

OPERATIONS & WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE
SUMMARY MINUTES
February 5, 2020
4:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Director: Judy Huang (Chair)

Staff: Kurt Arends, Mike Wickham, Cris Pena, Linnea Hoover, Cynthia Ha



DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Public Comments: Kelly Abreau, an ACWD customer, informed the committee that he had attended a technical seminar on Per- and Polyfluoroalkly Substances (PFAS) which was hosted by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in December 2019. Mr. Abreau expressed concern about the possibility of PFAS substances existing in ACWD drinking water and indicated that ACWDs PFAS monitoring in 2014, with no detections, was not sufficient because current detection limits for new PFAS testing methods are lower than those available in 2014. He provided attendees of the Committee meeting a handout detailing his speaking points on PFAS testing. Mr. Abreau stated that water agencies adjacent to ACWD are monitoring for PFAS and encouraged ACWD to monitor for PFAS in advance of a regulatory requirement to do so. Director Huang responded that monitoring orders were specific to those water agencies which were identified to have potential sources of PFAS contamination (i.e. airports and landfills), near their water supplies, which ACWD does not. Director Huang also informed Mr. Abreau that ACWD staff are very aware of the PFAS issue, and are following the SWRCB updates. They are also keeping in close contact with our neighboring agencies that are currently monitoring, and are carefully evaluating the approved sampling and testing methods.

2. Water Quality Monitoring Plan Update: Mike Wickham, Water Production Manager; Cris Pena, Engineering Supervisor; Linnea Hoover, Quality Assurance/Quality Control Officer; and Cynthia Ha, Environmental Engineer, provided an overview of the District's Water Quality Monitoring Plan (WQMP) update which is outlined in the attached PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Wickham explained WQMP requirements, frequency of update, and the update process. Ms. Hoover described the format changes made to enhance ease of use and future updating. Ms. Pena explained the major changes to the WQMP including the reduction of some non-regulatory required monitoring frequencies and shifting some sampling to other monitoring programs, updating sampling locations, and that the new WQMP consolidated several separate monitoring and contingency plans into one document. Ms. Pena also described the areas of the plan in which there were no reductions to monitoring frequency. Ms. Ha explained the rotating schedule for well sampling which would ensure that each groundwater sub-basin is monitored annually with individual wells being sampled every three years. Director Huang expressed support for the changes described in the plan update including maintaining sampling frequencies at a level more frequent than required at some locations. A member of the public, Mr. Abreau, commented that surface water quality monitoring would be important and challenging during the late summer and fall when there is more algae present in the Delta and surface water lakes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Topics discussed by the Committee were informational only, and no recommendations were made.