A vertical photograph of a water splash against a light blue background. The water is captured in mid-air, creating a dynamic, flowing shape that tapers towards the top and bottom. The splash is composed of many small droplets and larger, interconnected water masses, giving it a textured, crystalline appearance. The lighting is bright, highlighting the transparency and movement of the water.

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Drinking Water Quality

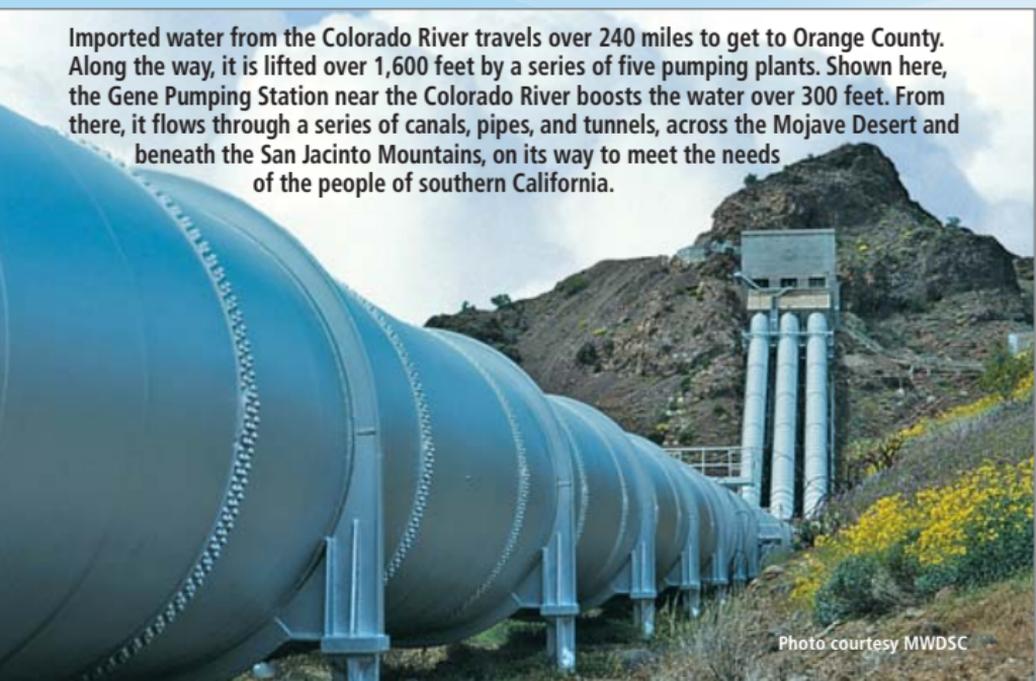
Since 1990, California water utilities have been providing an annual Water Quality Report to their customers. This year's report covers calendar year 2011 water quality testing and has been prepared in compliance with regulations called for in the 1996 reauthorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act. The reauthorization charged the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) with updating and strengthening the tap water regulatory program.

USEPA and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) are the agencies responsible for establishing drinking water quality standards. To ensure that your tap water is safe to drink, the USEPA and CDPH prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. CDPH regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health. The federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) also sets regulations for bottled water.

The Trabuco Canyon Water District (TCWD) has many procedures in place to safeguard its water supply. The water delivered to your home meets the standards required by the state and federal regulatory agencies. In some cases, TCWD goes beyond what is required to monitor for additional contaminants that have known health risks.

Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps USEPA determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to establish regulations for those contaminants.

Imported water from the Colorado River travels over 240 miles to get to Orange County. Along the way, it is lifted over 1,600 feet by a series of five pumping plants. Shown here, the Gene Pumping Station near the Colorado River boosts the water over 300 feet. From there, it flows through a series of canals, pipes, and tunnels, across the Mojave Desert and beneath the San Jacinto Mountains, on its way to meet the needs of the people of southern California.



