



# **Southeast Water Coalition**

A joint powers authority to protect the Central Groundwater Basin

## **AGENDA**

### **SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

#### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE POLICY BOARD**

**CITY OF WHITTIER  
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER  
13200 PENN ST.  
WHITTIER, CA 90602**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019  
6:30 P.M.**

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**\*\*Consent Calendar items will be considered and approved in one motion unless removed by a Board Member for discussion.\*\***

- a. SEWC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES OF AUGUST 29, 2019**  
Recommendation: Approve minutes as submitted.
- b. WARRANT REGISTER**  
Recommendation: Approve Warrant Register.

**\*\*End of Consent Calendar\*\***

**5. UPDATE ON CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, ET AL. V. CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, ET AL. LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 19 STCP03882**

Ray Cordero, Chair, Administrative Entity  
Christine Carson, Aleshire & Wydner

Recommendation: That the Board take the following action:

Receive and file an update on the status of litigation against Central Basin, challenging their retail meter charge, from attorney Christine Carson of Aleshire & Wydner.

**6. PRESENTATION ON PUBLIC WATER AGENCY RESPONSE TO PERFLUORINATED CHEMICALS (PFOA/PFOS) FROM PICO WATER DISTRICT**

Ray Cordero, Chair, Administrative Entity  
Mark Grajeda, General Manager, Pico Water District

Recommendation: That the Board take the following action:

Receive and file an update on public water agency response to PFOA/PFOS from Mark Grajeda, General Manager of the Pico Water District.

**7. DISCUSSION OF SEWC LEAD AGENCY SUCCESSION**

Ray Cordero, Chair, Administrative Entity  
Oralia Rebollo, Board Member, City of Commerce

Recommendation: That the Board take the following actions:

- 1) Receive and file a report on the status of the SEWC Lead Agency Succession from incoming Lead Agency Chair Oralia Rebollo (Commerce);
- 2) Provide direction on next steps for designation of Lead Agency and Vice-Chair for the period beginning July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2022

**8. DECEMBER 5, 2019 POLICY BOARD MEETING**

Ray Cordero, Chair, Administrative Entity

Recommendation: That the Board take the following action:

Discuss the regularly scheduled December 5, 2019 Policy Board meeting and

vote on attendance of said meeting.

**9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

**10. ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY CHAIR / LEAD AGENCY COMMENTS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Whittier is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for a person with a disability. Please call Veronica Barrios with the City of Whittier at (562) 567-9501, if special accommodations are necessary and/or if information is needed in an alternative format. Special requests must be made in a reasonable amount of time in order that accommodations can be arranged.

The next meeting of the Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors is Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Emergency Operations Center, 13200 Penn Street, Whittier, CA 90602.

*I, Veronica Barrios, City of Whittier, do hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted pursuant to Government Code Section 54950 Et. Seq. and City of Whittier Ordinance at the following locations: Whittier City Hall, Whittier Public Library, and Whittwood Branch Library.*

Dated: September 30, 2019



Veronica Barrios  
Administrative Secretary  
Public Works Department

**MINUTES OF THE  
SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE POLICY BOARD**

**ALBERT ROBLES CENTER FOR WATER RECYCLING  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING (ARC)  
4320 SAN GABRIEL RIVER PKWY  
PICO RIVERA, CA 90660**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2019  
6:30 P.M.**

The special meeting of the Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers Authority Policy Board was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Policy Board Chair Fernando Dutra.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Policy Board Chair, Fernando Dutra, asked Melissa Ybarra, City of Vernon Board Member, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Frank Yokoyama	City of Cerritos (arrived at 7:04 pm)
John Soria	City of Commerce, Board Vice-Chair
Alex Saab	City of Downey (arrived at 6:39 pm)
Todd Rogers	City of Lakewood
Margarita L. Rios	City of Norwalk
Tom Hansen	City of Paramount
Gustavo Camacho	City of Pico Rivera
John Mora	City of Santa Fe Springs (arrived at 6:46 pm)
M. Belen Bernal	City of South Gate
Melissa Ybarra	City of Vernon
Fernando Dutra	City of Whittier, Board Chair

**Also Present:**

Bob Ortega	City of Cerritos
Gina Nila	City of Commerce, AE Vice-Chair
Dan Mueller	City of Downey
Derwin Dy	City of Lakewood
Adriana Figueroa	City of Paramount
Ray Cordero	City of Whittier, AE Chair
Kyle Cason	City of Whittier

Nicholas Ghirelli	Richards, Watson & Gershon
Brian Partington	WRD

Ted Johnson	WRD
Todd Dusenberry	City of Vernon
Kristen Sales	KJServices Environmental Consulting
Kevin Sales	KJServices Environmental Consulting

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments were received.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Board Member Hansen (Paramount) made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, and Board Member Rios (Norwalk) seconded the motion. With abstentions from Board Members Rogers (Lakewood) and Belen Bernal (South Gate), the Consent Calendar was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Policy Board.

