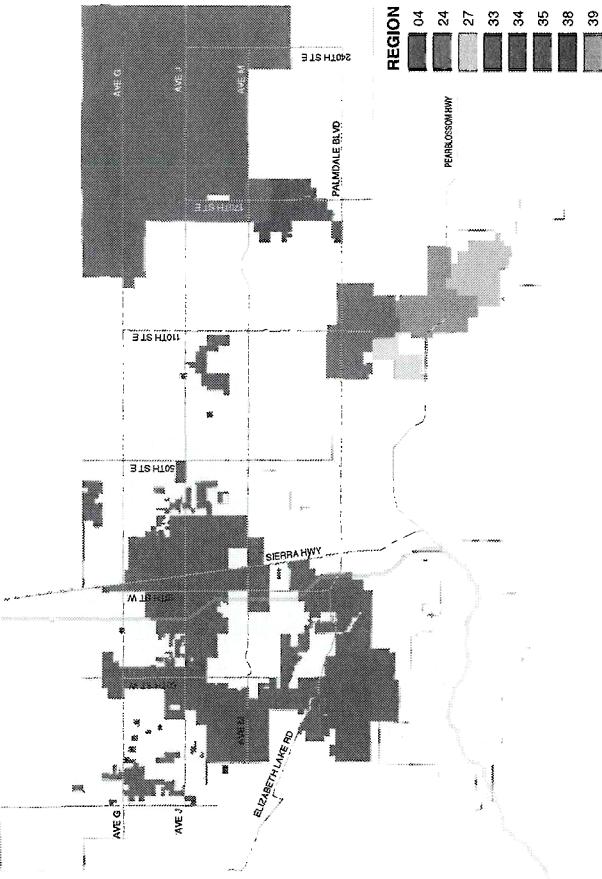


## WATER QUALITY MONITORING

To ensure that water is safe to drink, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

To meet these regulations, the District has contracted with a State-certified laboratory to conduct all water quality analyses. The source water is tested for chemical, physical, radiological, and bacteriological parameters as required by Federal and State regulations. We also test for additional organic and inorganic chemicals that are not regulated.

Key locations within the distribution system have been selected to monitor water quality. Every week, the distribution system is tested for bacteria and disinfectant levels to ensure that you receive safe and high quality drinking water. The distribution system is also tested for color, odor, temperature, turbidity, and disinfection byproducts monthly. All tests are conducted in a State-certified laboratory using Federally approved testing methods. Our contracted laboratory is equipped with state-of-the-art instruments capable of detecting contaminants at very minute quantities.



## SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

CDPH completed a 2006 update of the Source Water Assessment (SWA) for the California Aqueduct, AVEK's water source. The SWA is used evaluate the vulnerability of water sources to contamination and helps determine whether more protective measures are needed. Water supplies from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta are most vulnerable to contamination from municipal, industrial and agricultural activities. Also influencing the quality of water pumped from the Delta is the impact of the estuarial nature of the Delta and the naturally occurring saltwater intrusion which is dependent to a large extent on the inflow from the contributing rivers. A copy of the complete assessment can be obtained by contacting AVEK by phone at (661) 943-3201.

An SWA for the District's groundwater sources was completed in January 2002. The wells in the Antelope Valley region are considered vulnerable to various contaminating activities including the following, dry cleaners, high density housing, sewer collection/septic systems, agriculture, automobile gas stations/repair and body shops, chemical processing/storage, above ground storage tanks, and other commercial/industrial activities. A copy of the complete assessment can be obtained by contacting CDPH by phone at (818) 551-2004

## THE QUALITY OF YOUR WATER

**Lead** Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. The District is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the USEPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

**Arsenic:** While your drinking water meets the federal and state standard of arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The arsenic standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

**Nitrate:** Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 45 mg/L is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. Such nitrate levels in drinking water can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen, resulting in a serious illness, symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Nitrate levels above 45 mg/L may also affect the ability of the blood to carry oxygen in other individuals, such as pregnant women and those with certain specific enzyme deficiencies. If you are caring for an infant, or you are pregnant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

**Disinfection by-products:** Disinfection by-products, which include trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAA5), are generated by the interaction of between naturally occurring organic matter and disinfectants such as chlorine and ozone. THMs and HAA5 are measured at several points in each system and averaged once per quarter and reported as a running annual average.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791)

## CONTAMINANTS THAT MAY BE PRESENT IN WATER

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

**Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, that can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

**Pesticides and herbicides**, that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential use.

**Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, that are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.

**Radioactive contaminants**, that can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure tap water is safe to drink, the USEPA and CDPH prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. CDPH regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

## WATER QUALITY DATA

The table below lists all drinking water contaminants that were detected during the 2010 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The District tests weekly for bacteria in the distribution system. Trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, and chlorine are also tested regularly in the distribution system.

