



Memo

To: Board Members
From: Josselyn Quine
Date: 9/15/2022
Subject: Update on Emergency Response Plan – Melinda Weinrich

On October 23, 2018, America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) was signed into law. The AWIA requires community water systems serving more than 3,300 people to develop or update Risk and Resiliency Assessments (RRA) and Emergency Response Plan (ERP). The RRA and ERP are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Given the ERP contains such content as contact information, system sites and security information, it should be stored safely and securely and not released to the public.

Webb Associates was directed to complete the RRA and ERP for the District. The RRA went through staff review and the ERP went through staff and Director review. A final draft of the ERP was provided to the District on September 16, 2022.

In order to meet the EPA's requirements, the District must certify the RRA and ERP. Previous staff certified a RRA and ERP with the EPA, however; such documents were not found. Webb Associates have contacted the EPA to determine if recertification is required. The actual RRA and ERP documents are not submitted to the EPA and therefore are not subject to the federal Freedom of Information Act.

The District must also submit an electronic copy of the ERP to the California State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water. A copy was submitted to the District Engineer Wei Chang on September 16, 2022.

The District must certify the RRA and ERP every five years. The next updated RRA and EPA are due to the EPA and the SWRCB by December 31, 2026.