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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water

October 23, 2014
System No.: 5400710

Mr. Kent McNiece
Badger Hill Mutual Water Company
1 High Sierra Drive
Exeter, CA 93221

RE: **Citation No. 03-24-14C-007**
Violation of Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 64426.1,
For July 2014

Dear Mr. McNiece:

Enclosed is a Citation issued to the Badger Hill Mutual Water Company (Water System) public water system.

The Water System will be billed at the Division's hourly rate (currently estimated at $126.00) for the time spent on issuing this Citation. The California Health and Safety Code Section 116577 provides that a public water system must reimburse the Division for actual costs incurred by the Division for specific enforcement actions, including but not limited to, preparing, issuing and monitoring compliance with a citation. At this time, the Division has spent approximately two (2) billable hours on enforcement activities associated with this violation.

The Water System will receive a bill sent from the Division of Drinking Water Fee Billing Unit in August of the next fiscal year. This bill will contain fees for any enforcement time spent on the Water System for the current fiscal year.

If you have any questions regarding this letter and the enclosed citation, please contact the Tulare District office at (559) 447-3300.

Sincerely,

Chad Fischer, P.E.
Senior Sanitary Engineer, Tulare District
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH
DRINKING WATER FIELD OPERATIONS

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Enclosures
cc: Tulare County Environmental Health Division

Citation No. 03-24-14C-007

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

IN RE: **BADGER HILL MUTUAL WATER COMPANY**
Water System No. 5400710

TO: Mr. Kent McNiece
Badger Hill Mutual Water Company
1 High Sierra Drive
Exeter, CA 93221

CC: Fresno County Division of Environmental Services
Tulare County Environmental Health Services Department

CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22, SECTION 64426.1 & 64424
July 2014

Issued on October 23, 2014

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 (hereinafter "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 the Badger Hill Mutual Water Company (hereinafter "Water System") (1 High Sierra Drive, Exeter, CA 93221) for violation of California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Section 64426.1.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STD. 113 (REV. 3-95)
OSP 10 119947

APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES

The applicable statutes and regulations are provided in Appendix A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Water System is a community water system serving a residential population of approximately 300 persons through 77 service connections. Effective July 1, 2014 regulatory oversight for this water system was transferred to the Division from the Tulare County Department of Environmental Health. The Water System currently operates under a water supply permit issued by the Tulare County Department of Environmental Health on August 23, 2010.

The Water System is required to collect a minimum of one distribution system bacteriological samples per month. The bacteriological water analysis results submitted by the Water System reported the presence of total coliform bacteria in the monthly routine sample collected by the Water System in July 2014. The positive sample did not show the presence of fecal coliform or *E. coli* bacteria.

Upon being informed of the presence of total coliform bacteria in the routine sample, Water System staff collected a total of five repeat samples from the distribution system on July 31, 2014. Two of the repeat samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. All of the repeat samples were negative for *E. coli* bacteria. The Water System failed to comply with the Groundwater Rule as no source sample was collected during July 2014. All water distribution samples for coliform bacteria collected during the past twelve months are summarized in Attachment B.

The cause of the failure is inconclusive based on the investigation conducted by the Water System's staff (see Attachment A). The Water System does not provide continuous

disinfection of the distribution system. Follow up sampling from the well was conducted on August 14, 2014 and the concentrations reported were <1.1 MPN/100mL for both total coliform bacteria and *E. coli* bacteria.

The five routine samples required the month following a month with one or more total coliform positive samples were collected on August 14, 2014 and were negative for total coliform bacteria.

The Groundwater Rule (GWR) requires the collection of a sample for bacteriological evaluation from the well(s) serving the system in response to a coliform positive distribution sample within 24 hours of being notified of the coliform positive result. Based on data submitted to the Division, the Water System did not collect their raw water well samples in a timely manner in follow up to the total coliform positive routine samples collected on July 24, 2014. According to Water System staff, Well North was online at the time of the coliform positive distribution samples. Bacteriological sampling of this well was conducted on August 14, 2014 and the results did not show the presence of total coliform bacteria. All water source samples for coliform bacteria collected during the past twelve months are summarized in Attachment C.

Public notification to the Division and customers of a water system is required whenever a violation of the Total Coliform MCL occurs. Notification to the Division is required by the end of the business day on which the violation has been determined. If the Division is closed, notification shall be within 24 hours of the determination. The Division was not notified of the July Total Coliform Rule violation.

Public notification to the customers of the water systems was conducted on September 30, 2014. Attachments D is a copy of the public notice that the Water System used to notify its

customers. This notice fulfills the total coliform MCL notification requirements and includes the mandatory language. Attachment E is a copy of the Proof of Notification.

