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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**  
**DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER**

**TO:** FCPG/ Choinumni Campground  
2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor  
Fresno, CA 93721  
  
Water System No. 1000270

**Attn:** David Chavez

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

**April, May and July 2015**

**CITATION NO. 03-23-15C-079**

**Issued on August 17, 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 FCPG/Choinumni Campground Water System (hereinafter, Water System) (mailing address: 2220 Tulare Street, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Fresno, CA

29 93721) for violation of California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Section 64426.1  
30 subsections (b)(2).

31 **APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

51 **§64426.1. Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL).**

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

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

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

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



65 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

66 The Water System is operated under Water Supply Permit No. 03-12-08P-043, issued  
67 on September 11, 2008. FCPG/Choinumni Campground Water System is a transient non-  
68 community water system serving a population that varies seasonally through  
69 approximately fifty (50) service connections.

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71 The Water System is required to collect a minimum of one (1) distribution system  
72 bacteriological sample per quarter. The bacteriological water analysis results submitted by  
73 the Water System reported the presence of total coliform bacteria in four (4) of five (5)  
74 samples in April of 2015, in seven (7) of nineteen (19) samples in May of 2015 and in five  
75 (5) of nine (9) collected by the Water System in July 2015. Additionally, the Water System  
76 reported the presence of *E. Coli* bacteria in one sample collected on May 26, 2015.

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78 The following table summarizes the bacteriological monitoring conducted during the  
79 months of April, May, June and July of 2015.

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Collection Date	Number of Samples	Sample Labeled	Number TC positive	Number E. Coli positive
4/14/15	1	Routine	1	0
4/17/15	4	Repeat	3	0
5/1/15	6	Repeat & Other (with Cl <sub>2</sub> residuals)	0	0
5/26/15	7	Routine	7	1
5/28/15	5	Well Cycle Test	0	0
5/28/15	3	Other (with Cl <sub>2</sub> residuals)	0	0
5/29/15	3	Routine (with Cl <sub>2</sub> residuals)	0	0
6/23/15	3	Other	3	1

7/2/15	3	Other	1	0
7/14/15	1	Routine	1	0
7/16/15	4	Repeat including well	3 (distribution only)	0
7/28/15	1	Other (well only)	0	0

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82 Due to the above-mentioned total coliform and *E. Coli* positive samples, the Water System  
83 failed the total coliform MCL for the months of April, May and July of 2015. Results for  
84 water samples tested for coliform bacteria during 2015 are summarized in Attachment A.  
85 Subsequent to the initial total coliform positive sample collected on April 14, 2015, several  
86 sanitary defects in the distribution system have been corrected and temporary continuous  
87 chlorination has been installed. Following the total coliform and *E. Coli* positive results in  
88 sampling conducted on May 26, 2015, a Boil Water Order was issued by the Division. A  
89 pressure tank with a ruptured bladder suspected of harboring bacteria was replaced in  
90 June 2015. The Boil Water Order was cancelled on June 3, 2015 following two rounds of  
91 bacteriological sampling that showed no positive total coliform results. Continuous  
92 chlorination was discontinued at the end of May 2015, however the positive total coliform  
93 results obtained for the sampling conducted on June 23, 2015 and on July 16, 2015  
94 prompted its reinstallation as further investigation continues.

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96 The five routine distribution samples required the months following April and May, which  
97 had multiple total coliform-positive samples, have been collected as required.

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99 The Groundwater Rule adopted by the Division, effective August 18, 2011, requires the  
100 collection of a sample for bacteriological evaluation from wells serving the system in  
101 response to a coliform positive distribution sample. This requirement was met with each  
102 round of repeat sampling.

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**VIOLATION**

The Drinking Water Field Operations Branch of the State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter 'Division') hereby issues a Citation to FCPG/Choinumni Campground Water System (hereinafter 'Water System'), for failure to comply with Section 116555(a)(1) of the CHSC and Section 64426.1(b)(2) of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR). Specifically, the Water System (mailing address: 2220 Tulare Street, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Fresno, CA 93721) failed to comply with the total coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for the months of April, May and July of 2015.

**NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Section 64426.1(c) requires a public water system to notify the Division and the consumers of the water system, when a violation of Section 64426.1(b)(1) through (4) the total coliform MCL occurs. Notification to the Division shall be by the end of the business day on which the violation has been determined. If the Division is closed, notification shall be within 24 hours of the determination. The Division was notified on April 20, 2015, on May 27, 2015 and on July 21, 2015, in accordance with the above-referenced section.

A Tier 2 Public Notice for violation of paragraph 64426.1(b) (2) shall be given pursuant to Section 64463.4 and 64465. The Tier 2 Public Notice shall include the mandatory health effects language from Appendix 64465-A for a total coliform MCL failure. Additionally, a Tier 1 Public Notice shall be given during the period in which the Boil Water Order remains in effect.

The Water System shall post the public notice in conspicuous locations within the water system. Section 116450(g) requires that upon receipt of notification from a public water system, schools must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors), residential rental property owners or managers (including nursing homes and

130 care facilities) must notify their tenants and business property owners, managers or  
131 operators must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

132 Notification of the public was conducted on April 23, 2015, on May 27, 2015 and on July  
133 21, 2015, advising each consumer of the failure of the total coliform MCL during the  
134 months of April, May and July of 2015. Copies of the notices that were posted are  
135 provided as Attachment B. Proofs of Notification are provided as Attachment C.

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### DIRECTIVES

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

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140 1. By September 15, 2015, the Water System shall complete and submit the  
141 enclosed "Positive Total Coliform Investigation" form to the Division that describes  
142 the incident and all corrective actions taken, and the results of the investigation.  
143 The appropriate investigation report is provided as Attachment D.

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145 2. By September 30, 2015, the Water System shall provide as built plans showing  
146 the location of potable water pipes and appurtenant facilities as well as the non-  
147 potable raw water piping.

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149 3. Once the temporary disinfection is discontinued, should any additional violations of  
150 the total coliform MCL occur, the Water System will be required to install  
151 continuous chlorination equipment permanently.

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### PARTIES BOUND

154 This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon FCPG/Choinumni Campground Water  
155 System, its officers, directors, shareholders, agents, employees, contractors, successors,  
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SEVERABILITY

The Directives of this Citation are severable, and FCPG/Choinumni Campground Water System 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.

8/17/15  
Date

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



- Attachments:
- A. Bacteriological Distribution and Source Monitoring Reports
  - B. Completed Public Notices
  - C. Proof of Public Notice
  - D. Positive Total Coliform Investigation Form

