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Division of Drinking Water

December 14, 2015

Ms. Kate McClellan
Board President
O'Connor Tract Co-Operative Water Company
P.O. Box 1375
Palo Alto, CA 94302-1375

Dear Ms. McClellan:

CITATION NO. : 02-17-15C-029
TOTAL COLIFORM MONITORING AND REPORTING VIOLATION
O'CONNER TRACT CO-COPERATIVE WATER COMPANY, SYSTEM NO. 4110019

Enclosed is a citation issued to O'Connor Tract Co-Operative Water Company. The citation is issued because the water system failed to comply with Section 64424(d), Chapter 15, Title 22, California Code of Regulations. The total coliform monitoring and reporting requirements were not met during November 2015.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Lacy".

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

Attachments: (1) Monitoring and Reporting Template
(2) Proof of Notification Form

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

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

TO: O'Connor Tract Co-Operative Water Company
P.O. Box 1375
Palo Alto, CA 94302-1375

Attn: Kate McClellan, Board President
O'Connor Tract Co-Operative Water Company

CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE
22, SECTION 64424(d) - WATER SYSTEM NO. 4110019

CITATION NO. 02-17-15C-029

Issued on December 14, 2015

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 O'Connor Tract Co-Operative Water Company (hereinafter, OTCWC) (P.O. Box 1375, Palo Alto, CA

1 94302-1375) for violation of California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Section
2 64424 subsection (d).

3 **APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES**

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

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6 (a) If the department determines that a public water system is in violation
7 of this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted
8 thereunder, the department may issue a citation to the public water system. The
9 citation shall be served upon the public water system personally or by certified mail.
10 Service shall be deemed effective as of the date of personal service or the date of
11 receipt of the certified mail. If a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to accept
12 delivery of the certified mail, the date of service shall be deemed to be the date of
13 mailing.

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

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

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

21 (e) The department may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed
22 one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and for
23 each day that a violation continues to occur. A separate penalty may be assessed for
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California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 64424, subsection (d) provides, in relevant part:

(d) If a public water system for which fewer than five routine samples/month has one or more total coliform-positive samples, the water supplier shall collect at least five routine samples the following month.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The OTCWC water system is operated under a water supply permit issued on June 1, 1960, and amended on June 22, 1962.

OTCWC is a community water system that provides water from two well for domestic use to a residential population of 3,128 via 343 service connections. The water facilities consist of two active wells, Well 1 and Well 2, a 100,000 gallon storage tank, a chlorination system, three booster pumps, two pressure tanks, and a distribution system.

Currently, OTCWC collects three samples per month as specified in the Division-approved bacteriological sampling plan dated May 5, 2011.

Following the total coliform positive in October 2015, OTCWC only collected three of the required five routine bacteriological samples in November 2015. OTCWC failed to collect a total of five required routine bacteriological samples in November 2015, resulting in a violation of Section 64424, Chapter 15, Title 22, CCR.

1 In accordance with Section 116650(e), CHSC, this violation is classified as a non-
2 continuing violation.

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5 **DETERMINATION**

6 The Division has determined that OTCWC failed to comply with the total coliform
7 monitoring and reporting requirements during November 2015. During November
8 2015, OTCWC collected three of the required five routine bacteriological samples.

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10 **DIRECTIVES**

11 OTCWC is hereby directed to take the following actions:

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- 13 1. Forthwith, OTCWC shall cease and desist from failing to comply with Subsection
14 64424(d), Chapter 15, Title 22, CCR, immediately. Specifically, OTCWC shall
15 collect and report the required number of bacteriological samples in the month
16 following a routine total coliform positive sample to the Division.
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 - 18 2. Conduct public notification for the total coliform monitoring and reporting violation
19 within one year in conformance with Section 64463.7, Chapter 15, Title 22, CCR.
20 The notification shall be completed in accordance with the following:

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22 Mail or direct delivery to each customer receiving a bill including those
23 that provide their drinking water to others (e.g., schools, apartment
24 building owners, etc.) and other service connections to which water is
25 delivered by the water system and posting in conspicuous public places
26 served by the water system to reach persons not likely to be reached by
27 a mailing or direct delivery (renters, community center users, etc.).



