

## Consumer Confidence Report



Water System Name: Santa Lucia Preserve Report Date: July 1, 2024

*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 - December 31, 2023 and may include earlier monitoring data.*

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

Type of water source(s) in use:	Ground water wells in the Santa Lucia Preserve watersheds
Name & general location of source(s):	ARROYO SEQUOIA (NODE 2) - N24, N22, N21, R1, N25, N27, N28
PENON - T21,T3, N41, N52, N57	CHAMISAL (NODE 1)- N51, N29, N5, N54, N7, N6, N12, N62, N60, S1, S3, R42, N8, N10
LONG RIDGE - N30, N31, T29, N64	GARZAS T20, N4

Drinking Water Source Assessment	Reports are kept at the SLP Water Office - 82 Rancho San Carlos Rd. Reports date from 2000 to 2023 as wells became permitted.
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Time and place of regularly scheduled board meetings for public participation:	Santa Lucia Community
Services District board meetings are Quarterly. Typically on the third Monday at the beginning of each quarter at the New Corporation	
Yard Building - A , Conference Room	
For more information, contact:	Aaron Dula, Facilities Director Phone: ( 831 ) 620-6783

### TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

<p><b>Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):</b> 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 (USEPA).</p> <p><b>Public Health Goal (PHG):</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS):</b> MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.</p> <p><b>Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS):</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Treatment Technique (TT):</b> A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.</p> <p><b>Regulatory Action Level (AL):</b> The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.</p> <p><b>Variations and Exemptions:</b> State Board permission to exceed an MCL or not comply with a treatment technique under certain conditions.</p> <p><b>ND:</b> not detectable at testing limit</p> <p><b>ppm:</b> parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L)</p> <p><b>ppb:</b> parts per billion or micrograms per liter (µg/L)</p> <p><b>ppt:</b> parts per trillion or nanograms per liter (ng/L)</p> <p><b>ppq:</b> parts per quadrillion or picogram per liter (pg/L)</p> <p><b>pCi/L:</b> picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)</p>
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**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 by-products 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 USEPA and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. State Board regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.

**Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 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.

**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	0	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform or <i>E. coli</i> (state Total Coliform Rule)	0	0	A routine sample & a repeat sample are total coliform positive, & one 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)	0	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**

Lead and Copper (complete if lead or copper detected in the last sample set)	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)	8/14/2023	5	11	1	15	0.2	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	8/12/2023	5	0.534	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)	2023	41.00	29-58	none	none	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring
Hardness (ppm)	2023	183.50	65-393	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>
Arsenic (ppb)	2023	0.28	ND - 1.1	10	0.004	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes
Chromium Total (ppb)	2023	0.50	ND - 2	50	(100)	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	2023	0.79	0.2-1.2	2	1	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate as N (ppm)	2023	0.67	ND - 5.4	10	10	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Aluminum (ppm)	2023	ND	ND	1	0.6	Erosion of natural deposits; residue from some surface water treatment processes
Barium (ppm)	2023	0.048	ND - 0.141	1	2	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Nickel (ppb)	2023	1.45	ND - 5.8	100	12	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal factories
Selenium (ppb)	2023	0.00	ND	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)
Chlorine (ppm)	2023	0.42	ND - 1.82	4	3	Some people who use water containing well in excess of the MRDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose and stomach discomfort.
TTHMs (Total Trihalomethanes) (ppb)	2023	61.00	61	80	N/A	Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience liver, kidney, or central nervous system problems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	2023	30.00	30	60	N/A	Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Cadmium (ppb)	2023	ND	ND	5	0.04	Some people who drink water containing cadmium in excess of the MCL over many years may experience kidney damage.

Total Radium (pCi/L)	2014-2022,2015-2018	0.15	ND - 0.533,ND - 1.59	5	0	Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in
Gross Alpha Particle Activity (pCi/L)	2015-2023	1.80	ND - 6.13	15	0	Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in

**TABLE 5 – DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A SECONDARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chloride (ppm)	2023	22.4	15.2-35.9	500	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Copper (ppm)	2017-2023	0.004	ND - 0.046	1	N/A	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Specific Conductance (uS/cm)	2023	510.8	257-899	1600	N/A	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) (ppm)	2023	315.0	160-562	1000	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Sulfate (ppm)	2023	44.5	16-111	500	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Aluminum (ppb)	2023	ND	ND	200	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; residual from some surface water treatment process
Iron (ppb)	2023	28.33	ND - 118	300	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Odor	2023	ND	ND	3	N/A	Naturally-occurring organic materials
Manganese (ppb)	2023	ND	ND	50	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits
Zinc (ppb)	2023	ND	ND	5000	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits

\*Any violation of an MCL, MRDL, or TT is asterisked. Additional information regarding the violation is provided later in this report.

### Citation

During 2023, The Santa Lucia Preserve was issued a citation for a failure to collect an annual nitrate sample for one of our sources (Well N41). Upon notification of the missed sample which was due by December 31st, 2023, we immediately submitted the required sample to the laboratory (on January 29th, 2024). The lab results came back “non-detect” for nitrate and show that we are meeting drinking water standards.

### 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 USEPA’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. USEPA/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).