

YOUR DRINKING WATER 2023 WATER QUALITY REPORT

MARINE CORPS BASE, CAMP PENDLETON

INSIDE THIS REPORT

This report describes the quality of water provided to residents and personnel living and working aboard Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton (MCB CamPen) during 2023. Included are details about where the water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to established drinking water standards.

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DRINKING WATER SOURCES

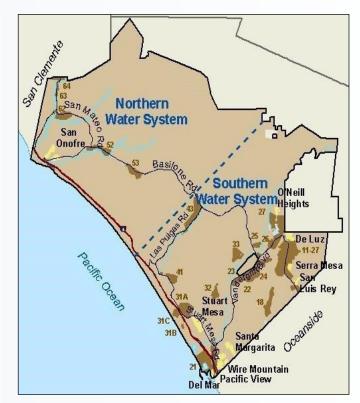
Unlike most of Southern California which relies on imported water supplies, nearly all of MCB CamPen's drinking water comes from local groundwater sources. Wells located on Base supply water to all of MCB CamPen except for San Mateo Point Housing, which receives water from the South Coast Water District. Residents of San Mateo Point Housing should receive a consumer confidence report from this off-base water supplier.

WATER SERVICE AREAS

MCB CamPen provides water to the base through two drinking water systems:

Northern Water System: Services all areas north of Las Pulgas Road except for the 43 Area and San Mateo Point housing. Wells located in the San Onofre and San Mateo River basins supply water to this water system along with the South-North pipeline.

<u>Southern Water System</u>: Services the 43 Area and all areas south and southeast of Las Pulgas Road. Wells located in the Las Pulgas and Santa Margarita River basins supply water to this water system.



Camp Pendleton Water Service Areas

WATER QUALITY MONITORING

MCB CamPen routinely tests the water to ensure that it meets safe drinking water standards. In addition to monitoring for contaminants with established drinking water standards, the base also monitors for unregulated contaminants, which helps the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) determine where certain contaminants occur and whether such contaminants require regulation.

Last year, MCB CamPen completed over 20,000 water quality tests to evaluate compliance for over 200 different drinking water contaminants. While most contaminants registered below detectable levels, some occasionally did not achieve a drinking water standard. The tables on pages 4 - 7 depict these contaminants along with others that require reporting. The tables contain separate columns to distinguish between the water quality measured in the Northern and Southern Water Systems.

We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. **PAGE I**

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT DRINKING 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, which 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, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural application, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants that can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the USEPA and the SWRCB prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. These regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.



DRINKING WATER CONSIDERATIONS

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 USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791). Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemo-therapy, 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).

TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

<u>ACTION LEVEL (AL)</u> - The concentration of a contaminant in drinking water which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Consumer Confidence Report Detection Level (CCRDL) - A State Water Board calculation presented as a reporting level that was achievable in 90 percent of all negative results. This is not a regulatory limit.

<u>HEALTH ADVISORY (HA)</u> - The concentration of an unregulated contaminant in drinking water which, if exceeded over a lifetime, may have associated health risks.

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.

MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the Public Health Goal (PHG) or Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCL's 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 USEPA.

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 to control 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.

<u>MICROSIEMENS</u> <u>PER CENTIMETER (μ S/cM</u>) - A unit of measurement to express electrical conductivity of drinking water. One μ Siemen equals one ppm of conductive particles in drinking water (see definition for ppm).

NEPHELOMETRIC TURBIDITY UNIT (NTU) - A unit of measurement to express the amount of suspended particles in drinking water.

NON DETECT (ND) - Either a contaminant is not present in the drinking water or the contaminant is below the laboratory detection limit or state-required reporting level.

NOTIFICATION LEVEL (NL) - A health-based advisory level established by the SWRCB for chemicals in drinking water that lack MCLs. When chemicals are found at concentrations greater than their notification levels, certain regulatory requirements and recommendations apply.

