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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water

April 12, 2016

System No. 0105017

Mr. Jason Lewis
Facilities Manager
Rancho Los Mochos Boy Scout Camp
1001 Davis Street
San Leandro, CA 94577-1514

CITATION NO. 02_04_16C_007
TOTAL COLIFORM MONITORING AND REPORTING VIOLATION
FOR 1ST QUARTER (JANUARY – MARCH 2016)

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Enclosed is a Citation issued to the Rancho Los Mochos (Los Mochos) public water system.

The Los Mochos water system will be billed at the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) hourly rate (\$158 per hour) for the time spent on issuing this Citation. California Health and Safety Code, Section 116577, provides that a public water system must reimburse the State Board for actual costs incurred by the State Board for specified enforcement actions, including but not limited to, preparing, issuing and monitoring compliance with a citation. At this time, the State Board has spent approximately three hours on enforcement activities associated with this violation.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Pamela Evans at (510) 620-3457 or by email to Pamela.evans@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Robert Brownwood, P.E
San Francisco District Engineer
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water

Enclosure: Citation No. 02_04_16C_007
Compliance Certification

cc: Alameda County Environmental Health Department

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

TO: Rancho Los Mochos Boy Scout Camp
1001 Davis Street
San Leandro, CA 94577-1514

ATTN: Jason Lewis, Facilities Manager

CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF TITLE 22, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS,
SECTION(s) 64424(a)&(b), and 64430
WATER SYSTEM NO: 0105017
CITATION NO: 02_04_16C_007
ISSUE DATE: APRIL 12, 2016

Section 116650, Article 9, Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 104 of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes the issuance of a citation to a public water system for violation of the California Safe Drinking Water Act, or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued or adopted thereunder.

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board), acting by and through its Division of Drinking Water (Division) and the Deputy Director for the Division (Deputy Director) hereby issues a citation to Rancho Los Mochos (Los Mochos) for violation of California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22 Section(s) 64424 (a)&(b), and 64430.

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APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES

Section 116650 of the CHSC states in relevant part:

- (a) If the Division determines that a public water system is in violation of this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation or order issued thereunder, the division may issue a citation to the public water system. The citation shall be served upon the public water system personally, or by certified mail. Service shall be deemed effective as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of the certified mail, if a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to accept delivery of the certified mail, the date of service shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.
- (b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the violation or violations, including a reference to the statutory provision, standard, order, citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been violated.
- (c) A citation may specify a date of elimination or correction of the condition constituting the violation.
- (d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in subdivision (e).
- (e) The Division may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000) per day that a violation occurred, and for each day that a violation continues to occur. A separate penalty may be assessed for each violation.

Section 64424 of the CCR states in relevant part:

- (a) If a routine sample is total coliform-positive, the water supplier shall collect a repeat sample set in paragraph (1) within 24 hours of being notified of the positive result. The repeat sample shall all be collected within the same the 24 hour time period.

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(1) ...For a water supplier that normally collects one or fewer samples per month, a repeat sample set shall be at least four samples for each total coliform-positive sample.

(b) When collecting the repeat sample set, the water supplier shall collect at least one sample from the sampling tap where the original total coliform-positive sample was taken. Other repeat samples shall be collected within five service connections upstream and downstream of the original site.

Section 64430, which through adoption of 40 CFR, Section 141.402, states in relevant part:

(a) Triggered source water monitoring –

(1) General requirements. A groundwater system must conduct triggered source water monitoring if the conditions identified in paragraphs (a)(1)(ii) of this section exist.

(2) Sampling requirements. A groundwater system must collect, within 24 hours of notification of the total coliform-positive samples, at least one groundwater source sample from each groundwater source in use at the time the total coliform-positive sample was collected under CCR, Title 22, Section 64422 and 64423.....

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Los Mochos is a transient-noncommunity water system located at 18450 Mines Road, Livermore, Alameda County. The system consists of three groundwater springs, and two treated water reservoirs and distribution system piping. In November 2015, Los Mochos applied for a permit to operate a public water system. The Division received routine quarterly bacteriological laboratory results for the 1st quarter on April 6, 2016, which, were total coliform-positive and negative for *E.coli*. Repeat samples were not collected in accordance with, CCR, Title 22, Section 64424 regulations. In addition, a groundwater source sample was not collected within 24-hours of notification of the total coliform-positive sample.

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DETERMINATIONS

Los Mochos has violated the bacteriological monitoring and reporting requirements in CCR, Title 22, Section 64424. Los Mochos has violated the triggered source water monitoring requirements in CCR, Title 22, Section 64430.

