

November 12, 2008

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Monitoring Requirements Not Met for San Lorenzo Valley Water District – System No. 4410014

Our water system failed to monitor as required for drinking water standards during the past year and, therefore, was in violation of the regulations. Even though this failure was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we did to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During the first week of September 2008 (September 1-September 6), we did not complete all testing for total coliform bacteria and therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do at this time.
- The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during the last year, how many samples we are required to take and how often, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

<i>Contaminant</i>	<i>Required Sampling Frequency</i>	<i>Number of Samples Taken</i>	<i>When All Samples Should Have Been Taken</i>	<i>When Samples Were or Will Be Taken</i>
Total Coliform	12 samples every week	11 samples	12 samples during September 1 through September 6, 2008	12 weekly samples as of October 2008

- If you have health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

San Lorenzo Valley Water District annually collects 624 Total Coliform bacteriological samples at various locations throughout the water system. These routine samples are collected in accordance with a Total Coliform Bacteriological Sampling Plan approved by the California Department of Public Health. The Plan requires a specific number of samples to be collected each month at specific locations throughout the water distribution system.

During the month of September 2008 District staff failed to collect one required sample in your neighborhood (Big Basin Way). This has resulted in a violation from the California Department of Public Health which requires the District to notify each water user in the affected area. Although this violation occurred, the District's source water was tested at various other locations throughout the distribution system. All samples tested during the month of September 2008 met all State and Federal Water Quality Standards. Follow-up sampling in your area has ensured all water quality guidelines have been met.

To ensure on-going compliance with the required sampling frequency, the District has implemented corrective measures. Corrective measures include new internal control procedures which require multiple staff members to double check that the proper number of bacteriological samples has been collected and, the use of preprinted forms which identify each specific sample location.

We sincerely apologize for this situation and regret if this has caused concern regarding the integrity of your drinking water. The District is committed to providing the community with a safe and wholesome water supply at all times.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter please not hesitate to contact Joel Busa at (831) 430-4629, email jbusa@slvwd.com or 13060 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, CA 95006.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- SCHOOLS: Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).

- RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS: Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by the San Lorenzo Water District

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System Representative and Title: James A. Mueller, District Manager

Water System Representative Signature: _____