



Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, July 12, 2022

TO: City Council

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR DI RENZO
BEAU KAYSER, WATER DIVISION MANAGER

SUBJECT: 2022 PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS REPORT (2019-2021)

STATEMENT OF ISSUES:

Every three years, water agencies serving more than 10,000 service connections are required by the State to prepare a brief written report if the water agency has detected one or more constituents in drinking water that exceed a Public Health Goal (PHG).

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that Council hold a public hearing pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 116470(b) and (c) and, by motion, accept the City of Watsonville 2022 Public Health Goals Report.

DISCUSSION:

Every July, the City publishes its annual Water Quality Report (also referred to as the Consumer Confidence Report), summarizing all of the drinking water sampling and monitoring conducted during the previous year. Once again, we are pleased to report that we are meeting all Federal and State drinking water standards and regulations.

Every three years, water agencies serving more than 10,000 service connections are required by the State to prepare a brief written report if the agency has detected one or more constituents in drinking water that exceed a Public Health Goal (PHG). Agencies must hold a public hearing to accept and respond to public comments on the report, in compliance with Health and Safety Code Section 116470(b) and (c). It is important to note that Public Health Goals are not legal requirements, but rather goals set by the State that all agencies work toward achieving, but are often not economically feasible to attain.

In the last three years (2019-2021) the City has detected arsenic, coliform, copper, and nickel above the PHG.

We are continuously taking steps to maintain and improve our drinking water system. Areas of importance include source water production, water transmission and distribution, and storage. The Water Division would also like to highlight recent projects that address these areas. These include projects such as our continued program of pipeline upgrades and replacements, our

new drinking water well and pump station, and the rehabilitation of water storage facilities (seismic retrofits and coatings of steel tanks, Hames and Amesti).

We inform the public of the availability of the Water Quality Report in the June issue of the Our Town Newsletter, which is distributed via utility bills. The complete report can be found online on the City's website, at City Hall, City Administration and the Library.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The project is consistent with the following Strategic Plan Priority:

03 – Infrastructure & Environment

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No financial impacts result from this item.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No alternative action is recommended. If the Council chooses not to accept the PHG report, the City's obligations will not be met under California Health and Safety Code Section 116470(b) and (c).

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES:

None