

Dear North Edwards Water District Customer,

We are excited to announce that the North Edwards Water District (NEWD) is changing the primary drinking water source from groundwater wells within the NEWD service area to water supplied by the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK). Construction of an intertie that connects AVEK water to the NEWD water distribution system was completed in late October 2023. The primary purpose of switching to AVEK water is to bring the NEWD into compliance with state and federal regulations. The NEWD has an ongoing violation of the drinking water standard for arsenic. Use of AVEK's water is anticipated to bring the NEWD back into compliance with the arsenic drinking water standard. AVEK's water supply is typically a combination of groundwater and surface water diverted from the State Water Project, and it currently meets all state and federal drinking water standards. The NEWD will keep the two groundwater wells on standby for use during emergencies. A notification will be sent to all customers if the wells must run in the event of an emergency.

In preparation for the switch to AVEK water, NEWD will conduct unidirectional flushing of the distribution system during mid-November 2023. We will send you an additional notice when we determine the official start date. You may notice temporary discoloration of the water supplied to your residence during the unidirectional flushing process. Once flushing is complete, we recommend that you flush your taps until water clarity is restored, change the water in ice machines, rinse or change water filters, run the washing machine without clothes to flush the line, and rinse out shower heads. We will send an additional notice informing you when the flushing process is complete reminding you of these recommendations. The NEWD will closely monitor the distribution system after the switch to AVEK water to ensure the arsenic drinking water standard is met. We thank you very much for your continued support, and we are overjoyed to provide the North Edwards community with safe and reliable drinking water.

Sincerely,



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