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Water System Name: **HOUWELING NURSERIES, LTD**

Water System Number: **5602656**

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# 2015 Consumer Confidence Report

Water System Name: HOUWELING NURSERIES, LTD

Report Date: May 2016

*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, 2015.*

**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:** According to SWRCB records, this Source is Groundwater. This Assessment was done using the Default Groundwater System Method.

**Your water comes from 1 source(s):** Houweling Well

For more information about this report, or any questions relating to your drinking water, please call (805) 322 - 1548 and ask for Richard Vanderburg or visit our website at [www.houwelings.com](http://www.houwelings.com).

## TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically 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 health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

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

**Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS):** MCLs for the 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.

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

**ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter (µg/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 California Department of Public Health (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 provide the same protection for public health.

**Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 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, are more than one year old.

<b>Table 1 - SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF LEAD AND COPPER</b>						
<b>Lead and Copper</b> (complete if lead or copper detected in last sample set)	<b>Sample Date</b>	<b>90th percentile level detected</b>	<b>No. Sites Exceeding AL</b>	<b>AL</b>	<b>PHG</b>	<b>Typical Sources of Contaminant</b>
Copper (ppm)	10 (2014)	0.04	0	1.3	.3	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

<b>Table 2 - SAMPLING RESULTS FOR SODIUM AND HARDNESS</b>						
<b>Chemical or Constituent</b> (and reporting units)	<b>Sample Date</b>	<b>Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of Detections</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>PHG (MCLG)</b>	<b>Typical Sources of Contaminant</b>
Sodium (ppm)	(2014)	82	N/A	none	none	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring
Hardness (ppm)	(2014)	472	N/A	none	none	Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium, and are usually naturally occurring

<b>Table 3 - DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD</b>						
<b>Chemical or Constituent</b> (and reporting units)	<b>Sample Date</b>	<b>Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of Detections</b>	<b>MCL [MRDL]</b>	<b>PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]</b>	<b>Typical Sources of Contaminant</b>
Fluoride (ppm)	(2014)	0.2	N/A	2	1	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate + Nitrite as N (ppm)	(2014)	1	N/A	10	10	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Selenium (ppb)	(2015)	5	N/A	50	30	Discharge from petroleum, glass, and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines and chemical manufacturers; runoff from livestock lots(feed additive)
Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	(2007)	2.21	1.22 - 3.20	15	(0)	Erosion of natural deposits.

**Table 4 - 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 Sources of Contaminant
Chloride (ppm)	(2014)	93	N/A	500	n/a	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Iron (ppb)	(2014)	130	N/A	300	n/a	Leaching from natural deposits; Industrial wastes
Specific Conductance (umhos/cm)	(2014)	1200	N/A	1600	n/a	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Sulfate (ppm)	(2014)	330	N/A	500	n/a	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	(2014)	840	N/A	1000	n/a	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits

**Table 5 - DETECTION OF UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Notification Level	Typical Sources of Contaminant
Boron (ppm)	(2014)	0.3	N/A	1	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.
Vanadium (ppm)	(2015)	0.01	N/A	0.05	The babies of some pregnant women who drink water containing vanadium in excess of the action level may have an increased risk of developmental effects, based on studies in laboratory animals.

**Table 6 - DETECTION OF FEDERAL DISINFECTANT/DISINFECTANT BYPRODUCT RULE**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL (MRDL)	PHG (MCLG)	Violation	Typical Sources of Contaminant
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) (ppb)	(2015)	48.8	N/A	80	n/a	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Haloacetic Acids (five) (ppb)	(2015)	7	N/A	60	n/a	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection

## 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 the service lines and home plumbing. *Houweling Nurseries Oxnard, Inc.* 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/lead>.

## **2015 Consumer Confidence Report**

### **Drinking Water Assessment Information**

#### **Assessment Information**

A source water assessment was conducted for the HOUWELING WELL of the Houweling Nurseries, Ltd water system in July, 2001.

