

APPENDIX B: eCCR Certification Form (Suggested Format)

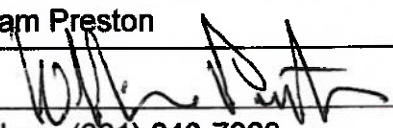
Consumer Confidence Report Certification Form

(To be submitted with a copy of the CCR)

Water System Name:	Alta Sierra Mutual Water Company
Water System Number:	CA1500209

The water system named above hereby certifies that its Consumer Confidence Report was distributed on August 10, 2024 (date) to customers (and appropriate notices of availability have been given). Further, the system certifies that the information contained in the report is correct and consistent with the compliance monitoring data previously submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (DDW).

Certified by:

Name: William Preston	Title: Manager
Signature: 	Date: 7-10-2024
Phone number: (661) 843-7069	blank

To summarize report delivery used and good-faith efforts taken, please complete this page by checking all items that apply and fill-in where appropriate:

- ☒ CCR was distributed by mail or other direct delivery methods (attach description of other direct delivery methods used) .**Newsletter, Page Attached**
- ☐ CCR was distributed using electronic delivery methods described in the Guidance for Electronic Delivery of the Consumer Confidence Report (water systems utilizing electronic delivery methods must complete the second page).
- ☒ "Good faith" efforts were used to reach non-bill paying consumers. Those efforts included the following methods:
 - ☒ Posting the CCR at the following URL: www.altasierrawater.com
 - ☐ Mailing the CCR to postal patrons within the service area (attach zip codes used)
 - ☐ Advertising the availability of the CCR in news media (attach copy of press release)
 - ☐ Publication of the CCR in a local newspaper of general circulation (attach a copy of the published notice, including name of newspaper and date published)
 - ☐ Posted the CCR in public places (attach a list of locations)

The water system upgrade is necessary because of our aging distribution system. Additionally, in many cases the current spacing between water lines and septic system leach fields do not meet Code. The American Water Works Association now requires a 25-foot space between water lines and septic systems. There is no "Grandfather Clause" in our case because of the potential Health issues. However; we are able to maintain our State Operating Permit because we have not had a Water Quality Violation since 2007. But the fact is, our water system is vulnerable to contamination from sewage systems and is not in compliance with the State Water Resources Control Board.

The first effort to begin funding the pipeline upgrade began with the 2007-2011 Assessment Program. In 2015, we looked into the State sponsored low interest loan program for small water systems. Various loan options were available to us at 1.5-2.0% the downside was that the loan would require several restrictions; state oversight / documentation, licensed contractors, state prevailing wage rates, each job/loan would be limited to a specific short-term project.

As a Utility Company, we are allowed to conduct our own water system upgrade as long as we meet the necessary training, engineering and permit requirements. It will take several years to complete the project. Funding the improvements through membership assessments is the least expensive way to go.

Property Owner Construction Projects: It is crucial that property owners contact the Water Company before starting construction projects. Water lines need to be identified to ensure that the line will remain accessible and that your construction project does not violate the spacing requirement. In many cases, individual homeowner service lines can be relocated to meet the minimum spacing requirement.

Membership Requirement: Some Members have decided not to pay the required membership fees (Repair and Replacement Fee) on their vacant/undeveloped property. Unfortunately, forfeiting your "Right to Water" for that property may pose a problem at a later date, especially if you plan to develop or sell that property separately. Once a membership has been terminated for non-payment, that specific Lot cannot be retrieved on a balance due basis, this is also true for developed Lots with a water connection. If the Share/Membership for the property has been terminated the Lot owner must re-apply for a new Membership on that property and pay all past Assessments all over again from the time the company was formed in 1949 forward, plus pay whatever the Water Connection fee is at the time. A paid Membership in "Good Standing" assures the landowner that water will be available to that specific Lot on request. In some cases, if the Lot is not buildable, used as a driveway or just open space it may be desirable to let the Share terminate as long as the membership requirement is understood.

ASMWC 2023 "Consumer Confidence Report": The report addresses the water quality from our source wells. You are encouraged to review the report and ask any questions you may have, by contacting one of Directors, or by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline @ 800 426-4791. The report is available on our website www.altasierrawater.com you may request a copy by calling (760) 376-4111.