The table below lists all drinking water contaminants that were detected during the 2010 system and are reported below. The State requires us to monitor certain contaminants less frequently than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

PARAMETER	PHG or [MCL/G]	SURFACE WATER		REGION 4 & 34		REGION 24, 27 & 33		REGION 35		REGION 38		REGION 39	
		MCL or [MRL]	EASTSIDE PLANT	QUARTZ HILL PLANT	CHLORINATED GROUNDWATER	CHLORINATED GROUNDWATER	AVERAGE LEVEL	AVERAGE LEVEL	RANGE OF DETECTION	AVERAGE LEVEL	RANGE OF DETECTION	AVERAGE LEVEL	RANGE OF DETECTION
<b>INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS</b>													
ALUMINUM (ppm)	0.6	1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND-0.1	ND	ND-13.10	2.0	ND-2.1	1.0	ND
ARSENIC (ppb)	0.004	10	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND-0.12	ND	ND-0.31	13.4	ND-0.25	0.13	ND
CHROMIUM (ppb)	[100]	50	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND-20.3	6.5	ND-0.76	0.18	ND-0.33	0.33	ND
FLUORIDE (ppm)	1	2	ND	ND	0.12	0.12	ND-0.76	0.35	ND-0.31	3.4	ND-0.25	0.13	0.45
NITRATE (AS NO <sub>3</sub> ) (ppm)	45	45	22	2.2	2.5	ND-19.6	4.1	ND-31.7	25.7	ND-5.6	2.8	ND	ND
SELENIUM (ppb)	30	50	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
<b>MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANT</b>													
TOTAL COLIFORM (%)	[0]	**					0-1.23	0.10	0	0	0-5.58*	0.46	0
<b>DISINFECTANT BYPRODUCT PRECURSORS</b>													
TOTAL ORGANIC CARBON (ppm)	N/A	TT	0.6-2.7	1.7	0.6-2.7	1.7							
<b>RADIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS</b>													
GROSS ALPHA-PARTICLE ACTIVITY (pCi/L)	[0]	15					ND-5.75	2.27	3.39-7.71	3.94	1.81	4.02	4.02
RADIUM 226 (pCi/L)	0.05	5					ND-0.56	0.10	ND-0.12	0.05	0.53	0.53	0.10
RADIUM 228 (pCi/L)	0.019	5					ND-2.91	0.26	ND-0.09	0.02	0.28	0.28	ND
URANIUM (pCi/L)	0.43	20					ND-6.47	1.77	0.8-3.29	1.87	1.65	1.65	2.20
GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY (pCi/L)	[0]	50*					ND-1.84	0.66	0.62	0.62	1.41	1.41	
Year of Analysis									2005-2010	2005-2010	2006	2010	2006
<b>SECONDARY DRINKING WATER STANDARDS</b>													
ALUMINUM (ppb)	600	200	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND-139	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
CHLORIDE (ppm)	N/A	500	88	88	88	88	4-100	25	6-41	19	6	23-106	65
COPPER (ppm)	0.3	1.0	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
IRON (ppb)	N/A	300	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND-490	91	ND	ND	ND	ND	71
MANGANESE (ppb)	N/A	50	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND-41	1.8	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE (µS/cm)	N/A	1600	490	330-644	485	208-1100	398	352-308	539	367	452-587	520	548
SULFATE (ppm)	N/A	500	50	48	48	ND-220	53	39-94	58	64	64	64-75	70
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS (ppm)	N/A	1000	250	260	260	138-654	258	230-558	362	250	250	266-366	317
ZINC (ppm)	N/A	5	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	ND-0.1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.1
GENERAL PHYSICAL PARAMETERS													
COLOR (units)	N/A	15	<1-45	<5	<1-45	<5	ND-5	<5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
ODOR THRESHOLD (units)	N/A	3	<1	<1	<1	<1	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
TURBIDITY (units)	N/A	5	0.01-0.08	0.04	0.01-0.18	0.04	ND-4.21	0.97	0.12-0.44	0.26	0.21	0.22-0.28	0.25
UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS													
BORON (ppb)	N/A	NL=1000					ND-760	158	ND-120	60	34-59	47	120
CHROMIUM VI (ppb)	N/A	N/A					ND-112	5.9	ND-3.5	1.6	9.8-124	11.1	9.0
VANADIUM (ppb)	N/A	NL=50					ND-33.5	13.4	3.0-12.9	9.8	8.4-12.3	10.4	8.0

