

## State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

October 14, 2015  
System No.: 5410020

Mr. Ramon Lara, City Administrator  
City of Woodlake  
350 North Valencia Boulevard  
Woodlake, CA 93286-1244

RE: **Citation No. 03-24-15C-061**  
**Violation of Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 64426.1,**  
**For September 2015**

Dear Mr. Lara:

Enclosed is a Citation issued to the City of Woodlake (City) public water system.

The City will be billed at the Division's hourly rate (currently estimated at \$153.00) 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 one hour on enforcement activities associated with this violation.

The City 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 City of Woodlake 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

CJF/MRC

cc: Tulare County Environmental Health Department  
City Council, City of Woodlake (same address)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

IN RE: **CITY OF WOODLAKE**  
City No. 5410020

TO: Mr. Ramon Lara, City Administrator  
City of Woodlake  
350 N Valencia Blvd.  
Woodlake, CA 93286

CC: Tulare County Environmental Health Services Department

CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF  
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22, SECTION 64426  
September 2015

**Issued on October 14, 2015**

Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes the issuance of a citation to a public City 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 City of Woodlake (hereinafter "City") (350 N Valencia Blvd., Woodlake, CA 93286) for violation of California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Section 64426.

1 APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES

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

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5 STATEMENT OF FACTS

6 The City is a community water system serving a population of approximately 7,700 persons  
7 through 2,294 service connections.

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9 The City is required to collect a minimum of three distribution system bacteriological samples  
10 per week. The bacteriological water analysis results submitted by the City reported the presence  
11 of total coliform bacteria in six of nine samples collected by the City in September 2015. None  
12 of the positive samples showed the presence of fecal coliform or *E. coli* bacteria.

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14 Upon being informed of the presence of total coliform bacteria in six routine samples collected  
15 on September 8, 2015, City staff collected a total of six repeat samples on September 14, 2015.  
16 None of the repeat samples showed the presence of coliform bacteria. All water samples for  
17 coliform bacteria collected during July 2015 are summarized in Attachment A.

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19 The cause of the contamination is believed to be from a pump failure at Well No. 10 and  
20 ongoing construction in the City's distribution system. In August 2015, the pump at Well No. 10  
21 was replaced due to mechanical failure and special bacteriological samples were not collected.  
22 The well was placed online without verification that it was coliform free. The Division was  
23 informed that the contractors installing new pipeline in the City's distribution system did not  
24 disinfect the new pipelines or collect the required special bacteriological samples prior to the  
25 mains being placed into service. The Division directed the City to begin continuously  
26 chlorinating the water system until further notice.

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2 Public notification to the Division and residents of a City is required whenever a violation of the  
3 Total Coliform MCL occurs. Notification to the Division is required by the end of the business  
4 day on which the violation has been determined. If the Division is closed, notification shall be  
5 within 24 hours of the determination. The Division was notified on September 10, 2015 of the  
6 Total Coliform MCL violation.

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8 Public notification to the consumers of the City has not been conducted. Attachment B is a copy  
9 of a public notice in English that the City may use to notify its consumers. This notice fulfills the  
10 total coliform MCL notification requirements and includes the mandatory language. Proof of  
11 notification is required (Attachment C).

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13 **DETERMINATION**

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

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18 The Division has determined that the City failed to comply with Title 22, CCR, Section 64426.1,  
19 Total Coliform MCL for the month of September 2015 due to the presence of total coliform  
20 bacteria in six of nine samples collected in September 2015.

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22 The Division has also determined that the City failed to comply with Title 22, CCR, Section  
23 64580 which states that prior to use, newly installed water mains, or water mains that have been  
24 taken out of service for maintenance or repair, shall be disinfected and sampled for  
25 bacteriological quality in accordance with American Water Works Association Standard C651-  
26 05, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

1 The Division has also determined that the City failed to comply with Title 22, CCR, Section  
2 66421(b) requires water suppliers shall perform additional bacteriological monitoring as follows:

- 3 • After construction or repair of wells;
- 4 • After main installation or repair;
- 5 • After construction, repair, or maintenance of storage facilities; and
- 6 • After any system pressure loss to less than five psi. Samples collected shall  
7 represent the water quality in the affected portions of the system.

