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STATEMENT FROM THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA ON THE RESULTS OF THE MANDATED WATER QUALITY TESTING FOR PFOS AND PFOA

The City recently conducted its mandatory monitoring requirement per new State guidelines. Based on the most recent results, it was determined that the Notification Level for perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in the Pico Rivera Water Authority's (PRWA) groundwater served to customers had been exceeded but was below the Response Level.

Pico Rivera is among several cities and communities in Southern California facing the same issue with their water supply, including Downey, Montebello, San Gabriel, Bellflower-Norwalk, Santa Clarita, La Habra Heights and Riverside. Pico Rivera Water Authority's water currently meets and exceeds all State and Federal drinking water standards, deeming it safe for consumption. We are proactively working with regulatory agencies and partners to solve this regional issue.

These compounds are used extensively in consumer products such as carpets, clothing, furniture fabric, food packaging, nonstick cookware and firefighting foams. However, to date, no public health goal for maximum contaminant levels for PFOS and PFOA has been established.

More information will be available to City residents on the City's website in the next 60 days, or sooner, and Pico Rivera Water Authority customers can expect to find important information in their October and November bills. Additionally, the information will be provided to water customers as part of the annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) that will be printed and available in the Summer of 2020.

Finally, to ensure public safety, PRWA staff will continue to test the wells as required and plans to closely monitor PFOS and PFOA levels in the drinking water supply through periodic sampling. Further updates will be announced to residents as soon as we identify the appropriate actions to take in conjunction with our regional, State, and Federal partners.

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