2014 Consumer Confidence Report

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Water System Name: *Ranchos Del Rio Mutual Water* Report Date: *June 30, 2015*

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, 2014 and may include earlier monitoring data.

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: *Ground Water Well - Raw*

Name & general location of source(s): *Well #03,Well # 04, Cattani Bakersfield, CA 93308*

Drinking Water Source Assessment information: *A Water Source Assessment was conducted in March 2003 on well 3. This source is considered most vulnerable to the following activities not associated with any detected contaminants: Sewer collection systems. In addition to the PCA's listed in the vulnerability summary this source is also considered to be vulnerable to the following activities: Housing – high density, Wells – water supply, Transportation corridors – Roads/Streets. A new well (Well # 4) has been put into service in 2013 but no Water Source Assessment has been conducted at this time. To review a complete copy of the Water Source Assessment you may contact Matt Fisher at 858-3938*

Time and place of regularly scheduled board meetings for public participation: *Annual meeting for members in the 4th quarter of the year location to be announced.*

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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 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.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to

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: State Board 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 (µg/L)

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

health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.	**ppq**: parts per quadrillion or picogram per liter (pg/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, 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 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 by-products 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 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 provide the same protection for public health.

Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 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 State Board 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, are more than one year old.

TABLE 1 – SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF COLIFORM BACTERIA

Microbiological Contaminants (complete if bacteria detected)	Highest No. of Detections	No. of months in violation	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source of Bacteria
Total Coliform Bacteria	(In a mo.) 0	0	More than 1 sample in a month with a detection	0	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform or *E. coli*	(In the year) 0	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample detect total coliform and either sample also detects fecal coliform or *E. coli*	0	Human and animal fecal waste

TABLE 2 – SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF LEAD AND COPPER

Lead and Copper (complete if lead or copper detected in the last sample set)	Sample Date	No. of samples collected	90th percentile level detected	No. sites exceeding AL	AL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	9/29/14	5	.0015	0	15	0.2	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	9/29/14	5	0.250	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						
Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	**Sample Date**	**Level Detected**	**Range of Detections**	**MCL**	**PHG (MCLG)**	**Typical Source of Contaminant**
Sodium (ppm)	12/8/14 & 7/13/13	18	17 - 19	none	none	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring
Hardness (ppm)	12/8/14 & 7/13/13	67.5	64 - 71	none	none	Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium, and are usually naturally occurring

**Any violation of an MCL or AL is asterisked. Additional information regarding the violation is provided later in this report.*

TABLE 4 – DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD						
Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	**Sample Date**	**Level Detected**	**Range of Detections**	**MCL [MRDL]**	**PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]**	**Typical Source of Contaminant**
Nitrate	2014	0.71	0.79 – 0.62	45	45	*Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits*
Fluoride	12/8/14 & 7/13/13	0.18	0.16 – 0.19	2.0	1	*Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories*
Barium (ppm)	12/8/14 & 7/13/13	0.40	0.39 – 0.41	1	2	*Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits*
Gross Alpha	2014	0.92	ND – 2.76	15	(0)	*Erosion of natural deposits*
Radium	2014	0.19	ND – 0.56	5	N/A	*Erosion of natural deposits*

TABLE 5 – DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A SECONDARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD						
Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	**Sample Date**	**Level Detected**	**Range of Detections**	**MCL**	**PHG (MCLG)**	**Typical Source of Contaminant**
Sulfate (ppm)	12/8/14 & 7/13/13	20.5	14 - 15	500	None	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits: industrial wastes
Chloride (ppm)	12/8/14 & 7/13/13	5.55	5.3 – 5.8	500	None	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Specific Conductance (EC) (µS/cm)	12/8/14 & 7/13/13	210	211 - 209	1600	None	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) (ppm)	12/8/14 & 7/13/13	135	130 - 140	1000	None	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Turbidity (ppm)	12/8/14 & 7/13/13	1.0	ND - 2.0	5	None	Soil runoff
Color(Units)	12/8/14 & 7/13/13	1.0	1.0 – 1.0	15	None	Naturally-occurring organic materials
Iron (ppb)	12/8/14 & 7/13/13	175	60 - 290	300	None	*Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes*
*Manganese (ppb)	12/8/14 & 7/13/13	54	52 - 56	50	None	Leaching from natural deposits

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).

Lead-Specific Language for Community Water Systems: 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. RANCHO DEL RIO MUTUAL WATER 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.

*Iron MCL exceedance : Iron was found at levels that exceed the secondary MCL of 300 mg/L. The iron MCL was set to protect you against unpleasant aesthetic effects (i.e. color, taste, odor) and the staining of plumbing fixtures & clothing while washing. The high iron levels are due to leaching from natural deposits.

*Manganese MCL exceedance: Manganese was found at levels that exceed the secondary MCL of 50 mg/L. The manganese MCL was set to protect you against unpleasant aesthetic effects (i.e. color, taste, odor) and the staining of plumbing fixtures & clothing while washing. The high Manganese levels are due to leaching from natural deposits