

DONNER SUMMIT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

2021 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

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The Donner Summit Public Utility District provides this Consumer Confidence Report to its customers. This report is to ensure that the water user is informed of the standards and quality of water in the District. If you have any question regarding this information, or if you experience any problems with your water, please contact Mr. Jim King or Mr. Steve Palmer at the District Offices at (530) 426-3456 or (530) 426-9144. You may also E-mail us at spalmer@dspud.com or at jking@dspud.com. Our District Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the District Office located at 53823 Sherritt Lane, Soda Springs, CA, call the office (530) 426-3456 for a meeting schedule. Please feel free to participate in these meetings.

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 water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the 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. 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).

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**, which 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, and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA and the State Water Resources Control Board, Division Office of Drinking Water prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to the Department's regulations. Department regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

All the Drinking Water for the District is obtained from our Surface Storage Facility at Lake Angela. Lake Angela is located in Nevada County at the end of Lake Angela Dr. off of Donner Pass Road (Latitude: 39.3221, Longitude: -120.3269) at an elevation of 7172'. The districts last water shed survey was completed in 2019.

The disinfection standards require water in the treatment plant to be in contact with chlorine or a similar disinfectant for a minimum amount of time. DSPUD continually disinfects filtered water at the water treatment plant (Plant) with chlorine to ensure proper disinfection.

The districts water distribution system involves a number of elevation changes, which can cause the system to have significant pressure fluctuations. There is one Pressure Reducing Station located within the system at Snow Lab Road and Donner Pass Road. This station reduces water pressure down to between 35 and 40 Pounds Per Square Inch (PSI). Due to elevation changes following this station the pressure can increase to between 60 and 120 PSI farther down the line.

Pressure changes can also occur due to high water use, line breaks and fire hydrant use. To combat the problems this can create at a residential or commercial hookup the district recommends that the service line coming in have a Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) installed. This will help protect fixtures and appliances from damage that can be caused by excessive water pressure.

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2016-2020 calendar years. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. For the contaminants the State requires us to monitor less than once per year our most recent result are used. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

Terms & abbreviations used below

- **MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level:** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHG (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.
- **MCLG = Maximum Contaminant Level Goal:** 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.
- **AL = Regulatory Action Level:** The concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
- **PHG = Public Health Goal:** 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.

- **PDWS = Primary Drinking Water Standard:** MCLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.
- **ppm** parts per million
- **ppb** parts per billion
- **ND Not-Detect**

CONSTITUENT	MCL	MCLG	DSPUD	Sample	Major Sources in Drinking
		PHG	Water	Date	Water
PRIMARY STANDARDS - <i>HEALTH RELATED</i>					
TREATED WATER					
REGULATED ORGANIC CHEMICALS					
Nitrate as N (ppm)	10		ND	2021	Chlorine for Disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)(ppb)	80		28	2021	
Haloacetic Acids (HAAS) (ppb)	60		ND	2021	
INORGANIC CHEMICALS					
Aluminum (ppb)	1000		301	2021	erosion of natural deposits:
Total recoverable Antimony			ND	2021	residue from the surface water
Total recoverable Beryllium			ND	2021	treatment process
Total recoverable Nickel			ND	2021	
Fluoride (ppb)	1,400-2,400		ND	2021	erosion of natural deposits
Total recoverable Thallium			ND	2021	
SECONDARY STANDARDS – <i>Aesthetic</i>					
Chlorides (ppm)	500	250	0.5	2021	runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Manganese (ppb)	50		ND	2021	leaching from natural deposits
Sulfate (ppm)	500	250	1.1	2021	runoff/leaching from natural deposits
TDS (ppm)	1000		89	2021	runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Specific Conductance (uS/cm)	1600		91	2021	substances that form ions when in water
Iron (ppm)	0.3		ND	2021	leaching from natural deposits
ADDITIONAL CONSTITUENTS ANALYZED					
Alkalinity (Totals) (ppm)	No Standard	None	41	2021	
Bicarbonate (HCO3) (ppm)	No Standard	None	41	2021	
Magnesium (ppm)	No Standard	None	1.3	2021	
Carbonate as CO3 (ppm)	No Standard	None	ND	2021	
Hydroxide (ppm)	No Standard	None	ND	2021	
Total Recoverable Calcium (ppm)	No Standard	None	11	2021	
Total Recoverable Magnesium (ppm)	No Standard	None	1.3	2021	
Total recoverable Potassium (ppm)	No Standard	None	2.2	2021	
pH (units)	No Standard	None	7.5	2021	
Sodium (ppm)	No Standard	None	5.1	2021	
Gross Alpha Radioactivity	No Standard	None	ND	2021	
Radium 228	No Standard	None	<1.0	2021	

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				2020	
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- **Lead:**

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and/or flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the USEPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

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. Donner Summit PUD 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 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.