ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

Water Testing Performed in 2015

Presented By
Calaveras County Water District

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

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Meeting the Challenge

We are proud to present our annual drinking water report, which covers all drinking water testing performed between January 1 and December 31, 2015. Over the years, we have dedicated ourselves to producing drinking water that meets all state and federal standards. We continually strive to adopt new methods for delivering the highest quality drinking water to your homes and businesses. As new challenges to drinking water safety emerge, we remain vigilant in meeting the goals of source water protection, water conservation, and community education while continuing to serve the needs of all of our water users.

Please remember that we are always available to assist you, should you ever have any questions or concerns about your water.

Important Health Information

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants 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.

Source Water Assessment

A Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) is now available at our office. This plan is an assessment of the delineated area around our listed sources through which contaminants, if present, could migrate and reach our source water. The Source Water Assessment Plan for our water system had a rating of "medium." If you would like to review the Source Water Assessment Plan, please feel free to contact our office at (209) 754-3543.

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. State Board 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:

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 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;

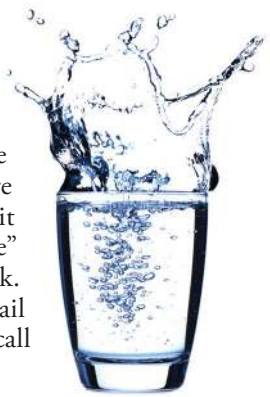
Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and which can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural applications, and septic systems;

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.

Community Participation

We'd like to invite you to get involved with our water district. Our Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. at the CCWD Headquarters, 120 Toma Ct., San Andreas, and members of the public are welcome to attend. As Calaveras County emerges from an unprecedented drought, we continue to be your source of information for water efficiency guidelines. We appreciate your help in using water efficiently to meet local and state requirements and reporting any water waste that you see in your neighborhood. For more information about CCWD, visit us online at www.ccwd.org, "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/calaveraswaterdistrict, e-mail customerservice@ccwd.org, or call (209) 754-3543.



Lead in Home Plumbing

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. We are 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 or at www.epa.gov/lead.

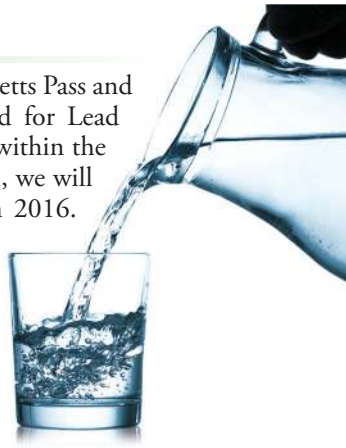
Where Does my Water Come From?

Calaveras County Water District customers are fortunate to enjoy an abundant water supply from four sources. CCWD has rights to the water on the three major rivers that flow through our county – Calaveras, Mokelumne, and Stanislaus. Five of our water systems draw from these surface water sources. The source for our Copper Cove system is the Stanislaus River at Lake Tulloch. The source for the Ebbetts Pass system is the Stanislaus River at McKay's Reservoir. The source for our Jenny Lind system is the Calaveras River below New Hogan Dam. The source for our Sheep Ranch system is San Antonio Creek below White Pines Reservoir, a tributary to the Calaveras River. The source for our West Point system is Bear Creek, a tributary to the Middle Fork of the Mokelumne River. Our sixth water system in Wallace draws water from two ground water wells in the South San Joaquin Groundwater Basin.

All three river watersheds have been surveyed for potential contaminants, and the watersheds were determined to be pristine. No man-made organic constituents have ever been detected. These survey reports are available for viewing at the District office in San Andreas. To learn more about our watershed, go to U.S. EPA's Surf Your Watershed at www.epa.gov/surf.

Missed Monitoring

During the summer of 2015, Ebbetts Pass and Jenny Lind areas were sampled for Lead and Copper but was not completed within the required time period. For this reason, we will be resampling in those two areas in 2016. We have already taken the steps to ensure that adequate monitoring and reporting will be performed in the future so that this oversight will not be repeated.



Questions?

For more information about this report, or for any questions relating to your drinking water, please call Jesse Hampton, Plant Operations Manager, at (209) 754-3316 or visit www.ccwd.org.

Sampling Results

During the past year, we have taken hundreds of water samples to determine the presence of any radioactive, biological, inorganic, volatile organic, or synthetic organic contaminants. The table shows only those contaminants that were detected in the water. The state requires us to monitor for certain substances less than once per year because the concentrations 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.

Some water systems in the state participated in the 3rd stage of the EPA's Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR3) program by performing additional tests on our drinking water. UCMR3 benefits the environment and public health by providing the EPA with data on the occurrence of contaminants suspected to be in drinking water, in order to determine if EPA needs to introduce new regulatory standards to improve drinking water quality. Contact us for more information on this program.

