Consumer Confidence Report Certification Form

(To be submitted with a copy of the CCR)

Water System Name:	Placer County Water Agency – Colfax
Water System Number:	CA 3110006

The water system named above hereby certifies that its Consumer Confidence Report was distributed on April 20, 2021 – June 16, 2021 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: Matt Young	Title: Director of Customer Services
Signature: Matt Young	Date: 6/7/2021
Phone number: (530) 823-4850	

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.https://docs.pcwa.net/ccr/colfax
- ☐ 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 date published)
- ☐ Posted the CCR in public places (attach a list of locations)
- ☐ 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.https://docs.pcwa.net/ccr/colfax

☐ *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: www.https://docs.pcwa.net/ccr/colfax
- ☐ 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.

A direct link to the CCR for the Colfax system was provided as a bill message on the customer's bill (1), received in April/May/June
https://docs.pcwa.net/ccr/colfax. We have mailed a letter to all multi-user accounts (2) notifying them they can find the direct link
to the CCR pertaining to them on their April/May/June bill and provided a letter for them to post or distribute to the multi-user
customers who do not receive individual bills with the corresponding link to the CCR.
Attached are printed examples of all the above.

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.

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WWW.PCWA.NET

June 14, 2021

RE:

Dear Customer,

This is to inform you that PCWA has provided the annual Water Quality Report through a link (located in your 4/20/21 – 6/16/21 bill) taking you directly to our website. You are receiving this message because we have determined your service to be a multi-unit or multi-user service. It is very important that all users of this service have access to and knowledge of this information.

Please make this information available to all users of this service by posting in a common area, distributing copies of this message, or both. Refer to your April, May, or June bill for the correct report link (all system reports can be found at the link below).

https://www.pcwa.net/services/water-quality

Please note, we will no longer be providing printed copies of the report for each unit served, unless specifically requested.

If you have questions regarding this information, please call our Customer Services Center at 530.823.4850.

Thank you.

Placer County Water Agency

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AUBURN CA 95604-6570
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ACCOUNT INFORMATION	
Account Number	
Cycle-Route	33-08
Customer Class	MULTI-UNIT
Service Address	
Bill Date	05/12/2021
DUE DATE FOR CURRENT CHARGES	**06/04/2021**

ACCOUNT BALANCE	
Last Bill Amount	74.18
Payments	-74.18
Adjustments	0.00
Past Due Amount	0.00
Current Charges	101.38
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	**$101.38**

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Payments not received within 30 days of bill date incur a 6% late fee

SERVICE	SERVICE PERIOD	METER SIZE	METER NUMBER	# DAYS	CURRENT READ	PREVIOUS READ	CONSUMPTION
WT	04/02/2021 - 05/04/2021	5/8 INCH		32	1272.00	1245.00	27.00

ANNUAL CCR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Please visit the link below to view your 2020 WATER QUALITY REPORT. To speak with someone about the report or if you would like a paper copy of the 2020 Consumer Confidence Report mailed to your home, please call (530) 823-4850 or (800) 464-0030.

Por favor visite el siguiente enlace para ver sus 2020 INFORME SOBRE LA CALIDAD DEL AGUA. Para hablar con alguien sobre el informe o si desea una copia en papel del Informe del Consumidor 2020 Confianza por correo a su casa, por favor llame al (530) 823-4850 o (800) 464-0030.

http://www.pcwa.net/ccr/colfax.pdf

CURRENT CHARGES		
MULTI UNIT CHARGE		37.05
WATER USE 1ST TIER	19.20 units @ 1.57	30.14
WATER USE 2ND TIER	7.80 units @ 1.78	13.88
RENEWAL/REPLACE CHG		20.31
CURRENT CHARGES		**$101.38**

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KEEP THE ABOVE PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS AND RETURN THIS STUB WITH YOUR PAYMENT

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO : PCWA

ACCOUNT INFORMATION	
Account Number	
Customer Class	MULTI-UNIT
Service Address	
Bill Date	**05/12/2021**

AMOUNT DUE	
DUE DATE FOR CURRENT CHARGES	**06/04/2021**
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	**$101.38**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT PAYMENT

REMIT PAYMENT TO

PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY
PO BOX 511377
LOS ANGELES, CA 90051-7932

IMPORTANT: For change of address or correspondence, please mail separately to Placer County Water Agency, PO Box 6570, Auburn CA, 95604-6570.