DETERMINATION

Title 22, CCR, Section 64426.1, Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) provides that a public water system that collects fewer than 40 bacteriological samples per month has violated the regulation if more than one sample collected during any month is total coliform positive.

The Division has determined that the Water System failed to comply with Title 22, CCR, Section 64426.1, Total Coliform MCL for the month of July 2014 due to the presence of total coliform bacteria in three of six samples collected in July 2014.

The Division has also determined that the Water System failed to comply with Title 22, CCR, Section 64426.1(c), which requires a public water system to notify the Division and the consumers of the water system, when a violation of Section 64426.1(b)(1) through (4) the total coliform MCL occurs. Notification to the Division is required by the end of the business day on which the violation has been determined. If the Division is closed, notification shall be within 24 hours of the determination.

The Division has further determined that the Water System failed to comply with Title 22, CCR, Section 64424(a), which requires a public water system to collect a repeat sample set as described in paragraph (a)(1) within 24 hours of being notified of the positive result. The repeat samples shall all be collected within the same 24 hour time period.

DIRECTIVES

The Water System is hereby directed to take the following actions:

1. Comply with Title 22, CCR, Section 64426.1, in all future monitoring periods.

2. The Water System shall notify the Division of any further violations of the total coliform MCL by the end of the business day on which the violation has been determined, or, if the Division is closed, within 24 hours of the determination.

3. The Groundwater Rule (GWR) requires the collection of a sample for bacteriological evaluation from the well(s) serving the system in response to a coliform positive distribution sample within 24 hours of being notified of the coliform positive result. Based on data submitted to the Division, the District did not collect their raw water well samples in a timely manner in follow-up to the total coliform positive routine samples collected on July 31, 2014. According to Water System staff, Well North was online at the time of the coliform positive distribution samples.

The Division reserves the right to make such modifications to the 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 effective upon issuance.

Nothing in this Citation relieves the Water System of its obligation to meet the requirements of the California Safe Drinking Water Act or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued thereunder.

All submittal required by this Citation shall be submitted to the Division at the following address:

Chad Fischer, P.E.
Senior Sanitary Engineer
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water
265 W. Bullard Avenue, Suite 101
Fresno, CA 93704

PARTIES BOUND

This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the Badger Hill Mutual Water Company, its officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

SEVERABILITY

The Directives of this Citation are severable, and the Water System shall comply with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of any 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 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 Board 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 Board; and to petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with an order of the Board. The Board does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this citation.

10/23/14

Date

Chad Fischer, P.E.
Senior Sanitary Engineer, Tulare District
DRINKING WATER FIELD OPERATIONS BRANCH

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Attachments:

Attachment A: Positive Total Coliform Investigation report
Attachment B: Summary of Distribution Bacteriological Samples from July 2013 to August 2014
Attachment C: Summary of Source Bacteriological Samples from July 2013 to August 2014
Attachment D: Public Notice for July 2014
Attachment E: Proof of Notification Form

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APPENDIX A

Applicable Statues and Regulations for Citation No. 03-24-14C-007

Section 116650 of the CHSC states in relevant part:

§116650. Citations

(a) If the Division 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 Division 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.

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

(e) The Division 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 64424 of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) states in relevant part:

§64424. Repeat Sampling.

(a) If a routine sample is total coliform-positive, the water supplier shall collect a repeat sample set as described in paragraph (a)(1) within 24 hours of being notified of the positive result. The repeat samples shall all be collected within the same 24 hour time period. A single service connection system may request that the Division allow the collection of the repeat sample set over a four-day period.
   (1) For a water supplier that normally collects more than one routine sample a month, a repeat sample set shall be at least three samples for each total coliform-positive sample. For a water supplier that normally collects one or fewer samples per month, a repeat sample set shall be at least four samples for each total coliform-positive sample.
   (2) If the water supplier is unable to collect the samples within the 24-hour time period specified in subsection (a) or deliver the samples to the laboratory within 24 hours after collection because of circumstances beyond its control, the water supplier shall notify the Department within 24 hours. The Department will then determine how much time the supplier will have to collect the repeat samples.

(b) When collecting the repeat sample set, the water supplier shall collect at least one repeat sample from the sampling tap where the original total coliform-positive sample was taken. Other repeat samples shall be collected within five service connections upstream or downstream of the original site. At least one sample shall be from upstream and one from downstream unless there is no upstream and/or downstream service connection.