PARAMETER	SURFACE WATER		REGION 4 & 34		REGION 24, 27 & 33		REGION 35		REGION 38		REGION 39	
	MCL or [MCLG] [MRDL]	EASTSIDE PLANT RANGE OF DETECTION	QUARTZ HILL PLANT AVERAGE LEVEL	RANGE OF DETECTION	CHLORINATED GROUNDWATER AVERAGE LEVEL	RANGE OF DETECTION						
<b>GENERAL MINERAL CONSTITUENTS</b>												
BICARBONATE ALKALINITY (ppm)	N/A	70	70	74	74	68-215	120	96-206	164	124	78-138	168
CALCIUM (ppm)	N/A	18	18	18	18	ND-100	27	24-74	53	28	28-40	34
MAGNESIUM (ppm)	N/A	13	13	12	12	ND-45	6	21	16	10	6-12	9
SODIUM (ppm)	N/A	58	58	57	57	18-134	52	22-94	47	43	34-70	52
TOTAL HARDNESS (ppm)	N/A	N/A	98	98	96	96	ND-435	91	127-270	106	110	120-150
pH (pH Units)	N/A	N/A	6.3-7.2	6.7	6.5-7.2	6.8	7.0-8.7	7.8	7.2-8.2	7.7	8.2	7.0-7.4
TOTAL ALKALINITY (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> ) (ppm)	N/A	N/A	57	57	60	60						
POTASSIUM (ppm)	N/A	N/A	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7						
<b>DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WATER QUALITY</b>												
DISINFECTANTS & DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS	MCLG or [MRDLG]	MCL or [MRDL]				RANGE OF DETECTION	HRAA	RANGE OF DETECTION	HRAA	RANGE OF DETECTION	HRAA	RANGE OF DETECTION
TOTAL CHLORINE (ppm)	[4] as Cl <sub>2</sub>	[4] as Cl <sub>2</sub>		0.73-1.16	1.20	0.60-0.91	0.89	0.82-1.41	1.13	0.67-0.98	1.02	0.48-1.53
TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (ppb)	N/A	80		1-78	36	13-86	52	11-24	16	8-107	41	5-101
HALOACETIC ACIDS (ppb)	N/A	60		1-15	13	1-17	14	ND-4	3	ND-23	11	ND-37
<b>RESIDENTIAL TAP WATER QUALITY</b>												
LEAD AND COPPER***				RANGE 90TH%	ABOVE AL	RANGE 90TH%						
COPPER (ppm)	0.17	NL=1.3		ND-0.98	0.54	0	ND-0.55	0.32	0	ND-0.28	ND	0
LEAD (ppb)	2	NL=15		ND-6.5	ND	0	ND-131	ND	1	ND-5.7	ND	0
NUMBER OF SITES TESTED				54		20		15		30		12
YEAR OF ANALYSIS				2010		2008		2008		2008		2008

#### TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE WATER QUALITY DATA TABLE

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs and MCLGs as is economically or technologically feasible.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the USEPA.

**Public Health Goal (PHG)** is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** is the level of a disinfectant added for water treatment that may not be exceeded at the consumer's tap.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** is the level of a disinfectant added for water treatment below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLs are set by the USEPA.

**Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS)** are MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

PPM = parts per million (milligrams per liter)

PPB = parts per billion (micrograms per liter)

NL = Not Applicable

ND = None Detected

HRAA = Highest Running Annual Average

AL = Action Level

NR = Not Required

## BOTTLED WATER, HOME TREATMENT DEVICES, AND SOFTENERS

Bottled water need not be purchased for health reasons, since tap water meets the Federal and State drinking water standards. If taste is an issue, bottled water might be the answer, but keep in mind that it is over 1,000 times more expensive than tap water.

