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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, or contact your local Customer Center at (805) 497-2757 or infoWLK@calwater.com.

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

# Additional Resources on Water Fluoridation

American Dental Association www.ada.org/public/topics/fluoride/news.asp

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

www.CDC.gov/oralhealth and www.CDC.gov/fluoridation

California Department of Public Health www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/drinkingwater/pages/fluoridation.aspx



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Fluoridated Water on Tap for Cal Water's Westlake Customers



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
Westlake District
customers' needs by
purchasing imported
water from MWD,
as there is no
adequate local supply
available. 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's Westlake service area receives its supply from MWD, your water will have fluoride levels of 0.8 mg/L.

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 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.

## Fluoride Dietary Supplements Should No Longer Be Used

Health officials recommend that you stop giving children fluoride supplements when the drinking water is fluoridated. Please consult with your dentist for additional information about proper dental care.

### **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.