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

#### **Consumer Confidence Report Certification Form**

(To be submitted with a copy of the CCR)

Water System Name:	Scotts Valley Water District
Water System Number:	4410013

The water system named above hereby certifies that its Consumer Confidence Report was distributed on <u>5/15/2025 (date)</u> 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: Nate Gillespie	Title: Operations Manager			
Signature: Nate Gillespie	Date: 5/20/2025			
Phone number: (831)600-1903	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: https://www.svwd.org/media/Reports/CCR2024.pdf
  - 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 newsletter or listserv (attach a copy of the article or notice). Please see attachment A
- Electronic announcement of CCR availability via social media outlets (attach list of social media outlets utilized): <u>Facebook, Instagram, Nextdoor, X and Linkedin</u>
- Other (attach a list of other methods used)
- For systems serving at least 100,000 persons: Posted CCR on a publicly-accessible internet site at the following URL: www.
- For privately-owned utilities: Delivered the CCR to the California Public Utilities Commission

#### **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: www.

- 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: https://www.svwd.org/media/Reports/CCR2024.pdf
- 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.

For customers that receive their bills in the mail, a bill insert was included with the April 2025 bill announcing the availability of the 2024 CCR. Please see attachment B. For customers that receive their bills electronically, a dedicated email announcing the availability of the CCR was sent on 5/14/2025. Please see attachment C. Completed 2024 CCR is included as attachment D.

This form is provided as a convenience and may be used to meet the certification requirement of section 64483(c) of the California Code of Regulations.

## Attachment A

# NEWSLETTER



SCOTTS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



## HIGHLIGHTS

Chipping Program

Water Quality Report

Intertie Project

Grace Way Well Project

Wildfire Preparedness

# Sign up for free wood chipping from RCD

Build defensible space on your property by clearing debris from around your home. That defensible space creates a buffer between your home and a potential fire as well as offers an area for firefighters to defend your home.

To help residents create a defensible space, the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County offers a no-cost chipping program. The free program is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis and gives homeowners a chance to turn yard waste into a yard

RSS

Learn more about the program and sign up here.

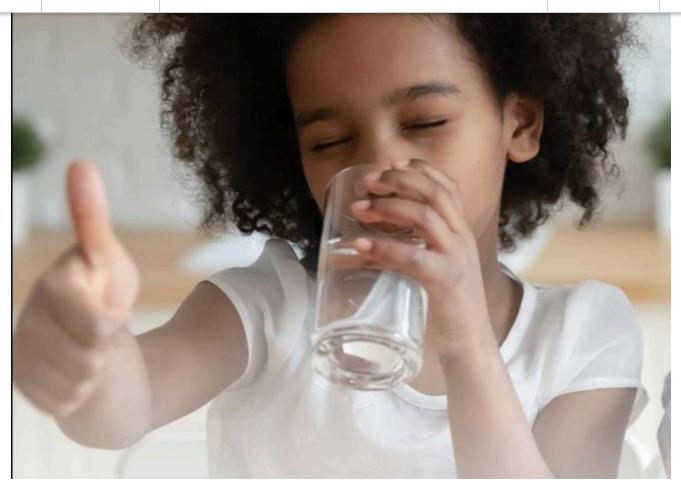
### **Report: SVWD water exceeds standards**

Scotts Valley Water District's annual Water Quality Report is here. This annual report provides a deep dive into the water sources for the District, explains the water treatment process and shares the results from testing to ensure transparency.

This year's report confirms, once again, that the community's water is clean and safe it meets or exceeds all state and federal standards! Read the report to learn more about the steps taken to ensure and maintain a reliable, safe water supply for all of the District's customers.

The report is available online as well as in print, upon request.







# **Project Update: Intertie Pipeline**

Pipeline installation is underway for the collaborative project between Scotts Valley Water District and the City of

# Project Update: Grace Way Well

The drilling is complete for the Grace Way Well project! Test pumping is set to start in the next couple of weeks is closed 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. while the contractor completes installation of a segment of the intertie pipeline.

The closure began last week and the exit is expected to reopen Thursday (April 17). Get updates **by email** and or check social media (**Instagram** and **Facebook**) for more.

There also will be a single-lane closure and one-way traffic control on La Madrona Drive during this time. Work starts at 8:30 a.m. daily. Expect short delays.

