



# Weekly Management Report

## March 22, 2024

- 1. Memo**            2024 First Quarter PFAS Monitoring Results  
For Burbank's Untreated Ground Water Sources  
**Water and Power Department**
  
  - 2. Summary**        Parks and Recreation Board  
Meeting on March 14, 2024  
**Parks and Recreation Department**
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MEMORANDUM



**WATER AND  
POWER**



**DATE:** March 18, 2024

**TO:** Justin Hess, City Manager

**FROM:** Joe Lillio, Interim General Manager, Burbank Water and Power *Joe Lillio*  
**BY:** Richard Wilson, Assistant General Manager - Water *Richard Wilson*

**SUBJECT:** 2024 First Quarter PFAS Monitoring Results for Burbank's Untreated Ground Water Sources

**RECOMMENDATION**

Note and file. No further action by the City of Burbank is required.

**BACKGROUND**

Perfluorohexane Sulfonic Acid (PFHxS) and Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) are members of the per- and polyfluoroalkyls (PFAS) group of chemicals. They are widely used, long lasting chemicals that break down very slowly over time and have been called "forever chemicals". These chemicals are used in numerous commercial products to offer water and stain-repellent properties and in fire-fighting foams. It does not occur naturally. This compound persists in the environment and in biological organisms. Scientific studies have shown that exposure to some PFAS in the environment may be linked to harmful health effects in humans and animals.

The latest ground water well samples for PFAS taken during the first quarter of 2024 show that one well (VO-4) exceeded the response level<sup>1</sup> for PFHxS and the notification level<sup>2</sup> for PFOA for the first time. We are required to notify our governing body within 30 days of receiving sample test results of any new exceedances occurring in wells that have previously tested below the reporting limits.

Source	Chemical	Result	Units	RL/NL	Date Sampled
VO-4	PFHxS	21	ng/L	RL= 20 ng/L	March 5, 2024
VO-4	PFOA	5.2	ng/L	NL= 5.1 ng/L	March 5, 2024

**Although the reporting requirement is new, these chemicals have been in the ground water for decades and our treatment process has always removed them**

from the water and have never been detected in the highly treated water entering the drinking water system.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **PFAS**

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 116455 that governs notifications upon detection of contaminants found in drinking water, or the untreated water supply that exceeds the maximum contaminant level, we are required to inform our governing body of concentrations that exceed the notification level for PFAS. Notification levels are health-based advisory levels established by the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water (SWRCB-DDW) for chemicals in potable water that lack legally enforceable limits.

This update serves as the required notification to BWP's governing body that notification and/or response levels in untreated ground water have been exceeded. **No further action is required.**

### **PFHxS**

On October 31, 2022, we were required by DDW to begin reporting exceedances of the notification and response levels for PFHxS. DDW approved an amendment to our operating permit to add a new treatment process to reduce the concentrations of PFHxS to below the response level.

### **PFOA**

In June 2023, we notified the City Council of Well 5 Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) Notification Level (NL) exceedance. During the most recent monitoring event, March 2024, one new untreated ground water source (Well 4) has exceeded the notification level (NL) for PFOA. The notification level for PFOA is 5.1 parts per trillion (ng/L). The sample result was 5.2 ng/L.

**Note that these samples are for raw, untreated water and PFHxS and PFOA are removed by our treatment plant and have never been detected in Burbank's drinking water.**

<sup>1</sup>A response level (RL) is set higher than a notification level and represents a recommended chemical concentration level at which water systems must decide to either: (1) take the water source out of service; or (2) treat the water; or (3) notify the public.

<sup>2</sup>Notification levels (NLs) are nonregulatory, health-based advisory levels established for contaminants in drinking water for which maximum contaminant levels have not been established.



**CITY OF BURBANK  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
ANNOTATED AGENDA/MEETING SUMMARY**

Meeting: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2024

**Staff Present:** Marisa Garcia, Parks, and Recreation Director; Diego Cevallos, Assistant Parks, and Recreation Director; Jennifer Lev, Recreation Services Manager; Erin Barrows, Recreation Services Manager; Megan Wilke, Administrative Analyst II; Chad Thompson, Executive Assistant; Bryce Buton, Recreation Supervisor

**Board Members Present:** Ms. Gamiño, Ms. Durbin, Mr. Messerlian, Ms. Ramsey and Mr. DePalo

**Board Members Absent:** None.

Item Discussed	Summary	Direction or Action, if any
1 Announcements	Mr. Burton provided announcements for the P&R programs and facilities.	
2 Presentations	None.	
3 Department Director Report	Ms. Garcia provided an update on the tree failures that occurred on 3/14/24.	
4 Oral Communications	There were 6 in-person public comments and 2 phone callers.	
5 Response to Oral Communications	Mr. DePalo commented on the Burbank Community Band and shared his thoughts on Elevate Burbank. He commended the Martial Arts classes that are being offered by the City. He also thanked the Cultural Arts Commission for attending the meeting. Mr. Messerlian expressed his gratitude towards the positive energy from the community. Ms. Gamiño thanked the community for their input.	
6 Written Communications	None.	
7 Park Board Comments	Ms. Durbin attended the Burbank Athletic Federation board meeting. Ms. Gamiño attended the Cultural Arts Commission and the Arts in Public Places Committee. She also shared her love for the art electrical boxes on the streets.	
8 Burbank Adaptive Sports Expo (BASE) Update	Ms. Lev recognized the talented staff that helped to coordinate the BASE. Ms. Lev then provided an overview of the latest developments and outcomes from BASE, including attendance figures, participant feedback, and highlights from the event.	Discuss, note and file
9 Arts Grants Program Award Approval	The Board thanked the Staff for their hard work in planning and executing BASE. Ms. Barrows provided the Board with information regarding the 2024 Community Arts Grant Program. The Board was asked to consider the recommendation from the Community Arts Grant Program Panel and approve the allocation of funding for the 2024 Community Arts Grant Program awards.	Approve Funding Allocation totaling \$48,000 for the 2024 Community Arts Grant Program. Mr. Messerlian motioned, and Mr. DePalo seconded. Carried 5-0
10 Consent Calendar	Approval of Minutes Minutes of the February 08, 2024 meeting was approved.	It was motioned by Ms. Ramsey, seconded by Mr.

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		<p><u>City Council Agenda Items Update</u> Noted and Filed.</p> <p><u>Contract Compliance</u> Noted and Filed.</p> <p><u>Park Patrol Reports</u> The Park Patrol Report for January was noted and filed.</p> <p><u>Departmental Operations Update</u> Noted and Filed.</p>		DePalo, and carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Calendar.
11	Tabled Items	None.		
12	Additional Comments from the Board and staff	None.		
13	Introduction of New Agenda Items	None.		
14	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 7:01.		