<u>PART PER MILLION (PPM)</u> - A unit of concentration often used to represent how much of a pollutant exists in drinking water. One ppm is like one second in 11.5 days. Units are expressed as mg/L (milligrams per liter)

<u>PART PER BILLION (PPB)</u> - A unit of concentration often used to represent how much of a pollutant exists in drinking water. One ppb is like one second in nearly 32 years. Units are expressed as ug/L (micrograms per liter)

<u>PART PER TRILLION (PPT)</u> - A unit of concentration often used to represent how much of a pollutant exists in drinking water. One ppt is like one second in nearly 32,000 years. Units are expressed as ng/L (nanograms per liter)

<u>PICOCURIES</u> <u>PER LITER (PCI/L)</u> - A unit of measurement to express activity of radionuclide contaminants.</u>

PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD (PDWS) - MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants in drinking water that affect health along with their monitoring, reporting, and water treatment requirements.

<u>PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL (PHG)</u> - 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.

RESPONSE LEVEL (RL) – Recommended chemical concentration at which the water systems consider removing the source or provide treatment.

SECONDARY MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (SMCL) - The highest level of a contaminant allowed to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water; these contaminants do not present a health risk at the SMCL.

Inorganics with Primary Drinking Water Standards									
I	Parameter		Water	System	MCL	PHG	Units	Typical Sources	
	T ul ul litte cel		Northern	Southern					
	Arsenic	Range	ND	ND – 1.8	10	0.004	h		
	Arsenic	Average	ND	0.9	10	0.004	ррb	Erosion of natural deposits	
	Barium	Range	0.03-0.05	0.02- 0.08		2		Leaching from natural deposits and	
	Darium	Average	0.04	0.05	'	2	ppm	industrial waste	
I	Fluoride	Range	0.11-0.27	ND - 0.84	2		ppm	Erosion of Natural deposits	
l	(Natural-Source)	Average	0.19	0.36	2	'	ppin		
I	Nitrate as N	Range	0.2-0.57	0.24 – 3.2	10	10		Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; erosion of natural deposits	
	INITIALE AS IN	Average	0.40	2.3	10		ppm		
	Radionuclides wi	th Drink	ing Wate	er Standa	rds				
I	D (Water System		MCL	PHG	Units	T : 10	
l	Parameter		Northern	Southern	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Units	Typical Sources	
I	Gross Alpha ²	Range		ND – 17.7	15	(0)	pCi/L	Erosion of natural deposits	
l	Cross / lipna	Average	0.38	5.6		(*)	P 0." -		
I	Uranium ³	Range	ND	1.1 - 18	20	0.43	pCi/L	Erosion of natural deposits	
		Average	ND	8.0		0.10	P 0		
	² Compliance with the gross alpha MCL is determined by subtracting uranium values from the gross alpha values. After subtracting uranium, the Southern Water System was in compliance with the gross alpha MCL of 15 pCi/L								

subtracting uranium, the Southern Water System was in compliance with the gross alpha MCL of 15 pCi/L.. ³ Uranium testing is determined from a trigger level of 5 pCi/L of Gross Alpha. In the Northern System no Uranium tests were triggered and the system was in compliance for 2023.

Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts with Primary Drinking Water Standards

Parameter		Water System		MCL	PHG	Units	Typical Sources	
		Northern	Southern	[MRDL]	[MRDLG]	Offics	Typical Sources	
Total Chlorine Residual	Range	1.47–1.73	1.45-1.93	[4]	[4]	ppm	Drinking water disinfectant added	
rotal Chiorine Residual	Average	1.68	1.68	ניז	ניז	PPIII	for treatment	
Haloacetic Acids	Range	ND – 20	ND – 9.2	60	None	ne ppb Byproduct of drinking wate disinfection	Byproduct of drinking water	
Talbacetic Acids	Average	9.6	5.7	00	none		disinfection	
Total Trihalomethanes⁴	Range	10 - 66	5.8 - 57	80	None	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection	
rotal minalomethanes	Average	49	35	00	None			

⁴ Compliance with the Total Trihalomethanes MCL is determined by a locational running annual average of four quarters of results. Based on these averages both the Northern and Southern Water Systems were in compliance with the MCL for the four consecutive quarters in 2023.

