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

July 20, 2016

Mr. Chris Hanko  
Angelo Lane Water Company  
6930 Laura Lane  
Gilroy, CA 95020

**CITATION NO. 02\_17\_16C\_017**  
**TOTAL COLIFORM RULE MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL VIOLATION**  
**ANGELO LANE WATER COMPANY, WATER SYSTEM NO. 4300578**

Dear Mr. Hanko:

Enclosed is a citation issued to Angelo Lane Water Company (hereafter, Water System or ALWC). The citation is issued as the Water System failed to comply with Section 64426.1(b)(2), Chapter 15, Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR). The total coliform maximum contaminant level was not met during April 2016.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jose P. Lozano IV, P.E. at (510) 620-3459 or me at (510) 620-3453.

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

Enclosures: 1) Sample Notice  
2) Proof of Notification

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cc: Santa Clara County Environmental Health Department (w/ encl.)

Mr. Thomas Estrada (w/ encl.)  
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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**  
**DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER**

**TO:** Angelo Lane Water Company  
Water System No. 4300578  
6930 Laura Lane  
Gilroy, CA 95020

**ATTN:** Mr. Chris Hanko  
Angelo Lane Water Company  
6930 Laura Lane  
Gilroy, CA 95020

**CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22,  
SECTION 64426.1(b)(2) – WATER SYSTEM NO. 4300578**

**CITATION NO. 02\_17\_16C\_017**

**Issued on July 20, 2016**

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.



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The State Water Resources Control Board, acting by and through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division" or "DDW") and the Deputy Director for the Division (hereinafter "Deputy Director"), hereby issues a citation to the Angelo Lane Water Company (hereinafter, "ALWC" or "Water System") (mailing address: 6930 Laura Lane, Gilroy, CA 95020) for violation of California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Section 64426.1 subsection (b)(2).

**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.

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

3 (e) The department may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one  
4 thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and for each day  
5 that a violation continues to occur. A separate penalty may be assessed for each violation.  
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8 **California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 64426.1 subsection (b)(2) provides, in**  
9 **relevant part:**

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11 A public water system, which collects less than 40 samples per month, is in violation of the  
12 Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) when more than one sample collected  
13 during any month is total coliform-positive.  
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17 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

18 ALWC is a community water system, located approximately four (4) miles east of the City of  
19 Gilroy, which serves domestic water to an estimated population of 52 persons via 15 service  
20 connections (2015 Annual Report to the Drinking Water Program). The water system  
21 supplies water to residences on Ivan Way, Angelo Lane, Laura Lane, Vista del Sol and  
22 Cañada Road. ALWC's water system consists of a well (Well 01; Primary Station Code  
23 (PSC) No. 4300578-001), a 10,000-gallon galvanized steel tank, five hydropneumatic tanks  
24 and a 10 horsepower (HP) booster pump to supply water to a distribution system, which  
25 comprises one pressure zone. Based on the DDW-approved bacteriological sample siting  
26 plan (BSSP) dated January 31, 2014 on file, the Water System is required to collect and  
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have analyzed a minimum of one sample per month for bacteriological quality from the distribution system. If a routine sample contains coliform bacteria, ALWC is required to collect a repeat sample set consisting of four sample sites. In addition, in accordance with the Groundwater Rule, ALWC is required to collect a triggered source monitoring sample if the routine sample contains coliform bacteria. This sample is in addition to the repeat samples collected in compliance with the Total Coliform Rule.

On April 4, 2016, the Water System collected a routine sample, which tested "present" for total coliform and "absent" for *E. coli*. Five repeat samples, including one from Well 01, were collected on April 5, 2016. The April 5, 2016 well sample was clean. Three of remaining four distribution system repeat samples, collected on April 5, 2016 tested "present" for total coliform and "absent" for *E. coli*.

The Water System conducted an investigation to determine the cause(s) of the bacteriological contamination problem. As part of its investigation, ALWC collected the following special non-compliance samples: 1) One from the tank tap on April 7, 2016 which was negative for coliforms and 2) Five from the distribution system on April 12, 2016 which yielded negative results. The Water System was also directed by the Division to inform its users about the bacteriological contamination problem, using a Division-approved notice.

Five additional samples were later collected from the distribution system on April 26, 2016 to determine if the bacteriological contamination problem had been resolved. One of the five repeat samples tested positive for total coliform and negative for *E. coli*. The positive result indicates that the bacteriological contamination problem had not yet been resolved.