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The Water System may use the Consumer Confidence Report to meet the public notice requirement provided that the 2015 Consumer Confidence Report is given no later than one year of this date.

Proof of notification must be provided to the Division. This can be met by submitting a completed Proof of Notification form (Attachment enclosed) and a copy of the notice issued within 14 days of completing the notification.

3. Prepare a written Corrective Action Plan (CAP) that describes the specific actions that will be taken to ensure that future monitoring and reporting violations will not occur. This plan shall include a strategy to ensure that all monitoring is completed as required and on time and the names of the persons responsible for collecting samples. A back-up person must be identified, trained, and available to collect the required samples in the event the designated sampler is unavailable. Submit the CAP to the Division by January 30, 2016.
4. Within 30 days of receipt of this Citation, OTCWC shall submit a written response to the Division indicating its willingness to comply with directives of this Citation.

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.

Nothing in this Citation relieves OTCWC 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.

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

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4 Mr. Eric Lacy, P.E.
5 District Engineer, Santa Clara District
6 Division of Drinking Water
7 State Water Resources Control Board
8 850 Marina Bay Parkway
9 Building P, 2nd Floor
10 Richmond, CA 94804-6403

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12 **PARTIES BOUND**

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

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16 **SEVERABILITY**

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

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20 **FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

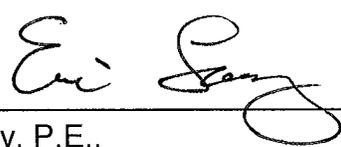
21 The California SDWA authorizes the Division to: issue citation with assessment of
22 administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation of
23 the requirements of the California SDWA or any permit, regulation, permit or order
24 issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to correct a violation
25 identified in a citation or compliance order. The California SDWA also authorizes the
26 Division to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public
27 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

1 violates an order of the Division. The Division does not waive any further enforcement
2 action by issuance of this citation.

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December 14, 2015

Date



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

Attachments:

1. Monitoring and Reporting Template
2. Proof of Notification Form

CERTIFIED MAIL # 7014 3490 0001 7031 0710

Instructions for Tier 3 Monitoring Violations Annual Notice Template

Template Attached

Since most monitoring violations are included in Tier 3, you must provide public notice to persons served within one year after you learn of the violation [California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 15, Section 64463.7(b)]. Multiple monitoring violations can be serious. **Each water system required to give public notice must submit the notice to the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (DDW) for approval prior to distribution or posting, unless otherwise directed by the DDW [64463(b)].**

Notification Methods

You must use the methods summarized in the table below to deliver the notice to consumers. If you mail, post, or hand deliver, print your notice on letterhead, if available.

<i>If You Are a...</i>	<i>You Must Notify Consumers by...</i>	<i>...and By One or More of the Following Methods to Reach Persons Not Likely to be Reached by the Previous Method...</i>
Community Water System [64463.7(c)(1)]	Mail or direct delivery ^(a)	Publication in a local newspaper
		Posting ^(b) in conspicuous public places served by the water system or on the Internet
		Delivery to community organizations
Non-Community Water System [64463.7(c)(2)]	Posting in conspicuous locations throughout the area served by the water system ^(b)	Publication in a local newspaper or newsletter distributed to customers
		Email message to employees or students
		Posting ^(b) on the Internet or intranet
		Direct delivery to each customer

(a) Notice must be distributed 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.

(b) Notice must be posted in place for as long as the violation or occurrence continues, but in no case less than seven days.

The notice attached is appropriate for the methods described above, insertion in an annual notice, or included in the Consumer Confidence Report¹. However, you may wish to modify it before using it for posting. If you do, you must still include all the required elements and leave the standard language for monitoring and testing

¹ CCR may be used as long as public notification timing, content, and delivery requirements are met [64463.7(d)].

procedure violations and notification language in italics unchanged. This language is mandatory [64465].

You may need to modify the template for a notice for individual monitoring violations. The template presents violations in a table; however, you may write out an explanation for each violation if you wish. For any monitoring violation for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) or other groups, you may list the group name in the table, but you must provide the name of every chemical in the group on the notice (e.g., in a footnote). An example is shown in the table below.

