



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

FROM: Trish Rhay, Assistant Director, Public Works Services *Del. for*

DATE: From August 13, 2014 Agenda

SUBJECT: Report Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC) Test Results

As you recall, we recently received a Citation for a missed sampling cycle for Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC) from 2011 to 2013 as well as a Notice of Violation for color in our well #5. Here is a brief update on these two issues.

We completed the first of two SOC samples required to come back into compliance in June. We just received the laboratory results from the first sample. SOC's were not detected in any of our well samples. We will complete the second sample in September as required. This second sample will bring us back into compliance for the next three years.

Additionally, the first color sample result for Well #5 was 0 (non-detect). We will need to complete three more quarterly samples for color to be back in full compliance with this requirement. The next sample is scheduled for September.

Overall, we are making good progress on addressing the long term pattern of non-compliance. Our new interim Water Operations Manager started on Monday, July 21st. The consulting firm of Hazen & Sawyer is on contract and we have begun the third party audit of our water operations processes. We now have monthly and quarterly meetings with our regulators to improve communication and build back trust.

We are projecting to have the treatment plant back up and running the week of August 11th. This delay allowed the new Operations Manager time to work with staff to evaluate and implement any operational changes needed to meet compliance requirements. The primary change implemented were to plant staffing and scheduling.

Staff will be available to answer any further questions form the Commission.