	Bacteriological with Primary Drinking Water Standards								
	Parameter		Water	System	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Units	Typical Sources	
Í	i ai ainecei		Northern Southern		TICE	(MCLG)	Offics	i ypical sources	
	Escherichia coli (E.coli)	E.coli Positive	ND	ND	0	0	P/A	Microbial contaminate that may come from sewage treatment	
1	Bacteria							plants, septic systems and wildlife	

Per the SWRCB's Total Coliform Rule, the MCL for total coliform bacteria is based on the number of total coliform positive samples per month. The Northern Water System complies with the MCL when no more than one monthly sample tests positive or less than 5% of the total test positive. The Southern Water System complies with the MCL when no more than 5% of monthly samples tests positive. The Southern System was in compliance for 2023 while the Northern system was out of compliance in June at 10.6% prompting a level 1 assessment. Please see page 9 for more information on the Revised Total Coliform Rule.

Contaminants with Secondary Drinking Water Standards

Parameter		Water	System	MCL PHG		Units	Tursical Sources
Farameter		Northern	Southern	(SMCL)	(MCLG)	Units	Typical Sources
Chloride	Range	57-86	53 - 230	(500)	Nerre		Runoff/leaching from natural
Chioride	Average	72	128	(500)	None	ppm	deposits
	Range	ND	ND - 0.15	(1.0)	N		Internal corrosion of plumbing,
Copper	Average	ND	0.055	(1.0)	None	ррт	erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate	Range	61	61 - 200	(500)	N		Runoff/leaching from natural
Juliate	Average	61	83	(500)	None	ppm	deposits
Specific Conductance	Range	470-750	420 - 1400	(1(00)		C lass	Substances that form ions when
Specific Conductance	Average	610	786	(1600)	None	µS/cm	in water
Total Dissolved Solids	Range	250-430	240 - 810	(1000)			Runoff/leaching from natural
Total Dissolved Solids	Average	340	331	(1000)	None	ppm	deposits
Turbidity	Range	0.10-0.35	ND – 1.4	(5)			J Soil runoff
i di Dialey	Average	0.23	0.14	(5)	None	NTU	

Tap Water Monitoring for Lead and Copper

Parameter		Water System		AL	PHG	Units	Typical Sources
i ai airietei		Northern	Southern		mo	Offics	rypical sources
Copper⁵	Samples > AL	0 of 30	0 of 30	1.2	0.2		Internal corrosion of household
Соррег	90th percentile	0.41	0.09	1.3	0.3	ррт	plumbing systems
Lead⁵	Samples > AL	0 of 30	0 of 30				Internal corrosion of household
Lead	90th percentile	ND	ND	15	0.2	ррр	plumbing systems

⁵Camp Pendleton is required to do lead and copper testing once every three years so these are the latest results. Both the Northern and Southern Water Systems were in compliance with the lead and copper Action Levels during 2022. Compliance is based on the 90th percentile of all samples collected, which must be less than the AL. The system is out of compliance when more than 10% of samples exceed the AL. The next sampling is scheduled in September 2025.

Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 4(UCMR4) ⁶							
Parameter		Water	System	NL	PHG	Units	
Farameter		Northern	Southern	INL	FIIG	Units	Typical Sources
Maria	Range	ND	0 - 0.95	500	Nerre		
Manganese	Average	ND	0.28	500	None	ppb	Leaching from natural deposits
Duratile	Range	170 - 290	0 - 610	NL	News		Naturally present in the
Bromide	Average	217	425	None	None	ppb	environment
	Range	0.8 - 7.6	2.9 - 8.0				Byproduct of drinking
HAA5	Average	4.3	5.2	None	None	ppb	water disinfection
	Range	0.6 –17.0	8.5 – 18.7	N	Nerre		Byproduct of drinking
HAA6Br	Average	10.9	12.9	None	None	ppb	water disinfection
114.40	Range	0.8—18.0	8.5 - 21.6	N	New		Byproduct of drinking
HAA9	Average	11.7	15.5	None	None	ррb	water disinfection

⁶Testing for these contaminants was performed in accordance with the USEPA's Fourth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR4). Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps the USEPA and SWRCB to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether the contaminants need to be regulated. Both the Southern and Northern Water Systems were sampled in 2020.

