

2024 Consumer Confidence Report

Water System Information

Water System Name: Hidden Canyon Ranch Mutual Water Company

Report Date: June 25, 2025

Type of Water Source(s) in Use: Groundwater Wells

Name and General Location of Source(s): (3) EA Groundwater Wells

-Well #1, End of Cathrein Trail

-Well #2, (Standby Well) Near the end of Donny's Ridge Road

-Well #4, Near the end of Hidden Canyon Road (near Pesante Road)

Drinking Water Source Assessment Information: Last Updated January 2003, Copies of the assessment on file and available upon request

Time and Place of Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings for Public Participation: Second Wednesday of March, Annually, at 560 Crazy Horse Canyon Road, Salinas, CA 93907

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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.

Importance of This Report Statement in Five Non-English Languages (Spanish, Mandarin, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Hmong)

Language in Spanish: Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua para beber. Favor de comunicarse [Enter Water System's Name] a [Enter Water System's Address or Phone Number] para asistirlo en español.

Language in Mandarin: 这份报告含有关于您的饮用水的重要讯息。请用以下地址和电话联系 [Enter Water System Name]以获得中文的帮助: [Enter Water System's Address][Enter Water System's Phone Number].

Language in Tagalog: Ang pag-uulat na ito ay naglalaman ng mahalagang impormasyon tungkol sa inyong inuming tubig. Mangyaring makipag-ugnayan sa [Enter Water System's Name and Address] o tumawag sa [Enter Water System's Phone Number] para matulungan sa wikang Tagalog.

Language in Vietnamese: Báo cáo này chứa thông tin quan trọng về nước uống của bạn. Xin vui lòng liên hệ [Enter Water System's Name] tại [Enter Water System's Address or Phone Number] để được hỗ trợ giúp bằng tiếng Việt.

Language in Hmong: Tsab ntawv no muaj cov ntsiab lus tseem ceeb txog koi cov dej haus. Thov hu rau [Enter Water System's Name] ntawm [Enter Water System's Address or Phone Number] rau kev pab hauv lus Askiv.

Terms Used in This Report

Term	Definition
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 <i>E. coli</i> MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
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).
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.
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.
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.

Term	Definition
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)

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

Drinking Water Contaminants Detected

Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 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. 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

Complete if bacteria are detected.

Microbiological Contaminants	Highest No. of Detections	No. of Months in Violation	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source of Bacteria
<i>E. coli</i>	(In the year) NONE	0	1/100 (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

Complete if lead or copper is detected in the last sample set.

Lead and Copper	Sample Date	No. of Samples Collected	90 th Percentile Level Detected	No. Sites Exceeding AL	Range of Results	AL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	10/16/ 2023	5	<1	0	0-<1	15	0.2	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	10/16/ 2023	5	0.739 5	0	0.0060 - 0.9430	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)	Well #1 4/7/2023	79	N/A	None	None	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring
	Well #2 4/7/2023	108				
	Well #4 2/1/2022	110				*Wells sampled every 3 years
	Well #1 4/7/2023	155	N/A	None	None	
Hardness (ppm)	Well #2 4/7/2023	150				Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium, and are usually naturally occurring
	Well #4 2/1/2022	151				

*Wells sampled every 3 years

Table 4. 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)	Well #1 4/7/2023	<.005	N/A	1	0.6	Erosion of natural deposits; residue from some surface water treatment processes
	Well #2 4/7/2023	.127				
	Well #4 2/1/2022	.028				*Wells sampled every 3 years
Arsenic (µg/L)	Tank Blending 1/5/2024	ND	N/A	10	.004	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes

	Well #2 1/8/2025	5.8	N/A			
Barium (mg/L)	Well #1 4/7/2023	.067	N/A	1	2	Discharges of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
	Well #2 4/7/2023	.094				*Wells sampled every 3 years
	Well #4 2/1/2022	.117				
	Well #1 4/7/2023	8	N/A	50	2	
Chromium (µg/L)	Well #2 4/7/2023	9				Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits
	Well #4 2/1/2022	<1				*Wells sampled every 3 years
	Well #1 11/26/24	ND	N/A	10	.02	Industrial discharge, improper waste disposal, coal combustion and fly ash, landfills; erosion of natural deposits or volcanic activity
	Well #2 11/26/24	ND				
Fluoride (mg/L)	Well #4 11/26/24	ND				
	Well #1 4/7/2023	.23	N/A	2	1	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
	Well #2 4/7/2023	.38				*Wells sampled every 3 years
	Well #4 2/1/2022	.18				
Nickel (µg/L)	Well #1 4/7/2023	<1	N/A	100	12	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal factories
	Well #2	2				

