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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water

October 27, 2014

Mr. Jim Smith
Board President
Skylonda Mutual Water Company
127 Blakewood Way
Woodside, CA 94062

Dear Mr. Smith:

CITATION NO. : 02-17-14C-016
TOTAL COLIFORM MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL VIOLATION
SKYLONDA MUTUAL WATER COMPANY, SYSTEM NO. 4100533

Enclosed is a citation issued to Skylonda Mutual Water Company. The citation is issued because the water system failed to comply with Section 64426.1(b), Chapter 15, Title 22, California Code of Regulations. The total coliform maximum contaminant level was not met during September 2014.

The citation consists of seven sections: Applicable Authorities, Statement of Facts, Determination, Directives, Parties Bound, Severability and Further Enforcement Action. The Applicable Authorities, Statement of Facts, and Determination sections describe the events leading up to the issuance of the citation. The Directives section specifies what the Water System needs to do to return to compliance. The Parties Bound, Severability, and Further Enforcement Action sections describe administrative penalties to be assessed for failure to comply with the citation. No administrative penalty is levied with the current citation.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Karen Nishimoto at (510) 620-3461.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Lacy".

Eric Lacy, P.E.
District Engineer, Santa Clara District
Division of Drinking Water
State Water Resources Control Board

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Attachment: Proof of Notification Form

cc: San Mateo County Environmental Health Department (w/o attachment) (via e-mail to Greg Smith)

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

TO: Skylonda Mutual Water Company
127 Blakewood Way
Woodside, CA 94062

Attn: Jim Smith, Board President
Skylonda Mutual Water Company

CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE
22, SECTION 64426.1(b) - WATER SYSTEM NO. 4100533
C I T A T I O N N O . 02-17-14C-016
Issued on October 27, 2014

Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes the issuance of a citation to a public water system for violation of 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 Skylonda Mutual Water Company (hereinafter, SMWC) (127 Blakewood Way, Woodside, CA 94062) for

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violation of California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Section 64426.1 subsection (b).

APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES

Section 116650 of California Health and Safety Code provides:

(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.

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2 **California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 64426.1, subsection (b)**
3 **provides, in relevant part:**

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

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

10 2) For a public water system which collects fewer than 40 samples
11 per month, more than one sample collected during any month is total coliform-positive;
12 or

13 3) Any repeat sample is fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-positive; or

14 4) Any repeat sample following a fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-
15 positive routine sample is total coliform-positive.

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17 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

18 The SMWC water system is operated under Water Supply Permit No. 02-17-12P-
19 4100533, issued on December 3, 2012.

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21 SMWC serves water to approximately 350 customers in Woodside, CA. SMWC is
22 located along Highway 35, southwest of the Thornewood Open Space Preserve and
23 receives water from La Honda Creek, Well 6, and Well 8. SMWC also has one
24 standby source, Well 7. SMWC has four reservoirs, one booster station at the
25 Skylonda Reservoirs, a microfiltration surface water treatment plant with a chlorination
26 facility for La Honda Creek and Well 6, and a manganese filtration system for Well 8.
27 The water supplied by SMWC consists primarily of groundwater from Well 6 and
surface water from La Honda Creek, both stored in the Lake and treated at the



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surface water treatment plant. Treated groundwater from Well 8 typically serves the southern end of the distribution system.

Currently, SMWC collects two samples per month on a rotational-basis from three sites, as specified in the Division-approved bacteriological sampling plan.

On September 9, 2014, the Water System collected a routine sample, which tested “present” for total coliform and “absent” for *E. coli*. On September 12, 2014 the Water System boosted the residual in the Giovanetti Storage Tanks and performed unidirectional flushing.

Four repeat samples were then collected on September 13, 2014. One sample tested “present” for total coliform and “present” for *E. coli*. The other three samples were negative for coliforms.

The Water System notified the Division on September 15, 2014 and conducted public notification, issuing a boil water notice. The Water System inspected the Giovanetti Storage Tanks and boosted the chlorine residual in the tanks. Eight follow-up repeat samples were then collected on September 15, 2014. All eight follow-up repeat samples collected September 15, 2014 were negative for coliforms. Five follow-up repeat samples were then collected on September 17, 2014. All five follow-up repeat samples collected September 17, 2014 were negative for coliforms.

With more than one sample collected during September with total-coliform positive results and a repeat sample that was *E. coli*-positive, the Water System is in violation of the total coliform maximum contaminant level during September 2014.

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DETERMINATION

The Division has determined that SMWC failed to comply with the Total Coliform maximum contaminant level (MCL) during September 2014. During September 2014, the Water System collected 19 routine and repeat samples, of which one sample was total coliform positive and one sample was total coliform and *E. coli*-positive. This represents an acute health risk.

DIRECTIVES

SMWC is hereby directed to take the following actions:

1. Forthwith, SMWC shall cease and desist from failing to comply with Subsection 64426.1(b), Chapter 15, Title 22, CCR, immediately.
2. SMWC shall complete and return the enclosed Proof of Notification form by November 30, 2014. A copy of the notices used shall be attached to the Proof of Notification form.
3. SMWC shall prepare a written Corrective Action Plan (CAP) based on the investigation findings. The plan shall include an evaluation of the causes of the bacteriological event and the preventative measures to be taken to reduce to possibility of bacteriological contamination in the future.

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

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Nothing in this Citation relieves SMWC of its obligation to meet the requirements of the California Safe Drinking Water Act, or of any regulation, permit, standard, or order issued or adopted thereunder.

All submittals required by this Citation shall be submitted to the Division at the following address:

Mr. Eric Lacy, P.E.
District Engineer, Santa Clara District
Division of Drinking Water
State Water Resources Control Board
850 Marina Bay Parkway
Building P, 2nd Floor
Richmond, CA 95804-6403

PARTIES BOUND

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

SEVERABILITY

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

FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION

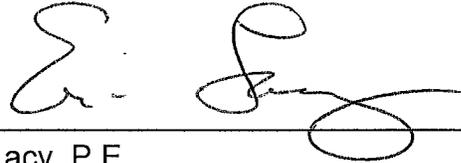
The California SDWA authorizes the Division to: issue citation with assessment of administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation of the requirements of the California SDWA or any permit, regulation, permit or order issued or adopted thereunder including, but not 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

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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.

October 27, 2014

Date



Eric Lacy, P.E.,
District Engineer
Division of Drinking Water
State Water Resources Control Board

Attachments:

1. Proof of Notification Form

cc: San Mateo County Environmental Health Department (via e-mail to Greg Smith)

CERTIFIED MAIL # 7006 3450 0001 8420 8518



PROOF OF NOTIFICATION

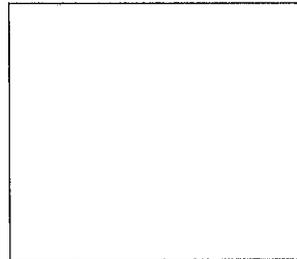
Water System Name: Skylonda Mutual Water Company
Water System Number: 4100533

As required by Section 116450 of the California Health and Safety Code, I notified the users of the water supplied by Skylonda Mutual Water Company of the total coliform maximum contaminant level violation. I complied with the directives of the Division of Drinking Water as indicated below:

Required Action

Date Completed

Public Notification by mail or direct delivery AND
publication in a local newspaper
or delivery to community organizations.



Signature of Water System Representative

Date

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT.
A COPY OF THE PUBLISHED NOTICE, DELIVERED NOTICE, AND POSTED NOTICE
MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS FORM**

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 citation 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.