



**San Jose
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Public Utilities Commission
of the State of California
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Advice Letter No. 496

The San Jose Water Company (U-168-W) (SJWC) hereby transmits an information only filing regarding customer notification of the initiation of fluoridation of the water supply delivered by SJWC's wholesale water supplier.

Purpose

The Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) is SJWC's wholesale water provider. In November 2011, the Board of Directors of the District decided to initiate adding fluoride at its water treatment plants. However, initially water will be fluoridated only at the District's Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant with delivery to SJWC starting on December 5, 2016. Therefore, some SJWC customers will begin to receive fluoridated water on December 5, 2016.

Beginning on September 21 SJWC will begin a bill insert customer notification (Attachment A) providing customers notification of this fluoridation. This notification also provides information about what zip codes served by SJWC that may receive fluoridated water and sources for further information on fluoridated water.

This advice letter is provided as an information only filing.

This filing will not raise any rate, cause the withdrawal of service, nor conflict with other schedules or rules.

Currently SJWC has no Advice Letters pending before the Commission.

Protests and Responses

Anyone may respond to or protest this advice letter. A response does not oppose the filing but presents information that may prove useful to the Commission in evaluating the advice letter. A protest objects to the advice letter in whole or in part and must set forth the specific grounds on which it is based. These grounds may include the following:

- (1) The utility did not properly serve or give notice of the advice letter;

- (2) The relief requested in the advice letter would violate statute or Commission order, or is not authorized by statute or Commission order on which the utility relies;
- (3) The analysis, calculations, or data in the advice letter contain material error or omissions;
- (4) The relief requested in the advice letter is pending before the Commission in a formal proceeding;
- (5) The relief requested in the advice letter requires consideration in a formal hearing, or is otherwise inappropriate for the advice letter process; or
- (6) The relief requested in the advice letter is unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory (provided that such a protest may not be made where it would require relitigating a prior order of the Commission).

A response or protest must be made in writing or by electronic mail and must be received by the Water Division within 20 days of the date this advice letter is filed. The address for mailing or delivering a protest is:

Tariff Unit, Water Division, 3rd floor
California Public Utilities Commission,
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
Water.Division@cpuc.ca.gov

On the same date the response or protest is submitted to the Water Division, the respondent or protestant shall send a copy of the protest by mail to us, addressed to:

Regulatory Affairs
San Jose Water Company
110 West Taylor Street
San Jose, California 95196
Fax 408.279.7934
regulatoryaffairs@sjwater.com.

The advice letter process does not provide for any responses, protests or comments, except for the utility's reply, after the 20-day comment period.

Public notice of this filing is not required. In compliance with Paragraph 4.3 of General Order 96-B, a copy of this advice letter has been mailed to all interested and affected parties as detailed in Attachment A.

Very truly yours,

/S/ WES OWENS
WES OWENS
Director of Regulatory Affairs

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ATTACHMENT A

**CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION REGARDING
FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLY**



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110 W. Taylor Street
San Jose, CA 95110-2131

September 21, 2016

RE: Fluoridation of Water Supply

Dear Valued Customer:

San Jose Water Company (SJWC) and the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) have partnered for many decades to deliver safe, high quality, and reliable water that meets or surpasses all drinking water regulations. The District provides drinking water to SJWC and other utilities who then deliver it to homes and businesses throughout Santa Clara County.

In November 2011, the Board of Directors of the District decided to provide optimal levels of fluoride at its water treatment plants. Initially, water will be fluoridated only at the District's Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant with delivery to SJWC starting on December 5, 2016. Therefore, some SJWC customers will begin to receive fluoridated water on December 5, 2016.

SJWC delivers water from all three District treatment plants as well as from groundwater and surface water generated by local precipitation. Under normal operating conditions, certain areas of the water system will receive water from one predominant source of supply while other areas may receive water from blended sources. Therefore, the introduction of fluoride to the water supply by the District will result in some customers receiving fluoridated water and others receiving water with no added fluoride.

The zip codes on the back of this letter list those areas that will receive fluoridated water. The Santa Clara County Public Health Department is advising residents in these zip codes to stop the practice of having their children take fluoride drops or tablets as prescribed by their health care providers starting December 5, 2016.

