



WEBER BASIN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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Incident of Yellow Tinted Water Reports

Weber Basin Water Conservancy District 12/14/23

Weber Basin Water Conservancy District (District) has been made aware of a few reports from customer agencies regarding yellow tinted water noticed by their residents. The District has tested several of these water samples and has found the water to be safe to drink and meets all EPA water quality standards. In a few of these samples, the District has found the manganese level to be elevated which has resulted in some yellow tinting to the water. Manganese is a mineral that is found naturally in many surface and groundwater sources. Water passing through soil and rock in the watershed can dissolve minerals, such as manganese, and carry them to the water treatment plants.

The District typically runs its ozone system throughout most of the year which oxidizes the manganese and filters it out in the water treatment process. The District shut down its ozone system two months ago for necessary repairs because historically manganese levels coming from the watershed are low during the winter months. It appears that elevated levels of manganese came through the watershed in the latter part of November or first part of December which resulted in the yellow-colored water in the city distribution systems. The ozone system is now back in operation after the necessary repairs were made. We apologize for any inconvenience this issue may have caused for our customer agencies or their customers. The District wants to reiterate that the water is and has been safe to drink throughout this incident.

Please contact the District at 801-771-1677 if you have any questions regarding this incident.