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IMPORTANT MESSAGES AND INFORMATION

COMPONENTS ON A WATER BILL

The monthly Fixed Charge and the Renewal and Replacement Charge are payable whether or not any water is used. These charges are prorated based on number of days in the billing period.

Fixed Charge and Water Tier Rates - These charges fund Agency operations including personnel, operating supplies and services, state and federal mandates, purchased water, insurance, legal services, utilities, consulting, routine capital and other operation expenses.

Renewal and Replacement Charge - This charge funds construction projects to improve aging water infrastructure including water treatment plants, pipelines, canals or other water system facilities.

Water Efficiency - For more useful water use efficiency suggestions, please visit our site at http://www.pcwa.net/water-use-efficiency/

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

MOVING OR SELLING - Please notify Customer Service at least three (3) days in advance. Tenants are respons ble for all services provided and charges until date of termination/moving out. Property owners are responsible for all services provided and charges owed once a Tenant's termination notice is effective, and until close of escrow or recording of deed when the Property is sold.

DOOR TAG CHARGE - If, during the course of collection of past due charges, the Agency makes a trip to place a notice at the service location, there will be a $30 charge assessed to the billing account.

BILLING QUESTIONS - If you have any questions or to dispute your current bill, please call our Customer Services Center at (530) 823-4850 or (800) 464-0030 within ten (10) days from receipt of your bill statement. Our Customer Services Center hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

DELINQUENT BILLS - If you cannot pay the charges in full by the due date and need to make payment arrangements, please call the Customer Services Center prior to the due date. Our representatives may consider payment arrangements depending on individual circumstances. Multiple late payments may require an additional deposit.

WATER QUALITY REPORTS - To view your water quality report, please visit http://www.pcwa.net/customer-services/water-quality.html or contact customer service at (530) 823-4850 or (800) 464-0030.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Bills are due and payable fifteen days after the bill date. The following payment options are available for your convenience:

Mail with a payment stub: PO BOX 511377 LOS ANGELES, CA 90051-7932 Make checks payable to PCWA

Mail without a payment stub: PO BOX 6570 AUBURN, CA 95604-6570 **Credit card payments cannot be accepted by mail**

Automated Phone Payment: (530) 823-4850 or (800) 464-0030 Credit/Debit Card

Online: Credit/Debit card or electronic check only. Allow a minimum of three (3) business days for processing and posting to the account. Payments can be made on the Agency's website by credit/debit card.

Electronic Bill Payment: Electronic bill payment authorizes your bank to pay your water bill. The Agency also accepts other electronic forms of payment, such as online banking and electronic checks from other bank processing services.

In person: 144 Ferguson Road Auburn, CA
Office hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

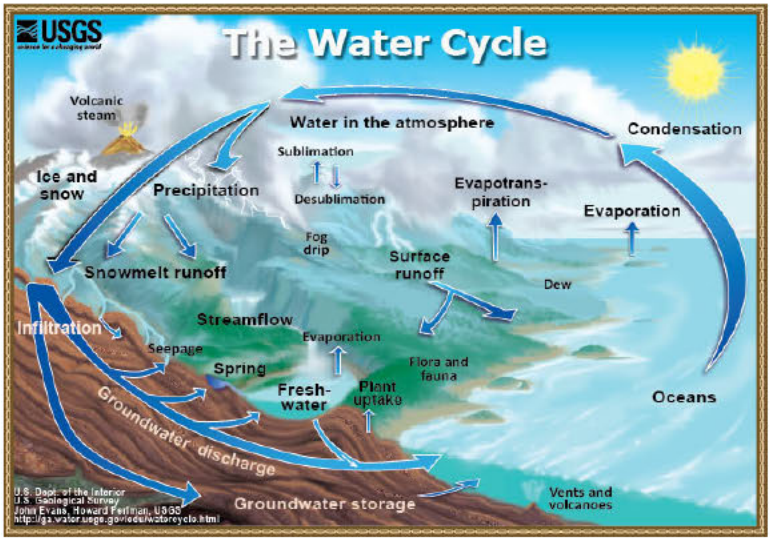
Night drop: 144 Ferguson Road Auburn, CA
Available for after hours payments (checks or money orders only) Payments received after 9:00 a.m. are processed the next business day.