**5. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(4) - CONFERENCE WITH SEWC LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Policy Board Chair Dutra (Whittier) called for a motion to authorize SWEC to contribute up to \$10,000, including the cost of filing an amicus brief, to the lawsuit against the Central Basin, with the possibility of revisiting the issue at a later date. The motion was made by Board Member Saab (Downey), and seconded by Board Member Saab (Downey). The motion received Aye votes from: Vernon, South Gate, Commerce, Pico Rivera, Downey, Lakewood, Norwalk, Paramount, and Santa Fe Springs. The motion received a Noe vote from Whittier. The Board Member from Cerritos was absent during the vote. The motion passed.

**6. AUTHORIZATION TO RETAIN AUDIT FIRM TO COMPLETE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018/2019 SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION (SEWC) AUDIT**

Administrative Entity (AE) Chair, Kyle Cason (Whittier) provided an overview of this item to the Policy Board.

AE Chair Cason explained that WNDE had submitted a fee proposal for the FY 2018/2019 Audit of \$5,450, inclusive of the \$800 cost for preparing the State Controller's Special Districts Financial Transaction Report. AE Chair Cason stated that this was an increase of \$150 over the previous year's audit cost, but since SEWC had budgeted \$6,000 for this year's audit, there were sufficient funds to cover WNDE's proposed cost. AE Chair Cason stated that the Administrative Entity recommends the Board of Directors authorize WNDE to administer the FY 2018/2019 SEWC Audit.

Policy Board Chair Dutra (Whittier) called for a motion to authorize the City of Whittier's Director of Finance, serving as SEWC Treasurer and Controller, to award a sole source contract to White Nelson Diehl Evans, LLP to administer the annual audit of SEWC financial statements for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 and prepare the Financial Transactions Report and Supplement. The motion was made by Board Member Ybarra (Vernon) and seconded by Board Member Saab (Downey). The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Policy Board.

**7. UPDATE ON PERFLUORINATED CHEMICALS (PFOA/PFOS) FROM WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT (WRD)**

Administrative Entity (AE) Chair, Kyle Cason (Whittier) introduced Brian Partington, Senior Hydrogeologist for the Water Replenishment District (WRD) to provide an overview of this item to the Policy Board.

Mr. Partington provided an introduction of PFOA/PFOS, dubbed "forever chemicals," because they are made of the strongest compounds in nature and do not degrade readily. Mr. Partington stated PFOA/PFOS are found in many household products, including Teflon and scotchgard; he stated that there have been higher detections of these chemicals in urban areas, especially industrial sites. Mr. Partington stated that the DDW is already taking samples, but sampling will expand to lower-tier risk areas by the end of 2019 and early 2020. Mr. Partington stated that the Notification Levels for PFOS/PFOA are lowering, which means that more and more water systems will test about the NL. Currently, WRD is conducting sampling at 124 monitoring wells, especially near spreading grounds. Mr. Partington ending by stating that WRD will have the results from these samples at the March, 2020 Regional Groundwater Monitoring Report meeting.

Policy Board Chair Dutra (Whittier) asked if the PFOA levels were different in different areas. Mr. Partington stated that yes, levels have found to be higher around wastewater treatment plants.

Policy Board Chair Dutra (Whittier) called for a motion to receive and file this item. The motion was made by Board Member Saab (Downey) and seconded by Board Member Rogers (Lakewood). The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Policy Board.

**8. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND TOUR OF ARC FACILITY FROM WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT (WRD)**

Administrative Entity (AE) Chair, Kyle Cason (Whittier), introduced Ted Johnson, Assistant General Manager of WRD, to provide an overview of this item to the Policy Board.

Mr. Johnson welcomed all the Board Members to WARD's new ARC facility and stated that the Learning Center will be fully operational by mid-November, 2019. Mr. Johnson added that the ARC facility is the final step in WRD's Water Independence Now (WIN) program, which focuses on increasing recycled water supplies and eliminating the need for imported water. Increasing recycled water will eliminate the need to purchase water from the Metropolitan Water District and save money by stabilizing water availability and water rates.