1 ALWC indicated, in its May 12, 2016 e-mail to the Division, that it is still pursuing its  
2 investigation and currently observing the water system. The Water System collected four  
3 coliform samples from the distribution system on May 16, 2016, all of which were clean.

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5 The Division, in its May 18, 2016 e-mail to ALWC, directed the Water System to collect two  
6 consecutive clean rounds of bacteriological sampling in the distribution system to prove that  
7 the bacteriological contamination problem has been resolved. The Division, in the same e-  
8 mail, considered the four May 16, 2016 clean samples as the first of two consecutive clean  
9 rounds.

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11 ALWC collected the second of two consecutive rounds of coliform sampling, consisting of  
12 five routine samples, collected in accordance with the Division-approved BSSP, on May 23,  
13 2016. All five routine samples were negative for total coliform. Based on the clean results of  
14 the two rounds of follow-up sampling, the Division has determined that the bacteriological  
15 contamination problem has been resolved and directed ALWC to lift the notice.

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17 ALWC has not been able to determine the causes(s) for the April 2016 bacteriological  
18 contamination episode. However, the Water System's investigation, together with 17  
19 compliance and special samples taken from April 4, 2016, 2016 to April 26, 2016, was able  
20 to narrow the possible causes of the current bacteriological contamination problem to  
21 potential existing cross connections and leaks in the water system.

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24 Overall, the Water System collected eleven compliance samples in April 2016, of which five  
25 (5) samples tested "present" for total coliform, therefore the Water System violated the total  
26 coliform MCL in April 2016.

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**DETERMINATION**

The Division has determined that ALWC failed to comply with the Total Coliform MCL during April 2016. During April 2016, the Water System collected 11 routine and repeat samples, of which one routine sample and four repeat samples were total coliform-positive and *E. coli*-negative.

ALWC was previously issued citations by the Division for failing to comply with the MCL for total coliform bacteria in December 2013 and March 2015. The Water System was not able to pinpoint the cause(s) of the bacteriological contamination problem in the previous two violations. In the case of the April 2016 violation, the Water System, based on the investigations it conducted, believes that the cause of the problem can be traced to potential existing cross connections and leaks in the water system. ALWC consequently needs to develop a corrective action plan (CAP) that mitigates that water quality problems caused by potential existing cross connections and leaks in the system.

**DIRECTIVES**

ALWC is hereby directed to take the following actions:

- 1) Forthwith, ALWC shall cease and desist from failing to comply with Subsection 64426.1 (b)(2), Chapter 15, Title 22, CCR immediately.
  
- 2) Complete and return the enclosed Proof of Notification form within seven days of completion of the public notification. A copy of the notice used shall be attached to the Proof of Notification form.



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3) Prepare a written Corrective Action Plan (CAP), based on your findings of the investigation of the bacteriological contamination problem. The plan shall include an evaluation of the causes that led to this incident, the follow-up actions taken to correct the problem, and preventive measures. ALWC, in its CAP, needs to include the action items listed below. Submit the CAP to the Department by August 23, 2016.

- Repair of existing leaks in the distribution system; and
- Installation of continuous chlorination treatment.

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 ALWC 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, Second Floor  
Richmond, CA 94804

**PARTIES BOUND**

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

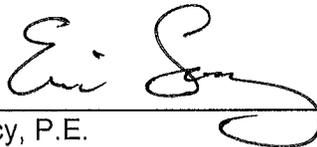
**SEVERABILITY**

The Directives of this Citation are severable, and ALWC 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 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.

July 20, 2016  
Date

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

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Attachments

CERTIFIED MAIL # 7014 3490 0001 7031 2141

cc: Santa Clara County Environmental Health Department (w/ attachments)

Mr. Thomas Estrada (w/ attachments)  
1760F Airline Hwy, PMB 183  
Hollister, CA 95023-5634



## 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.

### Angelo Lane Water Company Has Levels of Coliform Bacteria Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We took eleven compliance samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during April 2016. Five (5) of those samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 1 sample per month may do so.

#### What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*
- Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present.
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

**PROOF OF NOTIFICATION**

**Citation Number 02\_17\_16C\_017**

Angelo Lane Water Company  
System Number: 4300578

As required by Section 116450 of the California Health and Safety Code, I notified the users of the water supplied by Angelo Lane Water Company of the violations of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) for the compliance period of April 2016. I complied with the directives of this citation as indicated below:

Required Action

Date  
Completed

Collect two clean rounds of coliform sampling  
Conduct Public Notification – (Attach copy of the notice used.)  
Submit Corrective Action Plan


\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Water System Representative

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Date

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB) DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER (DDW). A COPY OF THE 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.