SCAN & PAY

Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report

For samples collected during 2020 in the Colfax Water System

Placer 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 2020 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

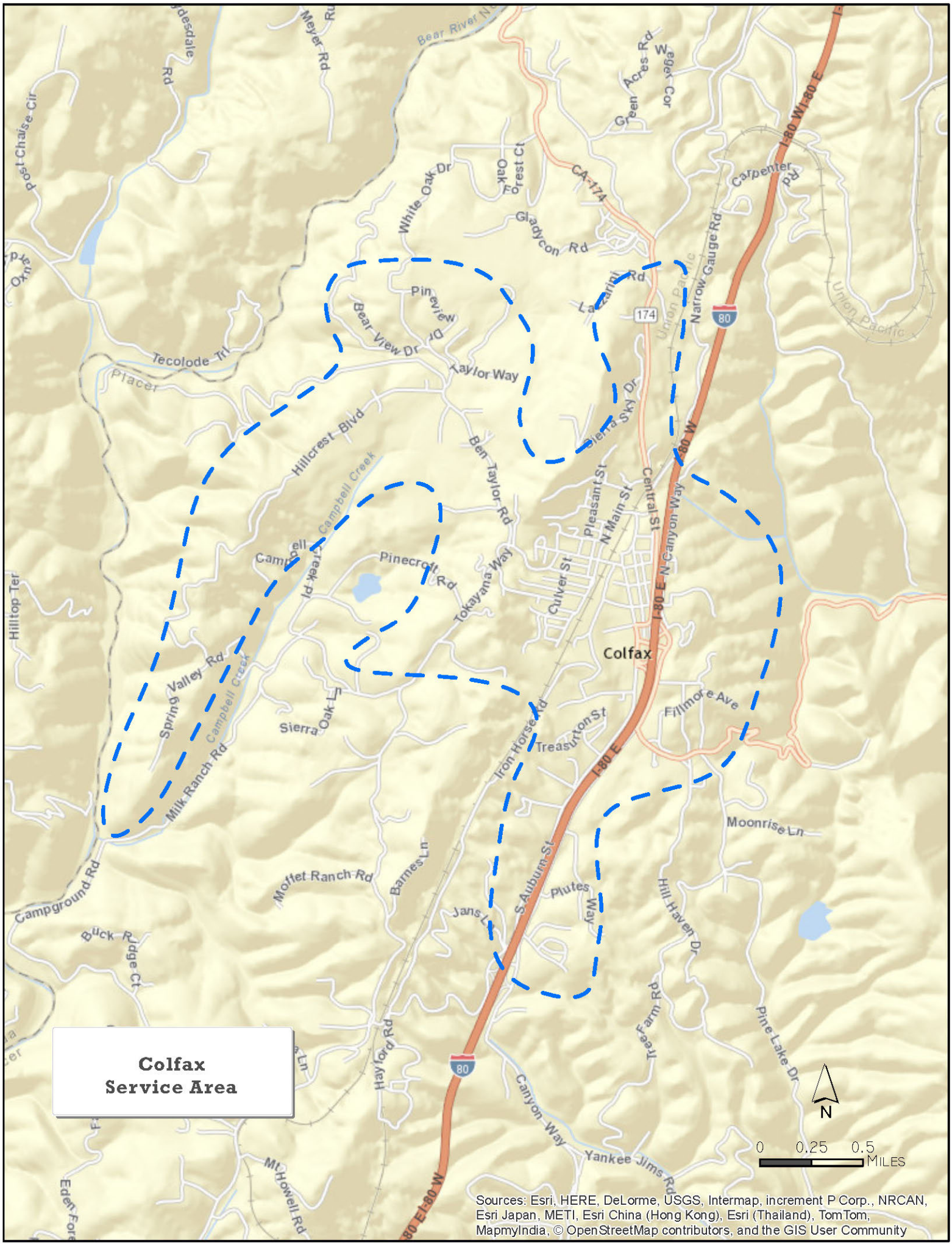
In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. State Board regulations also establish 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. The water is treated at the water treatment plant listed in this report. PCWA has completed and updated a Sanitary Survey and Source Water Assessment of the Yuba-Bear River watershed (2017). It was found the watershed was 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 watershed. Full details of the Source Water Assessment may be seen at the Placer County Water Agency Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, in Auburn.



