# **APPENDIX B: eCCR Certification Form (Suggested Format)**

## **Consumer Confidence Report Certification Form**

(To be submitted with a copy of the CCR)

Water System Name:	Carpinteria Valley Water District
Water System Number:	4210001

The water system named above hereby certifies that its Consumer Confidence Report was distributed on \_June 28, 2021\_ (*date*) 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: Robert T. McDonald	Title: General Manager
Signature	Date: 9/10/21
Phone number: 805-263-4826	blank

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.CVWD.net\_
  - 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
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$\square$	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 s	systems serving at least 100,000 persons: Posted CCR on a publicly-accessible
inter	net site at the following URL: www
For	privately-owned utilities: Delivered the CCR to the California Public Utilities
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## **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: <a href="http://www.cvwd.net/documents/2020CCR.pdf">www.cvwd.net/documents/2020CCR.pdf</a>
- 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.

Carpinteria Valley Water District's electronic delivery procedure consists of a saturated post card mailing to all residents and businesses within the District's boundaries (Carpinteria zip codes 93013 and 93014) notifying them of the 2020

CCR's availability for viewing and printing directly from the District's website,	
www.cvwd.net/documents/2020CCR.pdf	

Printed copies may also be obtained by contacting the District at <u>info@cvwd.net</u> or calling 805-684-2816.

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### Carpinteria Valley Water District Water Quality **Report** - Good Faith Efforts

Zip Codes of Postal Patrons 93013 93014

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Nextdoor, FaceBook and Twitter



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### Para información en español llame 805-684-2816

In compliance with the *Americans with Disabilities Act*, special needs can be met by calling the California Relay Service, 711.



# Your 2020 Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report is Now Available Online



Each year, Carpinteria Valley Water District provides its customers with a Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to let you know how well our water quality stacks up to established Federal and State drinking water standards. It also provides details about the source and quality of the drinking water delivered in 2020. Read CVWD's 2020 Drinking Water CCR, available July 1, 2021 at **www.cvwd.net/documents/2020CCR.pdf** or scan the QR code provided on this postcard.

A paper copy, can be printed directly from the District's web page, **www.cvwd.net/documents/2020CCR.pdf** or to have the 2020 CCR mailed to you, please email info@cvwd.net or call 805-684-2816.



6 Thursday, June 24, 2021

## We must work together to protect our water from agricultural waste



As science and policy director for Santa Barbara Channelkeeper and a 14-year resident of Caprinteria, 1 appreciated Bob Franco's June 16 letter to the editor, "Dor't drink the water," for its effectiveness in raising awareness about an important pollution issue impacting Carpinteria's local waterways.

Channelkeeper is a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and restoring the Santa Barbara Channel and its watersheds. Since 2001, Channelkeeper has monitored water quality in local creeks, including those that flow into the Carpinetria Salt Marsh.

Last March, Channelkeeper was informed about unseasonal flows in a drainage area that flows to the western end of the Salt Marsh. As Mr. Franco indicated, our follow-up sampling resulted in detections of nitrate over 13 times higher than state standards for drinking water and up to 130 times greater than limits deemed protective of aquatic ecosystems such as the Salt Marsh. Laboratory staff indicated anecdotally that the sample was one of the highest nitrate concentrations they have ever seen in a local stream.

Nitrate pollution in drinking water can be toxic for humans and it can cause harmful algal blooms that degrade water quality and harm wildlife in aquatic ecosystems.

The Regional Water Quality Control Board is committed to investigating this particular discharge; however, their

process can be discouragingly lengthy, and to this day, this discharge continu Until the Regional Board's investigation is complete, we won't know for sure what types of practices are contributing to this polluted discharge, however, we can be confident that the nitrate contamination is linked to excessive fertilizer application. According to the Regional Board, on average, farms apply 10 times more fer-tilizer than is safe to protect groundwater supplies. Forty-four percent of stream and river monitoring sites in agricultural watersheds exceed the drinking water standard for fertilizer pollution by two-fold or more, and this standard does not even begin to protect aquatic ecosystems from harm.

Mr. Franco is justified in his frustration with the lack of accountability for agricultural polluters. Many people are unaware that agricultural pollution is exempt from the Clean Water Act. In the Central Coast Region of California, irrigated agriculture has been regulated since 2005 through a program formerly known as the "Ag Waiver," now called the "Ag Order." Despite its intent, the Ag Waiver has relied on voluntary efforts to achieve water quality standards. Egregious polluters have traditionally flown under the radar because farmers have never been required to monitor and report their own discharges.

Some of this is changing. The latest iteration, Ag Order 4.0, adopted last March, contains first-time-ever fertilizer application limits crafted to prevent the most excessive pollution loads. A multidecadal timeline is also established with the goal of reaching a point in the distant future when groundwater quality starts to improve. The order is far from perfect, but it's an incremental step in the right direction.

