

# 2013 Consumer Confidence Report

Water System Name: Chiriaco Summit Water District Report Date: 07/29/2014

*We test the drinking water quality for many constituents as required by State and Federal Regulations. This report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 - December 31, 2013.*

**Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable - tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.**

Type of water source(s) in use: Colorado River Aqueduct

Name & location of source(s): Colorado River Aqueduct

## Drinking Water Source Assessment information:

As per MWD, and based on a Source Water Assessment (SWA) completed in December of 2002 at the Whitsett Intake Pumping Plant, this source (Colorado River supplies upstream of the plant) is considered to be most vulnerable to treated wastewater discharges, urbanization in the watershed, and recreation. Treated wastewater discharges and urbanization may contribute sources of nutrients, pathogens, metals, and other chemicals of concern. (For more information about the SWA, please call (213) 217-6850).

Time and place of regularly scheduled board meetings for public participation: 10:00 am the second Tuesday of every other month (Jan, March, May, July, September, November) at the CSWD Main office located at 62450A Chiriaco Road, Suite C, Chiriaco Summit, CA 92201. Meeting info can be obtained online at [www.cswaterdistrict.org](http://www.cswaterdistrict.org)

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## **TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT:**

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** 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.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** 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 (USEPA).

**Public Health Goal (PHG):** 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.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The level of a disinfectant added for water treatment that may not be exceeded at the consumer's tap.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a disinfectant added for water treatment below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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

**Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS):** 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.

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

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

**Variances and Exemptions:** Department permission to exceed an MCL or not comply with a treatment technique under certain conditions.

**ND:** not detectable at testing limit

**ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

**ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter (ug/L)

**ppt:** parts per trillion or nanograms per liter (ng/L)

**pCi/L:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)

**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.

**Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**

- *Microbial contaminants*, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- *Inorganic contaminants*, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or 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 that are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural application, and septic systems.
- *Radioactive contaminants* that can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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

**Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 list all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the most recent sampling for the constituent.** The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The Department allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

**TABLE 1 - SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF COLIFORM BACTERIA**

Microbiological Contaminants (to be completed only if there was a detection of bacteria)	Highest No. of detections	No. of months in violation	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source of Bacteria
Total Coliform Bacteria	0 (In a mo.)	0	More than 1 sample in a month with a detection	0	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform or <i>E. coli</i>	0 (In the year)	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample detect total coliform and either sample also detects fecal coliform or <i>E. coli</i>	0	Human and animal fecal waste

**TABLE 2 - SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF LEAD AND COPPER**

Lead and Copper (to be completed only if there was a detection of lead or copper in the last sample set)	No. of samples collected	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile level detected	No. sites exceeding AL	AL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	5	ND	0	15	0.2	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	5	0.225	0	1.3	0.3	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

**TABLE 3 - SAMPLING RESULTS FOR SODIUM AND HARDNESS <sup>1</sup>**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium (ppm)	04/2013 ~ 10/2013	82	81-82	None	None	Generally found in ground & surface water
Hardness (ppm)	04/2013 ~ 10/2013	280	280	None	None	Generally found in ground & surface water

\*Any violation of an MCL or AL is marked with an asterisk. Additional information regarding the violation is provided later in this report.

<sup>1</sup> Samples were taken from the Colorado River at Lake Havasu, Wittset Intake Pumping Plant.

**TABLE 4 - DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD <sup>1</sup>**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Range Average	Levels of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Arsenic (ppb)	April 2013	Range	2.5	10	0.004	Erosions of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes
		Average	2.5			
Barium (ppb)	April 2013	Range	110	1,000	2,000	Discharge from oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
		Average	110			
Fluoride (ppm) (naturally occurring)	April 2013 Oct. 2013	Range	0.3	2.0	1	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
		Average	0.3			
Perchlorate (ppb) <sup>2</sup>	April 2013	Range	ND	6	6	Industrial waste discharges
		Average	ND			
Gross Alpha Particle Activity (pCi/L) <sup>3</sup>	Quarterly	Range	3 - 6	15	(0)	Erosion of natural deposits.
		Average	4			
Gross Beta Particle Activity (pCi/L) <sup>(4,3)</sup>	Quarterly	Range	ND - 5	50	(0)	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
		Average	ND			
Uranium (pCi/L) <sup>(3)</sup>	Quarterly	Range	2 - 3	20	0.43	Erosion of natural deposits.
		Average	2			

