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PRESS RELEASE

We have been asked by several residents of Coalinga about the recent taste and odor of the City's drinking water. These issues are not harmful to human health, but the City is nevertheless taking aggressive action to cure them.

The problem that causes the taste and odor is algae that grows in the Coalinga canal during hot summer months. This algae produces organic compounds that impart odor and taste to water. While not harmful to human health, these compounds make the water less pleasant to drink and complicate the City's treatment of the water. The staff at the City's Water Treatment Plant are aware of these issues and we are in the process of analyzing and removing the taste and odor.

Thank you.