

# Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report For samples collected during 2022 in the Foothill/Sunset Water System

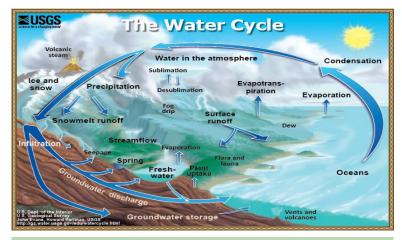
**P**lacer County Water Agency is pleased to report this year that the drinking water supplied to you meets or exceeds state and federal public health standards for drinking water quality and safety. California water retailers, including PCWA, are required by law to inform customers about the quality of their drinking water. The results of PCWA's testing and monitoring programs of 2022 are reported in this newsletter. If you have any questions about this report, please contact the PCWA Customer Services Center at (530) 823-4850 or (800) 464-0030.

#### **Ensuring The Safety of Your Drinking Water**

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the State Water Resources Controll Board (State Board) prescribe regulations which 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 must provide the same protection for public health.

### **About Your 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 water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's **Safe Drinking Water Hotline: 1-800-426-4791** 



#### The Source of Your Water Supply

Your water originates in the Sierra snowpack. Surface water from the Yuba and Bear River watersheds and Lake Spaulding flows into the PG&E and PCWA delivery systems. This is supplemented with American River water. The water is treated at the water treatment plants listed in this report. PCWA has completed a Sanitary Survey and Source Water Assessment of the Yuba-Bear River watershed (2021) as well as for the American River watershed (2018). It was found the watersheds were vulnerable to contaminants from highways, roadways and railroads near rivers and canals, septic tanks, utility pipelines crossing canals, upstream recreation, historic and active mining operations, utility operations, and timber harvest. Contaminants associated with these activities that could pose a threat to source water include but are not limited to sediment, bacteria, viruses, parasites, pesticides, herbicides and trace metals. Historically, contaminant levels have been very low in the source water and watersheds. If interested, complete copies of the assessments can be obtained by calling the PCWA Customer Services Center at (530) 823-4850 or (800) 464-0030.

Note about connection between PCWA and Roseville: During warm summer months, most customers in the area found at the following link receive City of Roseville water from about 6 a.m. to noon. <u>https://</u> <u>docs.pcwa.net/rocklin-pfw-map.pdf</u>

Roseville's Water Quality Report can be found at the following link. Roseville is required to add 2022 water quality data by July 1, 2023. https://roseville.ca.us/government/departments/environmental\_utilities/ at your service/water supply/water quality

Note about connection between PCWA and San Juan Water District (SJWD): PCWA also received water from SJWD through an interconnection at Barton Road and Indian Springs Road during 2022. Their Water Quality Report can be found at the following link. SJWD is also required to add 2022 water quality data by July 1, 2023. <u>https://www.sjwd.org/consumerconfidence-reports-water-quality-reports</u>



### **DEFINITIONS AND TIPS: Understanding Your Water Quality Report**

The table on the following page provides the results of water quality monitoring conducted during the previous calendar year. This page has been added to help ensure that this report is as clear to understand as possible, given the required content. We hope the following tips and definitions help to provide a clear understanding.

- There are columns of results for both "Surface Water" and "Groundwater". The vast majority of all water in this system is surface water. There is a small portion of the system in the industrial area near Sunset Blvd. and Industrial Ave. which can receive groundwater during periods of high demand or drought. If you are concerned about any results listed for groundwater, and wonder whether you could receive this water, you may confirm by calling our customer service line listed in this box below and asking to speak with the Distribution Supervisor or Water Quality Supervisor.
- Certain constituents are not required to be monitored annually because the levels are not expected to change from year to year. In those instances, the most recent results are provided.
- In accordance with the federal and state requirements, the table doesn't necessarily include results for <u>all</u> constituents tested during the previous calendar year by PCWA, only detected ones, and a few others which are commonly requested by customers.
- It is important to note that the table provides information about not only the results of monitoring we've performed, but also information about maximum allowable or recommended levels if they exist, so it is important to make sure the column you are reading is correct for the information you seek.
- If you are using the results in the table to compare to a set of standards you require (i.e. a new appliance, gardening, fish tanks, brewing beer or kombucha, etc.), it is very important to make sure you are using the correct unit of measure, which is also provided in the table. Those units of measure are also defined below.
- pH level is not included in the table because it varies based on time, temperature, and other factors. If you need to know the exact pH level, it should be collected at the point of use for an accurate measurement. The initial pH level is adjusted at the treatment facility. Based on scientific studies of our source water, PCWA aims for a pH range between 8.5-9 leaving the facility.
- The definitions below should be used to help you understand unfamiliar terms used in the table.
- If you come across any information that you'd like further explanation for, or are curious about please feel free to contact PCWA's customer service line at (530) 823-4850 or (800) 464-0030, and let them know you have questions for the Water Quality Supervisor.

MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level. 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.

**MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal.** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. Set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**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. **Primary Drinking Water Standard.** MCLs, MRDLs and treatment techniques for contaminants that affect health, along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

**MRDL: Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level.** 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.

**MRDLG: Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal.** 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.

AL: Action Level. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**TT: Treatment Technique.** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units.** A measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity is monitored because it is a good indicator of water quality. High turbidity can hinder the effectiveness of disinfectants.

pCi/L: picocuries per liter. A measure of radiation. mg/L: milligrams per liter or parts per million (ppm), compare to 1 cup of water in a typical swimming pool

ug/L: micrograms per liter or parts per billion (ppb), compare to 1 drop of water in a typical swimming pool

uS/cm: MicroSiemens per centimeter

**RAA: Running Annual Average** 

HRAA: Highest Running Annual Average

<: Less Than

ND: ND or Non-Detected: An analysis result below detectable levels.

**NA: Non-Applicable** 

## **Foothill/Sunset Water Quality Results**

### **Primary Drinking Water Standards**

Turbidity Performance Standards (that must be met through the water treatment process)						
Furbidity is a measurement of clarity or the level of suspended matter in the water. In reporting turbidity, the highest single measurement and the						
lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting the turbidity limits are specified.						
Turbidity of the filtered water must:						
1. Be less than or equal to 0.3 NTU in 95% of measurements in a month.						
2. Not exceed 1 NTU at any time.						
Lowest monthly percentage of samples that met Turbidity Performance Standard No. 1	100%					
Highest single turbidity measurement during the year	0.17					
Number of violations of any surface water treatment requirements	0					

	# of Samples	90th Percentile	# of Sites	# of Schools			
CONSTITUENT	Collected	Level Detected	Exceeding AL	Tested	AL	PHG	<b>Typical Source of Contaminant</b>
Lead (ug/L)	33	0	0	34	15	0.2	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems
Copper (mg/L)	33	0	0	N/A	1.3	0.3	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems

		MCL or	PHG, (MCLG)	Surface Water Range and Average						Groundwater Range and Aver-	
CONSTITUENT	UNITS	[MRDL]	or [MRDLG]	or (HRAA)		or (HRAA)		age or (HRAA)	Typical Source of Contaminant		
Total Organic Carbon	mg/L	TT=RAA<2	None	0.9-1.4	(1.1)		Various natural and manmade sources				
Chlorine	mg/L	[4]	[4]	0.17-1.3 (0.85) 22-62 (57) Groundwater			Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment				
Total Trihalomethanes	ug/L	80	None			Groundwater	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection				
Total Haloacetic Acids	ug/L	60	None	16-37	(36.25)	wells were not	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection				
Fluoride	mg/L	2	1	0		used during 2022	Runoff / leaching from natural deposits				
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	mg/L	10	10	0			Runoff / leaching from natural deposits and fertilizer				
Nitrite (as Nitrogen)	mg/L	1	1	0			Runoff / leaching from natural deposits and fertilizer				

### **Secondary Drinking Water Standards**

Chloride	mg/L	500	None	5.73-5.74 5.74		Runoff / leaching from natural deposits
Manganese	mg/L	0.05	None	0		Runoff / leaching from natural deposits
Specific Conductance	uS/cm	1,600	None	62	Groundwater	Substances that form ions when in water
Sulfate	mg/L	500	None	5.3	wells were not used during 2022	Runoff / leaching from natural deposits
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	1,000	None	9-20 14.5		Runoff / leaching from natural deposits
Zinc	mg/L	5	None	0		Runoff / leaching from natural deposits

