# ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

**REPORTING YEAR 2020** 

Presented By City of Woodland



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

#### **Dear Woodland Water Customer,**

The City of Woodland is proud to provide the 2020 Water Quality Report and inform you that your tap water met all state and federal drinking water standards. Over 1,000 water quality samples were taken in 2020 to ensure you're receiving the highest-quality drinking water.

The past couple of water years have been some of the driest on numerous challenges for water utilities, the outlook for 2021 water supply demonstrates the benefits of the city's recent investments in water infrastructure.

has placed renewed emphasis on managing groundwater basin sustainably in California. The City's 2016 conversion to surface water has improved water quality while decreasing the reliance on groundwater. Treated Sacramento River water remains the primary source for Woodland in 2021. To deal (ASR) wells to pump high-quality, treated surface water that the city has stored in the underground aquifer. In addition to supply while maintaining high-quality water throughout.

Our staff is available if you have questions or concerns about

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# Lead in Home Plumbing

f present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health prob-Llems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high-quality drinking water, but we 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 at (800) 426-4791 or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

#### **Benefits of Chlorination**

isinfection, a chemical process used to control diseasecausing microorganisms by killing or inactivating them, is unquestionably the most important step in drinking water treatment. By far, the most common method of disinfection in North America is chlorination.

Before communities began routinely treating drinking water with chlorine (starting with Chicago and Jersey City in 1908), cholera, typhoid fever, dysentery, and hepatitis A killed thousands of U.S. residents annually. Drinking water chlorination and filtration have helped to virtually eliminate these diseases in the U.S. Significant strides in public health are directly linked to the adoption of drinking water chlorination. In fact, the filtration of drinking water plus the use of chlorine is probably the most significant public health advancement in human history.

#### How chlorination works:

Potent Germicide Reduction in the level of many diseasecausing microorganisms in drinking water to almost immeasurable levels.

Taste and Odor Reduction of many disagreeable tastes and odors like foul-smelling algae secretions, sulfides, and odors from decaying vegetation.

Biological Growth Elimination of slime bacteria, molds, and algae that commonly grow in water supply reservoirs, on the walls of water mains, and in storage tanks.

Chemical Removal of hydrogen sulfide (which has a rotten egg odor), ammonia, and other nitrogenous compounds that have unpleasant tastes and hinder disinfection. It also helps to remove iron and manganese from raw water.

#### Important Health Information

Come people may be more vulnerable to contami-Onants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised 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 may be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek

advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The U.S. EPA/ CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) 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 or http://water. epa.gov/drink/hotline.



CONTACT US For more information about this report, or for any questions related to your drinking water, please phone the Woodland Public Works Descent (200) (21) (21) (21) the Woodland Public Works Department at (530) 661-5962 or email at pubworks@cityofwoodland.org.

Para más información acerca del reporte o si tiene preguntas acerca del agua potable por favor llame al Departamento de Obras Públicas de la Ciudad de Woodland al (530) 661-5962 o envié un correo electrónico a pubworks@cityofwoodland.org.

Property owners, please share this information with your tenants!

# **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, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the State Water Resources Control Board (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. 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:

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 can result from urban storm-water 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 storm-water runoff, and residential uses;

Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and which can also come from gas stations, urban storm-water runoff, agricultural applications, and septic systems;

Radioactive Contaminants, that can be naturally occurring or can be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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

#### Where Does Your Water Come From?

The City of Woodland has two sources of drinking water: surface water (primary supply) and groundwater (backup supply).

Surface water is pumped from the Sacramento River to the Woodland Davis Clean Water Agency's (WDCWA) Regional Water Treatment Facility (RWTF) for various treatment processes (see diagram) and the addition of chlorine (for disinfection) prior to distribution. For more information about the RWTF, visit www.wdcwa.com/. Surface water is also stored below ground in the city's three Aquifer Storage & Recovery (ASR) wells for use in summer months to supplement WDCWA-supplied water. The city intends to meet demand primarily through the use of treated surface water and stored ASR water but also maintains five active groundwater wells and six standby wells as additional backup water sources. Groundwater is treated with liquid chlorine (sodium hypochlorite) at the wells for disinfection. When groundwater sources are needed, the city prioritizes the use of groundwater wells that blend groundwater with the primary surface water supply prior to distribution to maintain high-quality drinking water for all customers.

#### Surface Water Treatment Process



# **Test Results**

Our water is monitored for many different kinds of substances on a very strict sampling schedule. The water we deliver must meet specific health standards. Here, we only show those substances that were detected in our water (a complete list of all our analytical results is available upon request). Remember that detecting a substance does not mean the water is unsafe to drink; our goal is to keep all detects below their respective maximum allowed levels.

The state recommends monitoring for certain substances less often than once per year because the concentration of these substances do not change frequently. In these cases, the most recent sample data are included, along with the year in which the sample was taken.