Monitoring for Other Contaminants

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Parameter				NL	PHG	CCRDL	Units	Typical Sources
		Northern	Southern	(HA)				, F
Perfluorooctane Sulfonic	Range	ND - 43	ND – 8.5	6.5	None	4	DDf	Industrial use chemical
Acid (PFOS)	Average	13.3	2.5	0.5	INONE	7	ppt	industrial use chemical
Perfluorooctanoic Acid	Range	ND-8.4	ND – 7.2					
(PFOA)	Average	0.9	0.36	5.1	None	4	ppt	Industrial use chemical
Perfluorobutanesulfonic	Range	ND – 12	ND- 7.8	500	None	3	ppt	Industrial use chemical
Acid (PFBS)	Average	4.6	1.8					
Perfluorohexanesulfonic	Range	ND - 49	ND- 10	03	None	3	ppt	Industrial use chemical
Acid (PFHXS)	Average	18	2.9	Ĵ				
Perfluoroheptanoic	Range	ND – 7.7	ND-2.3	NA	None	3	ppt	Industrial use chemical
Acid (PFHpA)	Average	0.60	0.9					No regulatory limits
Perfluorohexanoic	Range	ND - 13	ND – 3.8	NA	None	3	ppt	Industrial use chemical
Acid (PFHxA)	Average	1.3	0.1					No regulatory limits
Perfluorobutanonic	Range	ND – 9.7	ND - 7					Industrial use chemical
Acid (PFBA)	Average	2.4	0.9	NA	None	5	ppt	No regulatory limits
Perfluoropentanesulfonic	Range	ND – 9.2	ND - 2		Nienz	4		Industrial use chemical
Acid (PFPeS)	Average	2.8	0.1	NA	None	4	ppt	No regulatory limits
Acid (PFPeA)	Range	ND – 14	ND – 4.1	NA	None	one 3	ppt	Industrial use chemical
	Average	1.4	0.15					No regulatory limits

Sodium and Hardness							
Payamatay		Water System		NL	PHG	L Inite	Tursiaal Sources
Parameter		Northern	Southern	INL	PHG	Units	Typical Sources
Co. It was	Range	50-68	46 - 150	N	Niere		
Sodium	Average	59	91	None	None	ррт	Leaching from natural deposits
Total Hardness	Range	100-230	84 - 360	None	None	DDM	Naturally occurring
r otar Hardness	Average	165	128	None	None	ppm	minerals

2023 CONSUMER NOTIFICATIONS

What are per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and where do they come from?

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of thousands of man-made chemicals. PFAS have been used in a variety of industrial and consumer products around the globe, including in the U.S., since the 1940s. PFAS have been used to make coatings and products that are used as oil and water repellents or carpets, clothing, paper packaging for food and cookware. They are also contained in some foams (aqueous film-forming foam or AFFF) used for fighting petroleum fires at airfields and in industrial fire suppression processes. PFAS chemicals are persistent in the environment and some are persistent in the human body – meaning they do not break down and they can accumulate over time.

Is there regulation for PFAS in drinking water?

On April 10,2024 the US EPA established MCLs for a subset of PFAS Chemicals. PFOA at 4.0 ppt PFOS at 4.0 ppt PFHxS at 10 ppt PFNA (Gen-X) at 10 ppt HFPO-DA (Gen-X) at 10 ppt Plus a Health Index <1 ppt for mixture of PFHxS, PFNA, HFPO-DA, & PFBS compounds. EPA requires implementation of sampling in accordance with the new MCL's within three years of the publication date and implementation of any required treatment within five years. These limits do not apply to the 2023 calendar year because they had not been published. However, the DoD proactively promulgated policies to monitor drinking water for PFAS at all service owned and operated water systems at a minimum of every two years. The DoD policy states that if water sampling results confirm that the drinking water contains PFOA and PFOS at individual or combined concentrations greater than the 2016 EPA health advisory (HA) levels of 70 ppt, water systems must take immediate action to reduce exposure. For levels less than 70 ppt but above 4 ppt DoD is committed to planning for implementation of the levels once EPA's published MCLs take effect.

Has Camp Pendleton tested its water for PFAS?

Yes, in 2023 we tested all locations where water enters the distribution system from our treatment plants monthly. These results are reported on page 6.

We are informing you that 9 of 29 PFAS compounds covered by the sampling method were detected above the method reporting limit (MRL). These results are provided on page 6. EPA does not have a HA or MCL for all of these compounds at this time. PFOA, PFOS, and PFHxS were detected above their new MCLs. There is no immediate cause for concern, but we will continue to monitor the drinking water closely.

REGULATORY INFORMATION:

LEAD IN DRINKING WATER

Although sampling of residential taps during 2022 achieved standards for lead in drinking water, federal regulations require us to communicate the following health advisory regarding lead in drinking water: 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. Marine Corps Installations West—Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton 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 <u>http://www.epa.gov/lead.</u>

REVISED TOTAL COLIFORM RULE (RTCR)

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.

All state water systems are required to comply with the California Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR). As of July 1, 2021, the RTCR became effective. The revisions include the new Coliform Treatment Technique requirement replacing the Total Coliform MCL, and a new E. coli MCL regulatory limit. The Revised Total coliform Rule establishes a "find-and-fix" approach for investigating and correcting causes of coliform problems within the water distribution system.

During the past year we were required to conduct one level on assessment. One level one assessment was completed. In addition we were required to take one corrective action and we completed one of these actions.

FROM THE GROUND TO YOUR TAP

WELLS

Water is pumped from groundwater wells on Base.



WATER TREATMENT

Treatment processes remove naturally occurring iron, manganese, and dissolved solids (Southern System only).

A small, safe amount of chlorine disinfects the water; then the water is treated to limit corrosion. RESERVOIRS Water is sent to storage tanks until needed. YOUR TAP

Water comes out of your tap safe to drink.

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BOTTLED VS. TAPWATER

Though many people prefer bottled water to tap water for perceived health considerations and taste, both bottled water and tap water must meet strict regulatory standards before they reach the consumer. Bottled water is regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, while tap water is regulated by the USEPA and the California EPA. Varying factors, such as residence time in the water distribution system, natural mineral content, and residual chlorine from the water disinfection process can impart an unpleasant taste to tap water. Below are some ways that you can improve the taste of tap water.

Prior to consumption:

- Flush the water from the tap for a couple of seconds.
- Allow the water to air for a period of time.
- Chill the water.
- Use a sink filter attachment or filter pitcher.

Tap water is a bargain relative to the cost of bottled water. Using tap water also alleviates the cost and environmental burden associated with the manufacture, transport, and recycling or disposal of plastic water bottles. Go ahead and give our drinking water a try!

A NOTE ON FLUORIDE

MCB CamPen currently does not add fluoride to the drinking water. However, the presence of naturally-occurring fluoride in our source water may help to prevent tooth decay. General information on the oral health benefits of fluoride in drinking water is available at the following web links:



http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/Fluoridation.shtml

Department of Health and Human Services Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



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SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

The SWRCB's Division of Drinking Water conducted an assessment of the Base's drinking water sources during July 2002. The assessment evaluated whether MCB CamPen's groundwater supplies are vulnerable to contamination from activities that occur, or have occurred, on Base. The assessment determined that wells in both water systems are most vulnerable to contamination commonly associated with military installations; chemical or petroleum processing or storage; historic and operational waste dumps and landfills; and airport maintenance and fueling areas. You may request a summary of this assessment by contacting Water Resources Division at 760-725-0602. The complete assessment may be viewed at Water Resources Division, Drinking Water Dept. at Building 2291, Room 7.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Another way to help protect our source water is to properly dispose of household hazardous waste. These are products that are typically corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides. The Housing District Offices provide a free program for the disposal of household hazardous waste. Never throw unwanted hazardous waste into the trash; this may injure sanitation workers and contaminate the environment. Similarly, never dispose of household hazardous waste liquids down your drains, as this also provides an easy pathway for hazardous waste to enter the environment. For questions or for more information on household hazardous waste drop-off points, call the following Housing District Offices at:

