



# CITY OF STOCKTON

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### CHANGE IN WATER TREATMENT BY CITY OF STOCKTON

The City of Stockton Water Utility has started work on a very important project that will change the way our drinking water is disinfected. Please be advised that the City will begin using chloramines in its water distribution system by Summer 2014. With this change to the City's water treatment process, it is important that you are prepared to take appropriate measures to protect your kidney dialysis patients.

Specifically, the City will begin using chloramines in the City of Stockton North Water Service Area in addition to certain County areas served by the City as shown on the enclosed map. The use of chloramines is an important part of the City of Stockton's commitment to maximizing public health and minimizing potential health risks. The City is changing to chloramines as a secondary disinfectant to meet new Federal rules enacted to reduce levels of certain regulated disinfection byproducts in drinking water. With this change, customers will receive drinking water that meets or surpasses stringent standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

Kidney dialysis patients can safely drink, cook and bathe in water disinfected with chloramines as the digestive process neutralizes chloramines before they enter the bloodstream. However, chloramines must be removed from water to be used in kidney dialysis machines. Ways to remove chloramines from water include treating tap water with ascorbic acid or using a granular-activated carbon filter specifically designed to eliminate chloramines. Additional information about current dialysis standards can be found at the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation's website at ([www.aami.org/publications/standards/dialysis.html](http://www.aami.org/publications/standards/dialysis.html)) or by calling (703) 525-4890.

It is essential that appropriate actions be taken to enable your facility, and any home-based patients that you may serve, to test for and remove chloramines from water before it is used for dialysis fluids.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please visit our website at [www.stocktongov.com/mud](http://www.stocktongov.com/mud) or call (866) 786-5987.

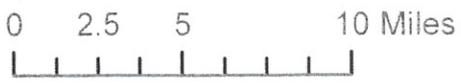
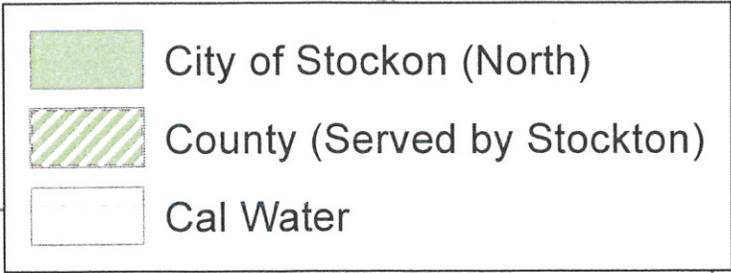
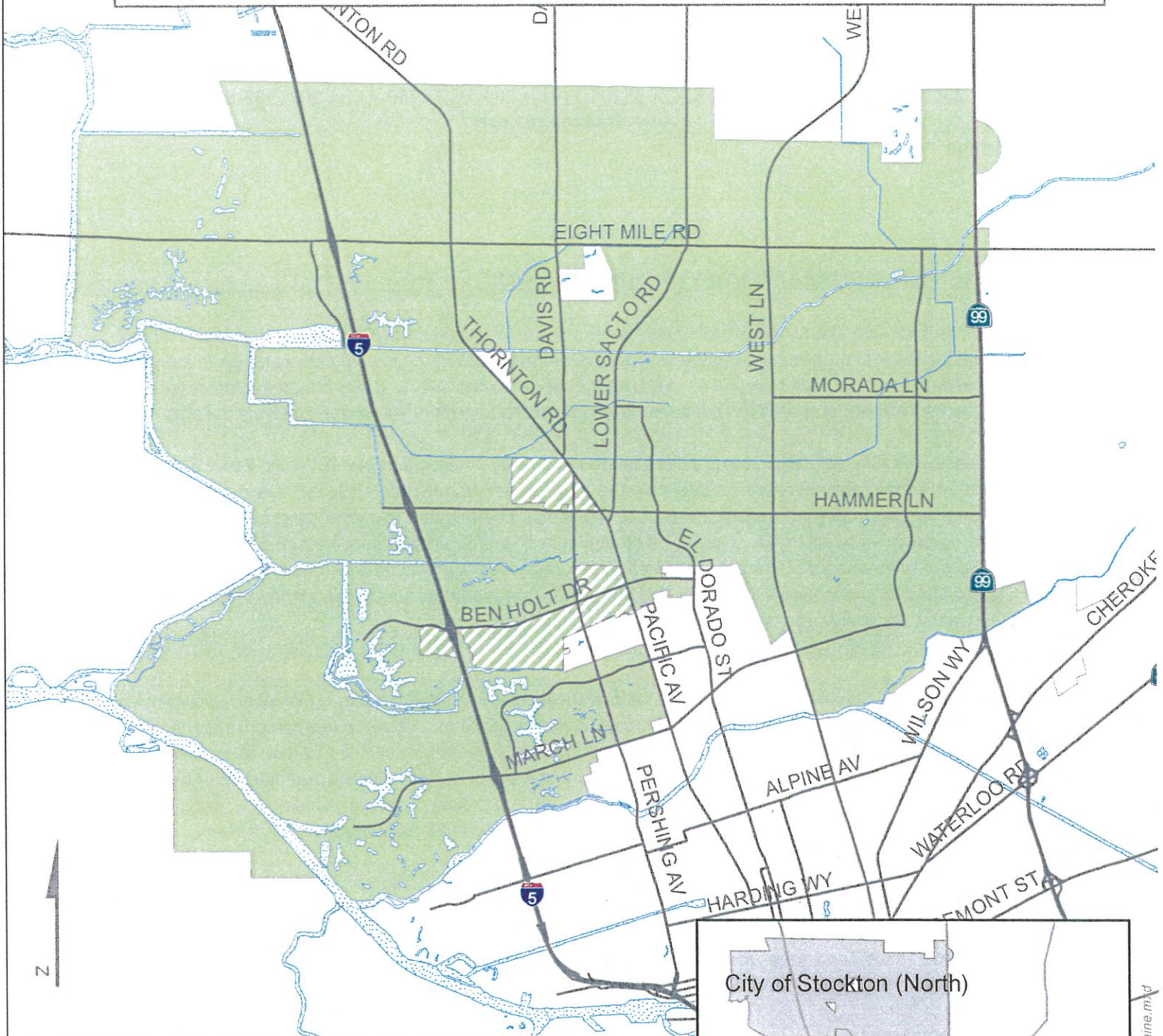
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# Chloramine Conversion Project Area City of Stockton Water Service Area (North)



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