

2025 Consumer Confidence Report

Water System Information

Water System Name: **Woodlands Mutual Water Company (WMWC)**

Report Date: **May 27, 2026**

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

Name and General Location of Source(s): **Well 2 is located on Homestead Road; Well 3 is located on Mesa Road; Well 4 is located on Dawn Road; Nipomo Community Services District (CSD); City of Santa Maria**

Drinking Water Source Assessment Information: **A Drinking Water Source Assessment and Protection study was previously completed; there have been no changes to the source water vulnerability since that study was completed. More information is available from the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water, Santa Barbara District at 1180 Eugenia Place, Suite 200, Carpinteria, CA 93013 or by calling (805) 566-5208.**

Time and Place of Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings for Public Participation: **Meetings are held quarterly as needed; time and location are announced in advance.**

For More Information, Contact: **Woodlands Mutual Water Company at (805) 540-5208**

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)

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua para beber. Favor de comunicarse Woodlands Mutual Water Company a PO Box 19, Arroyo Grande, CA 93421 o (805) 540-5208 para asistirlo en español.

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Báo cáo này chứa thông tin quan trọng về nước uống của bạn. Xin vui lòng liên hệ Woodlands Mutual Water Company tại PO Box 19, Arroyo Grande, CA 93421, (805) 540-5208 để được hỗ trợ giúp bằng tiếng Việt.

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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)
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
TON	Threshold Odor Number
$\mu\text{S/cm}$	Microsiemens per centimeter
CFU/mL	Colony Forming Units per milliliter

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 – 9 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
WMWC <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 th Percentile Level Detected	No. Sites Exceeding AL	Range of Results	AL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
WMWC – Lead (ppb)	2024 (various)	10	ND	0	N/A	15	0.2	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
WMWC – Copper (ppm)	2024 (various)	10	0.095	0	ND – 0.120	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	Average Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
City of Santa Maria – Sodium (ppm)	2025	62	47 – 89	None	None	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring
Nipomo CSD – Sodium (ppm)	2025	51	44 – 56			
WMWC – Sodium (ppm)	7/21/2025	54.7	32 – 78			
City of Santa Maria – Hardness (ppm)	2025	315	100 – 400	None	None	Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium, and are usually naturally occurring
Nipomo CSD – Hardness (ppm)	2025	286	180 – 377			
WMWC – Hardness - Distribution (ppm)	7/30/2024	380	N/A			
WMWC – Hardness - Raw Wells (ppm)	7/21/2025	326.7	50 – 580			

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

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Average Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Source of Contaminant
City of Santa Maria – Aluminum (ppb)	2025	ND	ND – 0.056	1	0.6	Erosion of natural deposits; residue from some surface water treatment processes
Nipomo CSD – Arsenic (ppb)	2025	3	2 – 4	10	0.004	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes
WMWC – Barium (ppm)	7/19/2023 9/11/2023	0.024	0.021 – 0.026	1	2	Discharges of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
City of Santa Maria – Chlorine (ppm)	2025 (various)	1.9	0.10 – 3.2	[4.0 (as Cl ₂)]	[4.0 (as Cl ₂)]	Some people who use water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort.
Nipomo CSD – Chlorine (ppm)	2025 (various)	1.75	0.27 – 3.31			
WMWC – Chlorine (ppm)	2025 (various)	1.67	1.03 – 2.50			
WMWC – Chromium (ppb)	7/19/2023 9/11/2023	3.27	3.1 – 3.4	50	(100)	Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits
WMWC – Combined Radium (pCi/L)	12/3/2025 12/10/2025	1.44	1.16 – 1.64	5	(0)	Erosion of natural deposits
City of Santa Maria – Fluoride (ppm)	2025	0.82	0.63 – 1.06	2.0	1	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nipomo CSD – Fluoride (ppm)	2025	0.08	ND – 0.1			
WMWC – Fluoride (ppm)	7/19/2023 9/11/2023	0.16	ND – 0.28			

Table 5. Detection of Contaminants with a Primary Drinking Water Standard, Continued

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Average Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Source of Contaminant
City of Santa Maria – Gross Alpha Particle Activity (pCi/L)	2025	3.4	ND – 4.4	15	(0)	Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Nipomo CSD – Gross Alpha Particle Activity (pCi/L)	2025	2.2	ND – 3.37			
WMWC – Gross Alpha Particle Activity (pCi/L)	6/16/2021 4/9/2024	2.33	0.235 – 5.31			
City of Santa Maria – Haloacetic Acids - HAA5 (ppb)	2025	7.8	4.2 – 12.3	60	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Nipomo CSD – Haloacetic Acids - HAA5 (ppb)	2025	21.5	ND – 29			
WMWC – Heterotrophic Plate Count Bacteria - HPC (CFU/mL)	12/9/2025 12/10/2025	57	4.0 – 110	TT: ≤500 CFU/mL	N/A	Naturally present in the environment
City of Santa Maria – Hexavalent Chromium (ppb)	2025	1.0	0.49 – 1.6	10	0.02	Erosion of natural deposits; transformation of naturally occurring trivalent chromium to hexavalent chromium by natural processes and human activities such as discharges from electroplating factories, leather tanneries, wood preservation, chemical synthesis, refractory production, and textile manufacturing facilities.
Nipomo CSD – Hexavalent Chromium (ppb)	2025	0.3	ND – 1.1			
WMWC – Hexavalent Chromium - Distribution (ppb)	12/16/2025	2.2	N/A			
WMWC – Hexavalent Chromium - Raw Wells (ppb)	12/16/2025	1.08	0.31 – 2.6			

