



PUBLIC NOTICE

District to Temporarily Deliver Fluoridated Water

The Santa Fe Irrigation District (District) will temporarily deliver water containing traces of fluoride starting ***December 28, 2011***.

The RE Badger Treatment Plant (Plant), which provides treated water to the District's customers, will be shut down for scheduled maintenance and improvements ***December 28, 2011 thru February 15, 2012***. During this time, the District will be delivering treated water provided by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA). MWD and SDCWA began fluoridation of their treated water supplies in December 2007.

Fluoride is a naturally occurring ionic form of fluorine, the 13th most abundant element on Earth. It is found in many rocks and minerals in the soil and enters drinking water as water passes through these soils.

Typically, the District's treated water from the Plant has naturally occurring levels of fluoride at approximately 0.2mg/l. The District does not add any fluoride to its treated water. The water that the District will be receiving from the MWD/SDCWA's system will contain fluoride residual ranging from 0.6mg/l to 0.8mg/l.

For more information on fluoridated water, please contact the District at (858) 756-2424, or visit the MWD's webpage on fluoridated water at www.mwdh2o.com/fluoridation/

Residents interested in learning more about fluoride in public drinking water can visit the California Department of Public Health at www.cdph.ca.gov and type Fluoride in the search bar.