We Go to Great Lengths to Ensure the Continued Quality of Your Water

Sources of Supply

Trabuco Canyon Water District (TCWD) has a variety of water supply sources, including imported wholesale water supplies and local ground water. Imported wholesale water is supplied primarily from TCWD's Dimension Water Treatment Plant which treats imported surface water from the Colorado River. In addition, TCWD also receives imported treated surface water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWDSC). Imported treated water primarily consists of blended water from the State Water Project and the Colorado River Aqueduct that is treated by MWDSC and conveyed to TCWD. In some portions of TCWD, your drinking water is a blend of treated local groundwater and treated imported water. Treated local groundwater primarily comes from TCWD's Trabuco Creek Wells Facility.

Basic Information About Drinking Water Contaminants

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 land or through the layers of the ground it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animal and 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.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.

For information about this report, or your water quality in general, please contact Hector Ruiz at (949) 858-0277. The TCWD Board of Directors meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the TCWD's Administration Building located at 32003 Dove Canyon Drive, Trabuco Canyon, California 92679. The public is encouraged to attend.

For more information about the health effects of the listed contaminants in the following tables, call the USEPA hotline at (800) 426-4791.

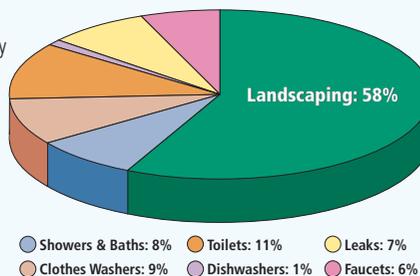
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Questions about your water? Contact us for answers.

How Residential Water is Used in Orange County

Outdoor watering of lawns and gardens makes up approximately 60% of home water use. By cutting your outdoor watering by 1 or 2 days a week, you can dramatically reduce your overall water use.

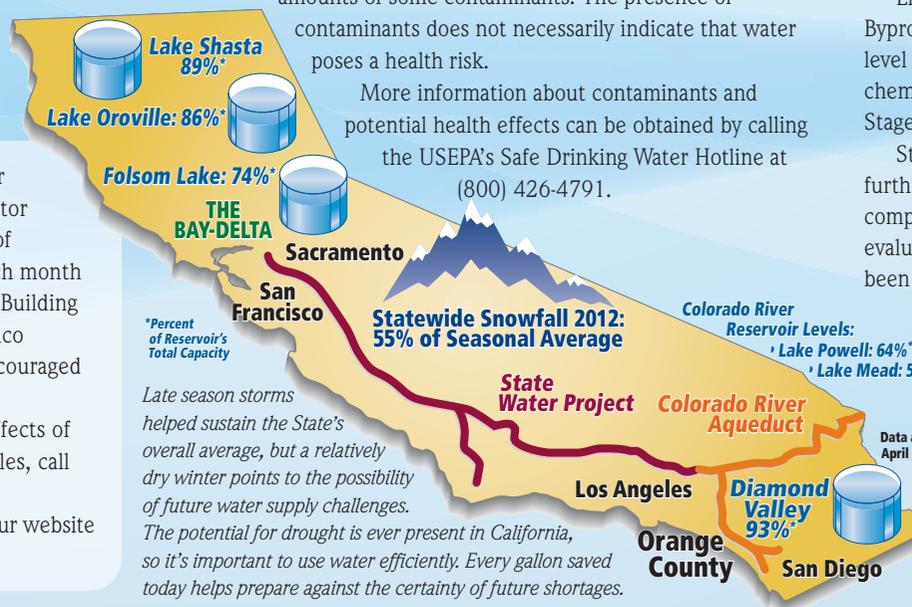
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- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining and farming.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gasoline stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural application and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production or mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA and the CDPH prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. CDPH 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.

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



Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts

Disinfection of drinking water was one of the major public health advances in the 20th century. Disinfection was a major factor in reducing waterborne disease epidemics caused by pathogenic bacteria and viruses, and it remains an essential part of drinking water treatment today.