<i>Contaminant</i>	<i>Required Sampling Frequency</i>	<i>Number of Samples Taken</i>	<i>When All Samples Should Have Been Taken</i>	<i>When Samples Were or Will Be Taken</i>
VOCs ^(a)	1 sample every 3 years	None	2002 – 2005	February 2006

(a) Benzene; Carbon Tetrachloride; 1,2-Dichlorobenzene; 1,4-Dichlorobenzene; 1,1-Dichloroethane; 1,2-Dichloroethane; 1,1-Dichloroethylene; cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene; trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene; Dichloromethane; 1,2-Dichloropropane; 1,3-Dichloropropene; Ethylbenzene; Methyl-*tert*-butyl ether; Monochlorobenzene; Styrene; 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane; Tetrachloroethylene; Toluene; 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene; 1,1,1-Trichloroethane; 1,1,2-Trichloroethane; Trichloroethylene; Trichlorofluoromethane; 1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-Trifluoroethane; Vinyl Chloride; and Xylenes.

You may need to modify the notice if you had any monitoring violations for which monitoring later showed a maximum contaminant level or other violation. In such cases, you should refer to the public notice you issued at that time.

Multilingual Requirement

The notice must (1) be provided in English, Spanish, and the language spoken by any non-English-speaking group exceeding 10 percent of the persons served by the water system and (2) include a telephone number or address where such individuals may contact the water system for assistance.

If any non-English-speaking group exceeds 1,000 persons served by the water system, but does not exceed 10 percent served, the notice must (1) include information in the appropriate language(s) regarding the importance of the notice and (2) contain the telephone number or address where such individuals may contact the water system to obtain a translated copy of the notice from the water system or assistance in the appropriate language.

Population Served

Make sure it is clear who is served by your water system -- you may need to list the areas you serve.

Corrective Actions

In your notice, describe corrective actions you took or are taking. Listed below are some steps commonly taken by water systems with monitoring violations. Choose the appropriate language, or develop your own:

- “We have since taken the required samples, as described in the last column of the table above. The samples showed we are meeting drinking water standards.”
- “We have since taken the required samples, as described in the last column of the table above. The sample for [contaminant] exceeded the limit. [Describe corrective action; use information from public notice prepared for violating the limit.]”
- “We plan to take the required samples soon, as described in the last column of the table above.”

After Issuing the Notice

Send a copy of each type of notice and a certification that you have met all the public notice requirements to the DDW within ten days after you issue the notice [64469(d)]. You should also issue a follow-up notice in addition to meeting any repeat notice requirements the DDW sets.

It is recommended that you notify health professionals in the area of the violation. People may call their doctors with questions about how the violation may affect their health, and the doctors should have the information they need to respond appropriately.

It is a good idea to issue a “problem corrected” notice when the violation is resolved.

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.

**Monitoring Requirements Not Met for
[System]**

Our water system failed to monitor as required for drinking water standards during the past year 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 [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 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(s) we did not properly test for during the last year, how many samples we are required to take and how often, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

<i>Contaminant</i>	<i>Required Sampling Frequency</i>	<i>Number of Samples Taken</i>	<i>When All Samples Should Have Been Taken</i>	<i>When Samples Were or Will Be Taken</i>
	[number] sample every [number][time interval]			

- If you have health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

[Describe corrective action].

For more information, please contact [name of contact] at [phone number] 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 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.

This notice is being sent to you by [system].

State Water System ID#: _____. Date distributed: _____.

PROOF OF NOTIFICATION

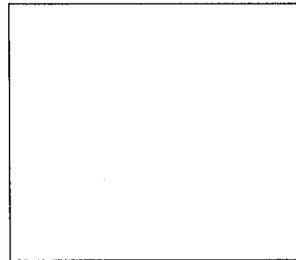
Water System Name: O'Connor Tract Co-Operative Water Company
Water System Number: 4110019

As required by Section 116450 of the California Health and Safety Code, I notified the users of the water supplied by O'Connor Tract Co-Operative Water Company of the Total Coliform Rule monitoring and reporting violation. I complied with the directives of the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking as indicated below:

Required Action

Date Completed

Public Notification by direct delivery OR notice via 2015
Consumer Confidence Report AND posting in conspicuous
locations throughout the area served by the water system.



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.