

# Agenda Report

**Date:** August 24, 1998

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Acting City Manager  
**Subject:** Report on Public Health Goals

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Hold a public hearing on August 24, 1998 to receive comments on the City of Pasadena's Report on Public Health Goals;
2. Adopt the City of Pasadena's Report on Public Health Goals; and
3. Declare the 1998 Report on Public Health Goals to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and the "Environmental Guidelines and Procedures for the City Of Pasadena" pursuant to Section 15308 of the State CEQA Guidelines (actions by regulatory agencies for protection of the environment).

## **Background**

During the 1996 California legislative session, Senate Bill (SB) 1307 was enacted which amended certain provisions of the Health and Safety Code (HSC) related to water quality Public Health Goals (PHGs). PHGs are set by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), which is part of the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal-EPA). For contaminants that the OEHHA has not set PHGs, public water systems shall use the maximum contaminant level goals set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

The Pasadena Water and Power Department is required to prepare this report because levels at some of the City's water sources were above the PHGs or MCLGs, but all water that is served to our customers meets all applicable drinking water standards. The report is intended to provide information to the public in addition to the Annual Water Quality Report mailed to each customer.

Section 116470 of the Health and Safety Code requires that public water systems with more than 10,000 service connections that exceed one or more PHGs prepare a report to inform the public regarding the PHG exceedances that occurred, and that a public hearing be held for the purpose of accepting and responding to public comment. The law mandates that the first report be completed by July 1, 1998, and that the public hearing should be held within a reasonable time after completion of the report.

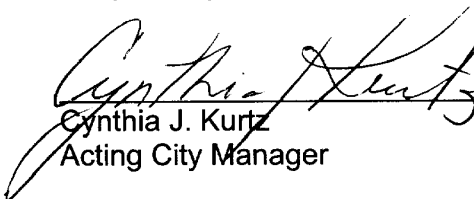
Water and Power Department staff completed the final draft of the PHG Report on June 30, 1998 and set the public hearing for August 24, 1998. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Star News on August 6 and 13, 1998. Copies of the report have been made available for public inspection in the Water and Power Department since July 28, 1998.

The City's 1998 Report on Public Health Goals is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and the "Environmental Guidelines and Procedures for the City of Pasadena" as a Class 8 exemption (Section 15308 of the State CEQA Guidelines), an action by a regulatory agency for the protection of the environment.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

Adoption of the Report will have no fiscal impact on the City.

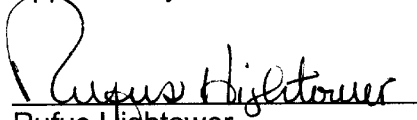
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