### 8 DIRECTIVES

9 The City is hereby directed to take the following actions:

- 10 1. Comply with Title 22, CCR, Section 64426.1, in all future monitoring periods.
- 11 2. By November 15, 2015, the City shall notify all persons served by the City of the September  
12 2015 TCR MCL violation by utilizing the Tier 2 Public Notice. The City shall use the public  
13 notification template appended as Attachment B to fulfill the public notification requirements.  
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15 The notification shall be completed in accordance with the following methods:

- 16 • Mail or direct delivery of the public notice to each customer served by the City.
  - 17 • By the use of one or more of the following methods to reach persons not likely to be  
18 reached by mail or direct delivery; publication in a daily or weekly newspaper,  
19 posting the public notice in a conspicuous public place within the water system or on  
20 the internet, or by delivery to community organizations. The City may publish the  
21 public notice once in a daily or weekly newspaper available in the general service  
22 area.  
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- 24 3. Within ten days of the provisions outlined in Directive No. 2, the City shall provide to the  
25 Division certification of public notification using the enclosed Proof of Notification form  
26 (Attachment C).  
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- 2 4. By November 15, 2015, the City shall complete and submit the enclosed "Positive Total
- 3 Coliform Investigation" form to the Division that describes the incident and all corrective
- 4 actions taken, and the results of the investigation. The appropriate investigation report is
- 5 provided as Attachment D.
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- 7 5. The City shall notify the Division of any further violations of the total coliform MCL by the end
- 8 of the business day on which the violation has been determined, or, if the Division is closed,
- 9 within 24 hours of the determination.
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- 11 6. By November 15, 2015, the City shall complete and submit a Water System Operations and
- 12 Maintenance Plan in conformance with Title 22, Section 64600. The plan should address, at
- 13 a minimum, the following items:
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- 15 1) The operations and maintenance schedule for each groundwater source and
- 16 unit process.
- 17 2) The schedule and procedure for flushing dead end mains, and the procedures
- 18 for disposal of the flushed water including dechlorination;
- 19 3) The schedule and procedures for inspecting, repairing, and replacing water
- 20 mains;
- 21 4) The plan and procedures for responding to water supply emergencies;
- 22 5) The schedule and procedures for testing backflow prevention assemblies;
- 23 6) The schedule and procedures for routine exercising of water main valves;
- 24 7) The schedule and program for maintenance and calibration of source flow
- 25 meters and other online instruments used to determine the quality or quantity of water
- 26 8) The qualifications and training of operating personnel;
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1 9) The program for control of biological organisms on the interior walls of  
2 water mains.

3 7. The City shall continue to continuously chlorinate as directed by the Division in September  
4 2015 until given specific Division approval to discontinue chlorination. While continuous  
5 chlorination is in use, the City must prepare and submit a monthly chlorination report. This  
6 report is included as Attachment E.

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8 8. The chlorine residual shall be measured at the time and location of the collection of the  
9 monthly distribution system bacteriological samples. This residual shall be provided to the  
10 Division on the laboratory analysis reports.

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12 9. The City shall initiate **monthly** sampling of raw well water from all active sources for coliform  
13 bacteria. The samples must be collected at a location ahead of chlorination and shall be  
14 analyzed for total and fecal coliform or *E. coli* bacteria using a density analytical method with  
15 the analytical results reported in MPN/100 ml. The results of all samples shall be submitted  
16 to the Division by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the following month.

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18 10. The City shall collect at least three **weekly** bacteriological distribution system samples. The  
19 results of all samples shall be submitted to the Division by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the following  
20 month.

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22 11. By **November 15, 2015**, the City shall prepare and submit a revised Bacteriological Sample  
23 Siting Plan (BSSP) to the Division. A guidance document is provided in Attachment F.