We participated in the 4th stage of the U.S. EPA's Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR4) program by performing additional tests on our drinking water. UCMR4 sampling benefits the environment and public health by providing the U.S. EPA with data on the occurrence of contaminants suspected to be in drinking water, in order to determine if U.S. EPA needs to introduce new regulatory standards to improve drinking water quality. Unregulated contaminant monitoring data are available to the public, so please feel free to contact us if you are interested in obtaining that information. If you would like more information on the U.S. EPA's Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Rule, please call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

REGULATED SUBSTANCES												
SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)		S	YEAR AMPLED	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MC [MRDL	G] AM		RANGE LOW-HIGH	VIOLATIO	N TYPICAL SOURCE		
Bromate (ppb)			2020	10	0.1	(	0.08	ND-1	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection		
Chlorine (ppm)			2020	[4.0 (as Cl2)]	[4 (as C	12)]	0.9	0.8–0.9	No	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment		
Control of DBP precursors [TOC] (ppm)			2020	ΤT	NA	(	0.87	0.32–1.2	No	Various natural and man-made sources		
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)			2020	60	NA	:	11.2	ND-39	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection		
Hexavalent Chromium (ppb)			2020	NS <sup>1</sup>	0.02	. (	0.14	0.12–0.15	No	Discharge from electroplating factories, leather tanneries, wood preservation, chemical synthesis, refractory production, and textile manufacturing facilities; Erosion of natural deposits		
Nitrate [as nitrogen] (ppm)			2020	10	10	:	ND	NA	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks and sewage; Erosion of natural deposits		
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)			2020	80	NA	:	19.5	4.6–34	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection		
Tap Water Samples Collected for Copper and Lead Analyses from Sample Sites throughout the Community												
SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	AL	PHG (MCLG)	AMOUNT DETECTED (90TH %ILE)	SITES ABOVE A TOTAL SIT	l/ 'Es viol/	ATION	TYPICAL SOURCE				
Copper (ppm)	2019	1.3	0.3	0.0715	0/35	Ν	No	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives				
<b>Lead</b> (ppb) 2019 15		0.2	ND	0/35 No		No	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; Discharge from industrial manufacturers; Erosion of natural deposits					
SECONDARY SUBSTANCES												
SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)			YEAR SAMPLED SMCL (		PHG / (MCLG) D	AMOUNT ETECTED	IT RANGE ED LOW-HIGH \		ΓΙΟΝ ΤΥΡΙ	CAL SOURCE		

	2020	500	110	215	20.20	3.7	
Chloride (ppm)	2020	500	NS	24.5	20–29	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; Seawater influence
Odor–Threshold (TON)	2020	3	NS	1.6	1.2–2	No	Naturally occurring organic materials
Specific Conductance (µmho/cm)	2020	1,600	NS	255	220–290	No	Substances that form ions when in water; Seawater influence
Sulfate (ppm)	2020	500	NS	10.2	7.4–13	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; Industrial wastes
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	2020	1,000	NS	137	87–170	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Turbidity (NTU)	2020	5	NS	0.03	0.03-0.04	No	Soil runoff

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING RULE – PART 4 (UCMR4)									
SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	AMOUNT DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH						
Manganese (ppb)	2020	4.79	0.43–13						
UNREGULATED AND OTHER SUBSTANCES <sup>2</sup>									
SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	AMOUNT DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH						
Calcium (ppm)	2020	14.1	11–18						

Chlorate (ppb)	2020	125.5	75–210
Hardness, Total [as CaCO3] (ppm)	2020	74	43–111
Magnesium (ppm)	2020	8.7	7.6–9.8
Phosphate (ppm)	2020	2	1.9–2.1
<b>pH</b> (Units)	2020	7.9	7.9–7.9
Sodium (ppm)	2020	22.5	19–26

<sup>1</sup>There is currently no MCL for hexavalent chromium. The previous MCL of 10 ppb was withdrawn on September 11, 2017.

<sup>2</sup>Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps U.S. EPA and the State Water Resources Control Board to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether the contaminants need to be regulated.

#### Source Water Assessment

The State Water Resources Control Board -- Division of Drinking Water, requires water providers to conduct a source water assessment (SWA) to help protect the quality of future water supplies. The SWA describes where a water system's drinking water comes from, the type of polluting activities that may threaten source water quality, and an evaluation of the water's vulnerability to those threats.

The source water assessment for the Sacramento River was conducted by several agencies and identified eight potential watershed contaminant sources: agricultural drainage, livestock, forest activities, river corridor and river recreation, storm water and urban runoff, industrial NPDES dischargers, wastewater facilities, and watershed spills. The report states that "overall, the Sacramento River continued to provide good quality raw water. The raw water can currently be treated to meet all drinking water standards using conventional water treatment processes." The Sacramento River Watershed Sanitary Survey 2020 Update Report can be found here: https://cityofwoodland.org/SacramentoRiverSanitarySurvey.

#### Definitions

**90th %ile:** The levels reported for lead and copper represent the 90th percentile of the total number of sites tested. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of our lead and copper detections.

**AL (Regulatory Action Level):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

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 (SMCLs) 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 U.S. EPA.

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.

MRDLG (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal): 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.

#### NA: Not applicable.

**ND** (Not detected): Indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

NS: No standard

**NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units):** Measurement of the clarity, or turbidity, of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

**PDWS (Primary Drinking Water Standard):** MCLs and MRDLs 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 EPA.

**ppb (parts per billion):** One part substance per billion parts water (or micrograms per liter).

**ppm (parts per million):** One part substance per million parts water (or milligrams per liter).

TON (Threshold Odor Number): A measure of odor in water.

TT (Treatment Technique): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**µmho/cm (micromhos per centimeter):** A unit expressing the amount of electrical conductivity of a solution.

## How Long Can I Store Drinking Water?

The disinfectant in drinking water will eventually dissipate, even in a closed container. If that container housed bacteria prior to filling up with the tap water, the bacteria may continue to grow once the disinfectant has dissipated. Some experts believe that water can be stored up to six months before needing to be replaced. Refrigeration will help slow the bacterial growth.

#### Information on the Internet

The U.S. EPA (https://goo.gl/TFAMKc) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov) Web sites provide a substantial amount of information on many issues relating to water resources, water conservation, and public health. Also, the Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management has a Web site (https://goo.gl/kGepu4) that provides complete and current information on water issues in California, including valuable information about our watershed.