Definitions:

ACU – Apparent Color Units.
AL – Regulatory Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
CFU/ml – Colony Forming Units per milliliter.
MCL – Maximum Contaminant Level: 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.
MCLG – Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).
MRDL – Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level
NA – Not applicable.
ND – Not detectable at testing limit.
NTU – Nepholometric Turbidity Unit: A measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
pCi/L – picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)
PDWS – Primary Drinking Water Standards: MCLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.
PHG – Public Health Goal: 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 (CalEPA).
ppb – parts per billion or micrograms per liter (ug/L).
ppm – parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L).
SDWS – Secondary Drinking Water Standards: 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.
TON – Threshold Odor Number
TT – Treatment Technique
Us/cm – umhos/cm – unit of specific conductance of water.

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Substances that Could Be in 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.

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

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:
***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.
***Microbial contaminants** such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
***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, and septic systems.
***Pesticides and herbicides** which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
***Radioactive contaminants** which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Community Participation:

The City Council holds regularly scheduled Council meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at 6:00 pm at the Council Chambers located at: 140 W. Highway 246.

Questions If you have any questions about this report or your water, please contact the City of Buellton Public Works Department at: 805-686-0137

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Important Health Information 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. More information about contaminants and potential health effects are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline: 800-426-4791 or http://water.epa.gov/drink/hotline .

Buellton Water Sources and Treatment The City of Buellton's source of supply is from four groundwater wells (Buellton Uplands and Santa Ynez River Underflow) and is supplemented by the State Water Project (from Northern California via aqueduct). Groundwater is treated using media filtration as well as disinfection. The annual groundwater production of clean drinking water in 2024 for the City was 1139 acre feet, or 0.87 million gallons per day.

Source Water Assessments In accordance with the State's Drinking Water Source Assessment Program, a Source Water Assessment for all four of the City's wells was completed in March 2001 and updated in January 2021. These assessments include a delineation of the areas around a drinking water source through which contaminants might move and reach that drinking water supply; an inventory of possible contaminating activities (PCAs) that might lead the release of microbiological or chemical contaminants within the delineated area; and a determination of the PCAs to which the drinking water source is most vulnerable. Copies of these assessments may be viewed at: California Department of Public Health (CDPH) District 6 Field Operations: 1180 Eugenia Place, Suite 200, Carpinteria, CA 93013 or online at: http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/drinkingwater/pages/dwsap.aspx

CCR Going Paperless Historically, the City of Buellton has mailed its customers a printed copy of the CCR to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). On February 21, 2013, the California Department of Public Health expanded its interpretation of the SDWA to allow for electronic delivery of the CCR. The electronic delivery will allow us to reduce consumption of paper and minimize potential printing costs. Since 2015 the City's CCR has not been mailed but has been available on our City webpage www.cityofbuellton.com/public-works.asp Hard copies are located at City Hall and the Public Library mailed upon request.

