



TITLE: Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider/Discuss/Act on a Resolution Requesting that the North Texas Municipal Water District Board of Directors Discontinue Fluoridation of the Treated Water Supply Prior to its Distribution to Member Cities

MEETING DATE: March 5, 2013

DEPARTMENT: City Manager

CONTACT: Jason Gray

RECOMMENDED CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

- Based on a review of the national debate on water fluoridation, staff recommends approval of a request to NTMWD to maintain an average of 0.7 mg per liter of fluoride in our water supply.

ITEM SUMMARY:

- Information is provided as attachments from various organizations and individuals.
- Adding fluoride to community water supply is a standard practice followed by most municipalities across our country.
- There would be a small cost savings to the NTMWD budget if the practice of fluoridation was eliminated.
- NTMWD would need request letters from its Member Cities before requesting the NTMWD Board of Directors consider any action to cease fluoridation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Fluoride is a natural occurring element in our raw water and would not be totally eliminated by NTMWD curtailing their current practice of adding fluoride to the drinking water.
- Fluoridation began in 1981 at the request of the Member Cities and with approval of the NTMWD Board of Directors
- US Department of Health and Human Services recommends a level of 0.7 mg per liter of water

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

- N/A

BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: N/A