

# DRINKING WATER QUALITY POLICY PRINCIPLES

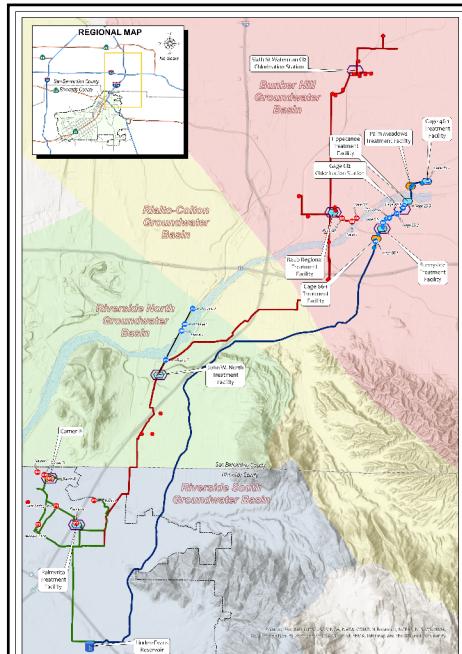
## Water Resources

Water Committee  
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## BACKGROUND

Diverse system that requires a multi-barrier approach to protect public health.

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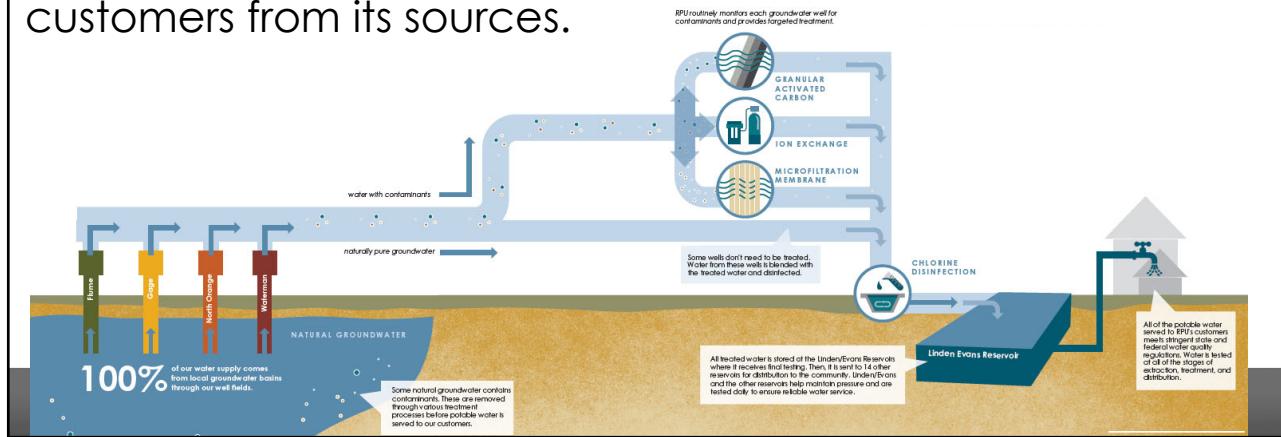
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## BACKGROUND

Remain engaged with the potentially responsible parties (PRPs), responsible parties (RP), and regulatory agencies to ensure a safe and high-quality water supply for RPU customers from its sources.



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The Drinking Water Quality Policy Principles (DWQPP) will:

- Define the policy principles that will be the basis for developing a Drinking Water Quality Policy.
- Memorialize RPU's approach when discussing and negotiating contamination clean-up efforts.
- Coordinate with consistency with all PRPs and RPs.
- Provide guidance when discussing with PRPs and RPs about the level of treatment at RPU wells or how RPU's blending capacity can be used.

## BEDROCK PRINCIPLES

1. Right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes (State of California. Assembly Bill 685.106.3. (a) ).
2. Drinking water must be safeguarded against contaminants that would lower the water quality.
3. PRPs and RPs will be required to treat drinking water at the source prior to entering the City's transmission/distribution system.

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## POLICY PRINCIPLES

Policy Principle	Specific DDWQPP
DWQPP 1	Meet Drinking Water Standards
DWQPP 2	Public Health Goals and PRP Identification
DWQPP 3	Agreements
DWQPP 4	Federal and State Policies
DWQPP 5	Change in Regulations
DWQPP 6	Exceedance of MCL
DWQPP 7	Blending
DWQPP 8	Termination of Obligation
DWQPP 9	Replacement Water

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## SUMMARY

- All people within RPU's service area are entitled to safe, clean, and affordable drinking water.
- RPU's fundamental mission is to deliver high-quality water to its customers.
- Applying a multi-barrier approach to protect public health including water supply source.
- Managing the water quality of drinking water from its source to the customer.
- Defines DWQPP and directs staff to adhere to these guidelines.

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## STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Strategic Priority No. 4 Environmental Stewardship:

-Goal No. 4.2 – Sustainably manage local water resources to maximize reliability and advance water reuse to ensure safe, reliable and affordable water to our community.

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## STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

This item aligns with EACH of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The DWQPP document provides the tools to RPU staff for their commitment to protecting public health and thereby enhancing community trust.
2. **Equity** – All people within RPU's service area are entitled to safe, clean, and affordable drinking water, and RPU is committed to protecting and enhancing its water supply source for equal benefit throughout the City.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – This policy will work towards ensuring RPs pay for the clean-up efforts associated with their contamination within RPU's water supplies. Furthermore, the availability of clean and affordable drinking water to all RPU customers eliminates the need and expense of paying for additional treatment at a residence or business.
4. **Innovation** – Proactively preparing this policy will help guide staff in navigating the ever-changing water regulatory landscape.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The policy principles provided in this document, as part of the fundamental missions of RPU, will emphasize the delivery of high-quality water to its customers in a manner that is sustainable and environmentally sound.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Riverside Public Utilities Water Committee consider and review the drinking water quality policy principles document and recommend staff to prepare a Drinking Water Quality Policy for Riverside Board of Public Utilities consideration.

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