## 2019 Consumer Confidence Report

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| Water System Name: | **Sunnyside Farms Mutual Water Company** | Report Date: | June 5, 2020 |

*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, 2019 and may include earlier monitoring data.*

**Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua para beber. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.**

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| Type of water source(s) in use:  | Ground-Water and Treated Surface Water as a secondary source of supply |
| Name & general location of source(s):  | Community ground-water wells and California Aqueduct water purchased from |
| Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) |
| Drinking Water Source Assessment information: | Ground-water is vulnerable to nitrates from septic tanks and fertilizer use. |
| Water storage tanks may be vulnerable to contamination. |
| Time and place of regularly scheduled board meetings for public participation: | Monthly Board Meetings are open to  |
| Shareholders and Residents. Contact the Water Company Office for date and location. |
| For more information, contact:  | Jeanne Miller via email ssfmwc@gmail.com or | Phone: | (661) 947-3437 |

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| **TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT** |
| **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 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).**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.**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. | **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.**Regulatory Action Level (AL)**: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.**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.**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 *E. coli* MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.**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) |

**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, and 5 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.

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| Table 1 – SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING the detection of coliform bacteria |
| **Microbiological Contaminants**(complete if bacteria detected) | **Highest No. of Detections** | **No. of Months in Violation** | MCL | **MCLG** | **Typical Source of Bacteria** |
| Total Coliform Bacteria(state Total Coliform Rule) | 0 | 0 | 1 positive monthly sample(a) | 0 | Naturally present in the environment |
| Fecal Coliform or *E. coli*(state Total Coliform Rule) | 0 | 0 | A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one of these is also fecal coliform or *E. coli* positive | 0 | Human and animal fecal waste |
| *E. coli*(federal Revised Total Coliform Rule) | 0 | 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 *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*. |

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| TAble 2 – SAMPLING RESULTS FOR sodium and hardness |
| **Chemical or Constituent** (and reporting units) | **Sample Source** | **LevelDetected** | **Range of Detections** | **MCL** | **PHG(MCLG)** | **Typical Source of Contaminant** |
| Sodium (mg/L) | WellsAVEK | 5958  |  | None | None | Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring |
| Hardness (mg/L) | WellsAVEK | 332100  |  | None | None | Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium, and are usually naturally occurring |
| **TAble 3 – detection of contaminants with a Primary Drinking Water Standard** |
| **Chemical or Constituent**(and reporting units) | **Sample Source** | **LevelDetected** | **Range of Detections** | **MCL[MRDL]** | **PHG(MCLG)[MRDLG]** | **Typical Source of Contaminant** |
| Aluminum ug/L | AVEK | 1.75 | ND-21 | 1000 | 600 | Erosion of natural deposits; residue from some surface water treatment |
| Barium ug/L | AVEK | 28 |  | 1000 | 2000 | Discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits |
| Bromate ug/L | AVEK | 1.5 | ND-5.6 | 10 | 0.1 | By-product of drinking water disinfection |
| Chlorine mg/L | AVEK | 1.04 | 0.18-1.74 | 4.0 | 4.0 | By-product of drinking water disinfection |
| Hexavalent Chromium ug/L | AVEK | 0.140.002 | ND-.0041 | N/A | 0.02 | Discharge from manufacturing:Erosion of natural deposits |
| Fluoride mg/L | AVEK | 0.07 |  | 2 | 1 | Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer factories |
| Nitrate mg/L | AVEKWells &Tanks | 0.245.88 | 4.7-7.9 | 10 | 10 | Run off or leaching from fertilizer; leaching from septic tanks; erosion of natural deposits |
| Total Trihalomethanes ug/L  | AVEKSystem | 566 | 5.0-781-11 | 80 | N/A | By-product of drinking water disinfection |
| Haloacetic Acids ug/L | AVEKSystem | 131 | ND-18ND-2 | 60 | N/A | By-product of drinking water disinfection |
| Gross Alpha pCi/L | AVEK | 3.2 | 3.1-3.3 | 15 | N/A | Erosion of natural deposits |
| **TAble 4 – detection of contaminants with a Secondary Drinking Water Standard** |
| **Chemical or Constituent**(and reporting units) | **Sample Source** | **Level Detected** | **Range of Detections** | **SMCL** | **PHG(MCLG)** | Typical Source of Contaminant |
| Chloride mg/L | AVEK | 82  |  | 500 | N/A | Run-off/leaching from natural deposits |
| Sulfate mg/L | AVEK | 53 |  | 250 | N/A | Run-off/leaching from natural deposits |
| Total Organic Carbon mg/L | AVEK | 1.7 | 1.3-2.8 | N/A | N/A | Water Treatment Technique; natural sources |
| Specific Conductance umhos  | AVEK | 500 | 490-500 | 1600 | N/A | Substances that form ions when in water |
| Total Dissolved Solids mg/L | AVEK | 310 |  | 500 | N/A | Run-off/leaching from natural deposits |
| Turbidity Units | AVEK | 0.04 | 0.02-0.14 | 5 | N/A | Soil run-off |
| Zinc ug/L | AVEK | 580 |  | 5000 | N/A | Run-off/leaching from natural deposits: industrial wastes |
| **TAble 5 – detection of UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS** |
| **Chemical or Constituent**(and reporting units) | **Sample Source** | **Level Detected** | **Range of Detections** | **Notification Level** | **Health Effects Language** |
| Calcium mg/L | AVEKWell | 2190 |  | No Standard | Data provided here as information for consumers |
| Magnesium mg/L | AVEKWell | 1226 |  | No Standard | Data provided here as information for consumers |
| pH Units | AVEKWell | 7.317.4 | 6.7-8.1 | No Standard | Data provided here as information for consumers |
| Total Alkalinity mg/L | AVEKWell | 57100 |  | No Standard | Data provided here as information for consumers |

