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# Humboldt Community Services District

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*Dedicated to providing high quality, cost effective water and sewer service for our customers*

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Brian McNeill, Utility Services Planner

DATE: January 24, 2025

SUBJECT: Utility Services Planner Report for January 28, 2025 Board Meeting

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The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) oversees the Unified Program. The program is intended to protect Californians from hazardous waste and materials by ensuring local regulatory agencies consistently apply statewide standards when issuing permits, conducting inspections, and engaging in enforcement activities. The Unified Program requires government agencies to report certain information through an online portal called the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS). The District is required to submit annual data to CERS for five separate district-operated facilities: the District office, the South Broadway pump station, the Fields Landing pump station, the Edgewood pump station, and the Hoover pump station. The annual report to CERS has been completed and submitted.

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires that once every five years, the EPA issue a list of unregulated contaminants to be monitored by public water systems (PWSs). The fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5) was published on December 27, 2021. UCMR 5 requires sample collection for 30 chemical contaminants between 2023 and 2025 using analytical methods developed by the EPA and consensus organizations. This action provides the agency and other interested parties with scientifically valid data on the national occurrence of these contaminants in drinking water. The District is required to pull samples for UCMR 5 in March and September of this year. Staff is now coordinating to meet this requirement to ensure the District stays compliant.

The staff has been busy responding to County Building and Planning Department referrals, assisting project proponents on numerous inquiries ranging from relocating water services to providing quotes for proposed projects.

As always, weekly bacteriological water quality samples were collected from throughout the District.

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