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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

**TO:** Laton Community Services District  
P.O. Box 447  
Laton, CA 93242  
  
Water System No. 1010020

**Attn:** Daniel Chapa

**CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22,  
SECTION 64426.1 (b) (2) - TOTAL COLIFORM MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL**

**October and December 2014**

**CITATION NO. 03-23-15C-002**

**Issued on January 27, 2015**

Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes the issuance of a citation to a public water system for violation the California Safe Drinking Water Act (Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270) (hereinafter "California SDWA"), or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued or adopted thereunder.

The State Water Resources Control Board, acting by and through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director for the Division (hereinafter "Deputy Director"), hereby issues a citation to the Laton Community Services District (hereinafter, District) (mailing address: P.O. Box 447, Laton, CA 93242) for violation of California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Section 64426.1 subsections (b)(2).



32 APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES

33 **Section 116650 of California Health and Safety Code provides:**

34 (a) If the Division determines that a public water system is in violation of this chapter or  
35 any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder, the  
36 Division may issue a citation to the public water system. The citation shall be served upon  
37 the public water system personally or by certified mail. Service shall be deemed effective  
38 as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of the certified mail. If a person to  
39 whom a citation is directed refuses to accept delivery of the certified mail, the date of  
40 service shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.

41 (b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the violation or  
42 violations, including a reference to the statutory provision, standard, order, citation, permit,  
43 or regulation alleged to have been violated.

44 (c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the condition constituting  
45 the violation.

46 (d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in subdivision (e).

47 (e) The Division may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars  
48 (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and for each day that a violation  
49 continues to occur. A separate penalty may be assessed for each violation.

50 **California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 64426.1, subsections (a) and (b)**  
51 **provide, in relevant part:**

52 **§64426.1. Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL).**

53 (a) Results of all samples collected in a calendar month pursuant to Sections 64423,  
54 64424, and 64425 that are not invalidated by the Division or the laboratory shall be  
55 included in determining compliance with the total coliform MCL. Special purpose  
56 samples such as those listed in §64421(b) and samples collected by the water  
57 supplier during special investigations shall not be used to determine compliance with  
58 the total coliform MCL.

59 (b) A public water system is in violation of the total coliform MCL when any of the  
60 following occurs:

61 (1) For a public water system which collects at least 40 samples per month, more  
62 than 5.0 percent of the samples collected during any month are total coliform-  
63 positive; or

64 (2) For a public water system which collects fewer than 40 samples per month,  
65 more than one sample collected during any month is total coliform-positive

66 **§ 64424. Repeat Sampling**

67 Specifies that for systems collecting only one sample per month or quarter, a  
68 repeat sample set shall consist of four (4) samples as follows: one (1) from the  
routine sample site at which the positive occurred, one (1) from the upstream

70 repeat sample site, one (1) from the downstream repeat sample site and one (1)  
71 from the operating well or another location within the system that would best help  
72 to identify the source or area of contamination.

73 If a public water system for which fewer than five routine samples per month are  
74 collected has one or more total coliform-positive samples, the water supplier shall  
75 collect at least five routine samples the following month. If the supplier stops  
76 supplying water during the month after the total coliform-positive(s), at least five  
77 samples shall be collected during the first month the system resumes operation.

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79 **The Groundwater Rule**

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81 Adopted by the Division, effective August 18, 2011, the rule requires the collection  
82 of a sample for bacteriological evaluation from wells serving the system in  
83 response to a coliform positive distribution sample.

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**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

86 The District is operated under Water Supply Permit No. 03-11-99P-009, issued on  
87 December 10, 1999. Laton CSD is a community water system serving a population of  
88 approximately one-thousand five-hundred eighteen (1,518) through approximately four-  
89 hundred seventy (470) service connections. The District is served by three wells and is  
90 required to collect two (2) routine bacteriological samples a month.

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92 The bacteriological water analysis results submitted by the District reported the presence  
93 of total coliform bacteria in nine (9) of eighteen (18) samples in October of 2014 and eight  
94 (8) of fifteen (15) in December 2014. None of the positive samples showed the presence  
95 of fecal coliform or *E. coli* bacteria.