1 The Division reserves the right to make such modifications to the Citation as it may deem  
2 necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be issued as  
3 amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon issuance.  
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5 Nothing in this Citation relieves the City of its obligation to meet the requirements of the  
6 California Safe Drinking Water Act or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued  
7 thereunder.  
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12 All submittal required by this Citation shall be submitted to the Division at the following address:  
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14 Chad Fischer, P.E.  
15 Senior Sanitary Engineer  
16 State Water Resources Control Board  
17 Division of Drinking Water  
18 265 W. Bullard Avenue, Suite 101  
19 Fresno, CA 93704

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22 **PARTIES BOUND**

23 This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the City of Woodlake, its officers, directors,  
24 agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.  
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26 **SEVERABILITY**

27 The Directives of this Citation are severable, and the City shall comply with each and every  
provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of any provision.

1 FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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

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15 Date

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

17 CJF/MRC

18 **Attachments:**

- 19 Attachment A: Summary of Distribution Bacteriological Samples from September 2015
- 20 Attachment B: Tier 2 Notice – September 2015
- 21 Attachment C: Proof of Public Notification
- 22 Attachment D: Positive Coliform Investigation Form
- 23 Attachment E: Monthly Chlorination Report
- 24 Attachment F: BSSP Form & Instructions

25 Certified Mail: 7014 3490 0001 7868 7951

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## APPENDIX A

### Applicable Statues and Regulations for Citation No. 03-24-15C-061

#### **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.

**Section 64463.4 of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) states in relevant part:**  
§64463.4. Tier 2 Public Notice.

(a) A water system shall give public notice pursuant to this section if any of the following occurs:

- (1) Any violation of the MCL, MRDL, and treatment technique requirements, except:
  - (A) Where a Tier 1 public notice is required under section 64463.1; or
  - (B) Where the Department determines that a Tier 1 public notice is required, based on potential health impacts and persistence of the violations;
- (2) All violations of the monitoring and testing procedure requirements in sections 64421 through 64426.1, article 3 (Primary Standards – Bacteriological Quality), for which the Department determines that a Tier 2 rather than a Tier 3 public notice is required, based on potential health impacts and persistence of the violations;

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(b) A water system shall give the notice as soon as possible within 30 days after it learns of a violation or occurrence specified in subsection (a), except that the water system may request an extension of up to 60 days for providing the notice. This extension would be subject to the Department's written approval based on the violation or occurrence having been resolved and the Department's determination that public health and welfare would in no way be adversely affected. In addition, the water system shall:

- (1) Maintain posted notices in place for as long as the violation or occurrence continues, but in no case less than seven days;
- (2) Repeat the notice every three months as long as the violation or occurrence continues. Subject to the Department's written approval based on its determination that public health would in no way be adversely affected, the water system may be allowed to notice less frequently but in no case less than once per year. No allowance for reduced frequency of notice shall be given in the case of a total coliform MCL violation or violation of a Chapter 17 treatment technique requirement; and

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(c) A water system shall deliver the notice, in a manner designed to reach persons served, within the required time period as follows:

- (1) Unless otherwise directed by the Department in writing based on its assessment of the violation or occurrence and the potential for adverse effects on public health and welfare, community water systems shall give public notice by:
  - (A) Mail or direct delivery to each customer receiving a bill including those that provide their drinking water to others (e.g., schools or school systems, apartment building owners, or large private employers), and other service connections to which water is delivered by the water system; and
  - (B) Use of one or more of the following methods to reach persons not likely to be reached by a mailing or direct delivery (renters, university students, nursing home patients, prison inmates, etc.):
    1. Publication in a local newspaper;
    2. Posting in conspicuous public places served by the water system, or on the Internet; or
    3. Delivery to community organizations.
- (2) Unless otherwise directed by the Department in writing based on its assessment of the violation or occurrence and the potential for adverse effects on public health and welfare, noncommunity water systems shall give the public notice by:

- (A) Posting in conspicuous locations throughout the area served by the water system; and
- (B) Using one or more of the following methods to reach persons not likely to be reached by a public posting:
  1. Publication in a local newspaper or newsletter distributed to customers;
  2. E-mail message to employees or students;
  3. Posting on the Internet or intranet; or
  4. Direct delivery to each customer.

**Section 64465. of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) states in relevant part:**  
 §64465. Public Notice Content and Format.