(c) If one or more samples in the repeat sample set is total coliform-positive, the water supplier shall collect and have analyzed an additional set of repeat samples as

specified in subsections (a) and (b). The supplier shall repeat this process until either no coliforms are detected in one complete repeat sample set or the supplier determines that the MCL for total coliforms specified in §64426.1 has been exceeded and notifies the Department.

(d) If a public water system for which fewer than five routine samples/month are collected has one or more total coliform-positive samples, the water supplier shall collect at least five routine samples the following month. If the supplier stops supplying water during the month after the total coliform-positive(s), at least five samples shall be collected during the first month the system resumes operation. A water supplier may request the Department waive the requirement to collect at least five routine samples the following month, but a waiver will not be granted solely on the basis that all repeat samples are total coliform-negative. To request a waiver, one of the following conditions shall be met:
   (1) The Department conducts a site visit before the end of the next month the system provides water to the public to determine whether additional monitoring and/or corrective action is necessary to protect public health.
   (2) The Department determines why the sample was total coliform-positive and establishes that the system has corrected the problem or will correct the problem before the end of the next month the system serves water to the public. If a waiver is granted, a system shall collect at least one routine sample before the end of the next month it serves water to the public and use it to determine compliance with §64426.1.

Section 64426.1 of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) states in relevant part:

§64426.1. Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL).

(a) Results of all samples collected in a calendar month pursuant to Sections 64423, 64424, and 64425 that are not invalidated by the Department or the laboratory shall be included in determining compliance with the total coliform MCL. Special purpose samples such as those listed in §64421(b) and samples collected by the water supplier during special investigations shall not be used to determine compliance with the total coliform MCL.

(b) A public water system is in violation of the total coliform MCL when any of the following occurs:
   (1) For a public water system which collects at least 40 samples per month, more than 5.0 percent of the samples collected during any month are total coliform-positive; or
   (2) For a public water system which collects fewer than 40 samples per month, more than one sample collected during any month is total coliform-positive; or
   (3) Any repeat sample is fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-positive; or
   (4) Any repeat sample following a fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-positive routine sample is total coliform-positive.

(c) If a public water system is not in compliance with paragraphs (b)(1) through (4), during any month in which it supplies water to the public, the water supplier shall notify the Department by the end of the business day on which this is determined, unless the determination occurs after the Department office is closed, in which case the supplier shall notify the Department within 24 hours of the determination. The water supplier shall also notify the consumers served by the water system. A Tier 2 Public Notice shall be given for violations of paragraphs (b)(1) or (2), pursuant to section 64463.4. A Tier 1 Public Notice shall be given for violations of paragraphs (b)(3) or (4), pursuant to section 64463.1.

Attachment A

POSITIVE TOTAL COLIFORM INVESTIGATION
Simple Well with Pressure Tank Systems

This form is intended to assist public water systems in completing the investigation required by the Division of Drinking Water (Section 64426(b) of Title 22, California Code of Regulations) and may be modified to take into account conditions unique to the system.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

PWS Name:	BADGER HILL MUTUAL WATER COMPANY	PWSID NUMBER:	5400710

	Name	Address	Telephone #
Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC)	KENT MCNIECE	1 HIGH SIERRA DR. EXETER	(559) 455-3323
Person that collected TC samples if different than ORC	BSK LABORATORIES	1414 STANISLAUS ST. FRESNO	(559) 497-2888
Owner	BADGER HILL MUTUAL WATER	1 HIGH SIERRA DR, EXETER	(559) 592-5595
Certified Laboratory for Microbiological Analyses	BSK LABORATORIES	1414 STANISLAUS ST. FRESNO	(559) 497-2888
Date Investigation Completed:	JULY 2014		
Month(s) of Total Coliform MCL Failure:	1		

INVESTIGATION DETAILS

SOURCE	WELL (name)	WELL (name)	WELL (name)	WELL (name)	COMMENTS
	NORTH	SOUTH			
1. Inspect each well head for physical defects and report					
a. Is raw water sample tap upstream from point of disinfection?	NO	NO			
b. Is wellhead vent pipe screened?	YES	YES			
c. Is wellhead seal watertight?	YES	YES			
d. Is well head located in pit or is any piping from the wellhead submerged?	YES	YES			
e. Does the ground surface slope towards well head?	NO	NO			
f. Is there evidence of standing water near the wellhead?	NO	NO			
g. Are there any connections to the raw water piping that could be cross connections? (describe all connections in comments)	NO	NO			
h. Is the wellhead secured to prevent unauthorized access?	YES	YES			
i. To what treatment plant (name) does this well pump?	N/A	N/A			
j. How often do you take a raw water total coliform (TC) test?	MONTHLY				
k. Provide the date and result of the last TC test at this location					