Chlorine disinfection has almost completely eliminated from our lives the risks of microbial waterborne diseases. Chlorine is added to your drinking water at the source of supply (groundwater well or surface water treatment plant). Enough chlorine is added so that it does not completely dissipate through the distribution system pipes. This "residual" chlorine helps to prevent the growth of bacteria in the pipes that carry drinking water from the source into your home.

However, chlorine can react with naturally-occurring materials in the water to form unintended chemical byproducts, called disinfection byproducts (DBPs), which may pose health risks. A major challenge is how to balance the risks from microbial pathogens and DBPs. It is important to provide protection from these microbial pathogens while simultaneously ensuring decreasing health risks from disinfection byproducts. The Safe Drinking Water Act requires the USEPA to develop rules to achieve these goals.

Trihalomethanes (THMs) and Haloacetic Acids (HAAs) are the most common and most studied DBPs found in drinking water treated with chlorine. In 1979, the USEPA set the maximum amount of total THMs allowed in drinking water at 100 parts per billion as an annual running average.

Effective in January 2002, the Stage 1 Disinfectants / Disinfection Byproducts Rule lowered the total THM maximum annual average level to 80 parts per billion and added HAAs to the list of regulated chemicals in drinking water. Your drinking water complies with the Stage 1 Disinfectants / Disinfection Byproducts Rule.

Stage 2 of the regulation was finalized by USEPA in 2006, which further controls allowable levels of DBPs in drinking water without compromising disinfection itself. A required distribution system evaluation was completed in 2008 and a Stage 2 monitoring plan has been approved by CDPH. Full Stage 2 compliance begins in 2012.



Immuno-Compromised People

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised people, such as those with cancer who are undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have had organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly persons and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

Information You Should Know About the Quality of Your Drinking Water

Drinking Water Fluoridation

Fluoride has been added to U.S. drinking water supplies since 1945. Of the 50 largest cities in the U.S., 43 fluoridate their drinking water. In December 2007, MWDC joined a majority of the nation's public water suppliers in adding fluoride to drinking water in order to prevent tooth decay. In line with recommendations from the CDPH, as well as the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, MWDC adjusted the natural fluoride level in imported treated water from the Colorado River and State Project water to the optimal range for dental health of 0.7 to 1.3 parts per million. Our local water is not supplemented with fluoride. Fluoride levels in drinking water are limited under California state regulations at a maximum dosage of 2 parts per million.

There are many places to go for additional information about the fluoridation of drinking water.

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/

California Department of Public Health
www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/drinkingwater/
Pages/Fluoridation.aspx

American Water Works Association
www.awwa.org

For more information about MWDC's program, please contact Edgar G. Dymally at edymally@mwdh2o.com, or you may call him at (213) 217-5709.

What are Water Quality Standards?

Drinking water standards established by USEPA and CDPH set limits for substances that may affect consumer health or aesthetic qualities of drinking water. The chart in this report shows the following types of water quality standards:

- **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.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** 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.
- **Secondary MCLs** are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.
- **Primary Drinking Water Standard:** MCLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements and water treatment requirements.
- **Regulatory Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

How are Contaminants Measured?

Water is sampled and tested throughout the year. Contaminants are measured in:

- parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
- parts per billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
- parts per trillion (ppt) or nanograms per liter (ng/L)

What is a Water Quality Goal?

In addition to mandatory water quality standards, USEPA and CDPH have set voluntary water quality goals for some contaminants. Water quality goals are often set at such low levels that they are not achievable in practice and are not directly measurable. Nevertheless, these goals provide useful guideposts and direction for water management practices. The chart in this report includes three types of water quality goals:

- **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 USEPA.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** 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.
- **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.

Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a microscopic organism that, when ingested, can cause diarrhea, fever, and other gastrointestinal symptoms. The organism comes from animal and/or human wastes and may be in surface water. MWDC tested their source water and treated surface water for *Cryptosporidium* in 2011 but did not detect it. If it ever is detected, *Cryptosporidium* is eliminated by an effective treatment combination including sedimentation, filtration and disinfection.