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PRIMARY STANDARDS-Mandatory Health-Related Standards								
					TREATED	SOURCE		
Parameter	Units	State	PHG	Range	CCWA	STATE	GROUND	Major Sources of Drinking Water
Clarity		MCL	(MCLG)	Average	PPWTP	WATER	WATER	
Combined Filter Effluent	NTU	TT=< NTU EVERY 4HOURS			0.04-0.15	NA	0.12-0.45	Soil runoff
Turbidity		TT=95% OF SAMPLES <0.3 NTU			100%	NA	0.2	
MICROBIOLOGICAL								
Total Coliform Bacteria (Distr. System-Wide)	–	5.00%	0	Range	0%	NA	0 positives	Naturally present in the environment
				Average	0.00%	NA	0 positives	
Fecal Coliform E. coli (Distr. System-Wide)	–	–	0	Range	0 positives	NA	0 positives	Human and animal fecal waste
				Average	0 positives	NA	0 positives	
INORGANIC CHEMICALS								
Aluminum	ppm	1	0.6	Range	ND-.071	0.055-.12	ND	Residue from water treatment process; Erosion of natural deposits
				Average	ND	0.091	ND	
Arsenic (Total)	ppb	10	0.004	Range	ND	ND	ND-2.1	Erosion of natural deposits; glass & electronics production wastes
				Average	ND	ND	0.545	
Nitrate (as N)	ppm	10	10	Range	0.53	0.47	ND-.57	Runoff & leaching from fertilizer use; sewage; erosion of natural deposits
				Average	0.53	0.47	0.143	
Fluoride	ppm	2	1	Range	ND	ND	.27-.34	Runoff & leaching from fertilizer use; sewage; erosion of natural deposits
				Average	ND	ND	0.317	
RADIONUCLIDES (f)								
Gross Alpha	pCi/L	15	0	Range	ND	ND	3.66-8.51	Erosion of Natural deposits
				Average	ND	ND	5.43	
Uranium	pCi/L	20	0.43	Range	NA	ND	5.2-7.7	Erosion of Natural deposits
				Average	NA	ND	5.9	
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MONITORING								
TOTAL CHLORINE RESIDUAL	ppm	MRDL=4	MRDLG=4	Range	.18-3.84	NA	0.12-2.20	Measurement of the disinfectant used in the prodution of drinking water
				Average	2.85	NA	1.43	
Total Trihalomethanes	ppb	80	n/a	Range	22-76	NA	3.9-15	By-product of drinking water Chlorination
				Average	47	NA	7.8	
Haloacetic acids	ppb	60	NA	Range	8.1 - 25	NA	ND-7.6	By-product of drinking water Chlorination
				Average	22.5	NA	3.8	
SECONDARY STANDARDS-Aesthetic Standards								
Chloride	ppm	500	NA	Range	30-138	24-135	32-61	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
				Average	62	59	40.75	
Color (ACU)	ACU	15	NA	Range	3	15	5-10	Naturally occurring organic materials
				Average	3	15	6.25	
Iron	ppb	300	NA	Range	ND	0.11	ND-37	Leaching trom natural deposits; Industrial wastes
				Average	ND	0.11	17.5	
Manganese	ppb	50	NA	Range	ND	32	ND-36	Leaching from natural deposlts
				Average	ND	32	15.25	
Odor Threshold	TON	3	NA	Range	ND	17	ND	Naturally occurring organic materials
				Average	ND	17	ND	
Specific Conductance	Us/CM	1600	NA	Range	273-718	236-672	980-1100	Substances that form ions when in seawater influence water;
				Average	422	384	1020	
Sulfate	ppm	500	NA	Range	60	43	230-270	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
				Average	60	43	260	
Total Dissolved Solids	ppm	1000	NA	Range	270	260	300-1000	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
				Average	270	260	513	
Turbidity (Monthly)	NTU	5	NA	Range	ND - 0.18	.34- 11	0.12-0.45	Soil runoff
				Average	0.06	2.82	0.25	
UNREGULATED SUBSTANCES – Additional Parameters								
Alkalinity (Total)	ppm	NA	NA	Range	40 - 80	52-90	260-310	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
				Average	64	68	278	
Calcium	ppm	NA	NA	Range	23	20	88-100	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
				Average	23	20	92	
Hardness (Total Hardness)	ppm	NA	NA	Range	35-148	32-146	420-460	Leaching from natural deposits
				Average	88	88	433	
Heterotrophic Plate Count	CFU/ml	TT	NA	Range	0 - 15	NA	ND	Naturally present in the environment
				Average	1	NA	ND	
Magnesium	ppm	NA	NA	Range	13	11	47-49	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
				Average	13	11	48	
pH	pH	NA	NA	Range	7.6- 8.8	7.7- 9.3	7.8-8.0	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
				Average	8.4	8.5	7.9	
Potassium	ppm	NA	NA	Range	3.5	3.2	2.3-2.5	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
				Average	3.5	3.2	2.4	
Sodium	ppm	NA	NA	Range	57	43	57-59	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
				Average	57	43	58	
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	ppm	TT	NA	Range	1.2- 2.5	1.8- 4.5	1.5-5.3	Various naturals and manmade sources
				Average	1.9	3	3.4	

LEAD AND COPPER RULE					
Data for Lead and Copper is from August/September 2020 - Triennial Sampling. Next sampling is in 2023.	No. of Samples Collected	90th %tile Detected	No. Sites exceeding AL	AL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (PPB)	20	0	1	0.015	0.1	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufaturers, erosion of natural deposits
Copper (PPM)	20	1.1	1	1.3	0.3	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching wood preservatives

MONITORING VIOLATIONS
None.
What happened / What is Being Done:
For Lead and Cooper: Both households were notified of their results of exceedence for Lead or Copper and an informational letter regarding health effects, potential sources and how to reduce exposure in drinking water. In compliance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations Section 141.85(d), these notices were delivered by hand on August 14, 2023.

Data represented on these tables covers the reporting period of January - December 2024. Consumer Confidence Report is printed on June 2025.