- (a) Each public notice given pursuant to this article, except Tier 3 public notices for variances and exemptions pursuant to subsection (b), shall contain the following:
  - (1) A description of the violation or occurrence, including the contaminant(s) of concern, and (as applicable) the contaminant level(s);
  - (2) The date(s) of the violation or occurrence;
  - (3) Any potential adverse health effects from the violation or occurrence, including the appropriate standard health effects language from appendices 64465-A through G;
  - (4) The population at risk, including subpopulations particularly vulnerable if exposed to the contaminant in drinking water;
  - (5) Whether alternative water supplies should be used;
  - (6) What actions consumers should take, including when they should seek medical help, if known;
  - (7) What the water system is doing to correct the violation or occurrence;
  - (8) When the water system expects to return to compliance or resolve the occurrence;
  - (9) The name, business address, and phone number of the water system owner, operator, or designee of the water system as a source of additional information concerning the public notice;
  - (10) A statement to encourage the public notice recipient to distribute the public notice to other persons served, using the following standard language: "Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this public 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"; and
  - (11) For a water system with a monitoring and testing procedure violation, this language shall be included: "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 your drinking water meets health standards. During [*compliance period dates*], we [*did not monitor or test*' or '*did not complete all monitoring or testing*'] for [*contaminant(s)*], and therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time."

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- (c) Each public notice given pursuant to this article shall contain information in Spanish regarding the importance of the notice, or contain a telephone number or address where Spanish-speaking residents may contact the water system to obtain a translated copy of the public notice or assistance in Spanish. For each non-English speaking group other than Spanish-speaking that exceeds 1,000 residents or 10% of the residents in the community served, whichever is less, the public notice shall:

- (1) Contain information in the appropriate language(s) regarding the importance of the notice, or
  - (2) Contain a telephone number or address where such residents may contact the water system to obtain a translated copy of the notice or assistance in the appropriate language.
- (d) Each public notice given pursuant to this article shall:
- (1) Be displayed such that it catches people's attention when printed or posted and be formatted in such a way that the message in the public notice can be understood at the eighth-grade level;
  - (2) Not contain technical language beyond an eighth-grade level or print smaller than 12 point; and
  - (3) Not contain language that minimizes or contradicts the information being given in the public notice.

*Ground Water Rule*

**Section 64430. of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) states in relevant part: §64430. Requirements.**

A public water system that uses ground water shall comply with the following provisions of 40 Code of Federal Regulations as they appear in the Ground Water Rule published in 71 Federal Register 65574 (November 8, 2006) and amended in 71 Federal Register 67427 (November 21, 2006) and 74 Federal Register 30953 (June 29, 2009), which are hereby incorporated by reference: Sections 141.21(d)(3), 141.28(a), 141.153(h)(6), Appendix A to Subpart O (Consumer Confidence Reports), 141.202(a)(8), 141.203(a)(4), Appendices A and B to Subpart Q (Public Notification), and 141.400 through 141.405, except that in:

- (a) sections 141.402(a)(1)(ii), (a)(2), (a)(2)(ii), (a)(4), (a)(4)(ii)(A), (a)(5)(i), and (a)(5)(ii), the phrase —§141.21(a) is replaced by —22 California Code of Regulations sections 64422 and 64423,
- (b) sections 141.402(a)(1)(ii) and 141.405(b)(4), the phrase —§141.21(c) is replaced by —22 California Code of Regulations section 64425, and
- (c) section 141.402(a)(2)(iii), the phrase —§141.21(b) is replaced by —22 California Code of Regulations section 64424.

*[Note: The text reflecting this section is provided in Addendum A of this book.]*

**Addendum A**

**§141.402. Ground water source microbial monitoring and analytical methods.**

**(a) Triggered source water monitoring —**

- (1) *General requirements.* A ground water system must conduct triggered source water monitoring if the conditions identified in paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this section exist.
  - (i) The system does not provide at least 4-log treatment of viruses (using inactivation, removal, or a State-approved combination of 4-log virus inactivation and removal) before or at the first customer for each ground water source; and
  - (ii) The system is notified that a sample collected under 22 California Code of Regulations sections 64422 and 64423 is total coliform-positive and the sample is not invalidated under 22 California Code of Regulations section 64425.
- (2) *Sampling requirements.* A ground water system must collect, within 24 hours of notification of the total coliform-positive sample, at least one ground water source sample from each ground water source in use at the time the total coliform-positive sample was collected under 22 California Code of Regulations sections 64422 and 64423, except as provided in paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this section.

