

**OPERATIONS & WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE
SUMMARY MINUTES**

May 1, 2019

4:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Directors: Judy Huang (Chair), John Weed

Staff: Robert Shaver, Steve Peterson, Mike Wickham, Cris Pena, Thomas Spankowski



DISCUSSION TOPIC

1. Greenhouse Gas Reduction and Climate Registry for Carbon Emissions: Thomas Spankowski, Environmental Engineer, presented on the District's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory. Mr. Spankowski provided an introduction and background to GHG emissions and past District efforts to inventory GHG emissions. Mr. Spankowski also provided the current GHG emission inventory of approximately 3,327 metric-tons (mt). Mr. Spankowski then explained the primary source of GHG emissions is from purchased electricity. Mr. Spankowski also explained the total emission inventory was split into six sectors: 1) source water, 2) treatment, 3) distribution, 4) buildings & infrastructure, 5) fleet, and 6) other, and the main contributors from each sector and how the power usage is directly related to the GHG emissions.

Mr. Spankowski outlined current efforts across the District to reduce power consumption, in turn reducing the GHG emissions. Mr. Spankowski provided the next steps for the GHG emissions inventory effort. Staff will continue annual inventory of GHG emissions, continue using The Climate Registry's (TCR) standards, make recommendations on where the District can reduce GHG emissions.

Director Weed asked about the reporting requirements of Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32) and the EPA's reporting requirements. Mr. Spankowski explained that the District is not required by AB 32 to report GHG emissions, and the District's GHG emissions inventory is below the EPA's reporting threshold of 25,000 mt. Directors Weed and Huang expressed their support of the continuing the effort of using the TCR's standard to inventory the District's GHG emissions.

2. Lead Testing for Child Care Centers Constructed Before 2010: Mike Wickham, Water Production Manager, presented on Assembly Bill 2370 (AB 2370). Mr. Wickham provided an overview of AB 2370, which was approved by the Governor on September 22, 2018 and requires child care centers located in a building constructed before 2010 to have their water tested for lead between January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2023, and to have the water re-tested for lead every 5 years after the date of the initial test as a condition of their licensing. Mr. Wickham explained that AB 2370 requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), the agency which licenses and regulates child care centers, to develop regulations, in consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), prior to January 1, 2021 to implement the lead testing. Mr. Wickham also explained that AB 2370 requires the SWRCB to post lead test results on their internet website, notify CDSS of elevated lead

levels, provide grants for testing drinking water lead levels in licensed child day care centers, and provide technical assistance to child care centers requiring help applying for grants.

Mr. Wickham stated that the District has updated its website with information on lead testing for child care centers. Mr. Wickham then provided an overview of the updated sections of the website, which included lead testing in child care facilities and lead sampling information for schools, and demonstrated the functionality of the embedded links to both the CDSS website for information on AB 2370 and the SWRCB website for an interactive map of school lead testing results.

Directors Weed and Huang requested that the District website be revised by adding a sentence to explain that the SWRCB website interactive map does not currently have lead test results for child care centers.

3. Public Comments: There were no public comments received.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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