Lingate Lane Mutual Water Company

1525 1/2 Monte Vista Road, Montecito, CA. 93108

Monitoring period through: December 2015

Report Date: June 2016

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This year's Annual Water Quality Report is designed to inform you about the quality of the water and services we deliver to you every day. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We make continued efforts to improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. Our water source is well #1, which draws from the Montecito East Aquifer. Our well in located on Monte Vista Road. In case of emergency, the water company also has a backup water supply connection from the Montecito Water District.

The County of Santa Barbara Environmental Health Services, has conducted a source water assessment for potential sources of contamination. The Lingate Lane Mutual Water system is beneficially located and has no known adverse potential sources of contamination. This is consistent with the ongoing laboratory testing we have conducted. You may request a copy of the assessment summary be sent to you by contracting EHS sanitary engineer (805) 681-4900.

To ensure tap water is safe to drink, the USEPA and State Water Resources Control Board (State Board), prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Board regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk.

We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets all federal and state potable water requirements. **Drought is affecting all California water supplies.** This water system is asking everyone to conserve water, wherever you are.

If you have any questions about any part of this report or concerning your water utility, please contact the Lingate Lane Mutual Water Company Secretary, Josephine Di Loreto, at 1529 Mira Mar Ave, Montecito phone 969-6467. Our water system operating manager is Lawrence Price. For water billing questions, please contact Alan Fray at Kennedy Accounting Systems @ 962-1626. We want our consumers to be informed about their water utility. This report is an overview of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to state and federal water quality standards.

The Lingate Lane Mutual Water Company routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table shows the water quality results of our monitoring from January 1st, 2015 to December 31st, 2015 and lists all of the contaminants that were detected. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk.

Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites, which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

Definitions of the units of measurement and terms used in this Report.

In this table you will find many terms you might not be familiar with. We've provided the following definitions to help you better understand these terms:

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present at or above minimum detection testing limit.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/L) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years.

Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (ng/L) - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years.

Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/L) - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years.

 $\underline{\textit{Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)}}$ - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL) - million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water.

Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

<u>Treatment Technique (TT)</u> – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

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

Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is 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 aesthetic standards established to protect the odor, taste and appearance of drinking water.

<u>Maximum Contaminant Level Goal</u> - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. MCLGs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

<u>Public Health Goal or PHG</u> – 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.

<u>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or MRDL</u> – 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.

<u>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal or MRDLG</u> – The level of a disinfectant added for water treatment below which there is no known or expected risk to health MRDLGs do not effect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants

<u>Primary Drinking Water Standards or PDWS</u> – MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements and water treatment technique requirements. PDWSs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

<u>Secondary Drinking Water Standards or SDWS</u> – There are no PHGs, MCLs or mandatory standard health effects language for constituents with secondary drinking water standards, because Secondary MCLs for drinking water are set solely on the basis of aesthetics such as the taste, odor, or the appearance of the waters. Contaminants with high SDWSs do not affect the health at the MCL levels.

SDWSs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

Notification Level (NL) - Notification Levels are health-based levels established by CDPH for chemicals in drinking water that lack MCL's.

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2015 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT TO CONSUMERS 2014 WATER QUALITY INFORMATION

All Water Anal	ysis are Performed by State Certified Labs						
	ny constituents as required by State and Federal Regulations. ity monitoring for the period:						
The chemical water quality of ea	ch water source is described on the following pages.						
Number of water sources in use: One . For more information, contact: Kennedy Ac	e Vista Rd., Montecito, CA. 93108 Type(s) of sources: Well # 1 .						
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The following table provides the	e appropriate definitions for the terms used in this report.						
Term	Definition						
Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCL's are set as close to the PHG's (or MCLG's) as is Economically or technically feasible. Secondary MCL's 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. MCLG's 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. PHG's are set by the California State 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 1drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.						
Primary Drinking Water Standard (PDWS)	Primary MCL's and MRDL's for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.						
Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS)	MCL's for contaminants that affect taste, odor or appearance if drinking water. Contaminants with SDWS's do not affect health at MCL levels.						
mg/L = Milligrams per liter or parts per million. MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level PHG = Public Health Goal DBP = Disinfection by-products TOC = Total Organic Carbon	ND = Chemical not detected at or above minimum detection limit. N-R = Water system is determined to be non-vulnerable to this chemical, therefore EHS has waived testing for this contaminant. N/A = Goal not applicable or not established for this chemical. RAA – Running Annual Average						
These qualities may affect customer acceptance	dor and color) established by Calif. State Water Resources Control Board. c, however, exceedance does not constitute a health hazard. d for consumer acceptance and water system management.						
Distribution Syste	em Microbiological quality of the water						
	nts in the distribution system is required. This monitoring is done ystem is free from coliform bacteria. This is a summary:						
Number of tests for the presence of co	sence of coliform bacteria required per year: oliform bacteria conducted during the last year: o contain coliform bacteria during the year: None.						
Individual T:	ap Monitoring for Lead & Copper						
	ions within the water system is performed for lead & copper. This						