**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. Sunnyside Farms Mutual Water Company 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. 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>

For systems that detect nitrate **above 5 mg/L as nitrogen, but below 10 mg/L as nitrogen**, the following language is REQUIRED:

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 mg/L is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. Such nitrate levels in drinking water can interfere with the capacity of the infant’s blood to carry oxygen, resulting in serious illness; symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Nitrate levels above 10 mg/L may also affect the ability of the blood to carry oxygen in other individuals, such as pregnant women and those with specific enzyme deficiencies. If you are caring for an infant, or you are pregnant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

Some of the test results from the wells and distribution system included on this report were from sampling performed in 2018. The annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is designed to inform you of the quality of your drinking water. Our goal is to provide all residents with a safe, reliable supply of potable water. Your water from Sunnyside Farms Mutual Water Company meets or exceeds public health standards for potable water.

The water in our distribution system is a blend of well water and treated surface water, purchased from AVEK. We are not required to disinfect our ground water due to the low incidence of bacterial contamination in our system. AVEK’s water retains chlorine residual which prevents bacterial intrusion. We require water from AVEK in order to meet consumer demands in the summer months but have historically relied more on our wells during the winter months, as ground water is less expensive to produce and deliver. The allotment of groundwater given to Sunnyside Farms MWC in the Antelope Valley Groundwater Adjudication allows us to pump less than one half of one acre foot of water, approximately **163,000 gallons, per household per year.** Some households use more than their annual allotment in one month, several times a year. This over-use causes us to purchase more AVEK water at $1.99 per thousand gallons.

Water management at the consumer level is essential to maintain reasonable water rates for all Sunnyside Farms MWC residents.

Due to the restrictions placed on the water we can pump from the ground we have to rely more upon AVEK water at their higher rates which will impact the water rates charged to Sunnyside Farms residents. For more information on the quality of AVEK’s water, please go to [www.avek.org](http://www.avek.org). The laboratory results of our water testing are available for review in the Water Company office.

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

Rate Schedule: Effective October 1st 2017

Water Charges $ 36.25 base rate ($1.45 per 1000 gallons, 25,000 gal. minimum)

 $ 1.65 per thousand gallons between 25,000 and 100,000 gallons

 $ 2.50 per thousand gallons over 100,000 gallons usage

Standby Charges $ 7.25 per share each month

Shut off Hang Notice $ 15.00 per occasion

Shut off/Turn on Fee $ 50.00 on delinquent accounts (90 days past due)

Returned Check Fee $ 20.00

Stock Transfer Fee $ 75.00

Lost Certificate Fee $ 50.00

Interest Charges 18% APR on accounts 45 days delinquent (1.5% per mo.)

Service Connection $5,000.00 + AVEK Connection fee (approx. $7,000.00)

Water Theft Fine $1,000.00 per occurrence (unauthorized meter or hydrant use)

Meter Reinstallation $1,000.00 (in addition to delinquency paid in full)

Meters are read during the first 5 days of the month. The date of the reading is printed on your water bill. Property owners are encouraged to read their own water meters to monitor water use. If your water charges appear excessive, please check for a leak on your side of the meter before contacting the Company office to have your meter re-read. This can be accomplished by making sure there is no running water inside your house or on the property and then lifting the lid on your water meter to check if the dial is moving. If there is any movement of the meter dial, this indicates an ongoing leak on your side of the meter and is your responsibility. Leaks frequently occur in automatic sprinkler systems. Sometimes the water “disappears” down a gopher hole and is not easily observed. We suggest you read your meter, start your sprinklers manually and allow them to run through a full watering cycle, then read your meter again. This will allow you to determine how much water is used during each watering cycle for better water management.

It is the property owner’s responsibility to ensure that the meter box is accessible to the meter reader at all times and that the meter box and Water Company easements are free from obstruction. A meter box and lid will be replaced at Water Company expense one time only per property. All residences are required to have a shut off valve on the owner’s side of the meter and anti-syphon valves or back-flow prevention devices on external plumbing. Preventing cross-contamination is essential to maintaining the quality of the water in our distribution system. If you do not have a shut off valve on your side of the service meter **DO NOT attempt to shut off the water in the meter box**. If the meter valve breaks, you will be charged for its repair or replacement. Calls to Maintenance for emergency shut off after hours or on weekends which are billed to the Water Company, will be charged to the property owner. The 24 hour Maintenance contact phone number is 661-466-6031

Billing questions and other inquiries are handled by the Office Manager, Jeanne Miller, at 661-947-3437. At this time the water company office is closed to walk-in traffic. I you want to pay cash or need an immediate receipt for your payment, please call the office to schedule a time to come by. All other business may be handled by phone, email or fax. **Please report any main-line breaks, major leaks and observed water theft, including unauthorized hydrant use, to either the Office Manager or Maintenance Contractor.**

**The Sunnyside Farms Mutual Water Company Board of Directors thanks you for your continuing efforts to conserve water. Any fines or penalties imposed by the Antelope Valley Water Master for groundwater over-draft will have to be borne by all shareholders. Please use water wisely.**