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**State Water Resources Control Board**  
Division of Drinking Water

December 15, 2015

Ms. Teresa Thurman  
Creekside Cabins and RV Resort  
P.O. Box 279  
Lakeport, CA 95453

**CITATION NO. 02\_03\_15C\_020 FOR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM #2300717  
BACTERIOLOGICAL MONITORING VIOLATION**

Enclosed is a citation issued to the Creekside Cabins and RV Resort water system (System) by the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (Division) for failure to conduct routine bacteriological monitoring in September 2015.

Because this is an enforcement action for noncompliance with State regulations, your System will be billed at the Division's hourly rate (currently estimated at \$151.00) for the time spent issuing this citation. You will receive a bill for these fees sent from our Fee Billing Unit in Sacramento later this year.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Lori Hanson at (707) 576-2604.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sheri K. Miller".

Sheri K. Miller, P.E.  
Mendocino District Engineer  
Division of Drinking Water

Enclosures

c: Mendocino County Environmental Health Department

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Willits, CA 95490

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

**Name of Public Water System:** Creekside Cabins & RV Resort

**Water System No:** 2300717

**To:** Creekside Cabins & RV Resort  
P.O. Box 279  
Lakeport, CA 95453

**Issued:** December 15, 2015

**CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE  
TOTAL COLIFORM MONITORING VIOLATION  
September 2015**

The State of California Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (Division) hereby issues a citation to the Creekside Cabins & RV Resort (System) for failure to comply with Section 64423, Title 22, of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

Chapter 4, Article 9, Section 116550 of Part 12 of Division 104 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC), authorizes the issuance of a citation for failure to comply with a requirement of Chapter 4 (California Safe Drinking Water Act), or any

1 regulation, standard, permit or order issued thereunder. A copy of the *Applicable*  
2 *Statutes and Regulations* is located in Appendix 3, which is attached hereto and  
3 incorporated by reference.

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5 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

6 Creekside Cabins & RV Resort is classified as a community water system serving 55  
7 connections with a population of approximately 125. According to Sections 64423  
8 and 64423.1, Title 22, of the CCR, the System is required to collect one routine  
9 bacteriological sample per month from the distribution system and report the findings  
10 to the Division database. As of the date of this citation, the Division has not received  
11 results for a routine bacteriological sample collected from the distribution system of  
12 the Creekside Cabins & RV Resort during September 2015.

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14 **DETERMINATIONS**

15 The Division has determined that the Creekside Cabins & RV Resort water system  
16 violated Section 64423, Title 22, of the CCR in September 2015. Section 64423  
17 states that water suppliers are required to collect routine bacteriological samples  
18 based on the population served or the total number of service connections.

19 Creekside Cabins & RV Resort did not collect a routine bacteriological sample in  
20 September 2015. Therefore, the System violated the total coliform routine  
21 monitoring regulations contained in Sections 64423, Title 22, of the CCR.

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24 **DIRECTIVES**

25 The Creekside Cabins & RV Resort is hereby directed to take the following actions:  
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1. Comply with Sections 64423 and 64423.1, Title 22, of the California Code of Regulations in all future monitoring periods.
  
2. On or before **January 8, 2016**, notify all persons served by the System of the bacteriological monitoring violation in conformance with Section 64463.4 and Section 64465, Title 22 of the CCR. A copy of these regulatory sections is provided in Appendix 3. The Public Notification Template in Appendix 1 must be used to fulfill this directive. **The System shall complete the corrective actions section and contacts section of the template before notifying the customers.**
  
3. The System shall complete the Compliance Certification in Appendix 2. Submit the Compliance Certification together with copies of the two methods of public notification to the Division on or before **January 22, 2016**.

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

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

1 All documents required by this Citation shall be submitted to the Division at the  
2 following address:

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State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Drinking Water - Mendocino District  
50 D Street, Suite 200  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

**PARTIES BOUND**

This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the System, its officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors and assignees.

**SEVERABILITY**

The directives of this Citation are severable, and the System shall comply with each and every provision thereof, notwithstanding the effectiveness of any provision.

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**FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, (commencing with Section 116270) of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes the Division of Drinking Water to: issue additional citations with assessment of penalties if the System continues to fail to correct a violation identified in a citation; take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water system if the System has violated applicable laws or regulations or has failed to comply with orders of the Division; and petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with orders of the Division. The Division does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this citation.



