2021 Consumer Confidence Report

Water System Name: Lost Hills Utility District

Report Date: May 2022

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, 2021 and may include earlier monitoring data.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua para beber. Favor de comunicarse con *Lost Hills Utility District* a <u>661-797-2903</u> para asistirlo en español.

Ang pag-uulat na ito ay naglalaman ng mahalagang impormasyon tungkol sa inyong inuming tubig. Mangyaring makipag-ugnayan sa Lost Hills Utility District o tumawag sa 661-797-2903 para matulungan sa wikang Tagalog.

Báo cáo này chứa thông tin quan trọng về nước uống của bạn. Xin vui lòng liên hệ Lost Hills Utility District tại 661-797-2903 để được hỗ trợ giúp bằng tiếng Việt.

Tsab ntawv no muaj cov ntsiab lus tseem ceeb txog koj cov dej haus. Thov hu rau Lost Hills Utility District ntawm 661-797-2903 kev pab hauv lus Askiv.

Type of water source(s) in use: Two groundwater wells Name & general location of source(s): Semitropic Water Storage District approximately 12 miles from the community of Lost Hills Drinking Water Source Assessment information: A source water assessment was conducted for the water wells supplying LHUD in January 2002. You may request a summary of the assessment by contacting the LHUD District Office Time and place of regularly scheduled board meetings for public participation: 1st Thursday of each month at 5:00 PM at the LHUD office building (14801 Woodward Ave., Lost Hills) For more information, contact: District Office Phone: (661) 797-2903

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

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.

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.

Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 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								
Microbiological Contaminants (complete if bacteria detected)	Highest N Detectio	100 01	No. of Months in Violation MCL			MCLG	Typical Source of Bacteria	
Total Coliform Bacteria (state Total Coliform Rule)	(In a mo	nth)	0	1 positive monthly sample ^(a)			0	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform or <i>E. coli</i> (state Total Coliform Rule)	(In the y	ear)		A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one of these is also fecal coliform or <i>E. coli</i> positive			0	Human and animal fecal waste
<i>E. coli</i> (federal Revised Total Coliform Rule)	(In the y	ear)	0 (b)			0	Human and animal fecal waste	
 (a) Two or more positive monthly samples is a violation of the MCL (b) Routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is <i>E. coli</i>-positive or system fails to take repeat samples following <i>E. coli</i>-positive routine sample or system fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for <i>E. coli</i>. TABLE 2 – SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF LEAD AND COPPER								
Lead and Copper (complete if lead or copper detected in the last sample set)	Sample Date	No. of Samples Collected	90 th Percentile Level Detected	No. Sites Exceeding AL	AL	PHG	No. of Schools Requesting Lead Sampling	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	2020	10	1.7	0	15	0.2	0	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	2020	10	0.14	0	1.3	0.3	Not applicable	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

	TABLE 3	– SAMPLING	RESULTS FOR	SODIUM A	AND HARD	NESS
Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium (ppm)	2020	215	180-215	None	None	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring
Hardness (ppm)	2020	103	75-130	None	None	Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium, and are usually naturally occurring
TABLE 4 – DET	ECTION O	F CONTAMIN	ANTS 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
Arsenic (µg/L)	2021	1.2	ND - 6.5	10	0.004	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (mg/L)	2020	0.031	0.020 - 0.042	1	2	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Flouride (ppm)	2020	0.18	0.15 - 0.20	2	1	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Haloacetic Acids (highest locational running annual average)	2021	7.4	1.3 – 12	60	none	By-product of water disinfection
Nitrate (as N) (mg/L)	2021	1.9	0.83 - 2.9	10 as N	10 as N	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (µg/L)	2020	2.85	2.2 - 3.5	50	30	Discharge from petroleum, glass, and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines and chemical manufacturers; runoff from livestock lots (feed additive)
Total Trihalomethane (highest locational running annual average)	2021	43	7.9 - 62	80	None	By-product of water disinfection
Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	2015	3	3	15	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 228 (piC/L)	2013	< 1.00	< 1.00	5	0.019	Erosion of natural deposits

TABLE 5 – DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A <u>SECONDARY</u> DRINKING WATER STANDARD						
Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	SMCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Color (color units)	2020	1	1	15	N/A	Naturally-occurring organic materials
Chloride (ppm)	2020	210	170-250	500	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Iron (ppb)	2020	96	93 - 100	300	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Odor (TON)	2020	20*	No Odor - 40	3	N/A	Naturally occurring organic materials
Turbidity (NTU)	2020	0.25	0.19 - 0.31	5	N/A	Soil Runoff
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) (ppm)	2020	710	600 - 820	1000	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Specific Conductance (uS/cm)	2020	1240	1050-1430	1600	N/A	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Sulfate (ppm)	2020	215	190 - 240	500	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes

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. [*LHUD*] 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

VIOLATION OF A MCL, MRDL, AL, TT, OR MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENT							
Violation	Explanation	Duration	Actions Taken to Correct the Violation	Health Effects Language			
Odor	We were over the MCL for Odor for 1 sample at North Well #03 in 2020. Our next test due date is in 2023	1 sample	No action needed	Odor is a secondary standard. Although above the MCL, secondary standards are set for aesthetic purposes and do not pose a health risk			

For Water Systems Providing Groundwater as a Source of Drinking Water

TABLE 7 – SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING FECAL INDICATOR-POSITIVE GROUNDWATER SOURCE SAMPLES							
Microbiological Contaminants (complete if fecal-indicator detected)Total No. of DetectionsSample DatesMCL [MRDL]PHG 							
E. coli	0	Monthly	0	(0)	Human and animal fecal waste		
Enterococci	0	Monthly	TT	N/A	Human and animal fecal waste		
Coliphage	0	Monthly	TT	N/A	Human and animal fecal waste		

This Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) reflects changes in drinking water regulatory requirements during 2016. All water systems are required to comply with the state Total Coliform Rule. Effective April 1, 2016, all water systems are also required to comply with the federal Revised Total Coliform Rule. The new federal rule maintains the purpose to protect public health by ensuring the integrity of the drinking water distribution system and monitoring for the presence of microbials (i.e., total coliform and E. coli bacteria). The U.S. EPA anticipates greater public health protection as the new rule requires water systems that are vulnerable to microbial contamination to identify and fix problems. Water systems that exceed a specified frequency of total coliform occurrences are required to conduct an assessment to determine if any sanitary defects exist. If found, these must be corrected by the water system.