REGULATED SUBSTANCES

				Copper Cove		Ebbetts Pass		Jenny Lind			
SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	AMOUNT DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH	AMOUNT DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH	AMOUNT DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH	VIOLATION	TYPICAL SOURCE
Chlorine (ppm)	2015	[4.0 (as Cl2)]	[4 (as Cl2)]	1.36	1.07–1.83	1.2	0.82–1.58	1.94	1.5–2.2	No	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment
Control of DBP precursors [TOC] (Units)	2015	TT	NA	1.74	1.36–3.0	2.22	1.63–2.8	3.78	3.19–5.5	No	Various natural and man-made sources
Fluoride (ppm)	2015	2.0	1	0.11	ND–0.11	NA	NA	0.12	NA	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	2015	60	NA	28.8	20–43	43	24–65	43	29–43	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Nitrate [as nitrate] (ppm)	2015	45	45	ND	NA	ND	NA	4.43	NA	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	2015	80	NA	42	29–47	50	22–84	73.7	43.3–73.7	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Turbidity[2] (NTU)	2015	TT	NA	0.068	0.023–0.068	0.14	0.07–0.14	0.323	0.03–0.323	No	Soil runoff
Turbidity (Lowest monthly percent of samples meeting limit)	2015	TT = 95% of samples < 0.3 NTU	NA	100	NA	100	NA	100	NA	No	Soil runoff

REGULATED SUBSTANCES

				Sheep Ranch		West Point-Bear Creek		Wallace Water Treatment Plant			
SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	AMOUNT DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH	AMOUNT DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH	AMOUNT DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH	VIOLATION	TYPICAL SOURCE
Chlorine (ppm)	2015	[4.0 (as Cl2)]	[4 (as Cl2)]	0.86	0.67–1.05	1.19	1.09–1.6	0.96	0.56–1.25	No	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment
Control of DBP precursors [TOC] (Units)	2015	TT	NA	1.45	0.65–5.2	1.96	1.2–3.5	NA	NA	No	Various natural and man-made sources
Fluoride (ppm)	2015	2.0	1	ND	NA	NA	NA	0.06[1]	NA[1]	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	2015	60	NA	34	NA	29.55	2.2–49	ND	NA	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Nitrate [as nitrate] (ppm)	2015	45	45	ND	NA	ND	NA	ND	NA	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	2015	80	NA	49	NA	48.25	39–58	2.4	NA	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Turbidity[2] (NTU)	2015	TT	NA	0.15	0.09–0.15	0.09	0.07–0.09	NA	NA	No	Soil runoff
Turbidity (Lowest monthly percent of samples meeting limit)	2015	TT = 95% of samples < 0.3 NTU	NA	100	NA	100	NA	NA	NA	No	Soil runoff

Tap water samples were collected for lead and copper analyses from sample sites throughout the community

SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	AL	PHG (MCLG)	Copper Cove: AMOUNT DETECTED (90TH%TILE)	Copper Cove: SITES ABOVE AL/ TOTAL SITES	Ebbetts Pass: AMOUNT DETECTED (90TH%TILE)	Ebbetts Pass: SITES ABOVE AL/ TOTAL SITES	Jenny Lind: AMOUNT DETECTED (90TH%TILE)	Jenny Lind: SITES ABOVE AL/ TOTAL SITES	VIOLATION	TYPICAL SOURCE
Copper (ppm)	2015	1.3	0.3	0.85	0/20	0.27	0/30	ND	0/30	No	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (ppb)	2015	15	0.2	ND	0/20	ND	0/30	0.84	0/30	No	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits

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Copper (ppm)	2015	1.3	0.3	0.055	0/5	0.22	0/10	0.23	0/5	No	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (ppb)	2015	15	0.2	ND	0/5	5.9	0/10	ND	0/5	No	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits

SECONDARY SUBSTANCES

SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	SMCL	PHG (MCLG)	Copper Cove: AMOUNT DETECTED	Copper Cove: RANGE LOW-HIGH	Ebbetts Pass: AMOUNT DETECTED	Ebbetts Pass: RANGE LOW-HIGH	Jenny Lind: AMOUNT DETECTED	Jenny Lind: RANGE LOW-HIGH	VIOLATION	TYPICAL SOURCE
Chloride (ppm)	2015	500	NS	11	NA	3.5	NA	9.7	NA	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Color (Units)	2015	15	NS	ND	NA	5.3	NA	ND	NA	No	Naturally occurring organic materials
Corrosivity (Units)	2015	Noncorrosive	NS	-1.35	NA	-1.88	NA	0.02	NA	No	Natural or industrially influenced balance of hydrogen, carbon and oxygen in the water; affected by temperature and other factors
Iron (ppb)	2015	300	NS	ND	NA	ND	NA	ND	NA	No	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Manganese (ppb)	2015	50	NS	ND	NA	ND	NA	7.66	<5–47.52	No	Leaching from natural deposits
Odor–Threshold (Units)	2015	3	NS	1	ND–1	1	NA	ND	<1–1.15	No	Naturally occurring organic materials
Specific Conductance (µS/cm)	2015	1,600	NS	86	NA	39	NA	210	NA	No	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Sulfate (ppm)	2015	500	NS	0.6	NA	0.67	NA	21	NA	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	2015	1,000	NS	53	NA	38	NA	140	NA	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Zinc (ppb)	2015	5,000	NS	110	NA	98	NA	ND	NA	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes

