2024 Consumer Confidence Report
Cachagua Mutual WS #4
June 4, 2025

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua para beber. Favor de comunicarse Cachagua Mutual WC #4 (831) 659-5360 para asistirlo en español.

Water System Information

Type of water source(s) in use and general location: Two (2) ground water wells, Well 03 and Well 05, serve 24 parcels between Cachagua Road and Tassajara Road. The recharge area for the sources is the Cachagua Creek.

Drinking Water Source Assessment information: A Source Water Assessment was conducted for Well 03 in 2003. The source is considered most vulnerable to the following activities not associated with any detected contaminants: Surface water streams, transportation corridors-roads, wells-agricultural/irrigation, wells-water supply. A Source Water Assessment was conducted on Well 05 in February 2003. The source is considered most vulnerable to the following activities no associated with any detected contaminants: Septic systems-low density. Contact MCEH, (831) 755-4507 for more information

Time and place of regularly scheduled board meetings for public participation: Annual meetings are usually the third Sunday in March at 7:30P at the Bernardus Winery, 21810 Parrot Ranch Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924

For More Information, Contact: MCSI Water Systems Management at (831) 659-5360

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, 2024 and may include earlier monitoring data.

Terms Used in This Report

Term	Definition
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).
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.
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)
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

Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4 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 Detection for Lead and Copper

Lead and Copper	Sample Date	No. of Samples Collected	90th Percentile Level Detected	No. Sites Exceeding AL	AL	PHG	No. of Schools Requesting Lead Sampling	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	Aug-Sept 2024	**4***	0	0	15	0.2	0	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	Aug-Sept 2024	**4***	0.208	0	1.3	0.3	Not applicable	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

Table 2. Sampling Results for Sodium and Hardness

Chemical or Constituent (Reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected (Average)	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium (ppm)	2023	(144)	106 - 181	None	None	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally-occurring
Hardness (ppm)	2023	(385)	351 – 418	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 Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Source of Contaminant
Aluminum (mg/L)	2023	(0.011)	ND – 0.022	1	0.6	Erosion of natural deposits; residue from some surface water treatment processes
Arsenic (µg/L)	2023	(0.75)	ND – 1.5	10	0.004	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (mg/L)	2023	(0.028)	0.022 – 0.034	1	2	Discharges of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (mg/L)	2023	0.5	--	2.0	1	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nickel (µg/L)	2023	(3.45)	ND – 6.9	100	12	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal factories
Nitrate (as N)	2024	(0.1)	ND – 0.2	10	10	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ppb)	2023	(1.3)	ND – 2.6	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)
Gross Alpha Particle Activity (pCi/L)	6/2016	(2.15)	1.69 – 2.61	15	(0)	Erosion of natural deposits

Table 4. 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 (mg/L)	2023	(161)	144 – 177	500	NA	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Color, Units*	2024	**(77.5)***	10 - **150**	15	NA	Naturally-occurring organic materials
Iron (µg/L)	2024	**(3602)***	**315** – **10500***	300	NA	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes

Manganese (µg/L)	2024	**(120)***	49 – **253***	50	NA	Leaching from natural deposits
Odor (units)	2024	1	1	3	NA	Naturally-occurring organic materials
Specific Conductance (µS/cm)	2023	(1370)	1314 – 1426	1600	NA	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Sulfate (mg/L)	2023	(245)	243 – 246	500	NA	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Total Dissolved Solids [TDS] (mg/L)	2023	(879)	874 – 884	1000	NA	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Turbidity (Units)	2024	**(28.2)***	0.95 – **120***	5	NA	Soil runoff
Zinc (mg/L)	2023	(1.57)	ND – 3.86	5.0	NA	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 Cachagua Mutual Water Company WS #4 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

- *Color, *Iron, and *Manganese are ongoing SMCL exceedances. These are secondary drinking water contaminants and are set to protect you against unpleasant aesthetic effects. Cachagua MWC is working with Monterey County Environmental Health regarding these constituents.
- *Turbidity is an ongoing exceedance due to the elevated levels of Iron, and Manganese. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.
- *Citation No. 02_57_24C_003 – Lead and Copper Monitoring Violation: The water system did not collect the minimum number of required lead and copper sampling, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of the water. Four of the five required samples were collected in 2024.