Certified Mail Tracking No.: 7014 3490 0001 7868 8187

# Bacteriological Distribution Monitoring Report

<i>1000270</i>		<i>FCPG/Choinumni Campground</i>				<i>Distribution System Freq: 1/Q</i>			
<i>Sample Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>T Coli</i>	<i>E Coli</i>	<i>F Coli</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Cl2</i>	<i>Violation</i>	<i>Comment</i>
1/13/2015	11:22	1 Rou site 1	A	A		Routine			
4/14/2015	11:59	1-ROU - Sample Site #1 Campground	P	A		Routine			
4/17/2015	12:22	1-ROU - Sample Site #1 Campground	P	A		Repeat		MCL	
4/17/2015	12:34	1-REP3 - SS#2 (Downstream)	P	A		Repeat			
4/17/2015	12:44	Well	A	A		Source Repeat			
4/17/2015	12:53	1 REP2 - SS#4 (Upstream)	P	A		Repeat			
5/1/2015	11:44	1 Rep 2 SS #4 (Upstream)	A	A		Repeat	1.24		
5/1/2015	11:49	Storage tank HB T0	A	A		Other	1.53		
5/1/2015	12:00	Well	A	A		Source Repeat	0.0		
5/1/2015	12:04	HB T15 min	A	A		Other	1.70		
5/1/2015	12:22	1 REP3-SS#2- (Downstream)	A	A		Repeat	1.58		
5/1/2015	12:28	1 ROU - Sample Site #1 - Campground	A	A		Repeat	1.80		
5/26/2015	13:05	Storage Tank - HB - T0	P	P		Routine			
5/26/2015	13:20	Storage Tank HB - T15	P	A		Routine		MCL	
5/26/2015	13:29	3 ROU - SS #3 Campground	P	A		Routine			
5/26/2015	13:48	5 ROU SS #5 Campground	P	A		Routine			
5/26/2015	13:52	2 ROU - SS #2 Campground	P	A		Routine			
5/26/2015	13:55	1 ROU - Sample Site #1 - Campground	P	A		Routine			
5/26/2015	13:58	4 ROU - SS #4 - Campground	P	A		Routine			
5/28/2015	7:10	Tank Fill Line	A	A		Other			
5/28/2015	8:00	HB North of Space 69	A	A		Other	1.17		
5/28/2015	8:10	HB Spc 47	A	A		Other	1.12		
5/29/2015	12:41	SS 1	A	A		Routine	0.90		
5/29/2015	12:53	SS 2	A	A		Routine	1.03		
5/29/2015	13:09	SS 3	A	A		Routine	0.81		
6/23/2015	10:00	CampSite	A	A		Other			
6/23/2015	10:10	Spc 22	P	A		Other			
6/23/2015	10:20	Spc 69	A	A		Other			
7/2/2015	10:15	Site #5 (Downstream)	A	A		Other			
7/2/2015	10:30	Site #1 Original	P	A		Other			
7/2/2015	10:35	Space #15 (Upstream)	A	A		Other			
7/14/2015	11:45	Campground 3-ROU	P	A		Routine		MCL	
7/16/2015	9:22	Well	A	A		Source Repeat			
7/16/2015	9:26	3 REP2 - SS #4 (Upstream)	P	A		Repeat			
7/16/2015	9:30	3 REP1 SS#2 (Downstream)	P	A		Repeat			
7/16/2015	9:33	3 ROU SS #3 Campground	P	A		Repeat			
7/28/2015	19:45	Well	<1	<1		Other			

<i>Sample Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>T Coli</i>	<i>E Coli</i>	<i>F Coli</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>CI2</i>	<i>Violation</i>	<i>Comment</i>
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**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	CI2 not reported

# Source Bacteriological Monitoring Report

1000270 FCPG/Choinumni Campground

<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>
5/28/2015	7:00	Well - Start up	Well Cycle	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
5/28/2015	7:01	Well - 1 min	Well Cycle	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
5/28/2015	7:05	Well - 5 min	Well Cycle	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
5/28/2015	7:15	Well - 15 min	Well Cycle	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
5/28/2015	7:30	Well - 30 min	Well Cycle	MPN	<1.1	<1.1				
7/16/2015	9:22	Well	Source	P/A	A	A				
7/28/2015	19:45	Well	Well	MPN	<1	<1				

## 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.

### FCPG Choinumni Park Water System Has Levels of Coliform Bacteria Above the Drinking Water Standard

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 four (4) samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during April 2015. One of these samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than one 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?

Once known of the presence of coliform bacteria in the drinking water, a specialist in water systems chlorinated the well to eliminate the coliform from the water. Afterward, the well was flushed and tested to assure the coliform was no longer present and chlorine levels were acceptable for park visitors and others to drink.

For more information, please contact David Chavez at (559) 600-4308 or Public Works and Planning, Parks, 2220 Tulare Street, Suite 600, Fresno, CA 93721.

*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.
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### DRINKING WATER WARNING

Choinumni Campground's water is contaminated with E. Coli bacteria

**BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING**

E. Coli bacteria were found in the water supply on May 27, 2015. These bacteria can make you sick, and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems.

#### What should I do?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation **until further notice**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.
- *Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems. The symptoms above 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.*
- 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.

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

Bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (for example, following heavy rains). It can also happen due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process.

To destroy the bacterial contamination, chlorine will be added to the water supply. We will inform you when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water. We anticipate resolving the problem within four days or Friday, May 29, 2015.

