

2025 Consumer Confidence Report

Water System Information

Water System Name: **Rancho Ynecita Mutual Water Company**

Report Date: **February 2026**

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

Name and General Location of Source(s): **Bonita, Caballo, and Estes Wells are located throughout the property.**

Drinking Water Source Assessment Information: **An assessment of the groundwater was completed by Santa Barbara County Environmental Health Services in June 6, 2022. You may obtain a copy from Environmental Health Services at 225 Camino del Remedio, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 or 2125 South Centerpointe Parkway #333, Santa Maria, CA.**

Time and Place of Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings for Public Participation: **Annual meeting is generally scheduled for December; time and place are announced in advance.**

For More Information, Contact: **Rancho Ynecita Mutual Water Company, (805) 686-5313 or Paul Matsukas 805-325-1457**

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, 2024 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 Rancho Ynecita MWC a PO Box 357, Los Olivos, CA 93441-0357, (805) 686-5313 para asistirlo en español.

这份报告含有关于您的饮用水的重要讯息。请用以下地址和电话联系 Rancho Ynecita MWC以获得中文的帮助: PO Box 357, Los Olivos, CA 93441-0357, (805) 686-5313.

Ang pag-uulat na ito ay naglalaman ng mahalagang impormasyon tungkol sa inyong inuming tubig. Mangyaring makipag-ugnayan sa Rancho Ynecita MWC, PO Box 357, Los Olivos, CA 93441-0357 o tumawag sa (805) 686-5313 matulungan sa wikang Tagalog.

Báo cáo này chứa thông tin quan trọng về nước uống của bạn. Xin vui lòng liên hệ Rancho Ynecita MWC tại PO Box 357, Los Olivos, CA 93441-0357, (805) 686-5313 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 (µg/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, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 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
<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	AL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15	0.2	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	2023 (various)	5	0.26	0	1.3	0.3	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

Table 3. Sampling Results for Sodium and Hardness

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium (ppm)	6/21/2023 12/26/2023	60	43 - 91	None	None	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring
Hardness (ppm)	6/21/2023 12/23/2023	283.3	280 - 290	None	None	Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium, and are usually naturally occurring

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

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Source of Contaminant
Aluminum (ppm)	6/21/2023 12/26/2023	0.197	ND – 0.59	1	0.6	Erosion of natural deposits; residue from some surface water treatment processes
Arsenic (ppb)	6/21/2023 12/26/2023	5.3	3.1 – 7.7	10	0.004	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	6/21/2023 12/26/2023	0.076	0.066 – 0.084	1	2	Discharges of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits

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
Chromium (ppb) – Distribution	12/26/2023	12	N/A	50	(100)	Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppb) – Wells	6/21/2023 12/26/2023	11.38	7.1 – 16.0			
Copper	6/21/2023 12/26/2023	0.0021	ND – 0.0032			
Fluoride (ppm)	6/21/2023 12/26/2023	0.117	0.11 – 0.13	2.0	1	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Gross Alpha Particle Activity (pCi/L)	12/19/2024	ND		15	(0)	Erosion of natural deposits
Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC)	10/1/2019	12	N/A	TT	N/A	Naturally present in the environment
Nickel (ppm)	6/21/2023 12/26/2023	1.30	ND – 3.9	100	12	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal factories
Nitrate as Nitrogen, N – distribution (ppm)	3/6/2025	1.4 avg	.54-2.1	10 (as N)	10 (as N)	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate as Nitrogen, N – wells (ppm)	3/6/2025	ND	ND			
Perchlorate (ppb)	6/21/2023 12/26/2023	0.33	ND – 1.0	6	1	Perchlorate is an inorganic chemical used in solid rocket propellant, fireworks, explosives, flares, matches, and a variety of industries. It usually gets into drinking water as a result of environmental contamination from historic aerospace or other industrial operations that used or use, store, or dispose of perchlorate and its salts.
Atrazine	5/30/2025	ND	ND	4		primarily created by agricultural runoff and leaching from soil where it is applied as a widely used herbicide
Simazine	5/30/2025	ND	ND	1		primarily through agricultural and industrial runoff, as it is a widely used herbicide for controlling weeds and algae

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
Selenium (ppb)	6/21/2023 12/26/2023	12.97	2.9 – 25.0	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)
Toluene (ppb)	6/21/2023 12/26/2023	0.32	ND – 0.96	150	150	Discharge from petroleum and chemical factories; underground gas tank leaks
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (µg/L)	9/21/2023	2.6	N/A	80	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Uranium (pCi/L)	2021 (various)	3.6	2.6 – 5.0	20	0.43	Erosion of natural deposits

Chromium (hexavalent) was detected at levels that exceed the chromium (hexavalent) MCL. While a water system of our size is not considered in violation of the chromium (hexavalent) MCL until after October 1, 2028, we have addressed this exceedance to comply with Updated the MCL. Specifically we plan to drill a new well with lower chromium and or blend the wells to bring the chromium level to below the MCL.

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

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	SMCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chloride (ppm)	6/21/2023 12/26/2023	52.3	41 - 63	500	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Iron* (ppb)	6/21/2023 12/26/2023	1,291.7	ND – 3,700	300	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Manganese* (ppb)	6/21/2023 12/26/2023	24.3	ND - 73	50	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits
Odor (units)	6/21/2023 12/26/2023	1.3	ND – 2.9	3.0	N/A	Naturally-occurring organic materials
Specific Conductance (µS/cm)	6/21/2023 12/26/2023	706.7	680 - 730	1,600	N/A	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Sulfate (ppm)	6/21/2023 12/26/2023	35.3	17 - 61	500	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Total Dissolved Solids – TDS (ppm)	6/21/2023 12/26/2023	433.3	390 - 480	1,000	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits

Turbidity* (NTU)	6/21/2023 12/26/2023	12.18	0.45 – 34.0	5.0	N/A	Soil runoff
Zinc (ppm)	6/21/2023 12/26/2023	0.115	0.11 – 0.12	5.0	N/A	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes

Table 6. Detection of Unregulated Contaminants

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Notification Level	Health Effects
Hexavalent Chromium – distribution (ppb)	12/26/2023	10.0	N/A	1	Some people who drink water containing hexavalent chromium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Hexavalent Chromium – wells (ppb)	3/6/2025	8.4	2.7 – 17.0		

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¹There is currently no MCL for hexavalent chromium. The previous MCL of 0.010 mg/L was withdrawn on September 11, 2017.

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).

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. Rancho Ynecita MWC 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 do so, you may wish to collect the flushed water and reuse it for another beneficial purpose, such as watering plants. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

Iron, Manganese, and Turbidity were found at levels that exceeded the secondary MCL (Maximum Containment Level) standards. 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 high levels are most likely due to the leaching of natural deposits, industrial wastes, and soil runoff.