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Beach. California law requires that all water utilities with 10,000 or more service connections provide fluoridated water when funding becomes available.

Cal Water will initiate distribution system monitoring in all of its affected water systems to report fluoride levels to CDPH. Monitoring data will be available at [www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/drinkingwater/Pages/Fluoridation.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/drinkingwater/Pages/Fluoridation.aspx).

### **More Information**

Cal Water is committed to providing excellent customer service and a water supply that meets all state and federal water quality standards, and doing so in accordance with the laws and regulations affecting the water utility industry. Cal Water believes that it is the responsibility of public health experts to study and decide on public health issues, and overwhelmingly, they support the addition of fluoride to public water supplies whenever possible.

For the most up-to-date fluoridation schedule or for more information on fluoride in your drinking water, visit [www.calwater.com](http://www.calwater.com), or contact your local Customer Center at (310) 257-1400 or [infoRD@calwater.com](mailto:infoRD@calwater.com).

You may also contact MWD at (800) 354-4420 or visit [www.mwdh2o.com/fluoridation](http://www.mwdh2o.com/fluoridation).



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**Fluoridated Water on Tap  
for Cal Water Customers  
in the Beach Cities and  
Torrance's Hollywood Riviera**



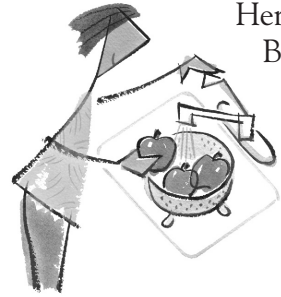
**What You Should Know  
About MWD's Upcoming  
Fluoridation**



Dear Cal Water Customer:

California Water Service Company (Cal Water) will begin supplying fluoridated tap water to customers in the fall of 2007, when the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) begins adding fluoride to its supply. MWD estimates that it will begin providing fluoridated water to Cal Water service areas in November.

Cal Water meets its customers' needs in Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach using a combination of purchased imported water from MWD and local groundwater sources. Cal Water meets Torrance's Hollywood Riviera customer needs by purchasing imported water from MWD. Fluoride is a naturally occurring mineral found both in surface water and groundwater.



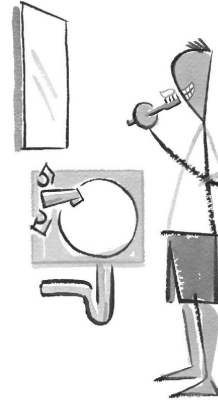
MWD will add to the naturally occurring fluoride to reach 0.8 milligrams per liter (mg/L), the level that public health organizations deem optimum for preventing tooth decay. This level is well below the limits set by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and United States Environmental Protection

Agency to protect public health. Fluoridation will not change the taste, smell, or appearance of the water.

Because Cal Water blends the water it purchases from MWD with local water sources in its Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach service areas, those customers' water may contain fluoride levels below 0.8 mg/L. In some areas, the fluoride level may be as low as 0.1 mg/L. Also, because the water is a combination of local groundwater and imported water from MWD, fluoride levels in the water may not be constant throughout the year. Seasonal changes in water use, operation of local wells, and other variables can affect the water supply mix and the level of fluoride in the water.

Because Torrance's Hollywood Riviera service area receives its supply from MWD, those customers' water will have fluoride levels of 0.8 mg/L.

Cal Water currently does not plan to fluoridate its local water sources. In accordance with Assembly Bill 733 (Drinking Water Fluoridation), Cal Water will fluoridate its water supply if federal grants or outside funds become available.



## Fluoride Dietary Supplements Should No Longer Be Used

According to CDPH, you should discontinue your

child's fluoride supplements; however, the continued use of topical fluoride treatments by your child's dentist may still be recommended. Please consult your dental health care provider for advice.

Scientific research establishing the safety of fluoridating community water supplies has been conducted for more than 50 years. The practice is supported by local, state, and national health agencies, including the American Medical Association, American Dental Association, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Surgeon General, CDPH, and World Health Organization as a safe and effective way of preventing tooth decay.

## Fluoridated Water Already on Tap in Many Communities

Over 70% of cities in the United States receiving public drinking water currently have fluoridated water, including Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, Long Beach, and Huntington