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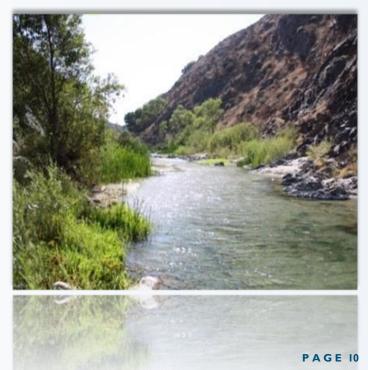
- Wire Mountain 760-430-8476
- San Onofre 949-940-9178
- Stuart Mesa 760-430-0694
- DeLuz 760-385-4835
- Mesa
 760-385-5318

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

Because MCB CamPen's groundwater resources are located near areas where we live and work, our activities have the potential to introduce contaminants into our drinking water supplies. Water runoff from storm and non-stormwater related events can pick up and deposit contaminants into the rivers and streams that recharge our aquifers. Surface water contamination can also harm aquatic life and pollute our beaches. Below are some simple ways you can help us to reduce water pollution, safeguard our drinking water resources and protect the environment:

- Check your car for leaks.
- Take your car to a carwash instead of washing it in the driveway.
- Pick up after your pet.
- Use fertilizers and herbicides sparingly.
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of using a hose.
- Dispose of chemicals properly; never dispose of waste, trash or any materials down storm drains.

For more information on stormwater, or to report illegal discharges into the storm drain system, call the Environmental Security Stormwater Section at 760-763-7880.



WATER CONSERVATION

MCB CamPen's limited groundwater resources are vulnerable to wasteful water-use activities. In order to help conserve our groundwater supplies, please consider your water consumption, and use only the water you need. For more information, please visit the following USEPA site:

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Report leaking faucets, toilets, and irrigation systems to your housing office or the Facilities Customer Service Line.

www.epa.gov/watersense.

DID YOU KNOW?

 California State Governor, G a v i n Newsom, proclaimed a drought state of emergency on October 19, 2021. The State Water Board adopted it in early 2022 so it is still important to conserve water.

We cannot predict how much precipitation California will receive in the upcoming years.

- 2015 was the warmest year on record in California.
- 2021 had the warmest summer on record in California.
- 2021 was the driest year in over a century
- California's recent drought is the driest period on record.

QUESTIONS?

Marine Corps Installations West—Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton is committed to providing safe drinking water for the Marines, their families, and all who live and work aboard MCB CamPen. We are happy to answer any questions you may have or provide you with additional information. You may also request that a hard copy of this report be mailed to you. See page 13 for contact information. Use a spray nozzle that allows you to adjust and stop flow. Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes. Do not leave water running unattended.

Sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of hosing. Take short, five-minute showers.

Run water only when using it, **not** while brushing teeth, shaving or washing counters.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

FOR QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR TO REQUEST A HARD COPY OF THIS REPORT:

Water Resources Division 760-725-0602

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FLUORIDE:

SWRCB, Division of Drinking Water http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ drinking_water/ certlic/drinkingwater/ Fluoridation.shtml

Department of Health & Human Services CDC http://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/index.htm

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF POINTS OR TO REPORT LEAKS:

Base Housing Offices

760-430-0040
760-430-8476
949-940-9178
760-430-0694
760-385-4835
760-385-5318

Public Works Department (PWD) Customer Service Line 760-725-4683

ADDITIONAL DRINKING WATER RESOURCES:

SWRCB, Division of Drinking Water http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/ programs/index.shtml

California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment www.oehha.ca.gov/water.html

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