The USEPA and the federal Centers for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other



Contaminants Not Detected

TCWD safeguards its water supply and, as in years past, the water delivered to your home meets the standards required by the state and federal regulatory agencies. In some cases, TCWD goes beyond what is required to monitor for additional contaminants that have known health risks. The contaminants listed below, specifically including Chromium and MTBE, were NOT DETECTED in TCWD'S water during the most recent sampling dates.

1,1,1-Trichloroethane	1-Phenylpropane	cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	Nitrogen Phosphorous
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	2,2-Dichloropropane	cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	Pesticides
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	2-Chlorotoluene	Cyanide	Simazine
1,1-Dichloroethane	4-Chlorotoluene	Diazinon	Styrene
1,1-Dichloroethene	Atrazine	Dibromomethane	Tetrachloroethene
1,2,3-Trichlorobenzene	Benzene	Dimethoate	Thallium
1,2,3-Trichloropropane	Beryllium	Dichlorofluoromethane	Thiobencarb
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	Bromobenzene	Ethyl benzene	Toulene
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	Bromochloromethane	Fecal Coliform & E.Coli	Total Coliform Bacteria
1,2-Dichloroethane	Bromomethane	Isopropylbenzene	trans-1,2-Dichloroethene
1,2-Dichloropropane	Cadmium	Mercury	trans-1,3-Dichloropropene
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	Carbon Tetrachloride	Methyl-t-butyl ether	Trichloroethene
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	Chlorobenzene	Methylene chloride	Trichlorofluoromethane
1,3-Dichloropropane	Chloroethane	n-Butylbenzene	Trichlorotrifluoroethane
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	Chloromethane	Naphthalene	Vinyl Chloride
	Chromium	Nickel	Xylenes

microbial contaminants are available from USEPA's Safe Drinking Water hotline at (800) 426-4791 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern Time (7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in California).

Want Additional Information?

There's a wealth of information on the internet about Drinking Water Quality and water issues in general. A good place to begin your own research is the **Trabuco Canyon Water District** website:

www.tcwd.ca.gov

In addition to extensive information about your local water and the support and services we offer, you'll find links for many other local, statewide, and national resources.

2011 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Treated Surface Water

Chemical	MCL	PHG, or (MCLG)	Average Amount	Range of Detections	MCL Violation?	Typical Source of Contaminant
Radiologicals – Tested in 2011						
Alpha Radiation (pCi/L)	15	(0)	3	ND – 3	No	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Beta Radiation (pCi/L)	50	(0)	<4	ND – 4	No	Decay of Man-made or Natural Deposits
Uranium (pCi/L)	20	0.43	2	2	No	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Inorganic Chemicals – Tested in 2011						
Aluminum (ppm)	1	0.6	0.14	ND – 0.24	No	Treatment Process Residue, Natural Deposits
Fluoride (ppm) treatment-related	Control Range 0.7 – 1.3 ppm Optimal Level 0.8 ppm		0.8	0.5 – 1.0	No	Water Additive for Dental Health
Nitrate as NO ₃ (ppm)	45	45	<2	ND – 2	No	Agriculture Runoff and Sewage
Nitrate + Nitrite as N (ppm)	10	10	< 0.4	ND – 0.4	No	Agriculture Runoff and Sewage
Secondary Standards* – Tested in 2011						
Aluminum (ppb)	200*	600	140	ND – 240	No	Treatment Process Residue, Natural Deposits
Chloride (ppm)	500*	n/a	72	70 – 75	No	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits
Color (color units)	15*	n/a	1	1	No	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits
Odor (threshold odor number)	3*	n/a	2	2	No	Naturally-occurring Organic Materials
Specific Conductance (µmho/cm)	1,600*	n/a	690	320 – 960	No	Substances that Form Ions in Water
Sulfate (ppm)	500*	n/a	160	150 – 170	No	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	1,000*	n/a	470	440 – 490	No	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits
Turbidity (ntu)	5*	n/a	0.05	0.03 – 0.25	No	Soil Runoff
Unregulated Chemicals – Tested in 2011						
Alkalinity, total as CaCO ₃ (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	90	48 – 120	n/a	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits
Boron (ppb)	NL = 1,000	n/a	130	130	n/a	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits
Calcium (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	51	47 – 55	n/a	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits
Hardness, total as CaCO ₃ (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	190	57 – 270	n/a	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits
Hardness, total (grains/gal)	Not Regulated	n/a	11	3 – 16	n/a	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits
Magnesium (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	20	19 – 21	n/a	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits
pH (pH units)	Not Regulated	n/a	8.0	7.0 – 8.6	n/a	Hydrogen Ion Concentration
Potassium (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	3.8	3.6 – 4.0	n/a	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits
Sodium (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	72	67 – 77	n/a	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	Not Regulated	TT	2.4	1.7 – 3.0	n/a	Various Natural and Man-made Sources