Links to further fluoridation information also are provided on the back of this letter. SJWC maintains a neutral position on water fluoridation. Many organizations including the Centers for Disease Control and the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water are supportive of adding fluoride to drinking water in order to help prevent tooth decay. A special contact has been set up by the State of California Department of Public Health to answer your questions about fluoride in drinking water. Please direct inquiries about fluoride to 1-844 435-8420, or to your health care provider.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Robert Day'.

Robert Day
Director of Customer Service

Zip Codes with Fluoridated Water

94024	95111	95120	95124	95132	95148
95008	95112	95121	95125	95133	
95032	95116	95122	95127	95134	
95035	95118	95123	95131	95136	

Fluoridation Information Links

- Center for Disease Control and Prevention
<http://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/>
- American Dental Association
<http://www.ada.org/fluoride>
- National Cancer Institute
<http://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/causes-prevention/risk/myths/fluoridated-water-fact-sheet>
- National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
<http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/OralHealth/Topics/Fluoride/>
- State Water Resources Control Board - Division of Drinking Water
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/Fluoridation.shtml
- Santa Clara Valley Water District
<http://www.valleywater.org/services/Fluoridation.aspx>
- San Jose Water Company
https://www.sjwater.com/for_your_information/education_safety/frequently_asked_questions/fluoride

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ATTACHMENT B

SERVICE LIST

A copy of Advice Letter No. 496 has been sent to the following municipalities, water companies and interested parties:

City of San Jose
Municipal Water Dept.
Attn: Mansour Nasser
3025 Tuers Road
San Jose, CA 95121

San Jose Mercury News
Attn: Paul Rogers
4 N. Second Street, Suite 800
San Jose, CA 95113

California Water Service Co.
Attn: Regulatory Affairs
1720 North First Street
San Jose, CA 95112

Town of Los Gatos
Attn: Director of Public Works
110 E. Main Street
Los Gatos, CA 95032

City of Cupertino
10300 Torre Avenue
Cupertino, CA 95014

City of Monte Sereno
Attn: Director of Public Works
18014 Saratoga-Los Gatos Road
Monte Sereno, CA 95030

City of Campbell
70 North First Street
Campbell, CA 95008

City of Saratoga
Attn: Director of Public Works
13777 Fruitvale Avenue
Saratoga, CA 95070

City of Santa Clara
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

County of Santa Clara
70 W. Hedding Street
San Jose, CA 95110

Great Oaks Water Company
P.O. Box 23490
San Jose, CA 95153

City of Milpitas
Attn: Utilities Engineering
455 East Calaveras Blvd.
Milpitas, CA 95035

Department of Water Resources
Safe Drinking Water Office,
Room 804
1416 9TH Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Santa Clara Valley Water
District
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

James M. Fiedler P.E., D.WRE
Chief Operating Officer
Santa Clara Valley Water District
5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

Gillette Mutual Water Company
21976 Gillette Drive
Los Gatos, CA 95033

Redwood Estates Services Association
PO Box 591
Redwood Estates, CA 95044-0591

Bob Burke
Regulatory Liaison For The Six
Mutual Water Companies
420 Alberto Way, Unit 49
Los Gatos, Ca 95032

Stagecoach Mutual Water Co
21825 Stagecoach Road
Los Gatos, CA 95033

Brush & Old Well Mutual
Water Company
21105 Brush Road
Los Gatos, CA 95033

Mt. Summit Mutual Water Co
P.O. Box 3416
Saratoga, CA 95070

Mountain Springs Mutual Water Co.
17956 Greenwood Road
Los Gatos, CA 95033

Oakmount Mutual Water Company
P.O. Box 31536
Stockton, CA 95213

Raineri Mutual Water Company
P.O. Box 11
Los Gatos, CA 95031

Summitt West Mutual Water Company
P.O. Box 974
Los Gatos, CA 95031

James Hunter
6475 Dwyer Street
San Jose, CA 95120

Ridge Mutual Water Company
22316 Citation Drive
Los Gatos, CA 95033

Saratoga Heights Mutual Water Company
P.O. Box 337
Saratoga, CA 95071

Villa Del Monte Mutual Water Company
P.O. Box 862
Los Gatos, CA 95031

Big Redwood Park Water
& Improvement Assoc.
18522 Main Blvd
Los Gatos, CA 95033

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