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## PRESS RELEASE

FIVE-CITIES AREA TEMPORARY CONVERSION OF DRINKING WATER DISINFECTANT -

October 29, 2015 – Between October 30, 2015 and November 23, 2015, the County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department will temporarily change the disinfection process in the Lopez Project drinking water distribution system from the blended chlorine treatment that is typically applied, to a free chlorine treatment. Free chlorine is a stronger disinfection process than blended chlorine and is part of an annual switchover of disinfectants to help ensure water mains remain free of potentially harmful bacteria. This practice is considered a "Best Management Practice" in the water industry.

Because the County provides water to the City of Arroyo Grande, City of Pismo Beach, City of Grover Beach, Oceano Community Services District, Avila Beach Community Services District, and Port San Luis, these water systems may also convert their water disinfection process to free chlorine.

Customers with questions or concerns about their drinking water are urged to contact their local water supplier.

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