ppb = parts-per-billion; ppm = parts-per-million; ppt = parts-per-trillion; pCi/L = picoCuries per liter; ntu = nephelometric turbidity units; µmho/cm = micromhos per centimeter; ND = not detected; < = average is less than the detection limit for reporting purposes; MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level; (MCLG) = federal MCL Goal; PHG = California Public Health Goal; NL = Notification Level; n/a = not applicable; TT = treatment technique * Contaminant is regulated by a secondary standard.

Turbidity – combined filter effluent Diemer Filtration Plant	Treatment Technique	Turbidity Measurements	TT Violation?	Typical Source of Contaminant
1) Highest single turbidity measurement	0.3 NTU	0.08	No	Soil Runoff
2) Percentage of samples less than 0.3 NTU	95%	100%	No	Soil Runoff

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water, an indication of particulate matter, some of which might include harmful microorganisms. Low turbidity in Metropolitan's treated water is a good indicator of effective filtration. Filtration is called a "treatment technique" (TT). A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of contaminants in drinking water that are difficult and sometimes impossible to measure directly.

2011 Trabuco Canyon Water District Dimension Water Treatment Plant

Chemical	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Average Amount	Range of Detections	MCL Violation?	Most Recent Sampling Date	Typical Source of Contaminant
Radiologicals							
Alpha Radiation (pCi/L)	15	(0)	3.5	3.5	No	2011	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Beta Radiation (pCi/L)	50	(0)	6.9	2.8 – 11	No	2006	Decay of Man-Made Deposits
Uranium (pCi/L)	20	0.43	3.3	3.3	No	2011	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Inorganic Chemicals							
Aluminum (ppm)	1	0.6	0.15	0.086 – 0.23	No	2011	Treatment Process Residue, Natural Deposits
Barium (ppm)	1	2	0.13	0.13	No	2011	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Fluoride (ppm) naturally-occurring	2	1	0.21	0.21	No	2011	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Secondary Standards*							
Aluminum (ppb)	200*	600	150	86 – 230	No	2011	Treatment Process Residue, Natural Deposits
Chloride (ppm)	500*	n/a	90	90	No	2011	Leaching from Natural Deposits
Specific Conductance (µmho/cm)	1,600*	n/a	970	970	No	2011	Ions in Water
Sulfate (ppm)	500*	n/a	240	240	No	2011	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	1,000*	n/a	640	640	No	2011	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits
Unregulated Contaminants Requiring Monitoring							
Calcium (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	67	67	n/a	2011	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits
Magnesium (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	27	27	n/a	2011	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits
pH (pH units)	Not Regulated	n/a	7.4	7.4	n/a	2011	Acidity, hydrogen ions
Potassium (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	5.8	5.8	n/a	2011	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits
Sodium (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	89	89	n/a	2011	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits
Total Alkalinity (ppm as CaCO ₃)	Not Regulated	n/a	120	120	n/a	2011	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits
Total Hardness (ppm as CaCO ₃)	Not Regulated	n/a	310	310	n/a	2011	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits
Total Hardness (grains/gal)	Not Regulated	n/a	18	18	n/a	2011	Runoff or Leaching from Natural Deposits