Houweling Well - The source is considered most vulnerable to the following activities not associated with any detected contaminants:  
Agricultural Drainage  
Pesticide/fertilizer/petroleum storage & transfer areas  
Wells - Agricultural/ Irrigation

#### **Acquiring Information**

A copy of the complete assessment may be viewed at:

SWRCB Division of Drinking Water  
1180 Eugenia Place  
Suite 200  
Carpinteria, CA 93013

You may request a summary of the assessment be sent to you by contacting:

Jeff Densmore  
District Engineer  
805 566 1326

# Houweling Nurseries Oxnard, Inc.

## Analytical Results By FGL - 2015

### LEAD AND COPPER RULE

		Units	MCLG	CA-MCL	PHG	Sampled	Result	90th Percentile	# Samples
<b>Copper</b>		ppm		1.3	.3			0.04	10
PbCu - Back Packing House-Drin	SP 1406471-1	ppm				2014-06-05	ND		
PbCu - Back Packing House-RR-M	SP 1406471-2	ppm				2014-06-05	ND		
PbCu - Back Packing House-RR-W	SP 1406471-3	ppm				2014-06-05	ND		
PbCu - Front Office (Kitchen)	SP 1406472-1	ppm				2014-06-05	ND		
PbCu - Front Office (Restroom)	SP 1406472-2	ppm				2014-06-05	ND		
PbCu - Front Packing (Drink Fa	SP 1406472-3	ppm				2014-06-05	ND		
PbCu - Phase #1 Bay 20	SP 1406472-4	ppm				2014-06-05	ND		
PbCu - Phase #2 Bay 30 South	SP 1406472-5	ppm				2014-06-05	0.14		
PbCu - Phase #3 Bay 30	SP 1406471-4	ppm				2014-06-05	ND		
PbCu - Phase #4 Bay 15	SP 1406471-5	ppm				2014-06-05	ND		

### SAMPLING RESULTS FOR SODIUM AND HARDNESS

		Units	MCLG	CA-MCL	PHG	Sampled	Result	Avg. Result(a)	Range (b)
<b>Sodium</b>		ppm		none	none			82	82 - 82
Houweling Well	SP 1402888-1	ppm				2014-03-13	82		
<b>Hardness</b>		ppm		none	none			472	472 - 472
Houweling Well	SP 1402888-1	ppm				2014-03-13	472		

### PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARDS (PDWS)

		Units	MCLG	CA-MCL	PHG	Sampled	Result	Avg. Result(a)	Range (b)
<b>Fluoride</b>		ppm		2	1			0.2	0.2 - 0.2
Houweling Well	SP 1402888-1	ppm				2014-03-13	0.2		
<b>Nitrate + Nitrite as N</b>		ppm		10	10			1.0	1.0 - 1.0
Houweling Well	SP 1402888-1	ppm				2014-03-13	1.0		
<b>Selenium</b>		ppb	50	50	30			5	5 - 5
Houweling Well	SP 1500553-1	ppb				2015-01-15	5		
<b>Gross Alpha</b>		pCi/L		15	(0)			2.21	1.22 - 3.20
Houweling Well	SP 0707071-1	pCi/L				2007-06-21	1.22		
Houweling Well	SP 0703203-1	pCi/L				2007-03-27	3.20		

### SECONDARY DRINKING WATER STANDARDS (SDWS)

		Units	MCLG	CA-MCL	PHG	Sampled	Result	Avg. Result(a)	Range (b)
<b>Chloride</b>		ppm		500	n/a			93	93 - 93
Houweling Well	SP 1402888-1	ppm				2014-03-13	93		
<b>Iron</b>		ppb		300	n/a			130	130 - 130
Houweling Well	SP 1402888-1	ppb				2014-03-13	130		
<b>Specific Conductance</b>		umhos/cm		1600	n/a			1200	1200 - 1200
Houweling Well	SP 1402888-1	umhos/cm				2014-03-13	1200		
<b>Sulfate</b>		ppm		500	n/a			330	330 - 330
Houweling Well	SP 1402888-1	ppm				2014-03-13	330		
<b>Total Dissolved Solids</b>		ppm		1000	n/a			840	840 - 840
Houweling Well	SP 1402888-1	ppm				2014-03-13	840		

### UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS

		Units	MCLG	CA-MCL	PHG	Sampled	Result	Avg. Result(a)	Range (b)
<b>Boron</b>		ppm		NS	n/a			0.3	0.3 - 0.3
Houweling Well	SP 1402888-1	ppm				2014-03-13	0.3		
<b>Vanadium</b>		ppm		NS	n/a			0.01	0.01 - 0.01