(i) The State may extend the 24-hour time limit on a case-by-case basis if the system cannot collect the ground water source water sample within 24 hours due to circumstances beyond its control. In the case of an extension, the State must specify how much time the system has to collect the sample.

(ii) If approved by the State, systems with more than one ground water source may meet the requirements of this paragraph (a)(2) by sampling a representative ground water source or sources. If directed by the State, systems must submit for State approval a triggered source water monitoring plan that identifies one or more ground water sources that are representative of each monitoring site in the system's sample siting plan under 22 California Code of Regulations sections 64422 and 64423 and that the system intends to use for representative sampling under this paragraph.

(iii) A ground water system serving 1,000 people or fewer may use a repeat sample collected from a ground water source to meet both the requirements of 22 California Code of Regulations section 64424 and to satisfy the monitoring requirements of paragraph (a)(2) of this section for that ground water source only if the State approves the use of *E. coli* as a fecal indicator for source water monitoring under this paragraph (a). If the repeat sample collected from the ground water source is *E. coli* positive, the system must comply with paragraph (a)(3) of this section.

(3) *Additional requirements.* If the State does not require corrective action under §141.403(a)(2) for a fecal indicator-positive source water sample collected under paragraph (a)(2) of this section that is not invalidated under paragraph (d) of this section, the system must collect five additional source water samples from the same source within 24 hours of being notified of the fecal indicator-positive sample.

(4) *Consecutive and wholesale systems —*

(i) In addition to the other requirements of this paragraph (a), a consecutive ground water system that has a total coliform-positive sample collected under 22 California Code of Regulations sections 64422 and 64423 must notify the wholesale system(s) within 24 hours of being notified of the total coliform-positive sample.

(ii) In addition to the other requirements of this paragraph (a), a wholesale ground water system must comply with paragraphs (a)(4)(ii)(A) and (a)(4)(ii)(B) of this section.

(A) A wholesale ground water system that receives notice from a consecutive system it serves that a sample collected under 22 California Code of Regulations sections 64422 and 64423 is total coliform-positive must, within 24 hours of being notified, collect a sample from its ground water source(s) under paragraph (a)(2) of this section and analyze it for a fecal indicator under paragraph (c) of this section.

(B) If the sample collected under paragraph (a)(4)(ii)(A) of this section is fecal indicator-positive, the wholesale ground water system must notify all consecutive systems served by that ground water source of the fecal indicator source water positive within 24 hours of being notified of the ground water source sample monitoring result and must meet the requirements of paragraph (a)(3) of this section.

(5) *Exceptions to the triggered source water monitoring requirements.* A ground water system is not required to comply with the source water monitoring requirements of paragraph (a) of this section if either of the following conditions exists:

- (i) The State determines, and documents in writing, that the total coliform-positive sample collected under 22 California Code of Regulations sections 64422 and 64423 is caused by a distribution system deficiency; or
- (ii) The total coliform-positive sample collected under 22 California Code of Regulations sections 64422 and 64423 is collected at a location that meets State criteria for distribution system conditions that will cause total coliform-positive samples.

# Bacteriological Distribution Monitoring Report

5410020 Woodlake, City of

Distribution System Freq: 3/W

Sample Date	Location	T Coli	E Coli	F Coli	HPC	Type	Cl2	Cl2 Avg	Viol. Type	GWR Satisfied?	Comments
9/28/2015	No samples								MR3		Did not collect enough routine samples for September 2015. 9 of 12 routine samples collected.
9/23/2015	3 Samples	A	A			Routine			MR8		No chlorine residuals listed on report as required.
9/14/2015	Port #1	<1.1	<1.1			Repeat					
9/14/2015	Port #2	<1.1	<1.1			Repeat					
9/14/2015	Port #3	<1.1	<1.1			Repeat					
9/14/2015	Port #4	<1.1	<1.1			Repeat					
9/14/2015	Port #5	<1.1	<1.1			Repeat					
9/14/2015	Port #6	<1.1	<1.1			Repeat					
9/10/2015	See Notes										Shane called to report TCRMCL failure for September 2015. System directed to use continuous chlorination until further notice due to ongoing system construction.
9/8/2015	Sample Port #1	P	A			Routine					Collected 6 samples/missed week of 9/1/15
9/8/2015	Sample Port #2	P	A			Routine			MCL		Cit 03-24-15C-061
9/8/2015	Sample Port #3	P	A			Routine					
9/8/2015	Sample Port #4	P	A			Routine					
9/8/2015	Sample Port #5	P	A			Routine					
9/8/2015	Sample Port #6	P	A			Routine					
9/1/2015	No samples										