### **Monitoring of Unregulated Substances**

Carbonate Alkalinity	mg/L	None	None	0		Runoff / leaching from natural deposits
Bicarbonate Alkalinity	mg/L	None	None	15		Runoff / leaching from natural deposits
Total Alkalinity	mg/L	None	None	15	Groundwater	Runoff / leaching from natural deposits
Calcium	mg/L	None	None	3.54-3.68 3.61	wells were not used during	Runoff / leaching from natural deposits
Hardness	mg/L	None	None	13.2-13.6 13.4	2022	Runoff / leaching from natural deposits
Magnesium	mg/L	None	None	1.06-1.07 1.07		Runoff / leaching from natural deposits
Sodium	mg/L	None	None	6.9-7.06 6.98		Runoff / leaching from natural deposits

### Environmental Influences on Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap 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, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

• **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salt and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water 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 storm water runoff and residential uses.

• Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water 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.

#### **Statement on Lead** (none found in this system)

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. PCWA is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. Infants, young children, and pregnant women 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 the materials used in your home's plumbing. If your water faucet has not been used for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing the faucet for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested. Additional information is available from the USEPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at http://www.epa.gov/ safewater/lead.

A program of testing k-12 schools for lead began in 2017 where samples are collected at popular drinking fountains, bottled water filling stations, and kitchen sinks used for food prep, and 34 schools have requested sampling under this program.

#### Note to At-Risk Water Users

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunecompromised 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 at (800) 426-4791.

### What You Should Know About Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in most surface waters throughout the U.S.. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. We conducted a twoyear study on Cryptosporidium from 2015 to 2017, and our monitoring indicated the presence of these organisms in our source water in ranges from non-detect to 0.2 organisms per liter. Again, these results are from the untreated, raw water. The design of the EPA study conducted here did not call for treated water samples. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immunecompromised people are at greater risk of developing lifethreatening illness. We encourage immune-compromised individuals to consult their health care provider regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

#### **2022 Testing Results**

Measurements reported here were collected in 2022 (unless otherwise noted). In accordance with federal regulations, data is from the most recent tests. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

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

## **Frequently Asked Questions About Water Quality**

It is important for you to know that we take our customers' concerns very seriously. We feel that you wouldn't be calling if there weren't cause for concern, so we investigate every claim fully and in a timely manner before closing a case. Below are some answers to the most common questions or concerns. FOR INFORMATION about this report or to report any concerns with the quality of water in your home or a perceived risk to the quality of our water source, PCWA customers are invited to contact the PCWA Customer Service Center at (530) 823-4850 or (800) 464-0030.

#### Do we have hard water?

At 60 or less mg/L (milligrams per liter), PCWA water served to most customers in the Foothill/Sunset system is considered soft water. A small portion of the system in the industrial area of Rocklin near Sunset Blvd. and Industrial Ave. can be served by well water during periods of high demand or drought. The well water falls into the category of "moderately hard". General guidelines for classification of waters are: 0 to 60 mg/ L as calcium carbonate is classified as soft; 61 to 120 mg/L as moderately hard; 121 to 180 mg/L as hard; and more than 180 mg/L as very hard.

#### Is there Fluoride in my water?

PCWA does not fluoridate its water. Fluoride does exist naturally in a PCWA well which was run briefly during the year. There is a very small portion of the City of Rocklin, which receives water from the City of Roseville during high demand in warm months only. In addition, our Bianchi system receives Roseville water at all times. Roseville is required to fluoridate its water. To find maps of these areas, you can go to: <u>https://</u> www.pcwa.net/services/water-quality#pfw-maps

#### **My water smells like Chlorine!**

Chlorine is required in the distribution system to keep bacteria from making it to your tap. We regulate our Chlorine dosage very strictly so that we have just enough without having too much. The maximum residual level for Chlorine is 4 mg/L (milligrams per liter), and a common level for our systems is between 0.5 and 1.5 mg/L. Some people are more sensitive to the smell of Chlorine in water. It is common for people to think that the level of the Chlorine must be too high under these circumstances; however, we've found that the most common reason for smelling Chlorine at your tap is when the Chlorine is dissipating or the level is dropping. The reason for this is that the water sits in your plumbing before you use it. Most likely, if you flush your taps out, the smell will disappear.