Learn more about the project and sign up for email updates on the **District's** website. That process includes:

- Development testing, which will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. from April 23-28
- Step testing for one day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on April 29
- 24-hour constant rate testing starting at noon on April 30, continuing through noon on May 1. This is the final overnight activity of the project.

The noise during the pump testing will consist of a compressor and a diesel driven generator to power the test pump equipment. All work will be within the existing sound walls.

Learn more on the District's website.

# Tips for clearing brush around your home ahead of wildfire season

Subscribe



Living in Scotts Valley means enjoying beautiful redwoods and mountain views — but it also means being wildfire-aware. With the arrival of spring, it's important to start making a plan to keep your property ready before fire season hits. Here's how you can help protect your home and neighborhood.

- Create Defensible Space: Everyone resident and homeowner should create and maintain defensible space in three zones: Zone 1 which is 0-5 feet around your home, zone 2 which is 5-30 feet around your home, and zone 3 which is 30-100 feet around the home. Learn more about each zone from CAL FIRE's website.
- Watch for Fire Hazards: Fire hazards can be anything from dry pine needles or leaves that piled up. Clean your gutters and yard regularly to clear out any natural debris. That includes under the deck and along fence lines!
- **Be Consistent:** Check your property at the start of the season and make a habit of regularly clearing debris from around your home. Vegetation grows quickly after the rainy season.

A little effort goes a long way to create defensible space. Clearing brush away from your home isn't just a chore. It's a necessary action to protect your home and family.

## Water main flushing scheduled next week

# 2025 WATER MAIN FLUSHING Monday-Friday 4/21-25

MORE INFO: SVWD.ORG/FLUSHING

Scotts Valley Water District will **flush water mains** between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays, April 21-25, 2025.

Water main flushing is the process of cleaning or "scouring" the inside of the water main by sending a high-velocity flow of water through the system. This is conducted by opening fire hydrants and releasing water at the speed of up to 5 feet per second to remove deposits built up inside the mains.

Flushing is a crucial preventative measure that helps to maintain the capacity of the pipe and to protect water quality by removing deposits from inside the mains. See the full schedule on the website.



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### Attachment B

## SCOTTS VALLEY WATER QUALITY MAKES THE GRADE

Este reporte contiene las instrucciones mas recientes para obetener informacion importante sobre su agua potable. Traducir, o hablar con alguien que lo entienda.

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To view and download the 2024 SVWD Water Quality Report, visit www.svwd.org/media/Reports/ CCR2024.pdf. For questions or to receive a hard copy of the report, call (831)438-2363.



#### **Nate Gillespie**

From: Sent: To: Subject: Nate Gillespie Friday, May 16, 2025 4:02 PM Nate Gillespie SVWD 2024 Water Quality Report Is Now Available

From: Scotts Valley Water District <<u>support@watersmartsoftware.com</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 1:14 PM
To: Customer Contact <<u>Contact@svwd.org</u>>
Subject: SVWD 2024 Water Quality Report Is Now Available



70 El Pueblo 008037-001

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#### WATER QUALITY REPORT 2024

#### Attachment D





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#### Start with a Local Water Supply

Drinking water comes from five wells pumping from the Lompico and Butano aquifers, which are part of the Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin.



#### Treat to Provide High-Quality Water

The Lompico and Butano aquifers are naturally high in iron and manganese. The District operates three treatment facilities that utilize oxidation and filtration to reduce these constituents and produce safe, high-quality water.