## 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

## 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 City of Woodlake 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 nine samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria in September 2015. Six 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.] \_\_\_\_\_ We  
anticipate resolving the problem within \_\_\_\_\_ [estimated time frame].

For more information, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ [insert name of contact] at  
\_\_\_\_\_ [insert phone number] or at the following mailing address:  
\_\_\_\_\_ [insert business/mailling 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.*

This notice is being sent to you by The City of Woodlake.  
Date distributed: \_\_\_\_\_.

**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 **City of Woodlake 5410020** of the failure to meet the **total coliform bacteria MCL** for the month of **September 2015** 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 \_\_\_\_\_.  
(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: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Due to the Division of Drinking Water within 10 days of notification to the public  
Total Coliform MCL Failure / Enforcement Action No.: 03-24-15C-061

**POSITIVE TOTAL COLIFORM INVESTIGATION**

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**

<b>PWS Name:</b>	<b>PWSID NUMBER:</b>
<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
<b>Telephone #</b>	
Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC)	
Person that collected TC samples if different than ORC	
Owner	
Certified Laboratory for Microbiological Analyses	
Date Investigation Completed:	
Month(s) of Total Coliform MCL Failure:	

**INVESTIGATION DETAILS**

SOURCE	WELL (name)	WELL (name)	WELL (name)	WELL (name)	COMMENTS
1. Inspect each well head for physical defects and report					
a. Is raw water sample tap upstream from point of disinfection?					
b. Is wellhead vent pipe screened?					
c. Is wellhead seal watertight?					
d. Is well head located in pit or is any piping from the wellhead submerged?					
e. Does the ground surface slope towards well head?					
f. Is there evidence of standing water near the wellhead?					
g. Are there any connections to the raw water piping that could be cross connections? (describe all connections in comments)					
h. Is the wellhead secured to prevent unauthorized access?					
i. To what treatment plant (name) does this well pump?					
j. How often do you take a raw water total coliform (TC) test?					
k. Provide the date and result of the last TC test at this location					

**TREATMENT**

TREATMENT	PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	COMMENTS
1. If you provide continuous chlorination treatment, was there any equipment failure? Did the distribution system maintain a chlorine residual?					
a. Was emergency chlorination initiated?					
b. If yes, for how long?					

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TREATMENT	PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	COMMENTS
2. Did the distribution system lose chlorine residual?						
3. If you do not provide routine chlorination, was emergency chlorination initiated? If Yes., when?						
4. Inspect each point where disinfectant is added and report a. For hypochlorinator systems						
1. Is the disinfectant feed pump feeding disinfectant?						
2. What is the feed rate of disinfectant in ml/minute						
3. What is the concentration of the disinfectant solution being fed? (percent, or mg/l of chlorine as HOCl)						
4. By what method was the concentration of solution determined? (ex: measured, manufacturer's literature)						
5. What is the age (days) of the disinfectant solution currently being used at this treatment location?						
6. What is the raw water flow rate at the point where disinfectant is added in gallons per minute?						
7. What is the <b>total</b> chlorine residual measured immediately downstream from the point of application?						
8. What is the <b>free</b> chlorine residual measured immediately downstream from the point of application?						
9. What is the contact time in minutes from the point of disinfectant application to the first customer?						