Mr. Johnson stated that the ARC facility will recharge 125,000 acre feet of recycled water into the spreading grounds, through an existing pipeline from the San Gabriel River to the spreading grounds. Mr. Johnson added that the purified water can be kept in the three ARC facility wells and injected directly into the groundwater.

Mr. Johnson stated that the total cost of building the ARC facility was \$131 million, \$25 million of which was funded by grants and \$80 million of which was received on loan from the State, at a rate of 1%. WRD saved over \$84 million over the course of the three-year project. Mr. Johnson then offered to take the Board of Directors on a tour of the ARC facility.

Policy Board Chair Dutra (Whittier) called for a motion to receive and file this item. The motion was made by Board Member Saab (Downey) and seconded by Board Member Camacho (Pico Rivera). The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the Policy Board.

**9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

No comments were received.

**10. ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY CHAIR / LEAD AGENCY COMMENTS**

No comments were received.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Policy Board Chair Dutra (Whittier) adjourned the meeting at 7:31pm to tour the ARC facility.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

**Southeast Water Coalition**

**Warrant Listing August 24, 2019 thru September 30, 2019**

<b>Check #</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Check Date</b>	<b>Transaction Description</b>	<b>Vendor Name</b>
300626	\$150.00	9/20/2019	SEWC BOARD MTG	GUSTAVO CAMACHO
300643	\$150.00	9/20/2019	SEWC BOARD MEETING	FERNANDO DUTRA
300664	\$1,620.00	9/20/2019	SEWC CONSULTING	KJSERVICES ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING
300699	\$150.00	9/20/2019	SEWC BOARD MEETING	MARGARITA L. RIOS
300701	\$150.00	9/20/2019	SEWC BOARD MEETING	TODD SCOTT RANDALL ROGERS
300704	\$150.00	9/20/2019	SEWC BOARD MTG	ALEXIS SAAB
300719	\$150.00	9/20/2019	SEWC BOARD MEETING	JOHN A SORIA
300733	\$150.00	9/20/2019	SEWC BOARD MEETING	THOMAS S. HANSEN
300753	\$150.00	9/20/2019	SEWC BOARD MEETING	MELISSA ANNA YBARRA
300811	\$150.00	9/27/2019	BOARD MEMBER MTG	FRANK YOKOYAMA
300856	\$1,750.77	9/27/2019	LEGAL SERVICES	RICHARDS,WATSON & GERSHON
300866	<u>\$31.10</u>	9/27/2019	SEWC BOARD MEETING	SMART AND FINAL IRIS
<b>Total</b>	<b><u><u>\$4,751.87</u></u></b>			





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**SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
AGENDA REPORT**

**Date:** October 3, 2019  
**To:** Southeast Water Coalition Board of Directors  
**From:** Ray Cordero, Chair, Administrative Entity  
Christine Carson, Aleshire & Wynder

**Subject:** **Update on *City of Signal Hill, et al. v. Central Basin Municipal Water District, et al.* Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19 STCP03882.**

**Recommendation:** That the Board take the following action:

Receive and file an update on the status of litigation against Central Basin, challenging their retail meter charge, from attorney Christine Carson of Aleshire & Wynder.

**Background:**

At the August 29, 2019 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board met in closed session to discuss SEWC involvement in contributing funds to a potential lawsuit filed against Central Basin Municipal Water District by local water purveyors, challenging Central Basin's proposed retail meter charge. The Board voted to allocate up to \$10,000 to the Central Basin lawsuit, inclusive of filing an amicus brief in favor of the purveyors, with the option of returning to the issue at a later date to discuss further support.

On September 9, 2019, twelve (12) cities and nine (9) municipal water companies filed suit against the Central Basin Municipal Water District, challenging the validity of the meter charges adopted by Central Basin Board of Directors on July 10 and July 31, 2019.

The twelve (12) city petitioners are: Cerritos, Commerce, Downey, Huntington Park, Lakewood, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, South Gate, and Vernon.

The nine (9) water purveyor petitioners are: Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company, La Habra Heights County Water District, Maywood Mutual Water Company, Orchard Dale Water District, Pico Water District, South Montebello Irrigation District, Tract 180 Water Company, Tract 349 Mutual Water Company, and Walnut Park Mutual Water Company.

The court set a trial-setting conference for December 12, 2019, at which time it will set the final hearing date in the case.