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97 On October 17, 2014, Matt Gomes of California Water Services, informed the Division that  
98 repeat bacteriological samples, including one collected from Well 5, collected on October  
99 4, 13, and 15, 2014 were positive for total coliform and absent for *E. coli* and fecal  
100 coliform. Wells 4 and 5 was put offline and disinfected. A Well Cycle test was performed  
101 on Well 5 on October 23, 2014 and October 30, 2014 showing an absence in total  
102 coliform. Continuous chlorination was installed on Well 6 for 30 days to provide a



103 disinfectant residual in the distribution system. In the month of November 2014, the  
 104 District collected the required routine samples which were absent for total coliform while  
 105 the disinfection was in place. On December 2, 2014, the District collected two routine  
 106 samples, both of which showed a presence of total coliform and were absent for E. coli  
 107 and fecal coliform. On December 4, 2014, the District collected seven repeat samples, six  
 108 showing a presence of total coliform and absent for E. coli and fecal coliform. On  
 109 December 8, 2014, the District re-initiated continuous chlorination on Well 6 and  
 110 disinfected Well 4. The District then performed two well cycle test on Well 4 on December  
 111 11, 2014 and December 19, 2014 showing an absence in total coliform. The District  
 112 collected repeat samples on December 19, 2014 and showed an absence in total coliform.

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114 The following table summarizes the bacteriological monitoring conducted during October  
 115 and December 2014:

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Collection Date	Number of Samples	Sample Labeled	Number TC positive	Number E. Coli positive
10/4/2014	1	Routine	1	0
10/13/2014	5	Routine	4	0
10/15/2014	7	Repeat	4	0
10/20/2014	5	Repeat	0	0
12/2/2014	2	Routine	2	0
12/4/2014	7	Repeat	6	0
12/19/2014	6	Repeat	0	0

117 Due to the above-mentioned total coliform positive samples, the District failed the total  
 118 coliform MCL for the months of October and December of 2014. Results for water  
 119 samples tested for coliform bacteria during 2014 are summarized in Attachment A.

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121 The Groundwater Rule adopted by the Division, effective August 18, 2011, requires the  
122 collection of a sample for bacteriological evaluation from wells serving the system in  
123 response to a coliform positive distribution sample. **This requirement was met.**

### 124 125 VIOLATIONS

126 The Drinking Water Field Operations Branch of the State Water Resources Control Board  
127 – Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter 'Division') hereby issues a Citation to District  
128 (hereinafter 'District'), for failure to comply with Section 116555(a)(1) of the CHSC and  
129 Section 64426.1(b)(2) of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR). Specifically, the  
130 Water System (mailing address: P.O. Box 447, Laton, CA 93242) failed to comply with the  
131 total coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for the months of October and  
132 December 2014.

### 133 134 NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

135 Section 64426.1(c) requires a public water system to notify the Division and the  
136 consumers of the water system, when a violation of Section 64426.1(b)(1) through (4) the  
137 total coliform MCL occurs. Notification to the Division shall be by the end of the business  
138 day on which the violation has been determined. If the Division is closed, notification shall  
139 be within 24 hours of the determination. **The Division was notified in a timely manner**  
140 **and as required.**

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142 A Tier 2 Public Notice for violation of paragraph 64426.1(b) (2) (Attachment B) shall be  
143 given pursuant to Section 64463.4 and 64465. The Tier 2 Public Notice shall include the  
144 mandatory health effects language from Appendix 64465-A for a total coliform MCL  
145 failure.

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147 Section 64463.4 allows community water systems to use mail or direct delivery to each  
customer and the use of one or more of the following methods: publication in a daily or



149 weekly newspaper, posting the public notice in a conspicuous public place within the  
150 water system or on the internet, or by delivery to community organizations.

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152 The District shall either mail or conduct direct delivery of the public notice to all customers  
153 served within the general service area. Section 116450(g) requires that upon receipt of  
154 notification from a public water system, schools must notify school employees, students,  
155 and parents (if the students are minors), residential rental property owners or managers  
156 (including nursing homes and care facilities) must notify their tenants and business  
157 property owners, managers or operators must notify employees of businesses located on  
158 the property. These secondary notification requirements are included in the public notice.

