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TCE IN THE AMERICAN RIVER

TCE is a suspected cancer causing agent that has been leaking into the American River at a site near Aerojet. The American River, which runs along the North borderline of District 6, is used as a source of water for the City of Sacramento. Now, the City of Sacramento as well as the Carmichael and Arcade Water Districts have discovered TCE in their tap water.

The amount of TCE in our tap water is directly related to the water flow level of the American river. A high water flow level helps dilute the amount of TCE that enters the American river and makes our tap water safer to drink.

Currently the American river is at a high water flow level, however, City officials first became concerned in early August when the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation lowered the water flow near the Nimbus Fish Hatchery at the request of the State Department of Fish and Game.

Now the State wants to lower the water level again in September which will increase the amount of TCE in the City's drinking water.

The TCE in our tap water did not approach a danger level the first time the water was lowered, but now officials from the City water treatment plant and City engineers office, recommend that the City of Sacramento ask the State to delay this request to lower the water level in the American River again.

Due to the proximity of the American River to District 6, Councilwoman Eva S. Garcia, tonight will request that the City of Sacramento officially go on record to oppose the State's attempts to lower the American river water flow again in September, and will ask the City Council to pass a Resolution requesting that the State Department of Fish and Game delay their request to lower the water flow in the American River in September as planned previously.

In October the entire City's water requirement can be met from the Sacramento River and this transfer can be accomplished by the City staff.