



# Express Support, if Amended, for S. 79; Boxer (D-California) Chromium 6 Regulation

Legislation Committee

Item 8-5

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# S. 79 (Boxer, D – California)

- Requires the US EPA to establish a health advisory for chromium 6 within 90 days of enactment
- Requires the US EPA to establish a national primary drinking water regulation for chromium 6 within one year of enactment

# S. 79 Analysis

- There is currently no federal drinking water standard for chromium 6, however California will regulate independent of US EPA
- Chromium 6 in MWD's finished water ranges from non detect (<0.03 ppb) to 0.45 ppb
- Safe Drinking Water Act defines a process for developing standards
  - Includes health effects, occurrence, analytical detection and treatment cost considerations
- Legislating numeric standards and timelines may compromise process

# Board Options

- Option #1  
Adopt CEQA, express support if amended for S. 78
- Option #2  
Adopt CEQA, express support for S. 78
- Option #3  
Take no position at this time

# Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