159 The Department hereby waives public notification by newspaper, posting or delivery to  
160 community organizations.

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162 Proof of Notification is required. The District has completed public notification and  
163 submitted the proof of notification for the months of October and December 2014,  
164 provided as Attachment C and notification was made on October 31, 2014 for October  
165 2014 violation and December 31, 2014 for December 2014 violation and is provided as  
166 Attachment B.

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#### DIRECTIVES

168 The District is hereby directed to take the following actions:

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- 170 1. By February 28, 2015, the District shall complete and submit the enclosed  
171 "Positive Total Coliform Investigation" form to the Division that describes the  
172 incident and all corrective actions taken, and the results of the investigation. The  
173 appropriate investigation report is provided as Attachment D.

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PARTIES BOUND

This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon Laton Community Services District, its officers, directors, shareholders, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

SEVERABILITY

The Directives of this Citation are severable, and Laton Community Services District shall comply with each and every provision thereof, notwithstanding the effectiveness of any other provision.

FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The California SDWA authorizes the Division to: issue 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 permit, regulation, permit 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 Division to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water system if the system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to comply with an order of the Division; and to petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with violates an order of the Division. The Division does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this citation.

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Date

Betsy S. Lichti

Betsy S. Lichti, P.E.,  
District Engineer  
Division of Drinking Water  
State Water Resources Control Board



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Attachments:

- A. Bacteriological Distribution Monitoring Report
- B. Copy of Public Notice for October and December 2014
- C. Copy of Proof of Notification for October and December 2014
- D. Total Coliform Investigation Form

# Bacteriological Distribution Monitoring Report

**1010020 Laton Community Services District** *Distribution System Freq: 2/M*

Sample Date	Time	Location	T Coli	E Coli	F Coli	Type	Cl2	Violation	Comment
10/4/2014	13:14	1 Rep & 6 Rep: 6700 Murphy	1.1	<1.1		Repeat			
10/13/2014	15:08	5 Rou 20746 Pio Pico St.	<1.1	<1.1		Routine			
10/13/2014	15:13	2 Rou 5926 Latonia	1.1	<1.1		Routine			
10/15/2014	14:20	well 4	<1.1	<1.1		Source Repeat			
10/15/2014	14:40	well 5	1.1	<1.1		Source Repeat			
10/15/2014	14:55	well 6	<1.1	<1.1		Source Repeat			
10/15/2014	15:10	2 Rep 6412 De Woody	2.2	<1.1		Repeat			
10/15/2014	15:21	2 Rou 5926 Latonia	<1.1	<1.1		Repeat			
10/15/2014	15:31	2 Rep D 5972 Latonia St	2.2	<1.1		Repeat			
10/15/2014	15:42	2 Rep U 5908 Latonia St	2.2	<1.1		Repeat			
10/20/2014	8:55	2 Rou-5926 Latonia	<1.1	<1.1		Reoeat	0.8		
10/20/2014	9:38	well 6	<1.1	<1.1		Source Repeat			
10/20/2014	9:52	2 rep-6412 Dewoody St.	<1.1	<1.1		Repeat	0.6		
10/20/2014	10:10	2 Rep-5972 Latonia St.	<1.1	<1.1		Repeat	0.7		
10/20/2014	10:30	2 RepU-5908 Latonia St	<1.1	<1.1		Repeat	0.7		
11/4/2014	12:20	20746 Pio Pico St. hb	<1.1	<1.1		Routine	1.0		
11/4/2014	12:34	4 rou-20740 Fowler Ave	<1.1	<1.1		Routine	1.3		
11/4/2014	12:45	2 Rou 5926 Latonia St. hb	<1.1	<1.1		Routine	1.2		
11/4/2014	12:55	1 Rou 20671 Gosner St. hb	<1.1	<1.1		Routine	1.4		
11/4/2014	13:10	6272 Riverdale hb	<1.1	<1.1		Routine	1.5		
12/2/2014	13:15	1 Rou 20671 Gosner St.	5.1	<1.1		Routine			
12/2/2014	13:45	6 rou: 6618 Murphy St.	1.1	<1.1		Routine			
12/4/2014	12:09	well 4	1.1	<1.1		Source Repeat			
12/4/2014	12:24	well 5	<1.1	<1.1		Repeat			
12/4/2014	12:32	1 rou; 20671 Gosner St	3.6	<1.1		Repeat			
12/4/2014	12:47	1 Rep; 20597 Gosner St	1.1	<1.1		Repeat			
12/4/2014	12:59	1 REP: 20817 Gosner St	1.1	<1.1		Repeat			
12/4/2014	13:23	6 Rou ; 6618 Murphy St	1.1	<1.1		Repeat			
12/4/2014	13:32	6Rep; 6504 Murphy St	2.2	<1.1		Repeat			
12/19/2014	12:11	1 Rep: 20597 Gosner St	<1.1	<1.1		Repeat	1.1		
12/19/2014	12:26	1 Rou: 20671 Gosner Street	<1.1	<1.1		Repeat	1.2		
12/19/2014	12:37	1 Rep: 20817 Gosner St.	<1.1	<1.1		Repeat	1.2		
12/19/2014	12:45	1 Rep & 6 Rep	<1.1	<1.1		Repeat	1.2		
12/19/2014	12:54	6 Rou: 6618 Murphy St.	<1.1	<1.1		Repeat	1.5		
12/19/2014	13:06	6 Rep: 6504 Murphy St	<1.1	<1.1		Repeat	1.3		

