

## Consumer Confidence Report 2025

### Water System Information

Water System Name: City of Orange Cove

Report Date: 7/2/2025

Type of Water Source(s) in Use: 100% Surface Water

Name and General Location of Source(s): Friant Kern Canal

Drinking Water Source Assessment Information: See attached DWSAP.

Time and Place of Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings for Public Participation: 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> City Council Meeting of every month.

For More Information, Contact: Joe Estrada, Public Works Director (559) 480-9288

### About This Report

We test the drinking water quality for many constituents as required by state and federal regulations. This report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2025, and may include earlier monitoring data.

### Importance of This Report Statement in Five Non-English Languages (Spanish, Mandarin, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Hmong)

Language in Spanish: Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua para beber. Favor de comunicarse City of Orange Cove, 633 6th Street Orange Cove CA 93646 559-626-4488 para asistirlo en español.

Language in Mandarin: 这份报告含有关于您的饮用水的重要讯息。请用以下地址和电话联系 City of Orange Cove 以获得中文的帮助: 633 6th Street, Orange Cove CA 93646, 559-626-4488.

Language in Tagalog: Ang pag-uulat na ito ay naglalaman ng mahalagang impormasyon tungkol sa inyong inuming tubig. Mangyaring makipag-ugnayan sa City of Orange Cove, 633 6<sup>th</sup> Street Orange Cove CA 93646 o tumawag sa 559-626-4488 para matulungan sa wikang Tagalog.

Language in Vietnamese: Báo cáo này chứa thông tin quan trọng về nước uống của bạn. Xin vui lòng liên hệ City of Orange Cove, 633 6<sup>th</sup> Street Orange Cove CA 93646, 559-626-4488 để được hỗ trợ giúp bằng tiếng Việt.

Language in Hmong: Tsab ntawv no muaj cov ntsiab lus tseem ceeb txog koj cov dej haus. Thov hu rau City of Orange Cove, 633 6<sup>th</sup> Street Orange Cove CA 93646 ntawm 559-626-4488 rau kev pab hauv lus Askiv

## Terms Used in This Report

Term	Definition
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an <i>E. coli</i> MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)	The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)	The highest level of disinfectant is allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS)	MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.
Public Health Goal (PHG)	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.
Regulatory Action Level (AL)	The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS)	MCLs for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWSs do not affect the health at the MCL levels.
Treatment Technique (TT)	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
Variances and Exemptions	Permissions from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) to exceed an MCL or not comply with a treatment technique under certain conditions.
ND	Not detectable at testing limit.
ppm	parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	parts per billion or micrograms per liter (µg/L)

Term	Definition
ppt	parts per trillion or nanograms per liter (ng/L)
ppq	parts per quadrillion or picogram per liter (pg/L)
pCi/L	picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)

## Sources of Drinking Water and Contaminants that May Be Present in Source Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, that are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural application, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, that can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

## Regulation of Drinking Water and Bottled Water Quality

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA and the State Board prescribe regulations that limit the number of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations and California law also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.

## About Your Drinking Water Quality

### Drinking Water Contaminants Detected

Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 list all the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the most recent sampling for the constituent. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The State Board allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one

year old. Any violation of an AL, MCL, MRDL, or TT is asterisked. Additional information regarding the violation is provided later in this report.

**Table 1. Sampling Results Showing the Detection of Coliform Bacteria**

Complete if bacteria are detected.

Microbiological Contaminants	Highest No. of Detections	No. of Months in Violation	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source of Bacteria
<i>E. coli</i>	0	0	0	0	Human and animal fecal waste

(a) Routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is *E. coli*-positive or system fails to take repeat samples following *E. coli*-positive routine sample or system fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for *E. coli*.

**Table 2. Sampling Results Showing the Detection of Lead and Copper**

Lead and Copper	Sample Date	No. of Samples Collected	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Level Detected	No. Sites Exceeding AL	AL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	9/18/2024	20	ND	0	15	0.2	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	9/18/2024	20	.170	0	1.3	0.3	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

**Table 3. Sampling Results for Sodium and Hardness**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium (ppm)	6/13/2025	3.0	3.0	N/A	N/A	Salt is present in the water and is generally naturally occurring
Hardness (ppm)	6/13/2025	10	10	N/A	N/A	Sum of polyvalent cations presents in the water, generally magnesium and calcium, and are usually naturally occurring

**Table 4. Detection of Contaminants with a Primary Drinking Water Standard**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Source of Contaminant
Trihalomethanes (TTHM'S) (ppb)	Quarterly	42.0	25-57	80	N/A	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5's) (ppb)	Quarterly	40.3	20-63	60	N/A	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine (ppb)	Daily	1.0	0.08 – 1.5	4.(as Cl2)	4.(as Cl2)	Drinking water disinfection added for treatment
Aluminum (ppb)	6/13/2025	68	68	200	N/A	Runoff leaching from deposit
Perchlorate (ppb)	6/13/2025	N/D	N/D	6	1	Perchlorate is an inorganic chemical used in solids rocket propellant, fireworks, explosives, flares, matches and a verity of industries. It usually gets into drinking water as a result of environmental contamination from historic aerospace or other industrial operations that used or use, store or dispose of perchlorate and its salts.