#### **Test to Ensure Quality**

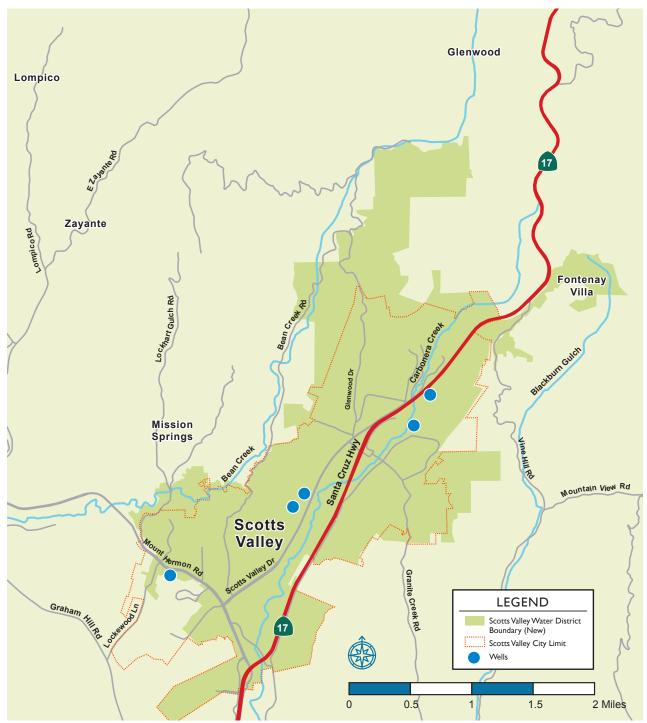
The District's state-certified water operators monitor the water system 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to ensure the reliability and safety of our water. Depending on the constituent, the District conducts numerous tests on a daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual basis.



Providing Customers with Safe, Reliable, High-Quality Water is the District's Top Priority

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







Scotts Valley Water District is a public agency providing water service to over 4,000 accounts within six square miles, including most of the City of Scotts Valley and portions of the unincorporated areas north of the city limits. The District serves as a leader in sustainable water management practices, embraces innovation and is a trusted source of water-related information in the community. The community of Scotts Valley places a high value on livability, innovation and planning for the future, and the District is proud to play a vital role in supporting those efforts by providing a reliable, highquality water supply.

# **DRINKING WATER** QUALITY

#### Source Water

Sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, 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.



Source water contaminants that may be present include:

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

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. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by visiting epa.gov/safewater or calling the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

#### Source Water Assessment

In 2018, the District updated its 2001 Source Water Assessment of District wells that provide source water. These wells are considered most vulnerable to the activities associated with contaminants detected in the water supply from drycleaning, gasoline storage and distribution, and manufacturing. In addition, these wells are susceptible to negative impacts from abandoned water and monitoring wells, septic systems, transportation corridors, commercial parking lots and sewer collection systems.

The complete assessment is available at the District Office – 2 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley – or by e-mail at <u>contact@svwd.org</u>.

#### Water Quality Regulations

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. 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.

#### When to Seek Health Care Advice

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised populations such as persons undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, persons with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk for infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/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 at (800) 426-4791.

While your drinking water meets the federal and state standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The arsenic standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Arsenic was detected only at the El Pueblo Water Treatment Plant, which provided 17% of water provided to customers of the Scotts Valley Water District in 2024.

# HOW CONSTITUENTS **ARE MEASURED**

#### MILLIGRAMS per liter (mg/L) or parts per MILLION (ppm)







One second in 11.5 days

MICROGRAMS per liter (ug/L) or parts per BILLION (ppb)



One drop in 14,000 gallons



One second in nearly 32 years

NANOGRAMS per liter (ng/L) or parts per TRILLION (ppt)



One drop in 14,000,000 gallons

One second in nearly 32,000 years



# WATER TEST RESULTS

This table lists all of the drinking water contaminants and other constituents detected between January I and December 31. Secondary standards relate to aesthetic aspects of water. Scotts Valley Water District water quality met or surpassed all State and Federal criteria for public health protection.