We can't rely on the agricultural industry, however, to make the necessary changes on its own. Right now, despite lip service to protecting the environment, heavily funded industry advocates – including Western Growers Association, Grower-Shipper Association of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties and the California Farm Bureau Federa"On average, farms apply 10 times more fertilizer than is safe to protect groundwater supplies. Forty-four percent of stream and river monitoring sites in agricultural watersheds exceed the drinking water standard for fertilizer pollution by two-fold or more."

tion (Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau included) – are appealing Ag Order 4.0 to the State Water Board. At face value, the industry's appeal would strip away any meaningful regulation of irrigated agriculture in the Region.

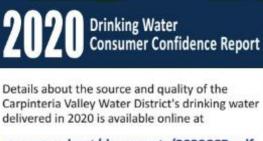
The Regional Board itself struggles to meet the scope of this environmental problem. The delayed response of the Regional Board to this local pollution complaint is further evidence of an underfunded, over-burdened, regulatory institution that despite best intentions, is beset with challenges.

It should be noted by those tempted to correlate this discharge with the increase in local cannabis cultivation, that the camnabis industry has specific requirements related to water quality protections that go beyond what applies to the rest of the irrigated agricultural industry. Where does this leave us? Well, ag-

Where does this leave us? Well, agricultural pollution continues to be a major problem both regionally and in the Carpinteria area. Ag Order 4.0, if left intact, may help us get moving in the right direction over the long term. However, the reality is that the accountability we seek may need to come from our own community itself.

Carpinteria is a community of neighbors, fellows, colleagues and friends who all have some connection to agriculture. We need to work together and for each of us to do our part to protect our most valuable resource.