DIRECTIVES

Los Mochos is hereby directed to take the following actions:

1. Comply with Title 22, CCR, Section 64424 in all future monitoring months.
2. Notify all persons served by Los Mochos of the failure to sample, in conformance with Section 64463.4 and Section 64465, Title 22 of the CCR as follows:
 - a) Completion of Attachment A to include the name, address, and telephone number of a representative of Los Mochos as a source of additional information concerning the public notice. You must also give a legible, written description (preferably typed) of the corrective actions taken by the water system to prevent this violation from occurring in the future. You must also use the space provided on Attachment A for this written description.
 - b) Post the notice contained in Attachment A, after it has been completed in accordance with (a) above, in conspicuous locations throughout the area served by the water system. Posting must begin no later than April 18, 2016 and must continue for seven days.
 - c) Los Mochos shall complete the attached Compliance Certification form and return it to the Division within 10 days of the public notice being given to system customers but in no case later than April 25, 2016. A copy of the notice posted within the water system must be attached to this form.



1 3. Submit (by the tenth day of the month) following the quarter in which the
2 bacteriological samples were taken.

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4 The Division reserves the right to make such modifications to this Citation, as it may deem
5 necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be issued as
6 amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon issuance.

7 Nothing in this Citation relieves Los Mochos of its obligation to meet the requirements of the
8 California Safe Drinking Water Act (CHS, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with
9 Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit, or order issued thereunder.

10 All submittals required by this Citation shall be submitted to Division at the following address:

11 Robert Brownwood, P.E.
12 San Francisco District Engineer
13 State Water Resources Control Board
14 Division of Drinking Water
15 850 Marina Bay Parkway, Bldg. P., 2nd Floor
16 Richmond, CA 94804

17 **PARTIES BOUND**

18 The Citation shall apply to be binding upon Los Mochos its officers, directors, agents,
19 employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

20 **SEVERABILITY**

21 The directives of this Citation are severable, and Los Mochos shall comply with each and
22 every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of any provision.
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FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The California SDWA authorizes the State Board to issue a citation with assessment of administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation of the requirements of the California SDWA or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to correct a violation identified in a citation or compliance order. The California SDWA also authorizes the Water Board to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water system if the public water system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to comply with an order of the State Board; and to petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with an order of the State Board. The State Board does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this Citation.

APRIL 12, 2016
Date

Robert Brownwood
Robert Brownwood, P.E.
San Francisco District Engineer
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water

Attachment: Compliance Certification

Certified Mail No: 7014 3490 0001 7031 1038

Cc: Alameda County Environmental Health Department



COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Citation Number 02_04_16C_007

Name of Water System: **Ranchos Los Mochos BSA**

System Number: **0105017**

Certification

I certify that the users of the water supplied by this water system were notified of the bacteriological sampling violations of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) for the compliance period of the 1st quarter of 2016

Required Action

Date Completed

Complete Attachment A, as required in Directive 2
Public Notification – Continuous Posting for 7 days

Signature of Water System Representative

Date

Attach a copy of the notice delivered to customers.

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT
NO LATER THAN April 30, 2016**

Disclosure: Be advised that Section 116725 and 116730 of the California Health and Safety Code states that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the attached order may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each separate violation for each day that violation continues. In addition, the violators may be prosecuted in criminal court and upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or be imprisoned in county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

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

Rancho Los Mochos Failed Section 64424 for Repeat Sampling for the 1st Quarter of 2016

Our water system failed Section 64424 for failing to collect the required repeat samples after a total coliform –positive result for the 1st quarter of 2016. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers have a right to know about this violation, what happened, what you should do, and what we did to correct the situation. Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or giving out copies by hand or mail.

What happened? We are required by state regulation to monitor our drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of this routine monitoring are an indicator of whether or not the drinking water meets health standards. We tested for total coliform for the month of March 2016. Los Mochos was positive for total coliform for the month of March 2016.

What does this mean?

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliform bacteria are indicators of potential contamination and may originate from human, animal, or soil sources. If the coliform standards are met, the water served can be considered safe from bacteria. If they are not met, drinking the water may not necessarily result in illness, but that possibility exists. Routine sampling and follow up sampling are important to periodically verify the water quality.

What should I do? This is not an emergency. If you have health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA' Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

What corrective actions have been taken to prevent this violation from occurring in the future?

This notification of the public is being done in compliance with Section 64463.4, Title 22 of the CCR as a means of keeping the public informed.

Persons wishing more information should contact:

(name)

(address)

(phone number)