**Attachment(s):**

None



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AGENDA REPORT**

**Date:** October 3, 2019  
**To:** Southeast Water Coalition Board of Directors  
**From:** Ray Cordero, Chair, Administrative Entity  
Mark Grajeda, General Manager, Pico Water District

**Subject:** **Presentation on public water agency response to Perfluorinated Chemicals (PFOA/PFOS) from Pico Water District**

**Recommendation:** That the Board take the following action:

Receive and file an update on public water agency response to PFOA/PFOS from Mark Grajeda, General Manager of the Pico Water District.

**Background**

On July 31, 2019, Governor Brown signed into law Assembly Bill 756 (Cristina Garcia) *Public water systems: perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances*, which authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) to order water systems to monitor for PFOA and PFOS. Water systems with PFAS levels exceeding the response level will either be shut down, or the water system must provide public notice of the exceedance level. The law takes effect January 1, 2020.

Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) are man-made chemicals used widely in grease and stain-resistant coatings for consumer products (e.g. Teflon pans, textiles, food packaging, cleaning products) and in firefighting foams.

The highest concentrations of PFOA and PFOS have been found in water supplies near airports, military bases, landfills, manufacturing facilities, wastewater treatment plants, refineries, and in areas recently affected by wildfires. These locations are where the Water Board is conducting their sampling.

Negative health effects from PFOA and PFOS include increased cholesterol levels, increased risk of cancer, and can affect the growth, learning and behavior of infants and older children.

Although people are exposed to PFOS and PFOA through many types of contact, exposure through drinking water has become an increasing concern due to the tendency of PFASs to accumulate in groundwater.

In 2016, the USEPA set the Health Advisory Level (cumulative exposure over a lifetime) for these chemicals at 70 parts per trillion (ppt). The California Department of Drinking Water (DDW) Notification Limit was established at 14 ppt for PFOA, and 13 ppt for PFOS.

On August 23, 2019, the Water Board announced they were lowering the notification levels for these chemicals to 5.1 ppt for PFOA and 6.5 ppt for PFOS.

According to the Water Board, “notification levels are nonregulatory, precautionary health-based measure for concentrations in drinking water that warrant notification and further monitoring and assessment.”

**Discussion**

The Pico Water District supplies about 45% of the City of Pico Rivera’s drinking water. Recently, three out of four PWD wells tested positive for PFOS/PFOA chemicals, at levels above the Notification Level, but below the Response Level.

It is recommended the SEWC Board of Directors receive and file an update on the public water agency response to PFOS/PFOA testing from the General Manager of the Pico Water District, Mark Grajeda.

**Attachment(s):**

1. Pico Water District Official Statement on PFOA/PFOS
2. Pico Water District Utility Bill insert, Sept. 26, 2019



# Official Statement

## Pico Water District Water Is Safe To Use

The water provided to the public by the Pico Water District currently meets and exceeds all State and Federal drinking water standards and is therefore safe to drink per California Health and Safety Code section 116681 definition (I).

On March 15, 2019 the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) issued an order to a number of community water systems throughout California to test for a group of chemicals known as PFAS over the course of four quarters (12 months). The testing reporting standards have been changing and newly enacted Assembly Bill 756 will require on and after January 1, 2020 that when the detection of these chemicals occurs at or above the notification level, the water system must notify its customers of the detection. The new notification level for the two chemicals of concern, as recently announced by the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water, are 5.1 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFOA and 6.5 ppt for PFOS.

PFAS stands for per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances and is the collective term for a large group of synthetic chemicals that includes perfluorooctanoate (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonate (PFOS). The compounds were previously used extensively in consumer products such as carpets, clothing, furniture fabric, food packaging, nonstick cookware and firefighting foams.

As there have been no definitive studies on the quantities of these chemicals that are safe to consume, specific public health goals or maximum contaminant levels have not yet been established. The State is currently researching the impacts of PFAS in our communities. The testing of PFAS continues to be performed as a precautionary health-based measure to inform the public of possible exposures to PFAS chemicals.

Pico Water District tests its drinking water supply regularly for unsafe levels of chemicals, radioactivity and bacteria at the source and in the distribution system. All water quality tests are conducted by specially trained technicians working in state-certified laboratories. For more information about the quality of the water at Pico Water District, please review our annual water quality report at [https://www.picowaterdistrict.net/Water\\_Quality](https://www.picowaterdistrict.net/Water_Quality)

Please continue to monitor <https://www.picowaterdistrict.net/> for frequent updates or feel free to contact the district office at 562.692.3756 to speak to a customer service team member.



# AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE About Your Drinking Water



## Pico Water District Addresses New PFAS Regulations

You may have heard recently about a group of chemicals known as per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and the impact they have on local water supplies.