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	SYSTEM RESPONSES
1. What is the minimum pressure you are maintaining in the distribution system?	100 POUNDS
2. Did pressure in the distribution system drop to less than 5 psi prior to experiencing the TCR positive finding.	NO

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POSITIVE TOTAL COLIFORM INVESTIGATION

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	SYSTEM RESPONSES
3. Has the distribution system been worked on within the last week? (service taps, hydrant flushing, main breaks, main extensions, etc.) If yes, provide details.	No
4. Are there any signs of excavations near your distribution system not under the direct control of your maintenance staff?	No
5. Did you inspect your distribution system to check for mainline leaks? Do you or did you have a mainline leak?	Yes; No
6. If there was a mainline leak, when was it repaired?	N/A
7. On what date was the distribution system last flushed?	N/A
8. Is there a written flushing procedure you can provide for our review?	No
9 Do you have an active cross connection control program?	No
10. What is name and phone number of your Cross-Connection Control Program Coordinator?	N/A
11. Is the review and testing of backflow prevention devices current?	YES
12. On what date was the last physical survey of the system done to identify cross-connections?	N/A

SAMPLE SITE EVALUATION (Complete for all TC+ or EC+ findings)	Routine Site TC+ or EC+	Upstream Site	Downstream Site	Sample 4 (specify)
1. What is the height of the sample tap above grade? (inches)				
2. Is the sample tap located in an exterior location or is it protected by an enclosure?	YES			
3. Is the sample tap threaded, have a swing arm (kitchen sink) or aerator (sinks)?	YES			
4. Is the sample tap in good condition, free of leaks around the stem or packing?	YES			
5. Can the sample tap be adjusted to the point where a good laminar flow can be achieved without excessive splash?	YES			
6. Is the sample tap and area around the sample tap clean and dry (free of animal droppings, other contaminants or spray irrigation systems)	YES			
7 Is the area around the sample tap free of excessive vegetation or other impediments to sample collection	YES			
8. Describe how the tap was treated in preparation for sample collection (ran water, swabbed with disinfectant, flamed, etc.)				
9. Is this sample tap designated on the sampling plan submitted with this information request?	YES			
10. What were the weather conditions at the time of the positive sample (rainy, windy, sunny).	SUNNY, HOT			

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POSITIVE TOTAL COLIFORM INVESTIGATION

GENERAL OPERATIONS:	Response
1. Where there any power outages that affected water system facilities during the 30 days prior to the TC+ or EC + findings?	No
2. Where there any main breaks, water outages, or low pressure reported in the service area where TC+ or EC+ samples were located.	No
3. Does the system have backup power or elevated storage?	YES
4. During or soon after bacteriological quality problems, did you receive any complaints of any customers' illness suspected of being waterborne? How many?	No
5. What were the symptoms of illness if you received complaints about customers being sick?	N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED WITH RESPONSES TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS

1. **Sketch** of System showing all sources, treatment locations, storage tanks, microbiological sampling sites and general layout of the distribution system including the location of all hazardous connections such as the wastewater treatment facility.
2. A set of photographs of the well, pressure tanks, and storage tanks in the system may be submitted if they would show that the contamination is directly related and changes have been made since the last inspection by our Department
3. Name, certification level and certificate number of the Operator in Responsible Charge.
4. Copy of the last cross connection survey performed that identifies the location of all unprotected cross connections.

SUMMARY: BASED ON THE RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION AT YOUR DISPOSAL, WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE TO BE THE CAUSE OF THE POSITIVE TOTAL COLIFORM SAMPLES FROM YOUR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM?

SAMPLE TAKEN FROM FAUCET NOT USED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS

CERTIFICATION: I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS ABOVE IS ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE

NAME: [signature] **TITLE:** WATER COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON **DATE:** 9-30-14

Bacteriological Distribution Monitoring Report

5400710 Badger Hill MWC

Distribution System Freq: 1/M

Sample Date	Location	T Coli	E Coli	F Coli	HPC	Type	Cl2	Cl2 Avg	Viol. Type	GWR Satisfied?	Comments
8/14/2014	Faucet - Pool, Summit Club	A	A			Routine					
8/14/2014	Booster Tank - High Sierra Dr.	A	A			Routine					5th "Routine" taken at the well
8/14/2014	Tank- Valley View Dr.	A	A			Routine					
8/14/2014	165 High Sierra Dr. HB @ Driveway	A	A			Routine					
7/31/2014	165 High Sierra Dr.	A	A			Repeat					
7/31/2014	165 High Sierra Dr. HB @ Garage	P	A			Repeat			MCL		Cit 03-12-14C-037
7/31/2014	Tank - Valley View Dr.	A	A			Repeat					
7/31/2014	Faucet - Pool, Summit Club	A	A			Repeat					
7/31/2014	165 High Sierra Dr. HB @ House	P	A			Repeat					
7/24/2014	165 High Sierra Drive	P	A			Routine					
6/3/2014	165 High Sierra Dr. @ driveway	A				Routine					