ppb = parts-per-billion; ppm = parts-per-million; pCi/L = picoCuries per liter; ntu = nephelometric turbidity units; ND = not detected; n/a = not applicable; < = average is less than the detection limit for reporting purposes; MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level; (MCLG) = federal MCL Goal; PHG = California Public Health Goal; *Contaminant is regulated by a secondary standard to maintain aesthetic qualities (taste, odor, color).

Turbidity – combined filter effluent	Treatment Technique	Turbidity Measurements	TT Violation?	Most Recent Sampling Date	Typical Source of Contaminant
1) Highest single turbidity measurement	1 NTU	0.19	No	2011	Soil Run-off
2) Percentage of samples less than 0.2 NTU	95%	100%	No	2011	Soil Run-off

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water, an indication of particulate matter, some of which might include harmful microorganisms. Low turbidity in Trabuco Canyon Water District's treated water is a good indicator of effective filtration. Filtration is called a "treatment technique" (TT). A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of contaminants in drinking water that are difficult and sometimes impossible to measure directly.

2011 Trabuco Canyon Water District Trabuco Creek Wells Facility

Chemical	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Average Amount	Range of Detections	MCL Violation?	Most Recent Sampling Date	Typical Source of Contaminant
Inorganic Chemicals							
Fluoride (ppm)	2	1	0.12	0.12	No	2011	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Nitrate (ppm as NO ₃)	45	45	ND	ND	No	2011	Fertilizers, Septic Tanks
Nitrate+Nitrite (ppm as N)	10	10	ND	ND	No	2011	Fertilizers, Septic Tanks
Secondary Standards*							
Chloride (ppm)	500*	n/a	14	14	No	2011	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Specific Conductance (µmho/cm)	1,600*	n/a	560	560	No	2011	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Sulfate (ppm)	500*	n/a	120	120	No	2011	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	1,000*	n/a	370	370	No	2011	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Unregulated Contaminants Requiring Monitoring							
Calcium (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	72	72	n/a	2011	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Magnesium (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	18	18	n/a	2011	Erosion of Natural Deposits
pH (pH units)	Not Regulated	n/a	7	7	n/a	2011	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Potassium (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	1.3	1.3	n/a	2011	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Sodium (ppm)	Not Regulated	n/a	26	26	n/a	2011	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Total Alkalinity (ppm as CaCO ₃)	Not Regulated	n/a	150	150	n/a	2011	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Total Hardness (ppm as CaCO ₃)	Not Regulated	n/a	270	270	n/a	2011	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Total Hardness (grains per gallon)	Not Regulated	n/a	16	16	n/a	2011	Erosion of Natural Deposits

ppb = parts-per-billion; ppm = parts-per-million; pCi/L = picoCuries per liter; ntu = nephelometric turbidity units; ND = not detected; n/a = not applicable; < = average is less than the detection limit for reporting purposes; MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level; (MCLG) = federal MCL Goal; PHG = California Public Health Goal; µmho/cm = micromho per centimeter; *Contaminant is regulated by a secondary standard to maintain aesthetic qualities (taste, odor, color).

Turbidity – combined filter effluent	Treatment Technique	Turbidity Measurements	TT Violation?	Most Recent Sampling Date	Typical Source of Contaminant
1) Highest single turbidity measurement	5 NTU	0.13	No	2011	Soil Run-off
2) Percentage of samples less than 0.2 NTU	95%	100%	No	2011	Soil Run-off

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water, an indication of particulate matter, some of which might include harmful microorganisms. Low turbidity in Trabuco Canyon Water District's treated water is a good indicator of effective filtration. Filtration is called a "treatment technique" (TT). A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of contaminants in drinking water that are difficult and sometimes impossible to measure directly.