**TABLE 5 – DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD <sup>5</sup>**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Range Average	Levels of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)(ppb)	August 2013	Range	51 - 69	80	None	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
		Average	60			
Haloacetic Acids (Five) (HAA5)(ppb)	August 2013	Range	25 - 26	60	None	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
		Average	25.5			
Chlorine (free) Residual (ppm)	01/2013~ 12/2013	Range	1.6 - 3.0	4.0	4.0	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment
		Average	2.4			

**TABLE 6 - DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A SECONDARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD <sup>1</sup>**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chloride (ppm)	04/2013; 10/2013	Range	76 - 82	500	NA	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
		Average	78			
Color (units)	04/2013; 10/2013	Range	4 - 5	15	NA	Naturally occurring organic minerals
		Average	5			
Specific Conductance (µS/cm)	04/2013; 10/2013	Range	880 - 940	1,600	NA	Substances that form ions in water; seawater influence
		Average	910			
Sulfate (ppm)	04/2013; 10/2013	Range	220	500	NA	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial waste
		Average	220			
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	04/2013; 10/2013	Range	570 - 600	1,000	NA	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
		Average	580			

<sup>1</sup> Samples were taken from the Colorado River at Lake Havasu, Wittset Intake Pumping Plant.<sup>2</sup> Lake Havasu had a Perchlorate level of 1ppb based on Metropolitan's reporting level of 0.1ppb, which is below the state DLR of 4ppb.<sup>3</sup> Data is from samples collected (triennially) during four consecutive quarters of monitoring in 2011 and reported for three years until the next samples are collected.<sup>4</sup> The gross beta particle activity MCL is 4 millirem/year annual dose equivalent to the total body or any internal organ. The screening level is 50 pCi/L.<sup>5</sup> Chiriaco Summit Water District sampling.

**TABLE 7 - DETECTION OF UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS <sup>1</sup>**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Levels of Detection	Notification/ [PHG] Level	Health Effects Language
Boron (ppb)	April 2013	Range	110	1,000	The babies of some pregnant women who drink water containing boron in excess of the notification level may have an increased risk of developmental effects, based on studies in laboratory animals.
		Average	110		

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### **For Systems Providing Surface Water as a Source Of Drinking Water:**

(Refer to page 1, "Type of water source in use" to see if your source of water is surface water or groundwater)

**TABLE 8 - SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING TREATMENT OF SURFACE WATER SOURCES**

Treatment Technique <sup>(a)</sup> (Type of approved filtration technology used)	Siemens Memcor Microfiltration
Turbidity Performance Standards <sup>(b)</sup> (that must be met through the water treatment process)	<u>Turbidity of the filtered water must:</u> 1 – Be less than or equal to 0.1 NTU in 95% of measurements in a month. 2 – Not exceed 1.0 NTU for more than eight consecutive hours. 3 – Not exceed 1.0 NTU at any time.
Lowest monthly percentage of samples that met Turbidity Performance Standard No. 1.	100 %
Highest single turbidity measurement during the year	0.025
Number of violations of any surface water treatment requirements	0

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

(b) Turbidity (measured in NTU) is a measurement of the cloudiness of water and is a good indicator of water quality and filtration performance. Turbidity results which meet performance standards are considered to be in compliance with filtration requirements.

### **Additional General Information on Drinking Water**

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 the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

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. 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 (1-800-426-4791).

### **Additional Special Language for Lead**

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. The Chiriaco Summit Water District is 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 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 <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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