

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

(The following two sentences are in Spanish relaying information on the importance of this notice. Translated to English it would read as follows. [This report contains very important information about your drinking water. Translate it or talk to someone who understands it well.])

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### Potter Valley School District Does Not Meet Treatment Requirement (Filtration)

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

On April 12, 2021, the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (DDW) ordered us to filter the water in addition to disinfecting. We are required to install this filtration because we do not have an adequate watershed control program in place. However, we have not yet installed a filtration system.

#### What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. We do not know of any cases of contamination. However, until improvements are made, there is an increased chance that disease-causing organisms could contaminate the water supply.
- *Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. These symptoms, however, are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.*
- A home filter will not necessarily solve the problem, because not all home filters protect against parasites. For information on appropriate filters, call NSF International at 1(800) 673-6275, the Water Quality Association at (630) 505-0160, or the State Water Resources Control Board's, Residential Water Treatment Device Registration Unit at (916) 323-0372 or visit the State Board's website at [www.swrcb.ca.gov](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov).
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.

- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of the water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

### **What happened? What is being done?**

Filtration is the best method for removing these organisms. The district is working with the State Waterboard to find a solution. Options include rehabilitation of well 02, drilling a new well or installing a treatment system. We anticipate resolving the problem within a year. Until filtration is installed, you will receive a notice similar to this every three months.

For more information, please contact Krista Looney at 707-743-2101 or PO Box 219, Potter Valley, CA 95469

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

### **Secondary Notification Requirements**

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [per Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- **SCHOOLS:** Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- **BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by Potter Valley School District

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