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Colfax Water Quality Results

Primary Drinking Water Standards

Turbidity Performance Standards (that must be met through the water treatment process)

Turbidity 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	**0.13**
Number of violations of any surface water treatment requirements	**0**

CONSTITUENT	# of Samples Collected	90th Percentile Level Detected	# of Sites Exceeding AL	# of Schools Requesting Monitoring	AL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ug/L)	10	0	0	2	15	0.2	Internal corrosion of household plumbing

CONSTITUENT	UNITS	MCL or [MRDL]	PHG, (MCLG) or [MRDLG]	PCWA Range and Average or (HRAA)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Trihalomethanes	ug/L	80	None	28-64 (41.5)	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Haloacetic Acids	ug/L	60	None	20-42 (29.75)	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine	mg/L	[4]	[4]	0.36-1.1 (0.78)	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment
Total Organic Carbon	mg/L	TT=RAA<2	None	0.7-1.5 (1)	Various natural and manmade sources

Secondary Drinking Water Standards

Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	1,000	None	41	Runoff / leaching from natural deposits
Specific Conductance	uS/cm	1,600	None	72.45	Substances that form ions when in water
Chloride	mg/L	500	None	5.35	Runoff / leaching from natural deposits
Sulfate	mg/L	500	None	4.95	Runoff / leaching from natural deposits

Monitoring of Unregulated Substances

CONSTITUENT	UNITS	MCL or [MRDL]	PHG, (MCLG) or [MRDLG]	PCWA Range and Average or (HRAA)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium	mg/L	None	None	8	Runoff / leaching from natural deposits
Hardness	mg/L	None	None	12.5	Runoff / leaching from natural deposits

DEFINITIONS: Understanding Your Water Quality Report

MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level. The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCL's are set as close to the PHG's (or MCLG's) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCL's 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.

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. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Primary Drinking Water Standard. MCL's and MRDL's for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

PHG: Public Health Goal. The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHG's are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

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

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.

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

pCi/L: picocuries per liter. A measure of radiation.

mg/L: milligrams per liter or parts per million (ppm)

ug/L: micrograms per liter or parts per billion (ppb)

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

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

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) or at http://www.epa.gov/lead.

A program of tes□ng k-12 schools for lead began in 2017 where samples are collected at popular drinking fountains, bo□led water filling sta□ons, and kitchen sinks used for food prep. Two schools 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. Immune-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 at (800) 426-4791.

Plumbing Freeze in Winter

PCWA is reminding customers to take a few simple steps during winter to keep your water lines from freezing. Frozen pipes can cause damage to your property and cause a major inconvenience. They can also be expensive to repair. Most frozen lines occur on private property and are the responsibility of the homeowner. Tips on winterizing your home can be found here: https://www.wikihow.com/Winterize-a-Vacant-Home

Away much?

PCWA is aware that many homes in the Placer County area are vacation homes. If you are away from your home often or for extended periods of time for any reason, we'd like to remind you that it is a good idea to thoroughly flush all of your faucets upon return. Try to flush enough water to where you are sure you're getting fresh water from the main. It is also a good idea to pay attention to the freeze warning above.

2020 Testing Results

Measurements reported here were collected in 2020 (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?

No, at less than 20 mg/L (milligrams per liter) PCWA water is on the low end of soft water. 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. 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: http://www.pcwa.net/water-resources/water-quality.html

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!

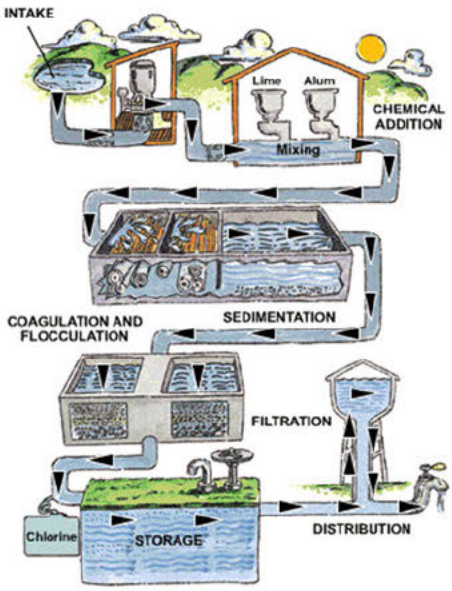
It is actually very common for people to experience discolored or "dirty" water at their tap. In most cases, we can trace this condition to a particular aspect of the household plumbing. It is very common for a water heater to corrode or rust and cause discolored water in the hot water. You can test 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.