Primary Health Standards	MCL or MRDL	PHG or MCLG	Range	Average	Violation	Typical Sources	
Arsenic (ppb)	10	0.004	<2 - 6.1	<2	No	Naturally occurring minerals	
Fluoride from natural sources (ppm)	2	I	0.1 - 0.5	0.3	No	Naturally occurring minerals	
Gross alpha particle activity (pCi/L) <sup>1</sup>	15	None	<3 - 4.6	<3	No	Naturally occurring minerals	
Disinfection By-Products & Disinfection Residual	MCL or MRDL	PHG or MCLG	Range	Average	Violation	Typical Sources	
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	None	13 - 40	37	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Haloacetic Acids as HAA5 (ppb)	60	None	<  - 6	4	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Chlorine Residual (ppm)	4	4	0.14 - 1.09	0.70	No	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment	
Residential Tap Monitoring	MCL	PHG or MCLG	Sites Sampled	90th Percentile	Sites Exceeding Action Level	Typical Sources	
Lead (ppb)'	15	0	31	<5	0	Internal corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits	
Copper (ppm)'	1.3	0.3	31	0.19	0	Internal corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits	
Lead Sampling of Drinking Water in California Schools (AB746/HSC-116277)		Year Tested	Schools Tested	Typical Sources			
Lead		2017	3	Internal corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits			
Secondary Aesthetic Standards	Secondary MCL	Range	Average	Typical Sources			
Chloride (ppm)	500	24 - 37	31	Naturally occurring minerals			
Odor Threshold @ 60 C (TON)	3	< -	<	Naturally occurring minerals			
Specific Conductance (MHOS/CM)	1,600	480 - 880	650	Naturally occurring substance that form ions in water			
Sulfate (ppm)	500	83 - 96	88	Naturally occurring minerals			
Turbidity (NTU)	5	<0.1 - 0.4	0.16	Naturally occurring minerals			
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	1,000	320 - 530	392	Naturally occurring minerals			
Other Monitoring Results		Range	Average				
pH (UNITS)		7.4 - 8.4	8.0	NOTES			
Sodium (ppm)		30 - 67	46	<ul> <li>Except where noted, water samples for this report were collected from District treatment plants, the water distribution system, and customer homes throughout the 2024 calendar year.</li> <li>The treatment processes effectively remove concentrations of iron, manganese, arsenic, sulfide and reduce other contaminants inherent in the groundwater supply.</li> <li>The State allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants rarely change.</li> </ul>			
Total Hardness <sup>2</sup> as CaCO <sub>3</sub> (ppm)		130 - 280	207				
Calcium (ppm)		41 - 62	54				
Magnesium (ppm)		6 - 31	18				
Potassium (ppm)		1.5 - 2.4	2.0				
Orthophosphate as $PO_4$ (ppm)		0.3 - 2.0	1.1				
Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 5 Monitoring Results <sup>3</sup>		Range	Average	Definitions and footnotes on next page.			
Lithium (ppb)		23 - 62	42				
Perfluorohexanoic Acid (PFHxA) <sup>4</sup> (ppt)		<3 - 4.2	<3				
	Perfluoropentanoic Acid (PFPeA) <sup>4</sup> (ppt)		<3				

#### Definitions

**Contaminants:** Chemical and physical elements contained in water.

**Grains per Gallon**: A unit of hardness where 17.1 parts per million equals 1 grain per gallon.

Turbidity: A physical characteristic of water that makes the water appear cloudy. The condition is caused by the presence of suspended matter. It's monitored because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of the filtration system.

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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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. MHOS/CM: Micromhos per Centimeter: An indicator of dissolved minerals in the water.

MRDL: Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level. 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.

NA: Not applicable.

ND: Not detected at testing limit.

NTU: Nephelometric turbidity unit, indicating the clarity of the water.

pCi/L: Picocuries per liter is a measure of radio-activity.

**PDWS**: Primary Drinking Water Standards: MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

**ppm**: Parts per million or milligrams per liter. I ppm equals 1,000 ppb and is equivalent to about one drop in 14 gallons of water.

**ppb:** Parts per billion or micrograms per liter. I ppb equals 0.001 ppm and is equivalent to about one drop in 14,000 gallons of water.

ppt: Parts per trillion or nanograms per liter. I ppt equals 0.001 ppb and is equivalent to about one drop in 14,000,000 gallons of water.

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.

Total Dissolved Solids: An indicator of dissolved minerals in the water.

TON: Threshold Odor Number: The unit of odor.

**90TH Percentile**: The third highest sample result of 20 sample results.

#### FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup> All testing is from 2024, except where noted. Radiological constituents were drawn from treatment plants in January 2019. Residential tap monitoring of lead and copper occurred in 2023

 $^{\rm 2}$  Average Total Hardness for 2024 was 12 grains per gallon.

<sup>3</sup> Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps the US EPA and the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether these contaminants need to be regulated. This section includes a summary of the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 5 monitoring results in 2024. <sup>4</sup> PFHxA and PFPeA were detected only at the Well 10A Water Treatment Plant, which provided 32% of water provided to customers of the Scotts Valley Water District in 2024.

#### **Got Questions?**

Contact Operations Manager Nate Gillespie at (831) 600-1903.

#### How to Get Involved

Customers are invited to attend monthly board meetings on the second Thursday of every month at 6 pm at the District Office, 2 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley.

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