On March 15, 2019 the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) ordered water systems throughout California to test for a group of chemicals known as PFAS over the course of four quarters (12 months). The test reporting standards changed in August of this year. The Notification Levels for these chemicals were lowered from 14 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFOA to 5.1 ppt and from 13 ppt for PFOS to 6.5 ppt.

### What are Notification & Response Levels?

**Notification Level** - A level of a contaminant in drinking water delivered for human consumption that the Division of Drinking Water (Department) has determined, based on available scientific information, **does not pose a significant health risk** but warrants notification pursuant to the California Health & Safety Code section 116455. Notification Levels are non-regulatory, health-based advisory levels established by the Department when there is no maximum contaminant level established.

**Response Level** - A concentration of a contaminant in drinking water delivered for human consumption that the Department recommends that additional steps, beyond a Notification Level be taken to reduce exposure to the contaminant. **Response Levels are non-regulatory, health-based advisory levels** established by the Department when there is no maximum contaminant level. The Response Level for PFOA and PFOS combined is currently 70 ppt.

## UN MENSAJE IMPORTANTE SOBRE SU AGUA POTABLE Pico Water District aborda las nuevas regulaciones de PFAS

Es posible que haya escuchado recientemente sobre un grupo de productos químicos conocidos como sustancias per y poli-fluoroalquilo (PFAS) y el efecto que tienen en los suministros locales de agua.

El 15 de marzo de 2019, la Junta Estatal de Control de Recursos Hídricos (SWRCB) ordenó a los sistemas de agua en todo California que analicen un grupo de químicos conocidos como PFAS en el transcurso de cuatro trimestres (12 meses). Los estándares de informes de prueba cambiaron en agosto de este año. Los niveles de notificación para estos productos químicos se redujeron de 14 partes por billón (ppt) para PFOA a 5.1 ppt, y de 13 ppt para PFOS a 6.5 ppt.



### ¿Qué son los niveles de notificación y de respuesta?

**Nivel de notificación** - un nivel de un contaminante en el agua potable suministrada para consumo humano que la División (Departamento) de Agua Potable ha determinado, en base a la información científica disponible, **que no representa un riesgo significativo para la salud**, pero garantiza la notificación de conformidad con la sección 116455 del Código de Salud y Seguridad de California. Los niveles de notificación son niveles de asesoramiento no reglamentarios y basados en la salud establecidos por el Departamento cuando no se establece un nivel máximo de contaminantes.

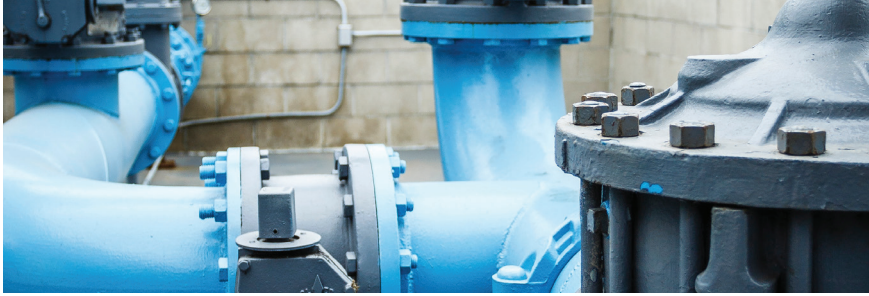
**Nivel de respuesta** - una concentración de un contaminante en el agua potable suministrada para consumo humano en el que el Departamento recomienda que se tomen medidas adicionales, más allá de un Nivel de notificación para reducir la exposición al contaminante. **Los niveles de respuesta son niveles de asesoramiento no reglamentarios basados en la salud** establecidos por el Departamento cuando no existe un nivel máximo de contaminantes. El nivel de respuesta para PFOA y PFOS combinados es actualmente de 70 ppt.



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# Latest Water Sampling Results

The table below displays testing results performed on May 9, 2019.



Well Name	PFOS detection level	PFOA detection level	Combined Total
#5	25 ppt	12 ppt	37 ppt
#8	21 ppt	15 ppt	36 ppt
#10	16 ppt	Not Detected	16 ppt

Notification Levels on May 9, 2019 - 13 ppt PFOS & 14 ppt PFOA

New Notification Levels as of August 23, 2019 - 6.5 ppt PFOS & 5.1 ppt PFOA

Response Level is 70 ppt combined

## HOW IS PICO WATER DISTRICT COMPLYING WITH THE NEW PFAS REGULATIONS?

As of January 1, 2020, the District will be required to inform all customers of any test results for PFOA & PFOS that exceed the Response Level. Recent testing of Pico Water District wells shows detection levels below the current Response Level.

