



# WATER FLUORIDATION

Del Mar City Council

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## California State Law

- Under Title 22 of California Code of Regulations, water agencies with more than 10,000 water service connections must fluoridate drinking water supplies.
- Public water systems exempt from fluoridating until sufficient outside funding available.
- Both California Attorney General and San Diego City Attorney's Office opined that when sufficient funding became available, San Diego Municipal Code, which prohibits the City from fluoridation, would be preempted by state law.



## Fluoride in San Diego

- Currently, the City of San Diego does not fluoridate its water.
- Some fluoridated treated water received from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and San Diego County Water Authority
- Our water supply consists of approximately 9 percent of imported treated water.
- Not all areas currently receive fluoridated water. Seasonal demands and operational changes can vary fluoride levels.



**Robert A. Skinner Water Treatment Plant**



## Funding Provided

- In 2008, San Diego City Council accepted an offer of funding from the First 5 Commission of San Diego County for fluoridating public water supply.
- The Commission's offer of up to \$3,927,016 is for full funding of the capital costs and up to two years of operating and maintenance expenses necessary to implement fluoridation at each of our three water treatment plants.
- As a result of state law and the availability of funding, the City of San Diego was directed by state Department of Public Health to begin fluoridation by May 2010.



## Communication

- San Diego City Council presentations
- Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
- Web site:  
[www.sandiego.gov/water](http://www.sandiego.gov/water)
- County Department of Health



Questions?



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