# Houweling Nurseries Oxnard, Inc.

## CCR Login Linkage - 2015

FGL Code	Lab ID	Date_Sampled	Method	Description	Property
OFFICE TAP SINK	SP 1500552-1	2015-01-15	Coliform	Bacti - Office Tap Sink	Bacteriological Monitoring
	SP 1501711-1	2015-02-12	Coliform	Bacti - Office Tap Sink	Bacteriological Monitoring
	SP 1502819-1	2015-03-12	Coliform	Bacti - Office Tap Sink	Bacteriological Monitoring
	SP 1503575-1	2015-04-02	Coliform	Bacti - Office Tap Sink	Bacteriological Monitoring
	SP 1505005-1	2015-05-07	Coliform	Bacti - Office Tap Sink	Bacteriological Monitoring
	SP 1506208-1	2015-06-03	Coliform	Bacti - Office Tap Sink	Bacteriological Monitoring
	SP 1507601-1	2015-07-09	Coliform	Bacti - Office Tap Sink	Bacteriological Monitoring
	SP 1508878-1	2015-08-11	Coliform	Bacti - Office Tap Sink	Bacteriological Monitoring
	SP 1509725-1	2015-09-01	Coliform	Bacti - Office Tap Sink	Bacteriological Monitoring
	SP 1511207-1	2015-10-08	Coliform	Bacti - Office Tap Sink	Bacteriological Monitoring
	SP 1512339-1	2015-11-04	Coliform	Bacti - Office Tap Sink	Bacteriological Monitoring
	SP 1513398-1	2015-12-02	Coliform	Bacti - Office Tap Sink	Bacteriological Monitoring
Houweling Well	SP 0703203-1	2007-03-27	Radio Chemistry	Houweling Well	Houweling Nurseries Oxnard, Inc.
	SP 0707071-1	2007-06-21	Radio Chemistry	Houweling Well	Radio Monitoring
	SP 1402888-1	2014-03-13	General Mineral	Houweling Well	Water Quality Monitoring
	SP 1500553-1	2015-01-15	Metals, Total	Houweling Well	Water Quality - IOCs
Back Packing Ho	SP 1406471-1	2014-06-05	Metals, Total	PbCu - Back Packing House-Drin	System #2 - Lead & Copper Monitoring
	SP 1406471-2	2014-06-05	Metals, Total	PbCu - Back Packing House-RR-M	System #2 - Lead & Copper Monitoring
	SP 1406471-3	2014-06-05	Metals, Total	PbCu - Back Packing House-RR-W	System #2 - Lead & Copper Monitoring
Front Office (K	SP 1406472-1	2014-06-05	Metals, Total	PbCu - Front Office (Kitchen)	System #1 - Lead & Copper Monitoring
Front Office (R	SP 1406472-2	2014-06-05	Metals, Total	PbCu - Front Office (Restroom)	System #1 - Lead & Copper Monitoring
Front Packing (	SP 1406472-3	2014-06-05	Metals, Total	PbCu - Front Packing (Drink Fa	System #1 - Lead & Copper Monitoring
Phase #1 Bay 20	SP 1406472-4	2014-06-05	Metals, Total	PbCu - Phase #1 Bay 20	System #1 - Lead & Copper Monitoring
Phase #2 Bay 30	SP 1406472-5	2014-06-05	Metals, Total	PbCu - Phase #2 Bay 30 South	System #1 - Lead & Copper Monitoring
Phase #3 Bay 30	SP 1406471-4	2014-06-05	Metals, Total	PbCu - Phase #3 Bay 30	System #2 - Lead & Copper Monitoring
Phase #4 Bay 15	SP 1406471-5	2014-06-05	Metals, Total	PbCu - Phase #4 Bay 15	System #2 - Lead & Copper Monitoring
DBP2 645WLAGUNA	SP 1508880-1	2015-08-11	EPA 551.1	STG 2 - 645 WEST LAGUNA RD (OF	Stage 2 DBP Monitoring
	SP 1508880-1	2015-08-11	EPA 552.2	STG 2 - 645 WEST LAGUNA RD (OF	Stage 2 DBP Monitoring