



METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Notice to Potentially Affected Public Agencies

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) is permitted to treat Lake Skinner, Lake Mathews, and Diamond Valley Lake to control nuisance algae blooms (which cause taste, odor, turbidity, and filter clogging problems in drinking water). Metropolitan is permitted under the State Water Resources Control Board Statewide General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Residual Aquatic Pesticide Discharges to Waters of the United States from Algae and Aquatic Weed Control Applications (Water Quality Order No. 2013-0002—DWQ, General Permit No. CAG990005) to conduct this necessary treatment when water supply reservoirs are impacted. As required by the permit, Metropolitan is notifying potentially affected public agencies that one or more treatments to control nuisance algae may occur during the calendar year.

Metropolitan only applies products to treat algae blooms when absolutely necessary. When these events occur, Metropolitan applies copper sulfate to select areas of the above mentioned water bodies in order to inhibit the growth or reduce the population of nuisance algae. The algaecide application is performed in a manner that minimizes the potential of adverse impact to the water body. Metropolitan also follows a State approved "Aquatic Pesticide Application Plan" (APAP) when treating algae blooms.

The growth of algae in open surface reservoirs is generally a seasonal problem that usually occurs in the warmer months from the spring to early winter. However, climatic and source water conditions greatly influence aquatic vegetation growth and, as such, there may be times where Metropolitan may have to control nuisance algae outside of this historical timeframe.

For more information, please contact Dan Guillory (213) 217-5507.

Potentially Affected Public Agencies:

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Riverside County Parks Department
- Urban Parks Concessions
- Metropolitan Member Agencies affected by the algae problems