Installation of a home treatment unit is a personal matter. These devices are not required to make the water meet the Federal and State drinking water standards. In fact, if not properly maintained, these devices may actually cause water quality problems. However, some people are concerned about the taste of their drinking water. If taste is an issue, then a home treatment unit might be appropriate. All units require maintenance and should be bought from a reputable dealer. They should also be tested and validated against accepted performance standards like those used by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF).

Hardness in drinking water is caused by two non-toxic minerals calcium and magnesium. Hard water reduces the amount of lather or suds produced by soap. Hard water also tends to leave deposits such as rings in the bathtub, scales on cooking pots and irons, and spots on glassware. At a hardness level above 120 milligrams per liter, a water softener might be considered to reduce deposits in the hot water system and to make washing easier. Distilled water may be used in place of drinking water in irons to prevent deposits.

Water softeners generally replace the non-toxic hardness minerals in the water with sodium. Although the amount of sodium produced is relatively insignificant in comparison to the sodium found in food, people with sodium restricted diets should consult their doctor or install a softener for their hot water supply only.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The construction of four new groundwater wells, disinfection facility and storage reservoir in Lancaster was completed in 2010 to increase water supply reliability in the Antelope Valley.

## WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

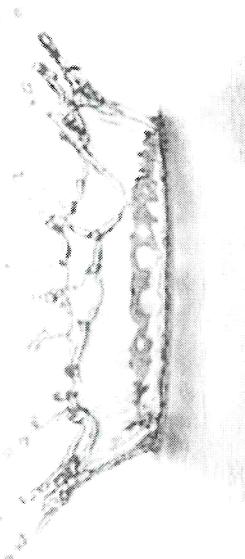
"We all need to conserve water," is the resounding message from Mark Cowin, Director of the State Department of Water Resources. Despite recent storms California continues to face a water crisis resulting from the past three years of drought as well as environmental constraints. According to Mr. Cowin California's water shortage will continue this year. Residents are highly encouraged to make an extra effort to conserve water given the current condition of the region and District's water supply.

In addition to protecting the quality of water delivered to you, we also promote and implement water conservation programs for the Districts' customers. You can learn how to conserve water at home and save money by calling (626) 300-3391 or email irosales@dpw.lacounty.gov to request a conservation specialist to visit your home at no cost to you. We will provide personalized recommendations for water conserving measures to reduce your water usage without affecting your quality of life. In addition, we offer rebates of up to \$150 on water saving devices like high efficiency clothes washers. For more information visit [www.lacwaterworks.org](http://www.lacwaterworks.org) or contact Ms. Irma Rosales at (626) 300-3391.

Every California resident can take these simple steps to save water and reduce our impact on the planet.

- Consider replacing a green lawn with water-efficient landscape and plant native and drought-tolerant plants that use less water, permeable hardscapes, and drip irrigation.
- For green lawn, adjust your sprinklers. Up to 70 percent of residential water use goes to maintaining our yards. Try taking a minute or two off the timer.
- Check your system. Do a weekly check for broken or clogged sprinkler heads and replace them right away.
- Fix those leaks. Just a drip can waste more than 10,000 gallons per month A leaking flapper on a toilet also increases flows at the water treatment plant.

Up to 70% of residential water use occurs outdoors. Make sure your sprinklers water the yard, not the sidewalk or street. Landscaping your yard and garden with California native and drought-tolerant plants is also a smart alternative for residents who want to have a beautiful garden and save water and money. These plants are accustomed to local weather and soil conditions and thrive with little summer watering. Using them not only saves water, but saves maintenance time and produces a habitat for native birds, beneficial insects and wildlife. The best time to plant native plants is between October and May each year.



## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION



The regular meetings of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors are held every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Board's Hearing Room located at 500 West Temple Street, Room 381B, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration in Los Angeles. The regular meeting of the Board held on the fourth Tuesday of each month is primarily for the purpose of conducting legally required public hearings on zoning matters, fee increases, special district proceedings, property transactions, etc. On Tuesdays following a Monday holiday, the meetings begin at 1:00 p.m.

The Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts welcome your comments on our Annual Water Quality Report. For questions or comments regarding water quality or this report, please contact Mr. Timothy Chen at (626) 300-3342. To view this report on the internet, please visit our website at <http://www.lacwaterworks.org/waterquality>.



Make every drop count in this drought. Visit [www.lacwaterworks.org](http://www.lacwaterworks.org) for rebate information and more water saving tips.

To the Water Customer at: