

## 2025 Consumer Confidence Report

### Water System Information

Water System Name: **Port San Luis Harbor District (PSLHD)**

Report Date: **May 29, 2026**

Type of Water Source(s) in Use: **Surface Water**

Name and General Location of Source(s): **Lopez Lake Water Supply Project (Lopez Project)**

Drinking Water Source Assessment Information: **A source assessment was performed in 2001; Lopez Lake and Lopez Terminal Reservoir were found to be the most vulnerable to wastewater generation at the Lopez Recreation Area, livestock near the reservoirs, and a roadway that bisects the Terminal Reservoir. To date, these activities have not adversely impacted the WTP treated water quality. A copy of the assessment can be found at the San Luis Obispo County Public Works Department website or by contacting the Water Quality Laboratory at (805) 781-5111.**

Time and Place of Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings for Public Participation: **Regular meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6PM at the Coastal Gateway Building (3900 Avila Beach Drive).**

For More Information, Contact: **Port San Luis Harbor District at (805) 595-5400**

### 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, 2025, and may include earlier monitoring data.

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

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## Terms Used in This Report

Term	Definition
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an <i>E. coli</i> MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS)	MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.
Public Health Goal (PHG)	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.
Regulatory Action Level (AL)	The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS)	MCLs for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWSs do not affect the health at the MCL levels.
Treatment Technique (TT)	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
Variances and Exemptions	Permissions from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) to exceed an MCL or not comply with a treatment technique under certain conditions.
ND	Not detectable at testing limit.
ppm	parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	parts per billion or micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )
ppt	parts per trillion or nanograms per liter (ng/L)
ppq	parts per quadrillion or picogram per liter (pg/L)
pCi/L	picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)

## Sources of Drinking Water and Contaminants that May Be Present in Source Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, that can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, that are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural application, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, that can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

## Regulation of Drinking Water and Bottled Water Quality

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA and the State Board prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations and California law also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.

## About Your Drinking Water Quality

### Drinking Water Contaminants Detected

Tables 1 – 6 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**

Microbiological Contaminants	Highest No. of Detections	No. of Months in Violation	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source of Bacteria
PSLHD <i>E. coli</i>	(In the year) 0	0	(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**

Lead and Copper	Sample Date	No. of Samples Collected	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Level Detected	No. Sites Exceeding AL	Range of Results	AL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
PSLHD – Lead (ppb)	9/16/2025	5	ND	0	ND	15	0.2	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
PSLHD – Copper (ppm)	9/16/2025	5	0.30	0	ND – 0.39	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
CCWA Polonio Pass – Sodium (ppm)	2025	60	N/A	None	None	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring
Lopez Project – Sodium (ppm)	2025	27	N/A			
CCWA Polonio Pass – Hardness (ppm)	2025	90	42 – 146	None	None	Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium, and are usually naturally occurring
Lopez Project – Hardness (ppm)	2025	250	328 – 369			

**Table 4. Detection of Contaminants with a Primary Drinking Water Standard**

<b>Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)</b>	<b>Sample Date</b>	<b>Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of Detections</b>	<b>MCL [MRDL]</b>	<b>PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]</b>	<b>Typical Source of Contaminant</b>
CCWA Polonio Pass – Aluminum (ppm)	2025	ND	ND – 0.056	1	0.6	Erosion of natural deposits; residue from some surface water treatment processes
Lopez Project – Arsenic (ppb)	2025	3.3	2.6 – 3.8	10	0.004	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes
Lopez Project – Barium (ppm)	2025	0.025	N/A	1	2	Discharges of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Lopez Project – Chlorine Dioxide (ppb)	2025	219	ND – 570	[800 (as ClO <sub>2</sub> )]	[800 (as ClO <sub>2</sub> )]	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment
Lopez Project – Chlorite (ppm)	2025	0.47	0.10 – 0.65	1.0	0.05	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Lopez Project – Fluoride (ppm)	2025	0.32	N/A	2.0	1	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
PSLHD – Free Chlorine Residual (ppm)	2025 (various)	0.82	0.2 – 1.92	[4.0 (as Cl <sub>2</sub> )]	[4 (as Cl <sub>2</sub> )]	<b>Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment</b>
<b>Lopez Project – Free Chlorine Residual (ppm)<sup>1, 2, 3</sup></b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>3.69</b>	<b>3.10 – 4.22</b>			
Lopez Project – Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	2022	3.0	1.08 – 4.92	15	(0)	Erosion of natural deposits
PSLHD – Haloacetic Acids – HAAs (ppb)	9/3/2025	14	N/A	60	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
CCWA Polonio Pass – Haloacetic Acids – HAAs (ppb)	2025	14	9.5 – 24			
Lopez Project – Haloacetic Acids – HAAs (ppb)	2025	20	20.2 – 59			