Table 6. Detection of Contaminants with a Primary Drinking Water Standard, Continued

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Average Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Source of Contaminant
WMWC – Nickel (ppb)	7/19/2023 9/11/2023	2.07	ND – 3.9	100	12	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal factories
City of Santa Maria – Nitrate as N (ppm)	2025	2.1	0.40 – 4.6	10 (as N)	10 (as N)	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Nipomo CSD – Nitrate as N (ppm)	2025	4.1	1.6 – 8.3			
WMWC – Nitrate as N - Distribution (ppm)	2025 (various)	3.1	1.9 – 5.7			
WMWC – Nitrate as N - Raw Wells (ppm)	2025 (various)	3.5	0.98 – 6.8			
WMWC – Selenium (ppb)	7/19/2023 9/11/2023	2.53	1.8 – 3.2	50	30	Discharge from petroleum, glass, and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines and chemical manufacturers; runoff from livestock lots (feed additive)
City of Santa Maria – Total Trihalomethanes -TTHMs (ppb)	2025	22.1	11.0 – 30.2	80	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Nipomo CSD – Total Trihalomethanes -TTHMs (ppb)	2025	29.5	ND – 41			
WMWC – Total Trihalomethanes -TTHMs (ppb)	10/27/2025	3.8	N/A			
City of Santa Maria – Turbidity (NTU)	2025	Percent below 0.3 NTU: 100%	0.04 – 0.12	TT: <1.0 NTU at any time TT: 95% of samples <0.3 NTU		Soil runoff
City of Santa Maria – Uranium (pCi/L)	2025	2.0	ND – 3.1	20	0.43	Erosion of natural deposits
Nipomo CSD – Uranium (pCi/L)	2025	1.4	ND – 2.12			

Table 7. Detection of Contaminants with a Secondary Drinking Water Standard

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Average Level Detected	Range of Detections	SMCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
City of Santa Maria – Chloride (ppm)	2025	67	34 – 150	500	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Nipomo CSD – Chloride (ppm)	2025	57	52 – 62			
WMWC – Chloride (ppm)	7/21/2025	49.3	39 – 72			
WMWC – Iron (ppb)	7/21/2025 12/23/2025	18	ND – 72	300	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
City of Santa Maria – Odor (TON)	2025	2	1 – 2	3	N/A	Naturally-occurring organic materials
City of Santa Maria – Specific Conductance (µS/cm)	2025	870	680 – 1,000	1,600	N/A	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Nipomo CSD – Specific Conductance (µS/cm)	2025	794	575 – 971			
WMWC – Specific Conductance (µS/cm)	7/21/2025 12/23/2025	752.5	240 – 1,400			
City of Santa Maria – Sulfate (ppm)	2025	211	33 – 290	500	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Nipomo CSD – Sulfate (ppm)	2025	187	103 – 275			
WMWC – Sulfate (ppm)	7/21/2025 12/23/2025	259.3	17 – 500			
City of Santa Maria – Total Dissolved Solids - Distribution (ppm)	2025	543	320 – 640	1,000	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Nipomo CSD – Total Dissolved Solids - Distribution (ppm)	2025	562.5	390 – 700			
WMWC – Total Dissolved Solids - Distribution (ppm)	2025 (various)	668.5	490 – 900			
WMWC – Total Dissolved Solids - Raw Wells (ppm)*	2025 (various)	542.3	180 – 1,100			

Table 8. Detection of Contaminants with a Secondary Drinking Water Standard, Continued

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Average Level Detected	Range of Detections	SMCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
City of Santa Maria – Turbidity (NTU)	2025	0.23	0.07 – 0.86	5	N/A	Soil runoff
Nipomo CSD – Turbidity (NTU)	2025	0.05	ND – 0.1			
WMWC – Turbidity (NTU)*	2023 (various)	1.97	0.15 – 7.8			

Table 9. Detection of Unregulated Contaminants

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Average Level Detected	Range of Detections	Notification Level
City of Santa Maria – Boron (ppm)	2025	0.188	0.110 – 0.320	1
WMWC – Boron (ppm)	7/21/2025	0.10	ND – 0.19	
City of Santa Maria – Perfluorohexanoic Acid - PFHxA (ppt)	2025	2.0	ND – 3.1	1,000
City of Santa Maria – Perfluorooctanoic Acid - PFOA (ppt)	2025	1.9	ND – 2.1	4.0
City of Santa Maria – Vanadium (ppb)	2025	3.2	3.0 – 3.7	50
Nipomo CSD – Vanadium (ppb)	2025	10	9 – 11	

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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).

Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) and turbidity were found at levels that exceeded the Secondary MCL standards in a single raw well water sample. All samples collected from the water distribution system that reaches our customers were below all Secondary MCLs. The Secondary MCLs were set to protect you against unpleasant aesthetic effects (e.g., color, taste, and odor) and the staining of plumbing fixtures (e.g., tubs and sinks) and clothing while washing. The elevated levels are most likely due to leaching from natural deposits and soil runoff.

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 mg/L is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. Such nitrate levels in drinking water can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen, resulting in a serious illness; symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Nitrate levels above 10 mg/L may also affect the ability of the blood to carry oxygen in other individuals, such as pregnant women and those with certain specific enzyme deficiencies. If you are caring for an infant, or you are pregnant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

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. Woodlands Mutual Water Company 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 Woodlands Mutual Water Company at (805) 540-5208. 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>. Our 2024 service line inventory confirmed that there are no known sources of lead within the Woodlands Mutual Water Company distribution system. For more details about the service line inventory, please see the contact information provided above.