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The Department of Water and Power (DWP) recently notified residents, businesses and schools in the Green Meadows and Watts communities that the water filtration system in their area failed to work properly thereby violating drinking water requirements. Specifically, on the evening of January 15, 2016 a chlorine pump that supports the 99th Street Wells facility malfunctioned and unchlorinated well water flowed into the distribution system that serves these communities.

The DWP dispatched personnel to repair the malfunction; however, the repairs were completed six hours later. This resulted in a water treatment violation since the DWP is required to provide sufficient levels of disinfectant to the water system.

This is an alarming incident which has created great concern among the residents of the Green Meadows and Watts communities. They are concerned about the potential health impacts associated with this incident; including the ongoing structural integrity of the water system they depend on.

To address their concerns, it is important that the DWP immediately report to the City Council regarding the incident, potential health impacts and the current quality of the water. The DWP should also report on the structural integrity of the water system and water filtration system associated with the 99th Street Wells facility.

In addition, the Department should report on steps it will take to mitigate future system malfunctions including fail-safe mechanisms and its efforts to improve immediate communication to the public when emergencies occur. In this manner, the health and welfare of the residents, businesses and schools in the Green Meadows and Watts communities may be ensured.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power (DWP) be requested to immediately report to the City Council regarding the 99th Street Wells facility incident of January 15, 2016, including the following:

- Potential health impacts and current quality of the water;
- Structural integrity of the water system/water filtration system;
- Mitigation of system malfunctions/implementation of fail-safe mechanisms; and
- Efforts to improve immediate communication to the public.

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