**Table 4. Detection of Contaminants with a Primary Drinking Water Standard, Continued**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Source of Contaminant
CCWA Polonio Pass – Heterotrophic Plate Count (CFU/mL)	2025	0	0 – 1	TT	N/A	Naturally present in the environment
Lopez Project – Heterotrophic Plate Count (CFU/mL)	2025	ND	ND – 6			
CCWA Polonio Pass – Total Chlorine Residual (ppm)	2025	2.90	0.05 – 3.64	[4.0 (as Cl <sub>2</sub> )]	[4 (as Cl <sub>2</sub> )]	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment
Lopez Project – Total Chlorine Residual (ppm)	2025	2.76	2.10 – 3.66			
CCWA Polonio Pass – Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	2025	2.1	1.5 – 3.0	TT	N/A	Various natural and manmade sources
PSLHD – Total Trihalomethanes – TTHMs (ppb)	9/3/2025	61	N/A	80	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
CCWA Polonio Pass – Total Trihalomethanes – TTHMs (ppb)	2025	49	32 – 71			
<b>Lopez Project – Total Trihalomethanes – TTHMs (ppb) <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>20 – 92.7</b>			
CCWA Polonio Pass – Combined Filter Effluent Turbidity (NTU)	2025	Percent below 0.3 NTU: 100%	0.04 – 0.12	TT: <1 every 4 hours TT: 95% of samples <0.3 NTU		Soil runoff
Lopez Project – Combined Filter Effluent Turbidity (NTU)	2025	Percent below 0.1 NTU: 100%	0.08 – 0.09	TT: =1 NTU TT: 95% of samples <0.1 NTU		

**Table 5. Detection of Contaminants with a Secondary Drinking Water Standard**

<b>Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)</b>	<b>Sample Date</b>	<b>Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of Detections</b>	<b>SMCL</b>	<b>PHG (MCLG)</b>	<b>Typical Source of Contaminant</b>
CCWA Polonio Pass – Chloride (ppm)	2025	68	26 – 155	500	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Lopez Project – Chloride (ppm)	2025	22	N/A			
Lopez Project – Color (units)	2025	1.0	1.0	15	N/A	Naturally-occurring organic materials
Lopez Project – Odor (TON)	2025	1.6	ND – 3.0	3	N/A	Naturally-occurring organic materials
CCWA Polonio Pass – Specific Conductance (µS/cm)	2025	470	243 - 684	1,600 µS/cm	N/A	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Lopez Project – Specific Conductance (µS/cm)	2025	700	N/A			
CCWA Polonio Pass – Sulfate (ppm)	2025	29	29	500	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Lopez Project – Sulfate (ppm)	2025	100	N/A			
CCWA Polonio Pass – Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	2025	260	260	1,000	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Lopez Project – Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	2025	460	420 – 500			
CCWA Polonio Pass – Turbidity (NTU)	2025	0.05	ND	5	N/A	Soil runoff
Lopez Project – Turbidity (NTU)	2025	0.08	N/A			

**Table 6. Detection of Unregulated Contaminants**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Notification Level	Health Effects
CCWA Polonio Pass – 2-Methylisoborneol (ppt)	2023	2.8	ND – 8	N/A	N/A
CCWA Polonio Pass – Geosmin (ppt)	2023	0.3	ND – 2	N/A	N/A

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<sup>1</sup> Free chlorine was utilized from November 12 – December 2, 2025, as a routine maintenance procedure. This annual switchover of disinfectants helps to ensure water mains remain free of potentially harmful bacteria.

<sup>2</sup> Compliance with the MRDL for free and total chlorine is based on a running annual average of distribution system samples. Running annual averages for 2025 were in compliance with the MRDL.

<sup>3</sup> Lopez WTP treated water was over 4.0 ppm on a single sample in 2025. MRDL regulations were met for all delivered water and distribution samples in Port San Luis Harbor District.

<sup>4</sup> Compliance with the MRDL for total trihalomethanes is based on the locational running annual average of samples. Total trihalomethanes were elevated for one quarter due to annual disinfection change for pipeline maintenance.

**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 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. Port San Luis Harbor District is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family’s risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact Port San Luis Harbor District at (805) 595-5400. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at

<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

On April 28, 2025, routine water quality monitoring within the Lopez Project distribution system, one of our water suppliers, detected total coliform bacteria at 5 of 13 sampling locations, with one site also testing positive for E. coli. San Luis Obispo County immediately notified the SWRCB, Division of Drinking Water (DDW), and initiated systemwide sampling. Because coliform bacteria persisted following the initial E. coli detection, DDW required a precautionary Boil Water Notice. Nearly 50,000 residents were alerted through AlertSLO, Reverse 911, and Wireless Emergency Alerts. During this event, all samples collected within our own distribution system tested negative for coliform bacteria and E. coli. The contamination was confined to the Lopez Project transmission and distribution infrastructure. Following a comprehensive review on May 2, 2025 and a formal assessment report issued May 9, 2025, DDW identified four corrective actions for the Lopez system: replacement of aging sampling stations; upgrades to air and vacuum relief valves; increased facility inspections; and development of a long-term maintenance strategy for the main transmission line, which is over 50 years old. The county has begun implementing all four measures. E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short term effects such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.