## Violation Key

MCL	Exceeds the maximum contaminant level	MR5	Incorrect number of repeat samples as follow-up to a positive sample
MR1	No monthly sample for the report month	MR6	No source sample
MR2	No quarterly sample for the report month	MR7	No summary report submitted
MR3	Incorrect number of routine samples for the report month	MR8	Other comments and/or info
MR4	Did not collect 5 routine samples for previous month's positive sample	MR9	Cl2 not reported

# Source Bacteriological Monitoring Report

## 1010020 Laton Community Services District

<i>Sample Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Sample Type</i>	<i>Test Method</i>	<i>T Coli</i>	<i>E Coli</i>	<i>F Coli</i>	<i>HPC</i>	<i>Violation</i>	<i>Comments</i>
10/13/2014	15:23	Well 6	Well	MPN	1.1	<1.1				
10/13/2014	15:33	well 5	Well	MPN	1.1	<1.1				
10/13/2014	15:43	well 4	Well	MPN	2.2	<1.1				
10/15/2014	14:20	well 4	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
10/15/2014	14:40	well 5	Well	MPN	1.1	<1.1				
10/15/2014	14:55	well 6	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
10/23/2014	12:35	Well 5- initial test	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
10/23/2014	12:36	well 5 after 1 min	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
10/23/2014	12:41	well 5 after 5 min	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
10/23/2014	12:56	Well 5 after 15 min	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
10/23/2014	13:26	after 30 min	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
10/30/2014	11:02	well 5- initial test	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
10/30/2014	11:03	well 5 after 1 min	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
10/30/2014	11:08	well 5 after 5 min	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
10/30/2014	11:23	well 5 after 15 min	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
10/30/2014	11:53	well 5 after 30 min	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
12/11/2014	12:07	Well 4-Initial test	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
12/11/2014	12:08	well 4-After 1 min	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
12/11/2014	12:11	Well 4-After 5 min	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
12/11/2014	12:22	Well 4-After 15 min	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
12/11/2014	12:37	well 4-After 30 min	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
12/19/2014	11:20	Well 4 Initial test	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
12/19/2014	11:21	Well 4-After 1 min	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
12/19/2014	11:25	Well 4-After 5 min	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
12/19/2014	11:35	Well 4- After 15 min	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
12/19/2014	11:50	Well 4-After 30 min	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.  
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### Laton CSD Has Levels of Coliform Bacteria Above the Drinking Water Standard

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Our water system recently failed a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took 5 Distribution samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria in October 2014. 4 of these samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 1 sample per month may show the presence of coliform bacteria.

#### What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*
- Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing.**
- 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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

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

Routine and repeat samples were present for total coliform. Well 5 has been shut down and disinfected. System will chlorinate for 30 days. Samples taken after chlorination were absent (clear) of total coliform.

For more information, please contact Laton Community Services District at 559-923-4802 or 20798 S. Fowler Ave., Laton, CA 93242.

*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 [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 Laton CSD.

Date distributed: 10/31/2014.