The Response Level may be subject to change in the future. Pico Water District is exploring all options to address lowering PFOA and PFOS levels.



## Últimos resultados del muestreo de agua

En la siguiente tabla se muestran los resultados de las pruebas realizadas el 9 de mayo de 2019.

Nombre del Pozo	Nivel de Detección de PFOS	Nivel de Detección de PFOA	Total Combinado
#5	25 ppt	12 ppt	37 ppt
#8	21 ppt	15 ppt	36 ppt
#10	16 ppt	No detectado	16 ppt

Niveles de notificación el 9 de mayo de 2019 -13 ppt PFOS y 14 ppt PFOA

Nuevos niveles de notificación a partir del 23 de agosto de 2019 - 6.5 ppt PFOS y 5.1 ppt PFOA

El nivel de respuesta es 70 ppt combinado

## ¿CÓMO ESTÁ CUMPLIENDO PICO WATER DISTRICT CON LAS NUEVAS REGULACIONES PFAS?

A partir del 1 de enero de 2020, se requerirá que el Distrito informe a todos los clientes sobre los resultados de las pruebas de PFOA y PFOS que excedan el Nivel de respuesta. Las pruebas recientes de los pozos de Pico Water District muestran niveles de detección por debajo del Nivel de respuesta actual. El nivel de respuesta puede estar sujeto a cambios en el futuro. Pico Water District está explorando todas las opciones para abordar la reducción de los niveles de PFOA y PFOS.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### What are PFAS, PFOS and PFOA?

PFAS stands for per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances and is the collective term for a large group of synthetic chemicals that includes perfluorooctanoate (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonate (PFOS). The compounds were widely used in products that resist heat, oils, stains and water such as stain resistant carpets and fabrics, paints, water resistant clothing, fast-food packaging, non-stick cookware, fire-fighting foams and personal care products.



### What levels are considered unsafe?

As there have been no definitive studies on the quantities of these chemicals that are safe to consume, specific public health goals or maximum contaminant levels have not yet been established. The State is currently researching the impacts of PFAS in our communities. The testing of PFAS continues to be performed as a precautionary health-based measure to inform the public of possible exposures to PFAS chemicals.



### Will filters remove these substances?

Granular activated carbon and reverse osmosis filters can lower the amounts of PFOA and PFOS in water supplies. However, filters are only tested and certified to reduce levels to 70 ppt. They are not currently tested to meet the 5.1 parts per trillion for PFOA and 6.5 ppt for PFOS standards. A database of NSF certified water filters can be found online at <http://info.nsf.org/Certified/DWTU/Listings.asp?ProductFunction=P473%7CPFOA+Reduction&ProductFunction=P473%7CPFOS+Reduction&ProductType=&submit2=Search>



### What does Pico Water District do to ensure the water is safe to drink?

Pico Water District tests its drinking water supply regularly as required by the Division of Drinking Water for unsafe levels of chemicals, radioactivity and bacteria at the source and in the distribution system. All water quality tests are conducted by specially trained technicians working in a California State-certified laboratory. For more information about the quality of the water at Pico Water District, please review our annual Water Quality Report at [https://www.picowaterdistrict.net/Water\\_Quality](https://www.picowaterdistrict.net/Water_Quality)



### Where can I learn more about PFAS?

For additional information about PFAS regulations as it pertains to water supplies, visit the California State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water website at [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/certlic/drinkingwater/PFOA\\_PFOS.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/PFOA_PFOS.html). The United States Centers for Disease Control provides updated PFAS health information online at <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/>



### Where can I find more information on the quality of my water?

Pico Water District reports the results of sampling for contaminants in its annual Water Quality Report. This report and additional information can be found on the Pico Water District website at [www.picowaterdistrict.net](http://www.picowaterdistrict.net). You can also call Customer Service at 562.692.3756 for additional details.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### ¿Qué son PFAS, PFOS y PFOA?

PFAS significa sustancias per y polifluoroalquilo, y es el término colectivo para un gran grupo de productos químicos sintéticos que incluye perfluorooctanoato (PFOA) y perfluorooctanosulfonato (PFOS). Los compuestos se usaron ampliamente en productos que resisten el calor, los aceites, las manchas y el agua, como alfombras y telas resistentes a las manchas, pinturas, ropa resistente al agua, envases de comida rápida, utensilios de cocina antiadherentes, espumas contra incendios y productos para el cuidado personal.



