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3 CALIFORNIA  
4 STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
5 DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER  
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7 TO: NEW AUBERRY WATER ASSOCIATION  
8 System No. 1000063  
9 ATTN: Darrel Miller  
10 34624 Robles Road  
11 Auberry, CA 93602

12 CITATION NO. 03-23-15C-015  
13 FOR  
14 VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 116650(a)  
15 and TITLE 22, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 64432.1(a)  
16 ANNUAL NITRATE MONITORING AND REPORTING VIOLATION  
17 CALENDAR YEAR 2014  
18 Dated March 26, 2015

19 The State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "Board"), acting by and through its  
20 Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director for the Division  
21 (hereinafter "Deputy Director"), hereby issues this citation (hereinafter "Citation") pursuant to  
22 Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code (hereinafter "CHSC") to New  
23 Auberry Water Association for violation of CHSC Section 116550(a) and Title 22, California  
24 Code of Regulations (hereinafter "CCR"), Section 64432.1(a).  
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1 **APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES**

2 **CHSC, Section 116555(a)(1) states in relevant part:**

3 (a) Any person who owns a public water system shall ensure that the system does all of  
4 the following:

5 (1) Complies with primary and secondary drinking water standards.

6 **CHSC, Section 116550 states in relevant part:**

7 (a) If the department determines that a public water system is in violation of this chapter or  
8 any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder, the  
9 department may issue a citation to the public water system. The citation shall be served  
10 upon the public water system personally or by certified mail. Service shall be deemed  
11 effective as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of the certified mail. If a  
12 person to whom a citation is directed refuses to accept delivery of the certified mail, the  
13 date of service shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.

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

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

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

20 (e) The department may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars  
21 (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and for each day that a violation  
22 continues to occur. A separate penalty may be assessed for each violation.

23 **CCR, Title 22, Section 64431 (hereinafter "Section 64431"), states in relevant part:**

24 Public water systems shall comply with the primary MCLs in Table 64431-A as specified in  
25 this article.

26 **Title 22, CCR, Section 64432.1 (a) states in relevant part:**

27 (a) To determine compliance with the MCL for nitrate in Table 64431-A, all public water  
systems ...shall monitor annually ..."

**Table 64431-A**  
**Maximum Contaminant Levels**  
**Inorganic Chemicals**

<i>Chemical</i>	<i>Maximum Contaminant Level, mg/L</i>
Aluminum	1.
Antimony	0.006
Arsenic	0.010
Asbestos	7 MFL*
Barium	1.
<i>Chemical</i>	<i>Maximum Contaminant Level, mg/L</i>
Beryllium	0.004
Cadmium	0.005
Chromium	0.05
Cyanide	0.15
Fluoride	2.0
Hexavalent chromium	0.010
Mercury	0.002
Nickel	0.1
Nitrate (as NO <sub>3</sub> )	45.
Nitrate+Nitrite (sum as	10.
Nitrite (as nitrogen)	1.
Perchlorate	0.006
Selenium	0.05
Thallium	0.002

\* MFL=million fibers per liter; MCL for fibers exceeding 10 um in length.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Water System has failed to report a nitrate result for the calendar year 2014 for the following active sources:

**TABLE 1**

<b>Source Name</b>	<b>Primary Station Code</b>
North Well- Well 01	1000063-001
South Well- Well 03	1000063-003

1 The New Auberry Water Association water system (hereinafter "Water System") is a  
2 community water system located in Fresno County that supplies water for domestic  
3 purposes to approximately two-hundred (200) individuals through approximately forty (40)  
4 service connections. The Water System is a community public water system as defined in  
5 CHSC, section 116275.

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7 The Water System utilizes groundwater as its source of domestic water. Title 22, CCR,  
8 Division 4, Chapter 15, Article 4, establishes primary drinking water standards and  
9 monitoring and reporting requirements for inorganic constituents. All public water systems  
10 must comply with the monitoring and reporting requirement for nitrate, as established in Title  
11 22 CCR Section 64432.1, in order to determine if they are in compliance with the maximum  
12 contaminant level for nitrate of 45 mg/L.

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14 **DETERMINATIONS**

15 Based on the above Statement of Facts, the Division has determined that the New Auberry  
16 Water Association has violated CHSC, Section 116550 and Section 64432.1(a) in that the  
17 water system failed to report a Nitrate result for the calendar year of 2014.

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19 **DIRECTIVES**

20 The Water System is hereby directed to take the following actions:

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23 1. By **April 15, 2015**, the New Auberry Water Association water system shall  
24 provide public notification of the nitrate monitoring and reporting procedural  
25 failure by **mail or direct delivery to each customer receiving a bill** including  
26 those that provide water their drinking water to others (e.g., schools or school  
27 systems, apartment building owners, or large private employers), and other

1 service connections to which water is delivered by the water system. The Water  
2 System is additionally required to use one or more of the following notification:  
3 publication in a local newspaper, posting in conspicuous public places served by  
4 the water system or on the Internet, or delivery to community organizations.

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- 6 2. By **April 30, 2015**, the Water System shall provide to the Division proof of  
7 notification of the nitrate monitoring and reporting procedural violation using  
8 Attachment B. Upon completion of the public notification Attachment B shall be  
9 completed and submitted to:

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11 Betsy S. Lichti, Senior Sanitary Engineer  
12 Division of Drinking Water  
13 Drinking Water Field Operations Branch  
14 265 W. Bullard Avenue, Suite 101  
15 Fresno, CA 93704

- 16 3. The Water system shall ensure that monitoring is conducted annually for nitrate  
17 from all its active sources.
- 18 4. The Water System shall collect the 2015 annual nitrate sample from each active  
19 source by **June 30, 2015**.
- 20 5. The Water system shall ensure that the laboratory submits the analytical results  
21 to the Division using the Electronic Data Transfer (EDT) no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day  
22 of the month following completion of the analyses.  
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**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.**

**Nitrate Monitoring Requirements  
Not Met for New Auberry Water Association Water System**

Our water system failed to report as required for a drinking water monitoring standard during the year 2014 and, therefore, was in violation of the regulations. Even though this failure 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 are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During the year 2014 we did not monitor or test for nitrate and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

**What should I do?**

- There is nothing you need to do at this time.
- The table below lists the contaminant we did not properly test for during the year 2014, how many samples we are required to take and how often, how many samples we many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	When samples were or will be taken
Nitrate	Minimum is One Sample Annually	None	In the 2014 year	_____

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

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

Corrective action: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ at:

Phone No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ or Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

*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 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 in compliance with the California Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations as a means of keeping the public informed.

**Date Distributed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Water System No. 1000063

**ATTACHMENT B**

**PROOF OF NOTIFICATION**

(Return with copy of notice)

As required by Section 116450 of the California Health and Safety Code, I notified all users of water supplied by the **New Auberry Water Association** water system of the failure to meet the **monitoring and reporting requirement for Nitrate** for the year 2014 as directed by the Department.

Notification was made on \_\_\_\_\_ by  
(date)

hand delivered or mailed or posted or other (specify) written notice.  
(circle all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Water System Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**DISCLOSURE:** Be advised that Section 116725 and 116730 of the California Health and Safety Code state 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 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 the county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.

**Due to the Department: April 30, 2015**

2014 Nitrate M&R Violation

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