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## LET'S TALK H2O! TO HIGHLIGHT WATER QUALITY & OFFER PWD TREATMENT PLANT TOUR AUG. 1

Palmdale, CA – Palmdale Water District (PWD) is inviting the public to learn about the quality of the water it supplies to customers and to tour its water treatment plant at its Let's Talk H2O! Water Quality event set for 5-6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 1.

Attendees will hear how PWD ensures the delivery of high-quality water based on state and federal guidelines by following strict sampling and testing schedules. The presentation will be followed by a behind-the-scenes tour of the Leslie O. Carter Water Treatment Plant, 700 East Avenue S, in Palmdale. The event is free, but registration is required. Those interested in attending must sign up at https://bit.ly/TourPWD2024. Attendance will be limited due to space restrictions.

PWD Water Quality and Regulatory Affairs Supervisor Amanda Thompson will share information about how staff collect and test water (more)

samples that are used for regulatory compliance and reported in the annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The report is mandated by the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water and published by July 1 each year. It shows results from tens of thousands of water quality tests from water used in PWD's distribution system and includes information about PWD's three water sources and the amount supplied by each source.

"I hope the public takes the opportunity to come learn about how we collect, test and report on the water that they are drinking and using daily," Thompson said. "They will also see what we do in the lab and get a better understanding of how we ensure that the water they are receiving is of the highest quality."

After Thompson's presentation, Operations Manager Joe Marcinko and Plant Operator Curtis Cobb will take attendees on a tour of the treatment plant. They will explain the steps in water treatment, including coagulation, flocculation and sedimentation, and show the extensive equipment required to run the 35-million-gallon per day water treatment plant.

The 2023 CCR results can be viewed on the PWD website at https://www.palmdalewater.org/2023\_ccr/. For hard copies in English and Spanish, please contact the Customer Care Department at 661-947-4111.

Since 1918, the Palmdale Water District has provided high-quality water at a reasonable cost. We pride ourselves on providing great customer care; advocating for local water issues that help our residents; educating the community on water-use efficiency; and leading our region in researching and implementing emerging technologies that increase operational efficiency. For more information about PWD, visit www.palmdalewater.org.