Appendix C

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SOURCE WATER QUALITY

SUPERSEDES NEW

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT TO:

Protect the public health of its customers by serving high quality water from the best available source in preference to reliance on additional treatment.

Best Available Source

Obtaining water from the best available source is consistent with sound public policy, state law and prudent water supply management:

Consistent with the California Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996, EBMUD will take actions to minimize public health risks by protecting existing high-quality water sources and seeking the highest quality source water reasonably available for supplemental supplies.

Consistent with the District's statutory obligations and responsibilities to the customers of the District, highest priority shall be given to protecting the quality of drinking water supplies, compatible with protection of public trust resources.

Consistent with the Court decision affirming EBMUD's American River contract (Alameda County Action No. 425955), providing high quality drinking water is a significant public policy that is furthered by diversion from the best available source.

Meeting Drinking Water Quality Standards

Supplying water from the highest quality source water available is the safest and most prudent way to enable the District to meet current and future state and federal health-based drinking water quality standards.

Given current and future increasingly stringent drinking water standards, EBMUD will minimize public health risks by seeking the best available water source, protected from potential degradation, thereby reducing the uncertainty of technology's ability to eliminate health risks and the potential for added risks from treatment byproducts.

Authority

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