2011 Trabuco Canyon Water District Distribution System Water Quality

Disinfection Byproducts	MCL (MRDL/MDL)	Average Amount	Range of Detections	MCL Violation?	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	31	4 – 85	No	Byproducts of chlorine disinfection
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	9.6	1.2 – 21	No	Byproducts of chlorine disinfection
Chlorine Residual (ppm)	(4 / 4)	1.6	0.31 – 2.1	No	Disinfectant added for treatment
Aesthetic Quality					
Color (color units)	15*	0	0 – 1	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Odor (threshold odor number)	3*	<1	<1	No	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Turbidity (ntu)	5*	0.02	ND – 0.28	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Twelve locations in the distribution system are tested quarterly for total trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids; sixteen locations are tested monthly for color, odor and turbidity. MRDL = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level; MRDLG = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal; < = detected but average is less than the reporting limit; ntu = nephelometric turbidity unit; ND = not detected; *Contaminant is regulated by a secondary standard to maintain aesthetic qualities (taste, odor, color).

Bacterial Quality	MCL	MCLG	Highest Monthly Positive Samples	MCL Violation?	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Coliform Bacteria	5%	0	0.0%	No	Naturally present in the environment

No more than 5% of the monthly samples may be positive for total coliform bacteria. The occurrence of 2 consecutive total coliform positive samples, one of which contains fecal coliform/E.coli, constitutes an acute MCL violation.

Lead and Copper Action Levels at Residential Taps

Action Level (AL)	Health Goal	90th Percentile Value	Sites Exceeding AL / Number of Sites	AL Violation?	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	15	ND <5	0/33	No	Corrosion of household plumbing
Copper (ppm)	1.3	0.11	0/33	No	Corrosion of household plumbing

Every three years, at least 30 residences are tested for lead and copper at-the-tap. The most recent set of samples was collected in 2009. Lead was detected in one sample, which did not exceed the action level. Copper was detected in six samples, none exceeded the action level. The regulatory action level is the concentration which, if exceeded in more than ten percent of the homes tested, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow. Trabuco Canyon Water District complied with the lead and copper action levels.

About Lead in Tap Water

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. TCWD 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: www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Source Water Assessments Imported (MWDCS) Water Assessment

Every five years, MWDCS is required by CDPH to examine possible sources of drinking water contamination in its State Water Project and Colorado River source waters.

MWDCS has submitted to CDPH its 2010 updates to the Watershed Sanitary Surveys for the Colorado River and State Water Project, which include suggestions for how to better protect these source waters. Both source waters are exposed to stormwater runoff, recreational activities, wastewater discharges, wildlife, fires, and other watershed-related factors that could affect water quality.

Water from the Colorado River is considered to be most vulnerable to contamination from recreation, urban/stormwater runoff, increasing urbanization in the watershed, and wastewater. Water supplies from Northern California's State Water Project are most vulnerable to contamination from urban/stormwater runoff, wildlife, agriculture, recreation, and wastewater.

USEPA also requires MWDCS to complete one Source Water Assessment (SWA) that utilizes information collected in the watershed sanitary surveys. MWDCS completed its SWA in December 2002. The SWA is used to evaluate the vulnerability of water sources to contamination and helps determine whether more protective measures are needed.

A copy of the most recent summary of either Watershed Sanitary Survey or the SWA can be obtained by calling MWDCS at (213) 217-6850.

Groundwater Assessment

An assessment of the drinking water sources for TCWD was completed in 2011. The water sources are considered most vulnerable to contaminants associated with historic gas stations, septic systems, agricultural/ irrigation wells, above and below ground storage tanks and mining activities. There have been no contaminants detected in TCWD'S water associated with these activities. The only detections of contaminants are associated with naturally occurring salts, naturally occurring radiochemicals, and low level organics. A copy of the complete assessment is available at TCWD. You may request that a summary of the assessment be sent to you by contacting Hector Ruiz at (949) 858-0277.

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