



Carmichael Water District and Sacramento Suburban Water District Combination Study

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION: FLUORIDE

Would Carmichael Water District be required to fluoridate water should the two Districts combine?

There is no mandate that Carmichael Water District customers would receive fluoridated water should the two districts combine.

Background: Fluoride is a naturally occurring element found in most water supplies. Water fluoridation involves increasing the natural fluoride concentration found in drinking water to the optimal level that provides the most benefit for dental health, as prescribed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In addition, community water fluoridation is supported by the American Dental Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, U.S. Public Health Service, and the World Health Organization.

SSWD has four separate service areas. Since 2007, Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) has served fluoridated drinking water to the South Service Area only, that resulted from a grant received from the [First 5 Commission](#). The agreement with the First 5 Commission to provide fluoridated drinking water to SSWD's South Service Area will remain in place at least until 2027. In addition, SSWD has a wholesale water agreement with the City of Sacramento, which fluoridates its water in accordance with California State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water standards.

Carmichael Water District is under no mandate to fluoridate its water and does not add fluoride to its water supplies.