



Express Opposition, unless Amended, to AB 403; Campos (D-San Jose) Chromium 6

Legislation Committee

Item 8-8

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AB 403 (Campos, D – San Jose)

- Require CDPH to set a drinking water standard for chromium 6 by January 1, 2013
- If a standard is not set, then the public health goal becomes the standard

AB 403 Analysis

- California currently does not regulate chromium 6 in drinking water
- Chromium 6 in MWD's finished water ranges from non detect (<0.03 ppb) to 0.45 ppb
- California's Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) defines a process for developing standards
 - Includes health effects, occurrence, analytical detection and treatment cost considerations
- California has proposed a PHG of 0.02 ppb
- Setting PHG as a default standard conflicts with California SDWA

Board Options

- Option #1
Adopt CEQA, express opposition for AB 403 unless amended
- Option #2
Adopt CEQA, express opposition for AB 403
- Option #3
Take no position at this time

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