### ¿Qué niveles se consideran inseguros?

Como no se han realizado estudios definitivos sobre las cantidades de estos productos químicos que son seguros para el consumo, todavía no se han establecido objetivos específicos de salud pública o niveles máximos de contaminante. El estado actualmente está investigando los impactos del PFAS en nuestras comunidades. Las pruebas de PFAS continúan realizándose como una medida preventiva basada en la salud para informar al público de una posible exposición a los productos químicos de PFAS.



### ¿Los filtros eliminarán estas sustancias?

El carbón activado granular y los filtros de ósmosis inversa pueden reducir las cantidades de PFOA y PFOS en los suministros de agua. Sin embargo, los filtros solo se prueban y certifican para reducir los niveles a 70 ppt. Actualmente no se han probado para cumplir con las 5.1 partes por billón para PFOA y 6.5 ppt para los estándares PFOS. Puede encontrar una base de datos de filtros de agua con certificación NSF en línea en <http://info.nsf.org/Certified/DWTU/Listings.asp?ProductFunction=P473%7CPFOA+Reduction&ProductFunction=P473%7CPFOS+Reduction&ProductType=&submit2=Search>



### ¿Qué hace Pico Water District para garantizar que el agua sea segura para beber?

Pico Water District prueba su suministro de agua potable con regularidad según lo requiere la División de Agua Potable para detectar niveles inseguros de productos químicos, radiactividad y bacterias en la fuente y en el sistema de distribución. Técnicos especialmente capacitados que trabajan en un laboratorio certificado por el estado de California hacen todas las pruebas de calidad del agua. Para obtener más información sobre la calidad del agua en Pico Water District, revise nuestro Informe anual de Calidad del Agua en [https://www.picowaterdistrict.net/Water\\_Quality](https://www.picowaterdistrict.net/Water_Quality)



### ¿Dónde puedo obtener más información sobre PFAS?

Para obtener información adicional sobre las regulaciones PFAS en lo que respecta a los suministros de agua, visite el sitio web de la División de Agua Potable de la Junta de Control de Recursos Hídricos del Estado de California en [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/certlic/drinkingwater/PFOA\\_PFOS.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/PFOA_PFOS.html). Los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades de los Estados Unidos proporcionan información actualizada del PFAS sobre salud en línea en <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/>



### ¿Dónde puedo encontrar más información sobre la calidad de mi agua?

Pico Water District informa los resultados del muestreo de contaminantes en su Informe anual de Calidad del Agua. Este informe e información adicional se pueden encontrar en el sitio web de Pico Water District en [www.picowaterdistrict.net](http://www.picowaterdistrict.net). También puede llamar a Servicio al Cliente al 562.692.3756 para obtener detalles adicionales.



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**SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
AGENDA REPORT**

**Date:** October 3, 2019  
**To:** Southeast Water Coalition Board of Directors  
**From:** Ray Cordero, Chair, Administrative Entity  
Oralia Rebollo, Board Member, City of Commerce

**Subject: Discussion of SEWC Lead Agency Succession**

**Recommendation:** That the Board take the following actions:

- 1) Receive and file a report on the status of the SEWC Lead Agency Succession from incoming Lead Agency Chair Oralia Rebollo (Commerce);
- 2) Provide direction on next steps for designation of Lead Agency and Vice-Chair for the period beginning July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2022

**Background:**

In August, 2017, the SEWC Administrative Entity (AE) proposed a new strategy of succession for Lead Agency that would establish a fixed schedule, ensuring all SEWC member agencies acted as Lead Agency for a two-year term. This SEWC Lead Agency Transition History document (attached) was approved and adopted by the Board of Directors at their meeting on October 5, 2017. The motion stated:

*Policy Board votes to establish a fixed succession of Lead Agency based on the Lead Agency Transition History document, with the provision that if a city is unable to act as Lead Agency, the next city in line for Lead Agency fills the position, and the next city in line after that becomes Vice-Chair.*

Whittier is the current Lead Agency and its two-year term ends June 30, 2020. Commerce is currently the Vice-Chair and is slated to become Lead Agency for the period beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

**Discussion:**

It is the recommendation of the Administrative Entity that the Policy Board receive and file a report on the status of the SEWC Lead Agency Succession from incoming Lead Agency Chair Oralia Rebollo (Commerce), and provide direction on next steps for designation of Lead Agency and Vice-Chair for the period beginning July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2022.