	4/7/2023						*Wells sampled every 3 years
	Well #4 2/1/2022	<1					
Nitrate (mg/L)	Well #1 4/11/2024	0.8	N/A	10	10		Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits
	Well #2 5/17/2024	1.4					
	Well #4 2/14/2024	1.4					
Turbidity (NTU)	Well #1 4/7/2023	.20	N/A	5	N/A		Erosion of natural deposits *Wells sampled every 3 years
	Well #2 4/7/2023	50					
	Well #4 2/1/2022	3.9					
Gross Alpha Particle Activity (PCI/L)	Well #1 4/11/2024	3.3	N/A	15	0		Erosion of Natural Deposits
	Well #2 4/11/2024	3.47					
	Well #4 1/3/2022	<1.56					

Table 5. 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
Aluminum (µg/L)	Well #1 4/7/2023	<.005	N/A	200	50	Erosion of natural deposits; residue from some surface water treatment processes
	Well #2 4/7/2023	.127				*Wells sampled every 3 years

	Well #4 2/1/2022	.028				
Color Determination (Color Units)	Well #1 4/7/2023	<2	N/A	15	2	Naturally-occurring organic materials
	Well #2 4/7/2023	50				*Wells sampled every 3 years
	Well #4 2/1/2022	12				
	Tank Blending Monthly 1/2024 – 12/2024	Avg 433	0-1,540	300	100	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Manganese (µg/L)	Tank Blending Monthly 1/2024 – 12/2024	Avg 21.4	8-35	50	20	Leaching from natural deposits
Odor Threshold (Tons)	Well #1 4/7/2023	1	N/A	3	1	Naturally-occurring organic materials
	Well #2 4/7/2023	2				*Wells sampled every 3 years
	Well #4 2/1/2022	1				
	Well #1 4/7/2023	6.6	N/A	6.5-8.5	N/A	Naturally occurring minerals
pH	Well #2 4/7/2023	6.7				*Wells sampled every 3 years
	Well #4 2/1/2022	6.6				
	Well #1 4/7/2023	6.6				
Turbidity (NTU)	Well #1 4/7/2023	.20	N/A	5	.10	Soil Runoff

	Well #2 4/7/2023	50				*Wells sampled every 3 years
	Well #4 2/1/2022	3.9				
Zinc (mg/L)	Well #1 4/7/2023	.200	N/A	5	.05	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
	Well #2 4/7/2023	.064				*Wells sampled every 3 years
	Well #4 2/1/2022	.141				
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)	Well #1 4/7/2023	428	N/A	1000	0	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
	Well #2 4/7/2023	500				*Wells sampled every 3 years
	Well #4 2/1/2022	420				
Specific Conductance (µmho/cm)	Well #1 4/7/2023	719	N/A	1600	0	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
	Well #2 4/7/2023	857				
	Well #4 2/1/2022	676				*Wells sampled every 3 years
Chloride (mg/L)	Well #1 4/7/2023	107	N/A	500	50	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
	Well #2 4/7/2023	167				
	Well #4 2/1/2022	110				*Wells sampled every 3 years

Sulfate (mg/L)	Well #1 4/7/2023	14	N/A	500	.5	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
	Well #2 4/7/2023	25				
	Well #4 2/1/2022	17				*Wells sampled every 3 years

Table 6. Detection of Unregulated Contaminants

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Notification Level	Health Effects
Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid PFOA (ng/L)	Well #1 5/1/19	ND	N/A	5.1	Perfluorooctanoic acid exposures resulted in increased liver weight in laboratory animals.
Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid PFOS (ng/L)	Well #1 5/1/19	ND	N/A	6.5	Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid exposures resulted in immune suppression, specifically, a decrease in antibody response to an exogenous antigen challenge.

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: 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. Hidden Canyon Ranch Mutual Water Company is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap,

taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. 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/safewater/lead>.

Nitrate: 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 a 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 certain specific enzyme deficiencies. If you are caring for an infant, or you are pregnant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity.

Arsenic: While your drinking water meets the federal and state standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The arsenic standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Summary Information for Violation of a MCL, MRDL, AL, TT, or Monitoring and Reporting Requirement

Table 7. Violation of a MCL, MRDL, AL, TT or Monitoring Reporting Requirement

Violation	Explanation	Duration	Actions Taken to Correct Violation	Health Effects Language
NONE				

For Water Systems Providing Groundwater as a Source of Drinking Water

Table 8. Sampling Results Showing Fecal Indicator-Positive Groundwater Source Samples

Microbiological Contaminants (complete if fecal-indicator detected)	Total No. of Detections	Sample Dates	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Source of Contaminant
<i>E. coli</i>	(In the year) NONE	N/A	0	(0)	Human and animal fecal waste
Enterococci	(In the year) NONE	N/A	TT	N/A	Human and animal fecal waste
Coliphage	(In the year) NONE	N/A	TT	N/A	Human and animal fecal waste

Summary Information for Fecal Indicator-Positive Groundwater Source Samples, Uncorrected Significant Deficiencies, or Violation of a Groundwater TT

Special Notice of Fecal Indicator-Positive Groundwater Source Sample: NONE

Special Notice for Uncorrected Significant Deficiencies: NONE

Table 9. Violation of Groundwater TT

Violation	Explanation	Duration	Actions Taken to Correct Violation	Health Effects Language
NONE				