

## 2022 Consumer Confidence Report

### Water System Information

Water System Name: Palo Verde County Water District

Report Date: 6/23/2022

Type of Water Source(s) in Use: Ground water under the influence of surface water

Name and General Location of Source(s): North well and South well located approximately 2 miles South of Palo Verde on Hwy 78.

Drinking Water Source Assessment Information:

Time and Place of Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings for Public Participation: 9:00 am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at the district Board room, 1065 Desert view, Palo Verde CA. 92266

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### 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, 2022 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 Palo Verde County Water District at 1065 Desert View, Palo Verde, CA. 92266 or (760) 854-3519 para asistirlo en español.

### 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 a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is

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	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 a disinfectant 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)
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, that 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 amount 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 of 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, are 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>	N/A	0	(a)	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**

Complete if lead or copper is detected in the last sample set.

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)	8/18/2021	5	0.0034	0	15	0.2	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	8/18/2021	5	0.97	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)	7/10/2019	250	N/A	None	None	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring
Hardness (ppm)	7/10/2019	300	N/A	None	None	Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium, and are usually naturally occurring

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

<b>Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)</b>	<b>Sample Date</b>	<b>Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of Detections</b>	<b>MCL [MRDL]</b>	<b>PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]</b>	<b>Typical Source of Contaminant</b>
Barium (ppm) S. Well	7/20/2022	0.04	N/A	1	2	Discharge of oil drilling waste And from metal refineries: Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	7/20/2022	0.42	N/A	2.0	1	Erosion of natural deposits: Water additive which promotes strong teeth: discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Arsenic (ppb)	7/20/2022	4.8	N/A	10	0.004	Erosion of natural deposits, runoff from orchards; glass and electronic production waste,
Cyanide	7/20/2022	0.25	N/A	150	150	Discharge from steel/metal, plastic and fertilizer factories
Uranium (pCi/L)	7/20/2022	0.88	N/A	20	0.43	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	7/20/2022	1.55	N/A	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits
TTHMs (ppb) (Total Trihalomethanes) Site 3, 110 Amunds	2/23/2022 4/27/2022 7/20/2022 10/26/2022	45 48 63 85	45-85	80	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

TTHMs (ppb) (Total Trihalomethanes) Site 1, 22 Sunset way	2/23/2022 4/27/2022 7/20/2022 10/26/2022	56 54 64 81	54-81	80	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Haloacetic Acids (ppb) Site 3, 110 Amunds	2/23/2022 4/27/2022 7/20/2022 10/26/2022	N/D N/D N/D N/D	N/A	60	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Haloacetic Acids (ppb) Site 1, 22 Susetway way	2/23/2022 4/27/2022 7/20/2022 10/26/2022	2.5 N/D N/D N/D	N/D-2.5	60	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

**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	7/20/2022	390	N/A	500	N/A	Runoff/Leaching from natural deposits, seawater influence
Turbidity (Units)	7/20/2022	1.6	N/A	5	N/A	Soil Run off
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) (ppm)	7/20/2022	1200	N/A	1000	N/A	Runoff/leaching form natural deposits
Specific Conductance (uS/cm)	7/20/2022	1900	N/A	1600	N/A	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Iron (ppb) N. Well	1/6/2020 4/15/2020	240 250	240-250	300	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits; Industrial waste
Iron (ppb) S. Well	2/23/2022 4/27/2022 7/20/2022 10/26/2022	950 920 860 810	810-950	300	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits; Industrial waste
Iron (ppb) Filter #2	2/23/2022 4/27/2022 7/20/2022 10/26/2022	110 N/D 56 N/D	N/D-110	300	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits; Industrial waste
Manganese (ppb) N. Well	1/6/2020 4/15/20	90 75	75-90	50	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits

Manganese (ppb) S. Well	2/23/2022 4/27/2022 7/20/2022 10/26/2022	250 260 240 260	240-260	50	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits
Manganese (ppb) Filter #2	2/23/2022 4/27/2022 7/20/2002 10/26/2022	95 N/D 14 14	N/D-95	50	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits

**Table 6. Detection of Unregulated Contaminants**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Notification Level	Health Effects
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Additional General Information on Drinking Water**

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some 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 persons such as persons 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. [Enter Water System's Name] is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. [Optional: If you do so, you may wish to collect the flushed water and reuse it for another beneficial purpose, such as watering plants.] If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

### Summary Information for Violation of a MCL, MRDL, AL, TT, or Monitoring and Reporting Requirement

**Table 7. Violation of a MCL, MRDL, AL, TT or Monitoring Reporting Requirement**

Violation	Explanation	Duration	Actions Taken to Correct Violation	Health Effects Language
Manganese	Detected in the source water from the S. well.	2021	The Palo Verde treatment processes is currently removing the manganese to potable water standards	The notification level for manganese is used to protect consumers from neurological effects. High Levels of manganese in people have shown to result in effects of the nervous system.

### For Water Systems Providing Groundwater as a Source of Drinking Water

**Table 8. Sampling Results Showing Fecal Indicator-Positive Groundwater Source Samples**

Microbiological Contaminants (complete if fecal-indicator detected)	Total No. of Detections	Sample Dates	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Source of Contaminant
<i>E. coli</i>	2022 0	Jan-Dec 2022	0	(0)	Human and animal fecal waste
Enterococci	N/A	[Enter Dates]	TT	N/A	Human and animal fecal waste
Coliphage	N/A	[Enter Dates]	TT	N/A	Human and animal fecal waste

### Summary Information for Fecal Indicator-Positive Groundwater Source Samples, Uncorrected Significant Deficiencies, or Violation of a Groundwater TT (N/A)

**Special Notice of Fecal Indicator-Positive Groundwater Source Sample: N/A**



**Table 9. Violation of Groundwater TT**

Violation	Explanation	Duration	Actions Taken to Correct Violation	Health Effects Language
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Table 10. Sampling Results Showing Treatment of Surface Water Sources (N/A)**

- (a) A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant 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 considered to be in compliance with filtration requirements.

**Summary Information for Violation of a Surface Water TT (N/A)**

**Table 11. Violation of Surface Water TT (N/A)**

Violation	Explanation	Duration	Actions Taken to Correct Violation	Health Effects Language
[Enter Violation]	[Enter Explanation]	[Enter Duration]	[Enter Actions]	[Enter Language]
[Enter Violation]	[Enter Explanation]	[Enter Duration]	[Enter Actions]	[Enter Language]

**Summary Information for Operating Under a Variance or Exemption (N/A)**

[Enter Additional Information Described in Instructions for SWS CCR Document] (N/A)

**Summary Information for Revised Total Coliform Rule Level 1 and Level 2 Assessment Requirements**

If a water system is required to comply with a Level 1 or Level 2 assessment requirement that is not due to an *E. coli* MCL violation, include the following information below [22 CCR section 64481(n)(1)].

**Level 1 or Level 2 Assessment Requirement not Due to an *E. coli* MCL Violation (N/A)**

**Level 2 Assessment Requirement Due to an *E. coli* MCL Violation (N/A)** Palo County Water District did not need to perform a Level 1 or Level 2 assessment due to no E-Coli was detected in 2022.