**Attachment(s):**

1. SEWC Lead Agency Transition History
2. Policy for Administrative Entity Chair and Vice-Chair Positions

### Lead Agency Transition History

- Norwalk 1991--1994
- Pico Rivera 1994--1996
- Whittier 1996--1998
- Downey 1998--2000
- South Gate 2000--2002
- Norwalk 2002--2004
- Cerritos July 2004 -- June 2006
- Paramount July 2006 -- June 2008
- Lakewood July 2008 -- June 2010
- Santa Fe Springs July 2010 -- June 2012
- Pico Rivera July 2012 -- June 2014
- South Gate July 2014 -- June 2016
- Downey July 2016 -- June 2018
  
- Commerce Unknown
- Vernon Unknown

Proposed Fixed Succession of Lead Agency going forward:

- Whittier July 2018 -- June 2020
- Commerce July 2020 -- June 2022
- Vernon July 2022 -- June 2024

Whittier is currently the SEWC Vice-Chair. Whittier slated to be SEWC Lead Agency next after Downey. Following current procedure, the Vice-Chair will be adopted at the same time as the Chair.

After the Chair's two-year term, the Vice-Chair will then become the Chair. (ex. when Whittier becomes Lead Agency in July 2018, Commerce will become Vice-Chair.)

Beginning in July 2024, Lead Agency schedule repeats: Norwalk, Cerritos, Paramount, Lakewood, Santa Fe Springs, Pico Rivera, South Gate, Downey, Whittier, Commerce, Vernon, etc.

**Policy for Southeast Water Coalition (SEWC)  
Administrative Entity (AE)  
Chair and Vice-Chair Positions**

At their August 29, 2017 Special Meeting, the AE reviewed the Chair and Vice-Chair Policies that were established in 2012, and discussed amendments to be made to the terms and conditions of the SEWC AE Chair and Vice-Chair. At their September 21, 2017 Regular Meeting, the AE adopted the following terms:

- That the AE Chair be a representative from the Lead Agency;
- That the AE Chair serve a two-year term, concurrent with the two-year term of the Lead Agency;
- That the AE Vice-Chair be selected at the same time as the AE Chair;
- That the AE Vice-Chair be a representative from the incoming Lead Agency, in accordance with the fixed schedule of succession established in the SEWC Lead Agency Transition History document;
- That the AE Vice-Chair serve a two-year term, concurrent with the two year term of the AE Chair;
- That the AE Vice-Chair become the AE Chair after the Chair's two-year term is completed, concurrent with the change in Lead Agency;
- That the AE Chair and Vice-Chair positions remain consistent with the Chair and Vice-Chair positions of the Policy Board;
- If the office of the AE Chair becomes vacant:
  - That the AE Vice-Chair becomes Acting Chair until Lead Agency selects a duly appointed representative to fill the vacancy of AE Chair; and
  - That a vacancy in the position of the Vice-Chair be remedied in the same manner.



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## SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGENDA REPORT

**Date:** October 3, 2019  
**To:** Southeast Water Coalition Board of Directors  
**From:** Ray Cordero, Chair, Administrative Entity  
**Subject:** **Vote on Attendance of Regularly Scheduled December 5, 2019 Policy Board Meeting**

**Recommendation:** That the Board take the following action:

Discuss the regularly scheduled December 5, 2019 Policy Board meeting and vote on attendance of said meeting.

### **Background**

The next meeting of the Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers Authority Policy Board is scheduled to take place Thursday, December 5, 2019.

The December Board of Directors meetings have been cancelled the last two years. In years past, cancellation was due to a conflict with the League of California Cities All Cities Holiday Reception.

Due to scheduling requirements involved with the SEWC Lead Agency Transition, the Administrative Entity advises the Policy Board to discuss their availability to attend the regularly scheduled meeting on December 5, 2019.

### **Attachment(s):**

1. SEWC Meeting Calendar for Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020

**Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers Authority  
Meeting Calendar -- Fiscal Year 2019/2020**

**Board of Directors** (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday)

August 1, 2019

**(\*\*Cancelled & Rescheduled)**

August 29, 2019

**(\*\*Special Meeting – Off-Site)**

October 3, 2019

December 5, 2019

February 6, 2020

April 2, 2020

June 4, 2020

City of Whittier – Emergency Operations Center  
13200 Penn Street  
Whittier, CA 90602

Dinner Served at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

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**Administrative Entity** (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)

July 18, 2019

**(\*\*Special Meeting – Off-Site)**

August 21, 2019

**(\*\*Special Meeting – Closed Session – Off-Site)**

September 19, 2019

November 21, 2019

January 16, 2020

March 19, 2020

May 21, 2020

Palm Park Aquatics Center  
5703 Palm Ave.  
Whittier, CA 90601

Lunch Served at 11:15 a.m.

Meeting begins at 11:30 a.m.