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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water

June 18, 2015
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Sutter Community Service District
1512 Stewart Road
Yuba City, CA 95993

Attention: Geri Goetzinger, Manager

RE: Sutter Community Service District, Public Water System No. 511007– Citation No. 21-15C-030 for Exceedance of the Bacteriological Maximum Contaminant Level in June 2015

Dear Geri Goetzinger,

Enclosed is a citation issued to Sutter Community Service District (System). The citation is being issued because the System failed to achieve the drinking water standard for total coliform bacteria during June 2015. Please read this citation carefully. Public notification is required to inform consumers that the standard was not achieved in June 2015.

Note that Section 116577 of the California Safe Drinking Water Act provides for the Division to be reimbursed by the public water system for costs incurred for preparing and issuing a citation. In accordance with Section 116577, the System will be billed for the preparation and issuance of this citation. The current reimbursement rate is approximately \$128 per hour.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Paul Rowe at (530) 224-4866 or me at (530) 224-4861.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Crenshaw".

Reese B. Crenshaw, P.E.
Valley District Engineer
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

Enclosures

FELICIA MARCUS, CHAIR | THOMAS HOWARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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1 **Citation No. 21-15C-030**

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3 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
4 **WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**
5 **DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER**
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7 **Public Water System:** Sutter Community Service District

8 **Water System No.:** 5110007

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10 **To:** Sutter Community Service District

11 Attn: Geri Goetzinger, Manager

12 P.O. Box 710

13 Sutter, CA 95982
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15 **Issued:** June 17, 2015

16 VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
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18 **CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE**
19 **With Title 22 California Code of Regulations**
20 **Section 64426.1(b)**
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22 Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC) authorizes the
23 issuance of a citation for failure to comply with a requirement of the California Safe
24 Drinking Water Act (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with
25 Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit, or order issued thereunder.
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27 The State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "Board"), acting by and
28 through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director

1 for the Division, hereby issues a citation to Sutter Community Service District
2 (System) for failure to comply with Section 64426.1(b), Title 22, of the California
3 Code of Regulations (CCR).

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5 **APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES**

6 Section 116650 of the CHSC states:

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

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

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23 *(c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the*
24 *condition constituting the violation.*

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26 *(d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in*
27 *subdivision (e).*

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2 (e) *The department may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed*
3 *one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation*
4 *occurred, and for each day that a violation continues to occur. A*
5 *separate penalty may be assessed for each violation.*

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7 Section 64426.1 (b), Title 22, of the CCR states:

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9 (b) *A public water system is in violation of the total coliform MCL*
10 *[maximum contaminant level] when any of the following*
11 *occurs:*

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13 (1) *For a public water system which collects at least 40*
14 *samples per month, more than 5.0 percent of the*
15 *samples collected during any month are total coliform-*
16 *positive; or*

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18 (2) *For a public water system which collects fewer than*
19 *40 samples per month, more than one sample*
20 *collected during any month is total coliform-positive; or*

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22 (3) *Any repeat sample is fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-*
23 *positive; or*

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25 (4) *Any repeat sample following a fecal coliform-positive*
26 *or E. coli-positive routine sample is total coliform-*
27 *positive.*

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Sutter Community Service District, public water system (hereinafter "System") is classified as a community water system serving approximately 2904 persons per day. In accordance with Section 64423 of Title 22, the System is required to collect three routine bacteriological samples per month. In the month of June 2015, one (1) of the three (3) routine samples collected from the distribution system contained total coliform bacteria. These samples were collected on June 9, 2015. One (1) of the three (3) repeat samples collected on June 11, 2015 also showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The cause of the contamination was unknown. No sample discussed herein was positive for E. coli.

DETERMINATIONS

The Division has determined that the System violated Section 64426.1(b)(2), Title 22, of the CCR, in that the System exceeded the total coliform MCL during the month of June 2015.

DIRECTIVES

The System is hereby directed to take the following actions:

1. Comply with Section 64426.1, Title 22, of the CCR in all future monitoring periods.
2. **Within 30 days** of the issuance of this Citation, notify all persons served by the System of the MCL violation as required by Section 64463.4 and Section 64465, Title 22, of the CCR. Notification shall be completed in accordance with each of the following:

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(A) Mail or direct delivery to each customer.

3. Changes and/or modifications to Attachment 'A' shall not be made unless approved by the Division.
4. Complete and return Attachment 'B' "Certification of Completion of Public Notification" form **within 10 days** of giving public notice. A copy of the notice used to provide public notification shall be attached to the form.

1 The completed and signed copy of Attachment 'B' shall be submitted to the following
2 address:

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4 Reese B. Crenshaw, P. E.

5 Valley District Engineer

6 Drinking Water Field Operations

7 Division of Drinking Water

8 State Water Resources Control Board

9 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 101

10 Redding, CA 96002

11 (530) 224-4800

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13 Nothing in this Citation relieves the System of its obligation to meet the requirements
14 of Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4 (California Safe
15 Drinking Water Act), or any regulation, permit, standard or order issued or adopted
16 thereunder.

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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 effective upon issuance.

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22 **FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

23 The California SDWA authorizes the Board to: issue citation with assessment of
24 administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation
25 of the requirements of the California SDWA or any permit, regulation, permit or order

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

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10 **PARTIES BOUND**

11 This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the System, its officers, directors,
12 agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

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14 **SEVERABILITY**

15 The directives of this Citation are severable, and Sutter Community Service District
16 shall comply with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness
17 of any other provision.

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R. Crenshaw

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22 Reese B. Crenshaw, P.E., District Engineer
23 Valley District
24 Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

Date

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26 Attachments:

27 'A' Public Notification Template

28 'B' Certification of Completion

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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.

The Sutter Community S.D. water system did not meet Bacteriological Drinking Water Standards in June 2015

Our water system violated the bacteriological drinking water standard for June 2015. 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 three (3) samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during June 2015. One (1) of the three (3) samples showed the presence of total coliform. Also one (1) of three repeat samples showed the presence of total coliform. The standard is that no more than one (1) sample per month may have total coliform.

What should I do?

- 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 test for total coliform bacteria in any sample, we also test to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find E. Coli bacteria in our testing.**
- 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.

What happened? What is being done?

We are not sure of the cause but we suspect sampling site issues. We have raised our chlorine levels and are further investigating the possibility of improving our sample locations. For more information, please contact Geri Goetzinger at (530) 755-1733.

For more information call Geri Goetzinger at 530-755-1733

State Water System ID#: 5110007