### Why is my tap water milky or cloudy?

This is caused by tiny air bubbles in the water. It is completely harmless. Cold water from snowmelt has the potential to hold lots of air. As the water warms a bit on its way to your tap, it has more



potential to release that air. When you turn on your tap, the rapid reduction in pressure causes the air to come out of solution, and creates the milky look you see. If this is the case, it will clear before your eyes as in the picture.



#### How do I know my water is safe?

Distribution operators and treatment plant operators certified by the State Water Resources Control Board collect hundreds of bacteriological samples each year throughout the water distribution systems as well as performing thousands of individual tests in the treatment facilities and in the distribution system, of which only the detected constituents are found in your annual Consumer Confidence Report. Field tests for things like temperature, turbidity, pH and chlorine residual help to let us know that our water is maintaining its quality throughout the distribution system.

### Frequently Asked Questions About Water Quality Continued...

#### My water is dirty!

It is actually very common for people to experience discolored or "dirty" water at their tap. In most cases, we can trace this condition to a particular aspect of the household plumbing. It is very common for a water heater to corrode or rust and cause discolored water in the hot water. You can test this by turning your tap to the full hot position and observe whether the water is discolored. If the water is discolored in your hot water, but not cold, you can be reasonably certain the issue lies in your water heater. If the problem occurs in the cold water as well, and doesn't clear up after running for a few minutes, we may need to flush the main line. If you get discolored water out of your cold water tap and it clears up after running for several minutes, the main line is likely clean and you may have a plumbing fixture or an old galvanized line causing the problem.



# Why are there pink or dark stains in my toilet or around my drains?

Airborne organisms are usually the cause. You will see grey, black, or sometimes pink filmy stains on surfaces that are regularly moist, including toilet bowls, shower heads, shower drains, sink drains, dishwashers, shower and bath floors and

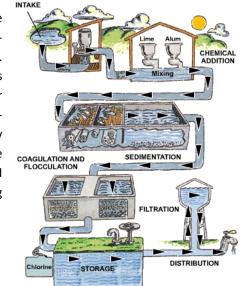


walls. These organisms are not in the drinking water, but they find moist areas of your house to thrive. The only way to control these organisms is to disinfect the surfaces regularly, and ventilate the area well.

#### How is my water treated?

Your water is treated by conventional methods, utilizing coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation, filtration, and finally disinfection. The facility or facilities serving your area are operated by State Water Resources Control Board certified operators. It may also be comforting for you to know that our facilities have built-in fail-safes which will immediately shut the treatment process down and not allow any water to the

system if something within the facility is not operating correctly. The operators receive alarms for immediate intervention so they can correct the problem and begin treating water again.



#### My water tastes like chemicals!

Another common call we get is that the water has a strong chemically taste all of a sudden. Most times, this can be traced to the either the Chlorine topic covered earlier, or to a hose bib being left on. This is most common during warm times of year when the hot sun beats down on a pressurized hose and creates backpressure. When you open a tap inside the house, you can be sure that high pressure hose water feeds right into your house, and it doesn't taste good. The best way to avoid this is to always shut your hose off at the



hose bib shut-off valve, and depressurize your hose. For this reason, it is not a good idea to have your hose bib set up as it is in the picture.

### **Consumer Confidence Report Certification Form**

Water System Name:	Hidden Valley Community Association
Water System Number:	310386

The water system named above hereby certifies that its Consumer Confidence Report was distributed on \_\_\_\_\_\_ (*date*) to customers (and appropriate notices of availability have been given). Further, the system certifies that the information contained in the report is correct and consistent with the compliance monitoring data previously submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (DDW).

Certified by:

Name: Mark Ratermann	Title: D1 Water Operator
Signature: Mark Raterman	Date: 4-17-2023
Phone number: (916) 947-2690	blank

To summarize report delivery used and good-faith efforts taken, please complete this page by checking all items that apply and fill-in where appropriate:

- CCR was distributed by mail or other direct delivery methods (attach description of other direct delivery methods used).
- CCR was distributed using electronic delivery methods described in the Guidance for Electronic Delivery of the Consumer Confidence Report (water systems utilizing electronic delivery methods must complete the second page).
- "Good faith" efforts were used to reach non-bill paying consumers. Those efforts included the following methods:
  - Posting the CCR at the following URL: www.hiddenvalleygranitebay.com
  - Mailing the CCR to postal patrons within the service area (attach zip codes used)
  - Advertising the availability of the CCR in news media (attach copy of press release)
  - Publication of the CCR in a local newspaper of general circulation (attach a copy of the published notice, including name of newspaper and dat
  - Delivery of multiple copies of CCR to single-billed addresses serving several persons, such as apartments, businesses, and schools
  - Delivery to community organizations (attach a list of organizations)

