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## New Report Highlights Quality and Safety of City of San Diego's Drinking Water

SAN DIEGANS CAN LEARN ABOUT WATER CONTENT, PURIFICATION PROCESS AND OTHER VALUABLE WATER SUPPLY INFORMATION

SAN DIEGO –Details about the City of San Diego's water supply and highlights of the previous year are available in the newly released 2020 Drinking Water Quality Report. The City's tap water met all state and federal drinking water health standards, which are the primary standards for treating and monitoring water.

City residents and businesses will receive the report in the U.S. mail, and the report is also available in digital format on the City's website at <u>www.sandiego.gov/public-utilities</u>. In addition, the report will be available for pick-up at City <u>library locations</u>.

## "We are committed to providing the public with clean and safe drinking water, and continue to improve the City's water system," said Shauna Lorance, Director of the City's Public Utilities Department.

The new report includes a variety of details about the public's drinking water, including:

- The multiple steps of the water treatment process.
- The sources of our water and the impact of imported water on our water supply.
- Several tables that provide a breakdown of water contents.
- Important health information for immunocompromised persons.

The report also contains helpful contact information for the public to find out more about their accounts, news reports and details related to the City's complex water and wastewater systems.

Highlights for the Public Utilities Department for 2020 in the report include:

- Major progress with the Pure Water Program, the City's phased, multi-year program that will provide more than 40% of San Diego's water supply locally by the end of 2035.
- Participation in a statewide program to monitor wastewater for the virus that causes COVID-19.
- The celebration of Miramar Reservoir's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and its vital role for the region's future water supply.
- The decrease in the number of water main breaks in the City for a fourth year in a row.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Division of Drinking Water mandate all water agencies to produce an annual document educating customers about their drinking water quality for the previous year. This annual Drinking Water Quality Report details the origin of the City's water supply, what it contains and how it meets health standards.