## INFORMACION IMPORTANTE ACERCA DE SU AGUA POTABLE

### Bacterias Coliformes Totales en el Sistema de Agua de Laton CSD

Nuestro sistema de agua recientemente no cumplió con un estándar de agua potable. Aunque este incidente no es una emergencia, como nuestros clientes, ustedes tienen el derecho de saber lo que ocurrió y lo que hicimos para corregir esta situación.

Cada mes tomamos pruebas para contaminantes en la agua potable de nuestra sistema. Durante el mes de octubre de 2014, 4 de 5 muestras mostraron la presencia de bacterias coliformes totales. El estándar es que no más que una (1) muestra por mes puede mostrar la presencia de bacterias coliformes.

#### ¿Qué debo hacer yo?

- **No es necesario hervir su agua ni tomar otras acciones correctivas.** Sin embargo, si usted tiene una preocupación tocante la salud, debe de consultar a su doctor.
- Esto no es una emergencia. Si había sido, usted habría sido notificado inmediatamente. Las bacterias coliformes generalmente no son dañosos. Coliformes son bacterias que son naturalmente presente en el ambiente y se usan como un indicador que otros, potencialmente dañosos bacterias pueden ser presentes. Coliformes fueron encontrados en más muestras que se permiten y esto era una advertencia de problemas potenciales.
- Generalmente, coliformes son un signo que puede haber un problema con el sistema de tratamiento o sistema de distribución (tubos). Cuando bacterias coliformes se disciernen en cualquier muestra, pruebas subsiguientes se hacen para ver si otras bacterias de más grande riesgo o daño, tal como coliformes fecales o *E. coli*, están presente. Ninguna de las muestras coliformes positivas mostró la presencia de bacterias coliformes fecales o la bacteria *E. coli*.
- Personas con sistemas inmunológicos, los bebés, niños y niñas de corta edad, y algunas personas ancianas pueden estar en alto riesgo. Estas personas deben consultar con sus proveedores de servicios médicos. Directivas generales para disminuir el riesgo de la infección por microbios está disponible de parte de la Línea Directa de Agua Potable de parte de EPA llamando al número 1-(800)-426-4791.

#### ¿Qué sucedió? ¿Qué se hizo?

La causa de las muestras positivas

Para más información, por favor contacte **Laton Community Services District** al número **559-923-4802** o a la siguiente dirección **20798 S. Fowler Ave., Laton, CA 93242.**

*Por favor comparte esta información con otros que pueden tomar de esta agua, colocando este aviso en lugares visibles, o remitiéndolo por correo, o entregándolo manualmente. Es de particular interés distribuir este aviso ampliamente si usted lo recibe representando un negocio, un hospital o hogar de infantes o hogar de ancianos o comunidad residencial.*

#### Requisitos secundarios de la Notificación

Al recibir esta notificación por parte de una persona que opera un sistema público de agua, este aviso debe ser dada dentro de 10 días [Sección 116450(g) de la reglas de Salud] según lo siguiente:

- ESCUELAS: Debe notificar a empleados de escuela, los estudiantes, y los padres si los estudiantes son menores.
- DUEÑOS O ADMINISTRADORES DE PROPIEDADES RESIDENCIALES de RENTA (inclusivo clínicas o hogares de reposo): Debe notificar a los inquilinos, renteros o residentes.
- DUEÑOS DE PROPIEDADES de NEGOCIO, los DIRECTORES, O los OPERARIOS: Deben notificar a empleados de negocios localizados en la propiedad.

Este aviso ha sido enviado a usted de acuerdo con las Regulaciones de California sobre la Calidad de la Agua Doméstica como un medio de mantener el público informado.

Fecha: 10/31/2014

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We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took 10 Distribution samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria in December 2014. 9 of these samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 1 sample per month may show the presence of coliform bacteria.

#### What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*
- Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing.**
- 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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

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

Routine and repeat samples were present for total coliform. Well 4 has been shut down and disinfected. System will chlorinate for 30 days. Samples will be taken after the 30 day chlorination.

For more information, please contact Laton Community Services District at 559-923-4802 or 20798 S. Fowler Ave., Laton, CA 93242.

*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 [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 Laton CSD.

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