




CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

DATE: November 21, 2017

TO: Ed Lavalley, ICMA-CM, MPA, City Manager

FROM: Javier Vargas, Utilities Director 

COUNCIL DATE: December 12, 2017

SUBJECT: WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT

Background:

The City of Venice Utilities Department recently found itself in the press as a result of a report by the Environmental Working Group (EWG) that first stated the City exceeded EWG's drinking water standards, then backtracked to say the City was not in violation of any health-based standards, but had failed to conduct its monitoring or report its results properly. Arcadis, U.S., Inc. was selected by the City to conduct a comprehensive water quality assessment, including an evaluation of the current treatment process, monitoring and reporting practices.

Requested Action:

No action of the City Council is being requested. This is merely a summary and presentation to show the results of the request by City Council to perform a water quality assessment.

Based upon the review of EWG's claims, discussions with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (EPA) and United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), historic operations and water quality data, and water quality sampling and analysis by a certified, third party laboratory it is the conclusion of Arcadis, U.S., Inc. that the City's water is safe, its operations staff follow approved best practices, and the City is in 100% compliance with all requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

City Attorney Review:

N/A

Risk Management Review:

N/A

Funds Availability (account number):

N/A