Sheri K. Miller, P.E.  
Mendocino District Engineer  
Division of Drinking Water

12-15-15

Date

Certified Mail No.: 70141200 00011676986



Appendices (3):

1. Public Notification Template
2. Compliance Certification
3. Applicable Statutes and Regulations

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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.

### **Creekside Cabins & RV Resort Failed to Sample the Drinking Water for Bacteria – September 2015**

Creekside Cabins & RV Resort failed to monitor the drinking water for bacteria in September 2015, as required by the California Code of Regulations. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know 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 should I do?**

You do not need to take any corrective actions at this time. This is not an emergency. If you have health concerns, you may wish to consult your doctor. General guidelines on regulated contaminants in drinking water are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

#### **What happened?**

We are required by state regulations 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. During September 2015, we did not test for coliform bacteria in the water system and therefore cannot be sure of the bacteriological quality of the drinking water during that time.

#### **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 and follow up sampling are important to periodically verify the water quality. Our failure to test our drinking water for bacteria during September 2015 was a violation of Section 64423, Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

**What corrective actions have been taken by the Creekside Cabins & RV Resort to prevent this violation from occurring in the future?**

This notification of the public is being done in compliance with Sections 64463.4 and 64465, Title 22 of the CCR as a means of keeping the public informed.

Persons wishing more information should contact:

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PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM NO. 2300717

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX 2. COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Citation Number : 02\_03\_15C\_020

Name of Water System: **Creekside Cabins & RV Resort**

System Number: **2300717**

As required by Section 116450 of the California Health and Safety Code, I certify that the users of the water supplied by this water system were notified of the violations of Title 22, California Code of Regulations. In addition, I certify that the Creekside Cabins & RV Resort complied with the directives of this citation as indicated below:

| Required Action   | Date Completed       |
|---|----------------------|
| <b>Public Notification – First Method (REQUIRED)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete Appendix 1 (public notice), as required in <b>Directive 2 in Citation 02_03_15C_020</b> . Then, by mail or direct delivery, give a copy of the notice to each customer. | <input type="text"/> |
| <b>Public Notification – Second Method</b>  | <input type="text"/> |
| Using the already completed public notice, choose an additional method:   |                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publication in a local newspaper or newsletter (attach copy of newspaper publication or newsletter); OR  |                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post copies in conspicuous locations throughout the area served by the water system for a minimum of 7 days (attach copy of posting and give locations of posting).OR  |                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Posting notice on the Internet or intranet (provide website and printout of notice)  |                      |

Signature of Water System Representative

Date

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH COPIES OF NOTIFICATION TO THE DIVISION NO LATER THAN JANUARY 22, 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.

## APPENDIX 3. APPLICABLE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

### FOR CITATION NO. 02\_03\_15C\_020

*Note: The Department referenced below, formerly the California Department of Public Health, Drinking Water Program, now refers to the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water. The Drinking Water Program moved to the State Water Resources Control Board on July 1, 2014.*

#### **Section 116650 of the CHSC states in relevant part:**

- (a) If the department determines that a public water system is in violation of this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder, the department 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 for 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 department may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and for each day that a violation continues to occur. A separate penalty may be assessed for each violation.

**California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 64423 states in relevant part:**

- (a) Each water supplier shall collect **routine** bacteriological water samples as follows:
- (1) The minimum number of samples for community water systems shall be based on the known population served or the total number of service connections, whichever results in the greater number of samples, as shown in Table 64423-A.

**California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 64423.1 states in relevant part:**

- (a) Analytical results of all required samples collected for a system in a calendar month shall be reported to the Department not later than the tenth day of the following month.

**California Code of Regulations Section 64463.4 states, in relevant part:**

- (a) A water system shall give public notice pursuant to this section if any of the following occurs:
- (2) All violations of the monitoring and testing procedure requirements in sections 64421 through 64426.1, article 3 (Primary Standards – Bacteriological Quality), for which the Department determines that a Tier 2 rather than a Tier 3 public notice is required, based on potential health impacts and persistence of the violations;
  - (3) Other violations of the monitoring and testing procedure requirements in this chapter, and chapters 15.5, 17 and 17.5, for which the Department determines that a Tier 2 rather than a Tier 3 public notice is required, based on potential health impacts and persistence of the violations; or
  - (4) Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of any variance or exemption in place.