- Publication of the CCR in the electronic city newsletter or electronic community newsletter or listserv (attach a copy of the article or notice)
- Electronic announcement of CCR availability via social media outlets (attach list of social media outlets utilized)
- Other (attach a list of other methods used)
- For systems serving at least 100,000 persons: Posted CCR on a publicly-accessible internet site at the following URL: www.\_\_\_\_\_
  - For privately-owned utilities: Delivered the CCR to the California Public Utilities Commission

### **Consumer Confidence Report Electronic Delivery Certification**

Water systems utilizing electronic distribution methods for CCR delivery must complete this page by checking all items that apply and fill-in where appropriate.

- Water system mailed a notification that the CCR is available and provides a direct URL to the CCR on a publicly available website where it can be viewed (attach a copy of the mailed CCR notification). URL: <u>www.hiddenvalleygranitebay.com</u>
- Water system emailed a notification that the CCR is available and provides a direct URL to the CCR on a publicly available site on the Internet where it can be viewed (attach a copy of the emailed CCR notification). URL: www.
- Water system emailed the CCR as an electronic file email attachment.
- Water system emailed the CCR text and tables inserted or embedded into the body of an email, not as an attachment (attach a copy of the emailed CCR).
- Requires prior DDW review and approval. Water system utilized other electronic delivery method that meets the direct delivery requirement.

Provide a brief description of the water system's electronic delivery procedures and include how the water system ensures delivery to customers unable to receive electronic delivery.

Any resident without email or internet access can request a printed copy

This form is provided as a convenience and may be used to meet the certification requirement of section 64483(c) of the California Code of Regulations.

### **2022 Consumer Confidence Report**

### Water System Information

Water System Name: Hidden Valley Community Association

Report Date: 4/16/2023

Type of Water Source(s) in Use: Purchased Water from PCWA

Name and General Location of Source(s): Bear River

Drinking Water Source Assessment Information: [Enter Drinking Water Source Assessment Information]

Time and Place of Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings for Public Participation: Hidden Valley Clubhouse, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month

For More Information, Contact: Mark Ratermann (916) 947-2690

### **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, 2022 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 koj 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.
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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.
ND	Not detectable at testing limit.
ppm	parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ррb	parts per billion or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
ppt	parts per trillion or nanograms per liter (ng/L)
ррд	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
E. coli	None	None	(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 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Level Detected	No. Sites Exceeding AL	AL	рнс	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	None	[Enter No.]	[Enter No.]	[Enter No.]	15	0.2	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	None	[Enter No.]	[Enter No.]	[Enter No.]	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)	See attached PCWA report	[Enter No.]	[Enter Range]	None	None	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring
Hardness (ppm)	See attached PCWA report	[Enter No.]	[Enter Range]	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

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Source of Contaminant
None	[Enter Date]	[Enter No.]	[Enter Range]	[Enter No.]	[Enter No.]	[Enter Source]

### 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
None	[Enter Date]	[Enter No.]	[Enter Range]	[Enter No.]	[Enter No.]	[Enter Source]

### Table 6. Detection of Unregulated Contaminants

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Notification Level	Health Effects
None	[Enter Date]	[Enter No.]	[Enter Range]	[Enter No.]	[Enter Language]

### 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. [Enter Water System's Name] 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 <a href="http://www.epa.gov/lead">http://www.epa.gov/lead</a>.

Additional Special Language for Nitrate, Arsenic, Lead, Radon, and *Cryptosporidium*: [Enter Additional Information Described in Instructions for SWS CCR Document]

State Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR): [Enter Additional Information Described in Instructions for SWS CCR Document]

# 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	[Enter Violation Explanation]	[Enter Duration]	[Enter Actions Taken]	[Enter Language]

### 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
E. coli	None	[Enter Dates]	0	(0)	Human and animal fecal waste
Enterococci	None	[Enter Dates]	TT	N/A	Human and animal fecal waste
Coliphage	None	[Enter Dates]	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:** [Enter Special Notice of Fecal Indicator-Positive Groundwater Source Sample] No findings.