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Chloride (ppm)	2015	500	NS	2	NA	1.55	1.5–1.6	8.7[1]	NA[1]	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Color (Units)	2015	15	NS	ND	NA	ND	NA	5.5	NA	No	Naturally occurring organic materials
Corrosivity (Units)	2015	Noncorrosive	NS	-0.9	NA	-0.74	NA	-1.79[1]	NA[1]	No	Natural or industrially influenced balance of hydrogen, carbon and oxygen in the water; affected by temperature and other factors
Iron (ppb)	2015	300	NS	ND	NA	ND	NA	62	ND–62	No	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Manganese (ppb)	2015	50	NS	ND	NA	ND	NA	34	ND–34	No	Leaching from natural deposits
Odor–Threshold (Units)	2015	3	NS	ND	NA	1	1–1	1.5	NA	No	Naturally occurring organic materials
Specific Conductance (µS/cm)	2015	1,600	NS	68	NA	103.66	61–180	194[1]	NA[1]	No	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Sulfate (ppm)	2015	500	NS	1.5	NA	0.68	0.52–0.96	9.4[1]	NA[1]	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	2015	1,000	NS	76	NA	51	41–57	195[1]	NA[1]	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Zinc (ppb)	2015	5,000	NS	ND	NA	ND	NA	30[1]	NA	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes

UNREGULATED AND OTHER SUBSTANCES

SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	Copper Cove AMOUNT DETECTED	Copper Cove RANGE LOW-HIGH	Ebbetts Pass AMOUNT DETECTED	Ebbetts Pass RANGE LOW-HIGH	Jenny Lind AMOUNT DETECTED	Jenny Lind RANGE LOW-HIGH	TYPICAL SOURCE
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)	2015	2.65	1.17–3.1	2.36	1.5–3.7	8.973	5.8–15	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chloroform (ppb)	2015	36.5	27–44	47	21–80	47.19	21–75	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Hardness (ppm)	2015	28	NA	11	NA	91	NA	Hardness in drinking water is caused by two naturally occuring substances: calcium and magnesium
Magnesium (ppm)	2015	2.7	NA	0.71	NA	9.1	NA	Naturally occuring
Sodium (ppm)	2015	5	NA	3.6	NA	9.6	NA	Sodium refers to the naturally occuring salt present in the water

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SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	Sheep Ranch AMOUNT DETECTED	Sheep Ranch RANGE LOW-HIGH	West Point-Bear Creek AMOUNT DETECTED	West Point-Bear Creek RANGE LOW-HIGH	Wallace Water Treatment Plant AMOUNT DETECTED	Wallace Water Treatment Plant RANGE LOW-HIGH	TYPICAL SOURCE
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)	2015	5.4	NA	3.5	2.2–5.3	0.7[1]	NA[1]	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chloroform (ppb)	2015	43	NA	42	36–53	0.79[1]	NA[1]	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Hardness (ppm)	2015	24	NA	5.13	24–28	42[1]	NA[1]	Hardness in drinking water is caused by two naturally occuring substances: calcium and magnesium
Magnesium (ppm)	2015	1.9	NA	NA	NA	4.7[1]	NA[1]	Naturally occuring
Sodium (ppm)	2015	3.5	NA	5.13	3.8–7	20[1]	NA[1]	Sodium refers to the naturally occuring salt present in the water

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING RULE PART 3 (UCMR3)

		Ebbetts Pass		Jenny Lind	
SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	AMOUNT DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH	AMOUNT DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH
Chlorate (ppb)	2015	NA	NA	260	150–420
Chromium (ppb)	2015	NA	NA	0.1	ND–0.2
Chromium VI [Hexavalent Chromium] (ppb)	2015	NA	NA	0.068	0.056–0.092
Strontium (ppb)	2015	35.1[3]	29–38[3]	130	110–140
Vanadium (ppb)	2015	NA	NA	0.62	0.41–0.81

[1] Sampled in 2013.
[2] Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. It is monitored because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of filtration systems.
[3] Sampled in 2014.

Definitions

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

µS/cm (microsiemens per centimeter): A unit expressing the amount of electrical conductivity of a solution.

LRAA (Locational Running Annual Average): The average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters. Amount Detected values for TTHMs and HAAs are reported as LRAAs.

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).

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