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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water

August 15, 2016

Mr. George Cattermole
San Gregorio Company
7625 Stage Road
San Gregorio, CA 94074

Dear Mr. Cattermole:

CITATION NO. 02-17-16C-024
MONITORING VIOLATION – TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA
San Gregorio Company, Water System No. 4100566

Enclosed is a citation issued to the San Gregorio Company for failure to comply with Section 64424 (a) (1), Chapter 15, Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. Specifically, San Gregorio Company failed to collect all four repeat bacteriological samples for the one total coliform-positive routine sample during the month of July 2016.

If you have any questions regarding this citation, please contact Ms. Van Tsang at (510) 620-3602.

Sincerely,

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

Eric Lacy, P.E.
District Engineer
Santa Clara District
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch
Division of Drinking Water

cc: San Mateo County Environmental Health

1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA
2 WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
3 DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER
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5 **TO:** San Gregorio Company
6 7625 Stage Road
7 San Gregorio, CA 94074
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9 **Attn:** Mr. George Cattermole
10 Owner
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12 **CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS,**
13 **TITLE 22, SECTION 64424 (a) (1)**
14 **WATER SYSTEM NO. 4100566**
15 **CITATION NO. 02-17-16C-024**
16 **Issued on August 15, 2016**
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18 Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes the issuance of a
19 citation to a public water system for violation of the California Safe Drinking Water Act
20 (Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section
21 116270) (hereinafter "California SDWA"), or any regulation, standard, permit or order
22 issued or adopted thereunder.
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24 The State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "Board"), acting by and
25 through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director
26 for the Division (hereinafter "Deputy Director"), hereby issues a citation to the San
27 Gregorio Company (hereinafter, "Company" or "Water System") (7625 Stage Road,



1 San Gregorio, CA 94074) for violating California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22,
2 Section 64424 (a) (1).

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APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 **California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 64424, subsection (a) (1)**
2 **provides in relevant part:**

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4 (a) If a routine sample is total coliform-positive, the water supplier shall collect
5 a repeat sample set within 24 hours of being notified of the positive result. The repeat
6 samples shall all be collected within the same 24 hour time period.

7 (1) For a water supplier that normally collects one or fewer samples per
8 month, a repeat sample set shall be at least four samples for each total coliform-
9 positive sample.

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11 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

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13 San Gregorio Company is a transient-noncommunity water system that provides
14 potable water to approximately 25 visitors at the general store. Source water for the
15 San Gregorio Company is pumped from Well 02. Well 02 is not an approved source of
16 supply and is considered under the direct influence of surface water. The water is
17 chlorinated but unfiltered prior to storage within a 10,000 gallon redwood tank. As
18 such, the water system currently operates under a Boil Water Notice.

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20 CCR, Title 22, Section 64423 (a) (3) specifies that a transient-noncommunity water
21 system using groundwater and serving 1000 or fewer persons a month shall collect
22 one (1) routine bacteriological water sample each calendar quarter during which the
23 system provides water to the public. If the routine sample is total coliform-positive, the
24 Water System shall collect a repeat sample set of at least four (4) samples within 24
25 hours of being notified of the positive result.



1 San Gregorio Company collected one (1) routine bacteriological sample on July 19,
2 2016. The sample was total coliform positive, E.coli negative. The Water System was
3 notified by the contracted laboratory of the positive result on July 20, 2016. One (1)
4 repeat sample was collected at the routine bacteriological sample site and one (1)
5 sample was collected from Well 02 on July 21, 2016. Both samples were negative for
6 total coliform and E.coli.

7 **DETERMINATION**

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9 The Division has determined that San Gregorio Company failed to comply with the
10 California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 64424 (a) (1). Specifically, the water
11 system failed to collect the four (4) repeat bacteriological samples within 24 hours of
12 notification of the positive result. Only one (1) repeat bacteriological sample was
13 collected.

14 **DIRECTIVES**

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16 San Gregorio Company is hereby directed to take the following actions:

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- 18 1. Forthwith, San Gregorio Company shall cease and desist from failing to comply
19 with the CCR, Title 22, Section 64424 (a) (1).
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 - 21 2. By August 31, 2016, San Gregorio Company shall collect and analyze the four (4)
22 repeat bacteriological samples in addition to five routine bacteriological samples
23 as specified within the CCR, Title 22, Section 64424 (d).
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 - 25 3. Within 30 days of receipt of this Citation, San Gregorio Company shall produce
26 and provide to the Division a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). The CAP shall include
27 a monitoring schedule and the names of persons responsible for collecting the



1 routine and repeat bacteriological samples. A back-up person must be identified
2 and available to collect the required samples in the even the designated sampler is
3 unavailable.

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5 4. Within 30 days of receipt of this Citation, San Gregorio Company shall conduct
6 public notification for the total coliform monitoring violation in conformance with
7 CCR, Title 22, Chapter 15, Section 64463.4. The notification shall be posted in
8 conspicuous locations through the area served by the water system. The notices
9 shall be posted for a minimum of seven calendar days.

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11 5. Within 40 days of receipt of this Citation, San Gregorio Company shall provide to
12 the Division certification of public notification using the enclosed form (Attachment
13 No. 1). A copy of the notice shall be attached to the certification form.

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15 6. Within 10 days of receipt of this Citation, San Gregorio Company shall agree in
16 writing to comply with all directives of this Citation.

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

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22 Nothing in this Citation relieves San Gregorio Company of its obligation to meet the
23 requirements of the California Safe Drinking Water Act, or of any regulation, permit,
24 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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Eric Lacy, P.E.
District Engineer
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water
850 Marina Bay Parkway
Building P, 2nd Floor
Richmond, CA 94804

PARTIES BOUND

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

SEVERABILITY

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

FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The California SDWA authorizes the Board 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

1 identified in a citation or compliance order. The California SDWA also authorizes the
2 Board to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public
3 water system if the system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to
4 comply with an order of the Board; and to petition the superior court to take various
5 enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with
6 violates an order of the Board. The Board does not waive any further enforcement
7 action by issuance of this citation.

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11 August 15, 2016

12 Date

13 Eric Lacy

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

18 Attachment 1: Proof of Notification

19 cc: San Mateo County Environmental Health

20 certified mail # 7015 1730 0000 9907 7350



ATTACHMENT 1

PROOF OF COMPLIANCE
Citation Number 02-17-16C-024
San Gregorio Company
System Number: 4100566

As required by Section 116450 of the California Health and Safety Code, I notified the users of the water supplied by the San Gregorio Company, of the bacteriological monitoring violation of Section 64424 (a)(1), Chapter 15, Title 22, California Code of Regulations, for the compliance period of July 2016.

I complied with the directives of this citation as indicated below:

Required Action

Date Completed

1. Public notification

a. Posting in conspicuous places

Signature of Water System Representative

Date

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT. A COPY OF THE DELIVERED OR MAILED 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.

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 San Gregorio Company

Our water system failed to monitor as required for drinking water standards during July 2016 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 July 2016, we did not collect the four (4) repeat bacteriological samples within 24 hours of notification from the contracted laboratory of the total coliform-positive routine sample and therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time. The four repeat samples will be collected in August 2016.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do at this time.
- 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 San Gregorio Company.

State Water System ID#: 4100566. Date distributed: _____.