(b) A water system shall give the notice as soon as possible within 30 days after it learns of a violation or occurrence specified in subsection (a), except that the water system may request an extension of up to 60 days for providing the notice. This extension would be subject to the Department's written approval based on the violation or occurrence having been resolved and the Department's determination that public health and welfare would in no way be adversely affected. In addition, the water system shall:

(1) Maintain posted notices in place for as long as the violation or occurrence continues, but in no case less than seven days;

(2) Repeat the notice every three months as long as the violation or occurrence continues. Subject to the Department's written approval based on its determination that public health would in no way be adversely affected, the water system may be allowed to notice less frequently but in no case less than once per year. No allowance for reduced frequency of notice shall be given in the case of a total coliform MCL violation or violation of a Chapter 17 treatment technique requirement; and

(3) For turbidity violations pursuant to sections 64652.5(c)(2) and 64653(c), (d) and (f), as applicable, a water system shall consult with the Department as soon as possible within 24 hours after the water system learns of the violation to determine whether a Tier 1 public notice is required. If consultation does not take place within 24 hours, the water system shall give Tier 1 public notice within 48 hours after learning of the violation.

(c) A water system shall deliver the notice, in a manner designed to reach persons served, within the required time period as follows:

(1) Unless otherwise directed by the Department in writing based on its assessment of the violation or occurrence and the potential for adverse effects

on public health and welfare, **community water systems shall give public notice by:**

**(A) Mail or direct delivery to each customer receiving a bill including those that provide their drinking water to others** (e.g., schools or school systems, apartment building owners, or large private employers), and other service connections to which water is delivered by the water system; and

**(B) Use of one or more of the following methods to reach persons not likely to be reached by a mailing or direct delivery** (renters, university students, nursing home patients, prison inmates, etc.):

1. Publication in a local newspaper;
2. Posting in conspicuous public places served by the water system, or on the Internet; or
3. Delivery to community organizations.

**California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 64465 states in relevant part:**

(a) Each public notice given pursuant to this article shall contain the following:

- (1) A description of the violation or occurrence, including the contaminant(s) of concern, and (as applicable) the contaminant level(s);
- (2) The date(s) of the violation or occurrence;
- (3) Any potential adverse health effects from the violation or occurrence, including the appropriate standard health effects language from appendices 64465-A through G;
- (4) The population at risk, including subpopulations particularly vulnerable if exposed to the contaminant in drinking water;
- (5) Whether alternative water supplies should be used;
- (6) What actions consumers should take, including when they should seek medical help, if known;
- (7) What the water system is doing to correct the violation or occurrence;

- (8) When the water system expects to return to compliance or resolve the occurrence;
- (9) The name, business address, and phone number of the water system owner, operator, or designee of the water system as a source of additional information concerning the public notice;
- (10) A statement to encourage the public notice recipient to distribute the public notice to other persons served, using the following standard language: "Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this public 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"; and
- (11) For a water system with a monitoring and testing procedure violation, this language shall be included: "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 your drinking water meets health standards. During [*compliance period dates*], we [*did not monitor or test or did not complete all monitoring or testing*] for [*contaminant(s)*], and therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time."

(c) Each public notice given pursuant to this article shall contain information in Spanish regarding the importance of the notice, or contain a telephone number or address where Spanish-speaking residents may contact the water system to obtain a translated copy of the public notice or assistance in Spanish. For each non-English speaking group other than Spanish-speaking that exceeds 1,000 residents or 10% of the residents in the community served, whichever is less, the public notice shall:

- (1) Contain information in the appropriate language(s) regarding the importance of the notice, or
- (2) Contain a telephone number or address where such residents may contact the water system to obtain a translated copy of the notice or assistance in the appropriate language.

(d) Each public notice given pursuant to this article shall:

(1) Be displayed such that it catches people's attention when printed or posted and be formatted in such a way that the message in the public notice can be understood at the eighth-grade level;

(2) Not contain technical language beyond an eighth-grade level or print smaller than 12 point; and

(3) Not contain language that minimizes or contradicts the information being given in the public notice.