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## AVISO SOBRE SU AGUA POTABLE

### El Agua del Sistema Choinumni Campgrounds esta contaminado con la bacteria *E. coli*

#### HIERVAN EL AGUA ANTES DE USARLA

Bacterias coliformes fecales y *E. coli* fueron encontradas en su servicio de agua el día 27 mayo. Estas bacterias pueden enfermarle, y son especialmente peligrosas para personas con las defensas bajas o sistemas inmunológicos débiles.

#### Que debo hacer?

**NO BEBA EL AGUA SIN ANTES HERVIRLA.** Hierva toda el agua, déjela hervir por un minuto, y déjela reposar antes de usarla, o utilice agua embotellada. Agua hervida o embotellada debe ser usada para beber, hacer hielo, lavarse los dientes, lavar los platos y para preparar la comida hasta próximo aviso. Hierviendo morta a bacteria y otros organismos en el agua.

*Coliformes fecales o E. coli son bacterias cuya presencia indica que el agua puede estar contaminada con desechos humanos o de animales. Microbios de esos desechos pueden causar diarrea, cólicos, nausea, dolores de cabeza u otros síntomas. Pueden representar un peligro para la salud de bebés, niños y niñas de corta edad, algunos ancianos, y personas con sistemas inmunológicos en alto riesgo.*

Los síntomas descritos arriba no ocurren solamente debido a los microbios en el agua. También pueden ser causados por otros motivos. Si usted siente estos síntomas y estos persisten, usted puede optar por hacer una consulta con su médico. Personas en situaciones de alto riesgo deben consultar con sus proveedores de servicios médicos.

#### Qué pasó? Qué se está haciendo al respecto?

Contaminación bacteriana puede ocurrir cuando exceso de aguas rebasan sus cauces y entran a las fuentes de agua potable (por ejemplo, luego de una lluvia fuerte). También pueden ocurrir cuando se rompe un sistema de recolección de aguas negras, o cuando hay una falla en el tratamiento de agua.

Para destruir la contaminación bacteriana , se agrega cloro al sistema de agua  
Le informaremos cuando las pruebas demuestren que no hay bacterias y que usted ya no necesita hervir su agua. Anticipamos que resolveremos el problema el viernes 29 de mayo del 2015.

Para mas información, por favor póngase en contacto con David Chavez al (559) 600-4308 o escribiendo a departamento de public works, Parks, 2220 Tulare Street, #600, Fresno, Ca 93721.

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

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

This notice is being sent to you by FCPG Choinunmi : 1000095

Date distributed: May 27, 2015.

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We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took four (4) samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria in July 2015. Three (3) of these samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than one 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.
- 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?**

**We did find the same bacteria in the water in our subsequent testing. Accordingly, we will begin disinfecting the domestic water system to eliminate the bacteria and are working to determine the source of contamination.**

For more information, please contact David Chavez at (559) 600-4308 or Fresno County Public Works and Planning, Resources Division, 2220 Tulare Street, Suite 600, Fresno, CA 93721.

*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.

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ATTACHMENT \_\_\_\_\_

**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 **FCPG/Choinumni Campground Water System** of the failure to meet the **total coliform bacteria MCL** for the month of **July 2015** as directed by the Division.

Notification was made on July 23, 2015 by hand delivered and/or posted written notice.

*(circle all that apply)*

David J. Chavez  
Signature of Water System Representative

David J. Chavez, Sr. Staff Analyst  
Printed Name

July 23, 2015  
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: August 10, 2015  
Total Coliform MCL Failure: July 2015  
System Number: 1000270  
Citation No.: \_\_\_\_\_

# POSITIVE TOTAL COLIFORM INVESTIGATION

Attachment D

## Simple Well with Pressure Tank Systems

This form is intended to assist public water systems in completing the investigation required by the SWRCB Drinking Water Division (Section 64426(b) of Title 22, California Code of Regulations) and may be modified to take into account conditions unique to the system.

### ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

<b>PWS Name:</b>		<b>PWS ID NUMBER:</b>	
	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone #</b>
Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC)			
Person that collected TC samples if different than ORC			
Owner			
Certified Laboratory for Microbiological Analyses			
Date Investigation Completed:			
Month(s) of Total Coliform MCL Failure:			

### INVESTIGATION DETAILS

SOURCE	WELL (name)	WELL (name)	WELL (name)	WELL (name)	COMMENTS
1. Inspect each well head for physical defects and report					
a. Is raw water sample tap upstream from point of disinfection?					
b. Is wellhead vent pipe screened?					
c. Is wellhead seal watertight?					
d. Is well head located in pit or is any piping from the wellhead submerged?					
e. Does the ground surface slope towards well head?					
f. Is there evidence of standing water near the wellhead?					
g. Is there a check valve on the well discharge line? Is the check valve seating properly?					
h. Are there any connections to the raw water piping that could be cross connections? (describe all connections in comments)					
i. Is the wellhead secured to prevent unauthorized access?					
j. To what treatment plant (name) does this well pump?					
k. How often do you take a raw water total coliform (TC) test?					
l. Provide the date and result of the last TC test at this location					

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DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	SYSTEM RESPONSES
1. What is the minimum pressure you are maintaining in the distribution system?	
2. Did pressure in the distribution system drop to less than 5 psi prior to experiencing the TCR positive finding.	
3. Has the distribution system been worked on within the last week? (service taps, hydrant flushing, main breaks, main extensions, etc.) If yes, provide details.	
4. Are there any signs of excavations near your distribution system not under the direct control of your maintenance staff?	
5. Did you inspect your distribution system to check for mainline leaks? Do you or did you have a mainline leak?	
6. If there was a mainline leak, when was it repaired?	
7. On what date was the distribution system last flushed?	
8. Is there a written flushing procedure you can provide for our review?	
9. Do you have an active cross connection control program?	
10. What is name and phone number of your Cross-Connection Control Program Coordinator?	
11. Is the review and testing of backflow prevention devices current?	
12. On what date was the last physical survey of the system done to identify cross-connections?	

SAMPLE SITE EVALUATION (Complete for all TC+ or EC+ findings)	Routine Site TC+ or EC+	Upstream Site	Downstream Site	Sample 4 (specify)
1. What is the height of the sample tap above grade? (inches)				
2. Is the sample tap located in an exterior location or is it protected by an enclosure?				
3. Is the sample tap threaded, have a swing arm (kitchen sink) or aerator (sinks)?				
4. Is the sample tap in good condition, free of leaks around the stem or packing?				
5. Can the sample tap be adjusted to the point where a good laminar flow can be achieved without excessive splash?				
6. Is the sample tap and area around the sample tap clean and dry (free of animal droppings, other contaminants or spray irrigation systems)				
7. Is the area around the sample tap free of excessive vegetation or other impediments to sample collection				
8. Describe how the tap was treated in preparation for sample collection (ran water, swabbed with disinfectant, flamed, etc.)				
9. Is this sample tap designated on the sampling plan submitted with this information request?				
10. What were weather conditions at the time of positive sample (rainy, windy, sunny)?				

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GENERAL OPERATIONS:	Response
1. Where there any power outages that affected water system facilities during the 30 days prior to the TC+ or EC + findings?	
2. Where there any main breaks, water outages, or low pressure reported in the service area where TC+ or EC+ samples were located.	
3. Does the system have backup power or elevated storage?	
4. During or soon after bacteriological quality problems, did you receive any complaints of any customers' illness suspected of being waterborne? How many?	
5. What were the symptoms of illness if you received complaints about customers being sick?	

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED WITH RESPONSES TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS

1. **Sketch** of System showing all sources, treatment locations, storage tanks, microbiological sampling sites and general layout of the distribution system including the location of all hazardous connections such as the wastewater treatment facility.
2. A set of photographs of the well, pressure tanks, and storage tanks in the system may be submitted if they would show that the contamination is directly related and changes have been made since the last inspection by our Division.
3. Name, certification level and certificate number of the Operator in Responsible Charge.
4. Copy of the last cross connection survey performed that identifies the location of all unprotected cross connections.

## SUMMARY: BASED ON THE RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION AT YOUR DISPOSAL, WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE TO BE THE CAUSE OF THE POSITIVE TOTAL COLIFORM SAMPLES FROM YOUR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM?

**CERTIFICATION:** I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS ABOVE IS ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_