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California American Water identifies off-line well with PFAA *Well with PFAA has been out of service since 2015*

(Sacramento, Calif. July 28, 2016) California American Water announced it will be working with State regulators to seek immediate permitting of new treatment technology for a well in its Suburban Rosemont District containing elevated levels of perfluorinated alkyl acids (PFAAs). The well in question, which has been shut down for maintenance since October 2015, is the only well operated by California American Water with detected PFAA levels.

On May 19, 2016, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) issued a new health advisory level for PFAAs which set the new health level of 70 parts per trillion. The most current laboratory results from the affected well indicate PFAAs at 2.5 times that level.

There are several commonly used water treatment technologies that are effective in treating for PFAAs. California American Water is working with a team of in-house experts and consultants to determine the best treatment technology and have it installed at the wellhead as soon as permitting allows.

“The health and safety of our customers we serve is our top priority because they are our friends, neighbors and families. We didn’t cause this contamination but we are going to fix it,” said California American Director of Operations for Northern California, Audie Foster. “Our commitment is to rapidly work with our regulators to gain the proper permits for the necessary treatment. Lower wintertime usage and drought reductions have allowed this well to be kept in standby to this point; we are racing to have treatment in place before it is needed.”

The well in question is one of 29 wells that serve customers in the Suburban Rosemont system, which also receives treated water from the City of Sacramento. Only one well near the former Mather Air Force Base has been impacted, out of more than 60 wells that were tested in several California American Water systems around Sacramento. PFAAs are a class of chemicals widely used for many decades in aircraft firefighting foams, non-stick cookware and water-

resistant clothing. Chronic exposure to the chemical can increase health risks, and pregnant women and nursing babies are thought to be the most susceptible. Customers who are concerned may consult their physician.

Federally mandated testing revealed six water systems in the State with levels of PFAA above the new health advisory level, none of the other systems are owned or operated by California American Water. Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 3 (UCMR3) is a study performed by USEPA to determine the prevalence of compounds in drinking water sources for substances that do not have health-based standards set under the Safe Drinking Water Act. USEPA uses UCMR3 data combined with information on potential health effects to select substances for future regulation in drinking water. The testing for PFAAs was done as part of UCMR3 testing.

“In this case, the regulations in the Safe Drinking Water Act are working to protect public health. The USEPA is changing standards as new science and technology is becoming available and utilities like California American Water are going to get treatment on our well as quickly as possible,” said Foster. “We have a national team of water quality scientists and experienced treatment operators supporting our efforts to address this challenge.”

For additional information on PFOA and PFOS, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfos>.

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