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**State Water Resources Control Board**

Division of Drinking Water

March 4, 2016  
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Meridian Elementary School  
15898 Central Street  
Meridian, CA 95957

Attention: Javier Lopez, Principal

**Subject: Meridian Elementary School, Public Water System No. 5100141 – Citation No. 21-16C-009 for failing to collect and report an annual nitrate sample for 2015.**

The Meridian Elementary School water system is classified as a nontransient - noncommunity water system. Per Sections 64432 and 64469, Title 22, of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Meridian Elementary School is required to collect and report an annual nitrate sample from the ground water source. Our records show that the water system did not collect and report an annual nitrate sample for 2015.

Note that Section 116577 of the California Safe Drinking Water Act provides for the Division to be reimbursed by the Water System for costs incurred for preparing and issuing a citation. In accordance with Section 116577, the Water System will be billed for the preparation and issuance of this citation.

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



*R. Crenshaw*

Reese B. Crenshaw, P.E.  
Valley District Engineer  
DRINKING WATER FIELD  
OPERATIONS BRANCH

Enclosures

1 **Citation No. 21-16C-009**

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3 STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

4 DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

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6 **Public Water System:** Meridian Elementary School

7 **Water System No.:** 5100141

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9 **To:** Meridian Elementary School

10 Attn: Javier Lopez, Principal

11 15898 Central Street

12 Meridian, CA 95957

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14 **Issued:** March 4, 2016

15 VIA CERTIFIED MAIL.

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18 **CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE**

19 **With Title 22 California Code of Regulations**

20 **Sections 64432 and 64469**

21 **Annual Nitrate Monitoring and Reporting Violation 2014**

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23 Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC) authorizes the  
24 issuance of a citation for failure to comply with a requirement of the California Safe  
25 Drinking Water Act (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with  
26 Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit, or order issued thereunder.

1 The State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "Board"), acting by and  
2 through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director  
3 for the Division, hereby issues a citation to Meridian Elementary School for failure to  
4 comply with Sections 64432.1 and 64469(a & c), Title 22, of the California Code of  
5 Regulations (CCR).

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7 **APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES**

8 Section 116650 of the CHSC states:

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

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

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

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*(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.*

Section 64432.1, Title 22, of the CCR states in relevant part:

*(a) To determine compliance with the MCL for nitrate in Table 64431-A, all public water systems using groundwater and transient-noncommunity systems using approved surface water shall monitor annually, and all community and nontransient-noncommunity systems using approved surface water shall monitor quarterly.*

Section 64469 (a & c), Title 22, of the CCR states in relevant part:

*(a) Analytical results of all sample analyses completed in a calendar month shall be reported to the Department (now Division) no later than the tenth day of the following month.*

1 (c) Analytical results shall be reported to the Department (now  
2 Division) electronically using the Electronic Deliverable Format as  
3 defined in The Electronic Deliverable Format [EDF] Version 1.2i  
4 Guidelines & Restrictions dated April 2001 and Data Dictionary  
5 dated April 2001.  
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8 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

9 The Meridian Elementary School (Water System) is classified as a nontransient  
10 noncommunity water system serving approximately 100 people. The Water System is  
11 required to collect and report an annual nitrate sample from the groundwater source  
12 Well (PS code 5100141-002) in accordance with Sections 64432.1(a) and 64469 (a &  
13 c), of the CCR. To date, the Division has not received a laboratory result for a nitrate  
14 sample collected in 2015. The last sample reported to the Division was taken in  
15 September 2013.  
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17 **DETERMINATIONS**

18 The Division has determined that the Water System violated Sections 64432.1(a) and  
19 64469(a & c), Title 22, of the CCR, in that the Water System failed to collect and  
20 report an annual nitrate sample in 2015.  
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22 **DIRECTIVES**

23 The Water System is hereby directed to take the following actions:  
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- 25 1. Comply with Sections 64432.1(a) and 64469 (a & c), Title 22, of the CCR in  
26 all future monitoring periods.  
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1           2. The Water System shall provide public notification (by inclusion in the **2015**  
2           **Consumer Confidence Report**) of the failure to collect and report nitrate in  
3           the drinking water for the year 2015.

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5 All documents required by this Citation to be submitted to the Department shall be  
6 submitted to the following address:

7                               Reese B. Crenshaw, P. E.  
8                               Valley District Engineer  
9                               Drinking Water Field Operations  
10                              Division of Drinking Water  
11                              State Water Resources Control Board  
12                              364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 101  
13                              Redding, CA 96002

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

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

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24 **FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

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

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10 **PARTIES BOUND**

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

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14 **SEVERABILITY**

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

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Reese B. Crenshaw, P.E., District Engineer

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Valley District

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Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

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