**Table 5. Detection of Contaminants with a Secondary Drinking Water Standard**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	SMCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chloride (ppb)	6/13/2025	1.2	1.2	500	N/A	Runoff / leaching from natural deposit.
TDS (ppb) Total Dissolved Solids	6/13/2025	31	31	1000	N/A	Runoff leaching from deposit.
Color (units)	6/13/2025	7.5	7.5	15	N/A	Naturally occurring organic materials
Iron (ppb)	6/13/2025	100	100	300	N/A	

Odor (TON)	6/13/2025	N/D	N/D	3	N/A	Natural occurring Organic materials
Specific Conductance uS/cm	6/13/2025	36	36	1600	N/A	Indirect measure of the Collective concentration of the dissolved ions in solution
Aluminum (ppb)	6/13/2025	68	68	200	N/A	Runoff leaching from deposit
Turbidity (NTU)	6/13/2025	0.86	0.86	5	N/A	Soil runoff.

### Additional General Information on Drinking Water

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least some small amounts of contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised people such as people with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

**Lead-Specific Language:** If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Orange Cove is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing pipes within the distribution system but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may be very overtime, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time.

You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk, including the following:

- Before using tap water from drinking, cooking, or making baby formulas, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a Shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a long period of time
- If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact the City of Orange Cove, 633 6<sup>th</sup> Street Orange Cove CA 93646 559-626-4488 information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The City of Orange Cove is in the process of completing an inventory of the water service lines. The lead service line inventory will be made publicly available at City Hall 633 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Orange Cove CA 93646 in Orange Cove.

**Table 6. Sampling Results Showing Treatment of Surface Water Sources**

Treatment Technique <sup>(a)</sup> (Type of approved filtration technology used)	Plant A Conventional Treatment Plant B Alternative Technology
Turbidity Performance Standards <sup>(b)</sup> (that must be met through the water treatment process)	Plant A Turbidity of the filtered water must: 1 – Be less than or equal to <u>0.3</u> NTU in 95% of measurements in a month. 2 – Not exceed <u>1.0</u> NTU for more than eight consecutive hours. 3 – Not exceed <u>5.0</u> NTU at any time. Plant B Turbidity of the filtered water must: 1 – Be less or equal to <u>0.2</u> NTU in 95% of measurements in a month. 2 – Not exceed <u>1.0</u> for more than eight consecutive hours. 3 – Not exceed <u>5.0</u> NTU at any time.
Lowest monthly percentage of samples that met Turbidity Performance Standard No. 1.	100%
Highest single turbidity measurement during the year	Plant A - 0.29 NTU Plant B - 0.19 NTU
Number of violations of any surface water treatment requirements	0

(a) A required process intended to reduce the level of contaminants in drinking water.

(b) Turbidity (measured in NTU) is a measurement of the cloudiness of water and is a good indicator of water quality and filtration performance. Turbidity results which meet performance standards are in compliance with filtration requirements.

The City of Orange Cove has been granted a VOC/SOC monitoring variance which reduces the monitoring frequency of these associated volatile organic and synthetic organic chemicals. This waiver was based on no prior detection of these chemicals.

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Drinking Water Source Assessment and Protection (DWSAP) Program.

**District Name:** DHS Merced District      **District No:** 11      **County:** Fresno

**System Name:** City of Orange Cove      **System:** 1010023

**Source Name:** Friant Kern Canal – Raw      **Source No:** 002      **PS Code:** 1010028-002

**Completed by:** James H. Wegely      **Date:** October 2009

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE SYSTEM CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT**

A source water assessment was conducted for the FRIANT KEN CANAL – RAW Of the CITY OF ORANGE COVE water system in October 2009.

The source is considered most vulnerable to the following activities with any detected contaminants:

- Agricultural Drainage
- Sewer collection system
- Utility stations – maintenance areas
- Metal plating/fishing/fabrication
- Plastic/synthetics products

**Discussion of Vulnerability**

There were no chemical constituents found that exceeded trigger concentrations based on the results from the Water Quality Inquiry (WQ) database. The PCA inventory indicates the Friant Kern Canal source is vulnerable to several commercial activities in the city. However, the canal does not receive storm water drainage from the city and the canal banks are several feet grade, so the vulnerability is low. The canal does have storm water intakes that receive storm water drainage from agricultural areas, one of which is opposite the City's plant intake. The city is seeking funding to relocate the discharge further downstream.

A copy of the complete assessment may be viewed at:

City of Orange Cove  
633 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Orange Cove CA, 93646

You may request a summary of assessment to send to you by contacting, City of Orange Cove, 633 6<sup>th</sup> Street, orange cove CA 93646