ABOUT RECHARGE FRESNO

Following through on commitments made to citizens in 2014, the City will complete Recharge Fresno’s major water infrastructure projects on schedule and under budget, enabling delivery of treated surface water to more homes and businesses starting in May 2018. With this expanded system:

- We can reduce the City’s dependence on the groundwater aquifer, which has declined more than 100 feet in the last 100 years. The City currently relies on groundwater for nearly 80 percent of its potable water supply.
- We can continue to meet our customer water needs even as the City removes wells from service due to various forms of contamination.
- We can minimize the need to drill deeper to access groundwater. Drilling deeper increases energy and treatment costs.
- We can comply with State regulations passed in 2015 to stop overuse of groundwater supplies. The City of Fresno is the largest municipal groundwater user in the designated “high priority” area spanning from Stockton to Bakersfield, and the improved system will allow the City to comply with State groundwater management requirements.

Increasing use of surface water supply enables Fresno to comply with California groundwater regulations and position our City as a leader in groundwater sustainability and protection.

WHEN WILL THE CHANGE OCCUR?

Surface water from the Kings River Pipeline is now being delivered to the new treatment facility. Throughout May, water will be treated at the facility, then delivered to customer in gradually increasing amounts, beginning at 10 million gallons per day and ultimately at 54 million gallons per day in June 2018.

The City of Fresno is committed to continuing to provide a clean, safe, reliable water supply.

WATER SUPPLY TRANSITION SCHEDULE

For more information about the water supply transition, please contact 559-621-CITY or complete the contact form at www.RechargeFresno.com.

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WHEN YOU SHOULD KNOW
Changes in water characteristics may include pH, mineral content, alkalinity and hardness.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT
This expansion of the City’s water system should go unnoticed by most water customers. However, many businesses and institutions treat drinking water further for special use for processes or products; these businesses may wish to consult water quality and treatment professionals to assist with making adjustments, if needed. Changes in water characteristics may include pH, mineral content, alkalinity and hardness.

WE’RE HERE TO HELP
The City is expecting a smooth water supply transition, but if you notice any changes to your water, such as taste, color or odor, please contact 559-621-CITY.

WATER PRESSURE
Depending where you are located in the City, you may notice an increase in water pressure. The City is conducting extensive hydraulic modeling to project changes in water pressure. Currently, pressures in the areas to be served by the SESWTF range from 40 to 60 pounds per square inch (psi). With the new surface water supply, water pressure may increase by approximately 10 to 15 psi.

ENSURING A SMOOTH TRANSITION
The City is actively preparing for a smooth transition to increased surface water usage and has engaged water industry experts to help develop an approach to ensure continued delivery of clean, safe drinking water to businesses and homes. Drinking water is regulated by the State of California, and the City has been coordinating with the State during this water supply transition. Following are activities that are underway to ensure a smooth transition.

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