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3 **CALIFORNIA**
4 **STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**
5 **DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER**
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7 TO: CHINA PEAK MOUNTAIN RESORT
8 System No. 1000171
9 ATTN: Tim Cohee
10 P.O. Box 236
11 Lakeshore, Ca 93634

12 **CITATION NO. 03-23-15C-038**
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 China
23 Peak Mountain Resort 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 ₃)	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

Source Name	Primary Station Code
Base Area Well	1000171-003
Firebowl 04	1000171-024
Slant Well-Fire Bowl 01	1000171-001

1 The China Peak Mountain Resort water system (hereinafter "Water System") is a transient
2 noncommunity water system located in Fresno County that supplies water for domestic
3 purposes to approximately two-hundred (200) individuals through approximately three (3)
4 service connections. The Water System is a transient noncommunity public water system as
5 defined in 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 China Peak
16 Mountain Resort 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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22 1. By **April 15, 2015**, the China Peak Mountain Resort water system shall provide
23 public notification of the nitrate monitoring and reporting procedural failure by
24 **posting the notice provided as Attachment A in conspicuous locations**
25 **throughout the area served by the water system for a minimum of seven**
26 **days**. The Water System is additionally required to use one or more of the
27 following notification methods in order to reach persons not likely to be reached

1 by a public posting: publication in a local newspaper or newsletter distributed to
2 customers, e-mailing the public notice to water system customers, post the public
3 notice on the internet, or by delivery to each employee or customer.
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- 5 2. By **April 30, 2015**, the Water System shall provide to the Division proof of
6 notification of the nitrate monitoring and reporting procedural violation using
7 Attachment B. Upon completion of the public notification Attachment B shall be
8 completed and submitted to:

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

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

This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon China Peak Mountain Resort, its owners, shareholders, officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

SEVERABILITY

The Directives of this Citation are severable, and China Peak Mountain Resort water system shall comply with each and every provision hereof, notwithstanding the effectiveness of any other provision.

FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The California SDWA authorizes the 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 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 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 Board. The Board does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this Citation.

3/26/15

Date

Betsy Lichti

Betsy Lichti, D.E., District Engineer

Fresno District

State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water



Certified Receipt #

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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 China Peak Mountain Resort 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. 1000171

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 **China Peak Mountain Resort** 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
System Number: 1000171
Enforcement Action Number: 03-23-15C-038

