



Hollister Urban Area
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**IMPROVED QUALITY AND BETTER TASTING WATER WILL BE DELIVERED TO
SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT CUSTOMERS IN 2014!**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON
THE LESSALT WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE AND
THE WATER QUALITY REGULATION EXTENSION RECEIVED FROM
THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

Hearing Date, Time & Location:

December 11, 2013 at 5:15 PM

Sunnyslope County Water District, 3570 Airline Highway, Hollister, CA 95023

***Water Quality Regulation Compliance
Extension***

Water Quality Requirements:

Sunnyslope County Water District is required to meet strict water quality requirements for treated drinking water. In October 2013, regulations changed for disinfection byproducts in drinking water requiring the District to meet stricter limits set by the California Department of Public Health. Disinfection byproducts are a result of chlorine added to the water for disinfection reacting with microscopic organic particles in your drinking water and are believed to increase cancer risk with decades of consumption. Sunnyslope County Water District, in partnership with the City of Hollister and San Benito County Water District, is upgrading the Lessalt Water Treatment Plant to comply with these more stringent regulations. The District has received regulatory relief through an extension of time to meet the new regulations because the Lessalt Water Treatment Plant upgrade is under construction and will be complete in November 2014. A Public Hearing is being held to explain the new regulations, answer questions, and to inform our customers about the regulation extension received by the District.

For more information:

<http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/rulesregs/sdwa/stage1/factsheet.cfm>

Lessalt Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Begins:

Improved quality and better tasting water will be delivered to Sunnyslope water customers in 2014 in partnership with the City of Hollister and the San Benito County Water District. The District and its partners have recently begun construction of an upgrade to the Lessalt Water Treatment Plant. The Treatment Plant upgrade will allow soft and better tasting water to be delivered to all of our customers. Improved drinking water quality for residents and businesses will also help meet wastewater discharge requirements and protect the groundwater basin.

A contract was awarded in September to Specialized Construction Inc. of San Luis Obispo for \$6.85 million for this treatment plant upgrade, which was approximately \$250,000 less than was estimated. Customers and residents will see work occurring at the treatment plant site located at the intersection of Sunnyslope and Fairview Road, and along Fairview Road where a new pipeline is being installed to deliver higher quality drinking water to Sunnyslope County Water District customers in the Ridgemark area. A Public Hearing is being held to explain the Lessalt Water Treatment Plant upgrade and answer questions regarding the time extension the District received from the California Department of Public Health to meet more stringent water quality regulations. The upgrade to the Lessalt Water Treatment Plant will be complete in November 2014 and will improve drinking water quality throughout the Sunnyslope County Water District allowing the District to stay in compliance with changing water regulations, and reduce or eliminate the need for water softeners used by our customers.