

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

**Nacimiento Water Company
2890 Saddle Way
Bradley, CA 93426**

**Attention: Mr. Tim Bean
General Manager**

CITATION FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

WATER SYSTEM NO.: 4010027

CITATION NO.: 04_06_16C_006

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Section 116650 of Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 104 of the California Health and Safety Code (H&S Code), authorizes the issuance of a citation for failure to comply with a requirement of the California Safe Drinking Water Act, or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued thereunder.

Violation

The State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter DDW) hereby issues a citation to Nacimiento Water Company (hereinafter NWC) for the following violation:

1. **Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 63765:** Specifically, Nacimiento Water Company was operating its surface water treatment plant without a chief treatment plant operator who holds a valid T3 certification from November 2013 to March 2016.

In accordance with Section 116650 (e) of the Health and Safety Code, the above violation is classified as a non-continuing violation.

Background

The Nacimiento Water Company water system is privately owned and serves the residents of Oak Shores and other recreational facilities within its service area. NWC provides potable water to a seasonal, year-round population of 2,522 people through 639 service connections. Many of NWC's customers have weekend homes and account for a large seasonal variation in population. NWC's source of water comes from Lake Nacimiento via three wells (1 active, 2 standbys). The water received from the wells is pumped up the hill to NWC's surface water treatment plant. The treatment processes include disinfection, coagulation, upflow clarification, pressure filtration, ozone contact, media filtration, and chlorination. The treated water complies with the Surface Water Treatment Rule.

NWC's surface water treatment plant is classified as a T3 facility. NWC is required to have a designated chief plant operator who holds a valid T3 or higher certification to manage and operate the treatment plant. Larry Denny was the designated Chief Treatment Plant Operator for NWC as indicated on the 2013 and 2014 Annual Reports. However, Larry Denny's T4 certification expired on November 1, 2013. Since then, NWC has been operating its surface water treatment plant without an operator who holds a valid T3 certification. On March 23, 2016, NWC has designated James R. Green as NWC's Chief Treatment Plant Operator. James R. Green holds a valid T3 certification which meets the chief operator certification requirements and maintains the overall responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the surface water treatment plant. Larry Denny is also in the process of getting his T3 certification.

Directives

Nacimiento Water Company shall take the following actions:

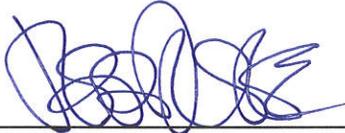
1. NWC shall comply with the operator certification requirements to operate its surface water treatment plant and distribution system at all times. NWC's surface water treatment plant and distribution system are classified as T3 and D2 facilities

respectively. Therefore, operators holding current and valid T3 or higher and D2 or higher certifications shall be utilized to make decisions regarding the operations of the treatment plant and distribution system.

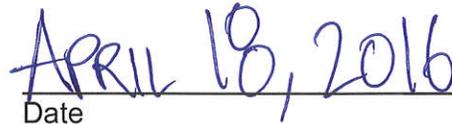
2. James R. Green has been designated by Nacimiento Water Company as its Chief Treatment Plant Operator. Therefore, NWC shall use James R. Green to maintain the overall responsibility for the day-to-day operations of NWC's surface water treatment plant.

Civil Penalties

Sections 116650 (d) and (e) of the H&S Code allow for the assessment of a civil penalty for failure to comply with the requirements of Chapter 4. Failure to comply with any provision of this citation will result in DDW imposing an administrative penalty not to exceed \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) per day as of the date of violation of any provision of this citation.



Jeff Densmore, P.E., District Engineer
SWRCB-DDW
Santa Barbara District



Date

cc: San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Services