### Table 9. Violation of Groundwater TT

Violation	Explanation	Duration	Actions Taken to Correct Violation	Health Effects Language
None	[Enter Explanation]	[Enter Duration]	[Enter Actions]	[Enter Language]

### For Systems Providing Surface Water as a Source of Drinking Water

### Table 10. Sampling Results Showing Treatment of Surface Water Sources

Treatment Technique <sup>(a)</sup> (Type of approved filtration technology used)	PCWA treats 100% of Hidden Valley
Turbidity Performance Standards <sup>(b)</sup>	Turbidity of the filtered water must:
(that must be met through the water treatment process)	1 – Be less than or equal to [Enter Turbidity Performance Standard to Be Less Than or Equal to 95% of Measurements in a Month] NTU in 95% of measurements in a month.
See PCWA attachement	2 – Not exceed [Enter Turbidity Performance Standard Not to Be Exceeded for More Than Eight Consecutive Hours] NTU for more than eight consecutive hours.
	3 – Not exceed [Enter Turbidity Performance Standard Not to Be Exceeded at Any Time] NTU at any time.
Lowest monthly percentage of samples that met Turbidity Performance Standard No. 1.	See PCWA attachment page 4
Highest single turbidity measurement during the year	See PCWA attachment page 4
Number of violations of any surface water treatment requirements	See PCWA attachment page 4

(a) A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

(b) Turbidity (measured in NTU) is a measurement of the cloudiness of water and is a good indicator of water quality and filtration performance. Turbidity results which meet performance standards are considered to be in compliance with filtration requirements.

### Summary Information for Violation of a Surface Water TT

### Table 11. Violation of Surface Water TT

Violation	Explanation	Duration	Actions Taken to Correct Violation	Health Effects Language
None	[Enter Explanation]	[Enter Duration]	[Enter Actions]	[Enter Language]

None [Enter Explanation] [Enter Dura	ation] [Enter Actions] [Enter Language]
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### Summary Information for Operating Under a Variance or Exemption

[Enter Additional Information Described in Instructions for SWS CCR Document]

# Summary Information for Revised Total Coliform Rule Level 1 and Level 2 Assessment Requirements

If a water system is required to comply with a Level 1 or Level 2 assessment requirement that is not due to an *E. coli* MCL violation, include the following information below [22 CCR section 64481(n)(1)].

### Level 1 or Level 2 Assessment Requirement not Due to an *E. coli* MCL Violation

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify problems and to correct any problems that were found during these assessments.

The water system shall include the following statements, as appropriate:

During the past year we were required to conduct no Level 1 assessment(s). No Level 1 assessment(s) were completed. In addition, we were required to take no corrective actions and we completed none of these actions.

During the past year no Level 2 Assessment Level 2 assessments were required to be completed for our water system. no Level 2 Assessments Level 2 assessments were completed. In addition, we were required to take no Corrective Actions] corrective actions and we completed no Corrective Actions of these actions.

If the water system failed to complete all the required assessments or correct all identified sanitary defects, the water system is in violation of the treatment technique requirement and shall include the following statements, as appropriate.

[For Violation of the Total Coliform Bacteria TT Requirement, Enter Additional Information Described in Instructions for SWS CCR Document]. <u>No violations</u>

If a water system is required to comply with a Level 2 assessment requirement that is due to an *E. coli* MCL violation, include the information below [22 CCR section 64481(n)(2)]. <u>No violations.</u>

### Level 2 Assessment Requirement Due to an *E. coli* MCL Violation

*E. coli* are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater health risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. We did not find *E. coli* bacteria, indicating no need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) identify problems and to correct any problems that were found during these assessments.

If a water system failed to complete the required assessment or correct all identified sanitary defects, the water system is in violation of the treatment technique requirement and shall include the following statements, as appropriate: <u>No defects found.</u>

If a water system detects *E. coli* and has violated the *E. coli* MCL, include one or more of the following statements to describe any noncompliance, as applicable <u>No violations.</u>

[If a water system detects *E. coli* and has not violated the *E. coli* MCL, the water system may include a statement that explains that although they have detected *E. coli*, they are not in violation of the *E. coli* MCL.] <u>No violations.</u>