

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE NORTH CITY PURE WATER PROJECT**

You are invited to attend a public hearing on the North City Pure Water Project, a new water supply project the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department (PUD) is implementing that will use proven technology to purify recycled water to augment water supplies in Miramar Reservoir.

There are two purposes of the public hearing: (1) to provide you with information about this new source of water that will become part of your public drinking water system starting in 2021, and (2) provide public testimony on the proposed use of Miramar Reservoir, which is to be directly augmented with recycled water, as a source of drinking water supply.

### **Background**

The City of San Diego PUD is a public agency that has been serving residents of San Diego since 1901. The PUD oversees a municipal water and wastewater system that includes water storage and distribution, wastewater collection and disposal, water and wastewater treatment, water reclamation, and biosolids production and cogeneration.

The North City Pure Water Project is the first phase of the Pure Water San Diego Program, which will use proven technology to purify recycled water to locally produce one-third of the City of San Diego's water by 2035. Since June 2011, the PUD has been operating a one-million-gallon-per-day demonstration facility to confirm the safety and reliability of the five-step water purification process. To date, more than 30,000 lab tests have confirmed the purified water meets or exceeds all federal and state drinking water standards.

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), which regulates public drinking water systems, adopted regulations on March 6, 2018, to ensure the safe use of purified recycled water when used to augment reservoir supplies; however, these regulations are not yet final. In the interim, PUD must meet the requirements of California Health and Safety Code Section 116551, which allows SWRCB approval of the project after the SWRCB: (1) has completed an engineering evaluation that evaluates the proposed treatment technology and finds that the proposed technology will ensure the recycled water meets all applicable drinking water standards and poses no significant threat to public health, and (2) holds at least three public hearings in the area where the recycled water is to be used or supplied for human consumption. The PUD is proposing to meet the requirements of Section 116551 by complying with the proposed regulations. For the public hearing, the proposed regulations require that the PUD develop information to be provided online and at the public hearing that includes descriptions of the project; identification of the municipal wastewater source; descriptions of the treatment processes, monitoring, contingency plans; and the anticipated SWRCB and Regional Water Quality Control Board permit provisions applicable to the project.

### **Planned Project**

The North City Pure Water Project will consist of the following components: (1) new Morena Pump Station and Pipelines that will pump additional wastewater to the North City Water Reclamation Plant for treatment and convey contaminants removed during the water purification process to the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant; (2) expansion of the North City Water Reclamation Plant; (3) new North City Pure Water Facility that will purify the recycled water to meet drinking water standards; and (4) new North City Pure Water Pump Station and Pipeline that will convey the purified recycled water to Miramar Reservoir. The purified recycled water stored in Miramar Reservoir will be blended with imported water and treated at the

existing Miramar Water Treatment Plant. From there, the water can be delivered to the northern portions of the City of San Diego and to the City of Del Mar. The City of San Diego will construct and operate the North City Pure Water Project, which is currently in the final stages of design and will produce 30 million gallons of water per day starting in late 2021.

### **Available Information**

A copy of the Title 22 Engineering Report, which describes the North City Pure Water Project and its compliance with the SWRCB surface water augmentation regulations, may be viewed online at [www.purewatersd.org/reports](http://www.purewatersd.org/reports) and will be available no later than July 13, 2018 or at the City of San Diego PUD, 9192 Topaz Way, San Diego, CA 92123, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, from July 13, 2018 to August 22, 2018. All written comments on this project and the SWRCB permit provisions must be received no later than 5 p.m., August 24, 2018, via email to [Title22Public@sandiego.gov](mailto:Title22Public@sandiego.gov) or mail to R. Petoscia, Pure Water Administrator, City of San Diego, Public Utilities Department, 9192 Topaz Way, San Diego, CA 92123.

### **Public Hearing**

The SWRCB will conduct the public hearings. These hearings will begin with a brief presentation about the project, followed by an opportunity for questions and public comments. A court reporter will be available to record public comments submitted verbally, and/or the public may submit written comments at the hearings. To ensure all attendees have an opportunity to participate, public comments will be limited to two minutes per person or at the discretion of the hearing officer.

#### Hearings #1 and #2

Date: August 14, 2018

Time: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (noon), and 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Location: City of San Diego PUD

9192 Topaz Way, San Diego, CA 92123

#### Hearing #3

Date: August 15, 2018

Time: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Location: North City Water Reclamation Plant

4949 Eastgate Mall, San Diego, CA 92121

Should you have a question about hearing details, please contact R. Petoscia, Pure Water Administrator, (858) 614-5757.

Ito ay isang mahalagang paunawa tungkol sa isang pampublikong pagdinig sa North City Pure Water Project, isang bagong proyekto ng supply ng tubig na sa siyudad ng San Diego Public Utilities Department ay pagpapatupad. Ang mga indibidwal na nangangailangan ng isang pagsasalin ng buong notice, mangyaring makipag-ugnayan sa [Title22Public@sandiego.gov](mailto:Title22Public@sandiego.gov).

Este es un aviso importante acerca de una audición pública sobre el proyecto de North City Pure Water Project, un nuevo proyecto de suministro de agua que va implementar la Ciudad de San Diego Public Utilities Department. Personas que requieren una traducción en Español del aviso, por favor póngase en contacto con [Title22Public@sandiego.gov](mailto:Title22Public@sandiego.gov).

Specific language translators can be made available at the hearing. For individuals with disabilities, assistive services such as sign-language interpretation, real-time captioning, notetakers, reading or writing assistance, training/meeting materials in Braille, large print, audio cassette, or computer disk will be provided. To obtain services or copies in one of these alternate formats, please contact Erica Wolski at (619) 525-4772 or [erica.wolski@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:erica.wolski@waterboards.ca.gov) no later than ten (10) working days prior to the hearing.