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**Lodi City Council to Consider Litigation to Recover Water Clean-Up Costs**

**Lodi, Calif. – October 30, 2020** – At the November 4 City Council meeting, City staff will be seeking direction from the Lodi City Council as to whether or not the City should move forward with litigation against Shell Oil Company, The Dow Chemical Company, Dow Agrosiences LLC, and Occidental Chemical Corporation in an effort to recover costs associated with treating groundwater for environmental contamination.

The City of Lodi currently treats groundwater using Granular Activated Carbon at various locations for the presence of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). This proven treatment method has been used for decades and has been identified by the State Water Resources Control Board as a best available technology for removing VOCs from drinking water. The drinking water provided to the citizens of Lodi is safe and complies with all State and Federal regulations. For additional information regarding the City's drinking water quality, please check out the City of Lodi 2019 Annual Water Quality Report (published June 2020) located on the City's webpage at: <https://www.lodi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3504/2019-CCR?bidId=>

If you have any questions regarding groundwater treatment and water quality, please contact the City of Lodi Public Works Department at 209-333-6706.

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