Monitoring of individual taps from locations within the water system is performed for lead & copper. This Monitoring is done to verify that the delivered water does not contain lead or copper.

This table summarizes the most recent monitoring for these constituents in milligrams per liter (mg/L).

	Date or most	Number of	Number of	Level Detected	Action Level	PHG
	recent samples	samples collected	samples collected	90 th percentile (mg/L)	(mg/L))mg/L)
Lead sampling	Sept 2015	10	10	0.0150	0.0150	0.00020
Copper sampling	Sept 2015	10	10	0.2600	1.3000	0.03000

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	TESTING RESULTS										
Primary Standards	MCLs for	r contamin	ants that ef	fect health al	ong with the	heir n	nonitorir	ıg & reporti	ng requirements and water treatment requirements.		
* Any violation of an MC	L, MRDL	, or TT is 1	narked with	an asterisk	* .Addition	nal in	formatic	n regarding	any such violation is provided later in this report.		
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Level Detected	Range	Unit of Measure	MCL [MRDL]	PHG	[MRDL0	Sample Date	Typical Source of Contamination		
Microbiological Contaminants	Microbiological Contaminants										
Total Coliform Bacteria	No	none		# Tests	< 2 / mc	onth	None	Monthly	Naturally present in the environment		
3. Turbidity	No	0.4	ND -().5 NTU	5		N/A	Dec 2015	Soil runoff		
Radioactive Contaminants	: which car	be naturall	y-occurring of	or be the resul	t of oil and g	gas pro	oduction a	and mining a	ctivities.		
5. Alpha Activity, Gross	No	3.290	ND-3.290	pCi/L	15		N/A	2011	Erosion of natural deposits		
6. Combined Radium 226 & 228	No	0.134	ND-0.386	pCi/L	5		N/A	2007	Erosion of natural deposits		
9. Uranium	No	0.134	ND -0.134	pCi/L	20		N/A	2011	Erosion of natural deposits		
Inorganic Contaminants: such as salts and metals that can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges or other activities such as oil and gas production, mining, or farming.											
20. Fluoride	No	0.3	0.3 – 0.5	ppm	2.0		1	Dec 2015	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories		
24. Nitrate (as Nitrate)	No	9.5	8.4 – 16.6	ppm	45		45	Feb 2014	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits		

^{*} Any constituent exceeding a PDWS, or any violation of an MCL or AL, it will be marked by an asterisk * placed beside the level of detection value.

Federal Lea	ad / Copper Rules	Monitore	ed at the rep	resentative	individual cu	Required sa	mpling at 10 re	presentative sites every 3 years.	
18.Copper	10 samples 90 th percentile	No	0.027	0.030 - 0.5420	ppm	AL=1.3	0.17	Oct 2011	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
18.Copper Di	istribution Sample	No	0.072	0.006 - 0.0730	ppm	AL=1.3	0.17	Oct 2010	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
21.* Lead *	10 samples 90 th percentile	No	3.5	ND - 49.0	ppb	AL=15	2.0	Oct 2011	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
21. Lead D	istribution Sample	No	0.7	ND - 1.0	ppb	AL=15	2.0	Oct 2010	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits

Monitored at 10 representative individual customers taps. AL = Action Level = if exceeded, triggers treatment requirements or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Secondary Standards (Aesthetic Standards) MCLs for contaminants that effect taste, odor, or appearance of drinking water. Secondary DWS Contaminants do not affect the health at MCL levels. Note: There are no PHGs or MCLGs for constituents with secondary drinking water standards because these are not health-based levels, but set on the basis of aesthetics.											
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Level Detected	Range	Unit of Measure	MCL [MRDL]	PHG [MRDLG]	Sample Date	Typical Source of Contamination			
Chloride	No	89	113 – 138	ppm	500		Dec 2015	Run-off / leaching from natural deposits			
Sulfate	No	168	282 - 340	ppm	500		v	Run-off / leaching from natural deposits			
Color	No	ND	ND - 5	Units	15		Dec 2015	Naturally-occurring organic materials			
Zinc	No	ND	ND - 0.23	Ppm	5.0		Dec 2015				
pН	N/A	6.7	6.7 - 7.4	Units			Dec 2015				
Specific Conductance	No	998	1410 -1570	ppm	1600		Dec 2015	Run-off / leaching from natural deposits			
Total Dissolved Solids	No	600	940 - 1090	ppm	1000		Dec 2015	Run-off / leaching from natural deposits			

Results for Sodium and Hardness included in this report for consumer reference. These are not health-based constituents.									
Total Hardness	N/A	341	474 - 576	ppm			Dec 2015	Generally found in ground & surface water.	
Sodium	N/A	76	101 - 138	ppm			Dec 2015	Generally found in ground & surface water.	

Unregulated Contaminants	Detection of	etection of chemicals and constituents with No Maximum Contaminant Levels.										
Boron	N/A	0.20	0.24 – 0.51	ppm			Dec 2015	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 lab animals.				

This report contains important information about your drinking water. Translate it, or speak with someone who understands it. <u>Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua potable beber. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien. Si usted tiene preguntas acera del agua de este system, por favor llame a la oficina al telefono (805) 962-1626.</u>

Like all the residents in California and the South Coast, we each must remember we live in a semi-arid zone where limited rainfall is the major source of our water supply. This rainfall in turn eventually becomes the streams and means of replenishing the well water basins upon which our well and others draw. As surface water sources vary from year to year, so does the amount of rain water which percolates into our groundwater basins. Regardless of where we get our water, lakes, stream, wells, etc., we are all ultimately dependent upon the rain that falls to nourish our habits and appetites. We must use our resources appropriately and appreciate the wonderful place we all call home. Enjoy water wisely.

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As you can see by the table on the previous pages, and the complete summary on the following pages, the water our system provides is wholesome and the Lingate Lane Mutual Water does a lot of testing and maintenance to keep it that way. We're proud of our crew who work to assure our drinking water meets the Federal and State primary drinking water requirements. When you see them working on the system, making repairs or flushing the hydrants, or working on the valves, or reading meters, consider showing your appreciation for their efforts - wave, smile and say "thanks".

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 any water source include:

- <u>Microbial contaminants</u>, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- <u>Inorganic contaminants</u>, such as salts and metals, that can naturally-occur or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- <u>Pesticides and herbicides</u>, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.
- <u>Organic chemical contaminants</u>, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals that are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also comes from gas stations, urban storm water runoff agricultural application and septic systems.
- <u>Radioactive contaminants</u>, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of these contaminants 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 from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 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 microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline again by calling (1-800-426-4791).

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. Lingate Lane 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.

"Please call the new Secretary, Ms. Josephine Di Loreto's Office at 969-6467, if you have questions." Your other Water Board members, who are working to keep things in order, are Perry Ferguson & Ron Blitzer.

"Lingate Lane Mutual Water Secretary, Josephine Di Loreto, Price Water & Well Service and Alan fray @ Kennedy Accounting Systems are all working to provide potable water to every tap," says Lawrence Price, Water System General Manager/Operator 569-0625 or 569-0635. You daily water use has reduced. Thank you for your continued efforts to conserve water around your house & yard. We remind you that water conservation is always very important. Please do your part to conserve this resource." We're asking for everyone's help! The *Drought continues* for a 5th year. *Lake Cachuma* is now at unprecedented *low levels*. By August, the lake level will be at <10%. We ask our customers to help us *protect and preserve our water sources and conserve water during this drought* & at *ALL* times. "We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, they are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future." For questions about your water bill, Trish Guilfoyle is available @ Kennedy office 962-1626, which is open daily Monday-Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your famiaaly with clean, quality water this year. in order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers.

These improvements sometimes cause for service interruptions. Thank you for understanding and for conserving water.