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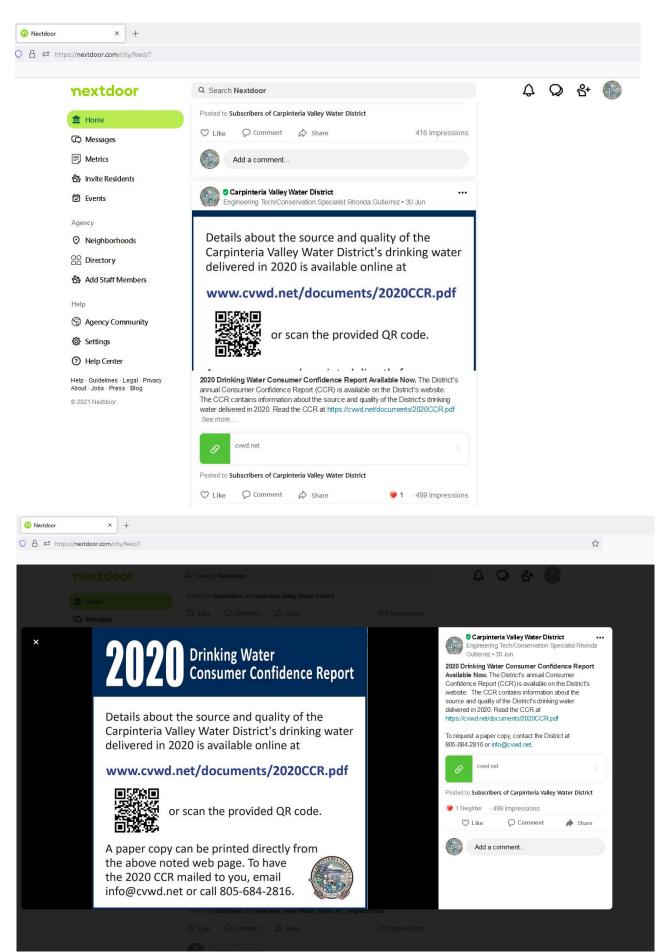
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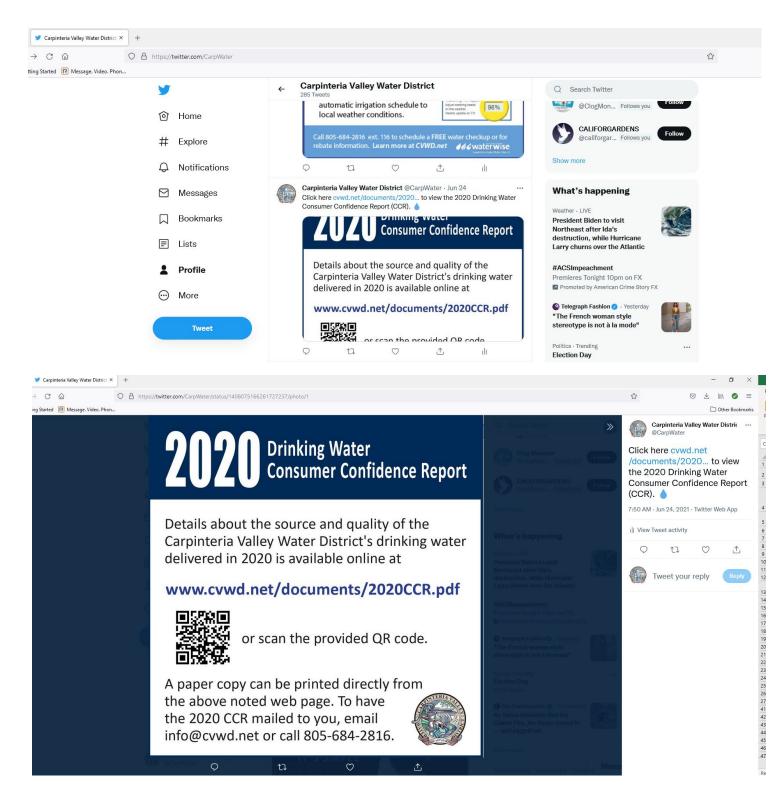
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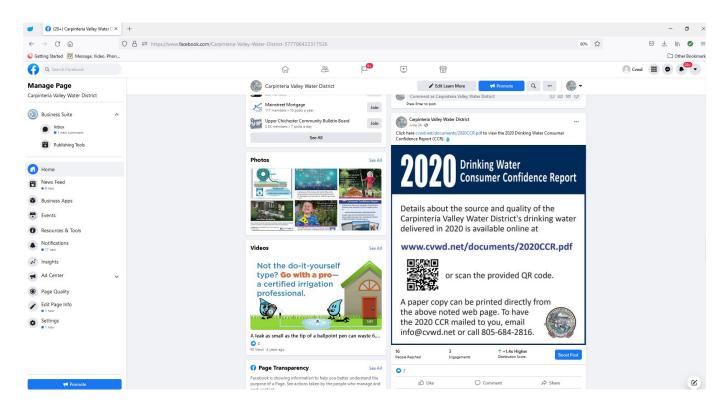
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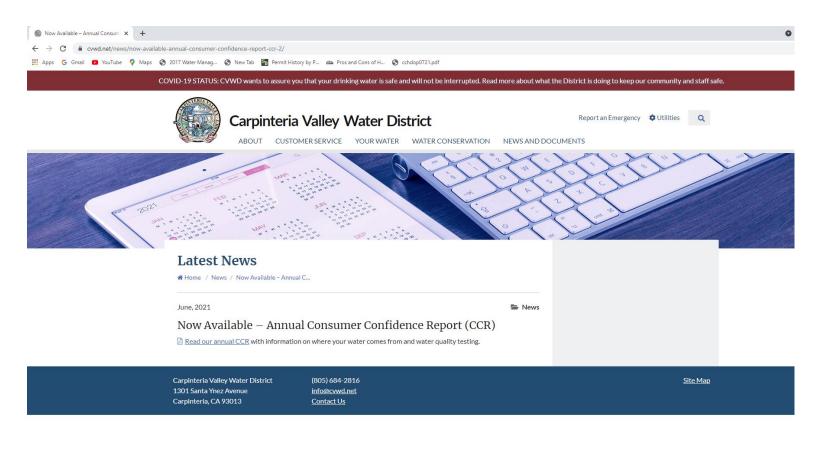


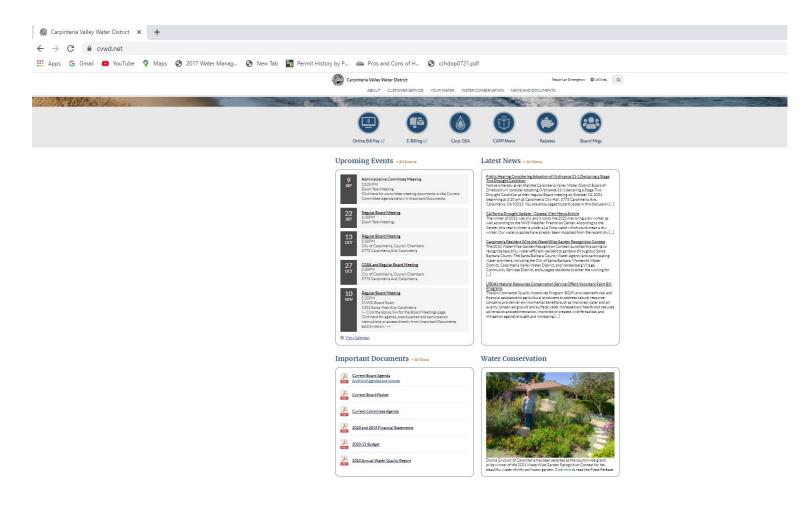
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