Violation Key

MCL	Exceeds the maximum contaminant level	MR5	Incorrect number of repeat samples as follow-up to a positive sample
MR1	No monthly sample for the report month	MR6	No source sample
MR2	No quarterly sample for the report month	MR7	No summary report submitted
MR3	Incorrect number of routine samples for the report month	MR8	Other comments and/or info
MR4	Did not collect 5 routine samples for previous month's positive sample	MR9	Cl2 not reported

BADGER HILL ESTATES MWC

5400710 — *Distribution System Freq: M* — *Chlorinator: N* — *Collected by: DR*

Sample Date	Time	Location	T Coli	E Coli	F Coli	Type	Cl2	Violation	Comment
7/22/2013	12:50	165 High Sierra Dr	A	A		Routine	0.0		
8/8/2013	13:00	165 High Sierra Dr.	A	A		Routine	0.0		
9/10/2013	13:30	165 High Sierra	A	A		Routine	0.0		
10/2/2013	11:20	165 High Sierra	A	A		Routine			
11/5/2013	11:45	165 High Sierra	A	A		Routine			
12/4/2013	10:45	System	A	A					
12/4/2013	11:35	165 High Sierra HB	A	A		Routine			
1/14/2014	12:00	165 High Sierra Dr.	A	A		Routine			
2/5/2014	10:20	165 High Sierra	A	A		Routine			
3/10/2014	12:05	165 High Sierra Dr.	A	A		Routine			
4/2/2014	13:25	165 High Sierra Dr.	A	A		Routine			
5/6/2014	13:05	HB @ driveway	A	A		routine			

Source Bacteriological Monitoring Report

5400710 Badger Hill MWC

Sample Date	Time	Source	Sample Type	Test Method	T Coli	E Coli	F Coli	HPC	Violation	Comments
8/14/2014	11:59	Well North	GWR Well	P/A	A	A				

Attachment D

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bi

Badger Hill MWC Had Levels of Coliform Bacteria Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently failed a drinking water standard. Although this incident 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 routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took 6 samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria in July 2014. Three (3) of these samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 1 sample per month may show the presence of coliform bacteria.

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. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent 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 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?

[Describe corrective action.] SYSTEM CHLORINATED We anticipate resolving the problem within COMPLETED [estimated time frame].

For more information, please contact KENT McNIECE [insert name of contact] at (541) 592-5939 [insert phone number] or at the following mailing address: 1 HIGH SIERRA DR, EKETER [insert business/mailing address].
97221-9445

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.

This notice is being sent to you by Badger Hill MWC. Date distributed: 9-30-14.

Attachment E

PROOF OF NOTIFICATION
(Return with copy of the Notice)

As required by Section 116450 of the California Health and Safety Code, I notified all users of water supplied by the **Badger Hill MWC (5400710)** of the failure to meet the **total coliform bacteria MCL** for the month of **July 2014** as directed by the Division. At least one primary distribution method is required: mail, hand-delivery or newspaper publication. A second method is also required in order to reach persons not likely to be reached by a mailing, direct delivery or newspaper publication (renters, nursing home patients, prison inmates, etc.):

Notification was made on 9-30-14 (date).

To summarize report delivery used and good-faith efforts used, please check all items below that apply and fill-in where appropriate:

- ☐ The notice was distributed by mail delivery to each customer served by the water system.
- ☑ The notice was distributed by direct delivery to each customer served by the water system. Specify direct delivery method(s) used: BY HAND OUTS
- ☐ Publication of the notice in a local newspaper or newsletter of general circulation (attach a copy of the published notice, including name of newspaper and date published).
- ☒ Posted the notice at the following conspicuous locations served by the water system (if needed, please attach a list of locations). _____
- ☒ Posted the notice on the Internet at www.
- ☒ Other method used to notify customers.

DISCLOSURE: Be advised that Section 116725 and 116730 of the California Health and Safety Code state that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the attached order may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars ($5,000) for 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 the county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.

Certified by Name and Title: KENT MC NIECE, WATER COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Date: 9-30-14 Signature: _____

Due to the Division of Drinking Water within 10 days of notification to the public
Total Coliform MCL Failure / Enforcement Action No.: In progress