STORAGE	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	COMMENTS
1. Is each tank locked to prevent unauthorized access?						
2. Are all vents of each tank screened down-turned to prevent dust and dirt from entering the tank?						
3. Is the overflow on each tank screened?						
4. Are there any unsealed openings in the tank such as access doors, water level indicators hatches, etc.?						
5. Is the roof/cover of the tank sealed and free of any leaks.						
6. Is the tank above ground or buried. a. If buried or partially buried, are there provisions to direct surface water away from the site. b. Has the interior of the tank been inspected to identify any sanitary defects, such as root intrusion?						
8. Does the tank "float" on the distribution system or are there separate inlet and outlet						



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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?				
3. Is the sample tap threaded, have a swing arm (kitchen sink) or aerator (sinks)?				
4. Is the sample tap in good condition, free of leaks around the stem or packing?				
5. Can the sample tap be adjusted to the point where a good laminar flow can be achieved without excessive splash?				
6. Is the sample tap and area around the sample tap clean and dry (free of animal droppings, other contaminants or spray irrigation systems)				
7. Is the area around the sample tap free of excessive vegetation or other impediments to sample collection				
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?				
10. What were the weather conditions at the time of the positive sample (rainy, windy, sunny),				

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?	
2. Where there any main breaks, water outages, or low pressure reported in the service area where TC+ or EC+ samples were located.	
3. Does the system have backup power or elevated storage?	
4. During or soon after bacteriological quality problems, did you receive any complaints of any customers' illness suspected of being waterborne? How many?	
5. What were the symptoms of illness if you received complaints about customers being sick?	

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## 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?**

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# Monthly Chlorination Report

System Name: \_\_\_\_\_

System No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Month/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Source Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Operator Signature and Date \_\_\_\_\_

Day	Well Production (gallons) G	Well Hours Operated	Generator Hours Operated (H)	Metering Pump Setting (percent)	Theoretical Pump Output (gpd)	Calculated Chlorine Production (lbs)	Calculated Chlorine Dosage (mg/L)	Chlorine Residual (mg/L)	Remarks
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31									
Total									
Average									

## BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLE SITING PLAN GUIDELINES

(For systems serving a population of greater than 4,100 persons or 1,460 connections)

**System Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**System Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

The following outlines the minimum requirements that should be included in any Bacteriological Sample Siting Plan submitted to the Tulare District 24 office for approval and acceptance. Sections referred to below are from the CCR, Title 22 and are attached for reference. Please address all the following sections.

**A. System Description** – A brief description of the water system is required that accurately describes the water system. The following items should be provided:

- \_\_\_ Date of bacteriological sample siting plan (month/year)
- \_\_\_ System Size
  - \_\_\_ Number of service connections
  - \_\_\_ Population served
  - \_\_\_ Required minimum number of routine samples (per Table 64423A of Section 64423)
  - \_\_\_ Number of routine sample that will be collected monthly/weekly
- \_\_\_ System Facilities
  - \_\_\_ Sources of water supply
  - \_\_\_ Treatment provided
  - \_\_\_ Storage facilities
  - \_\_\_ Pressure zones in the distribution system (approximate population served in each pressure zone)

**B. Sample Sites and Schedule** – The routine and repeat sample sites must be identified and a schedule developed.

- \_\_\_ Proposed number and location of routine sample sites. (See Table 64423A of Section 64423) to determine the number of routine samples required for your system.
- \_\_\_ Proposed repeat (follow-up) sample sites which must be located within five service connections upstream and downstream of the routine sample site (Section 64424(b))
- \_\_\_ At least two repeat sample sites are required for each routine sample site (Section 64424(a)(1))
- \_\_\_ Address/location of each routine and repeat sample site. This must be shown on system map submitted (see Item C).
- \_\_\_ Description of each sample site (e.g., exterior hosebib, gooseneck-type copper tube with pet cock).
- \_\_\_ Sampling schedule for each routine sample site (e.g., weekly, every other week, monthly, quarterly, etc.) Rationale that demonstrates that the schedule is representative of the water delivered throughout the distribution system every month, using either fixed sample

sites or a rotation among sample sites if there are more sites than the minimum required (Section 64422). It is not recommended that each routine sample site is not sampled less frequently than once every three months.

**C. System Map** – The system map can be a one-page engineering drawing of the distribution system, a street map, or system schematic, showing the locations of the following:

- \_\_\_ System Facilities
  - \_\_\_ Sources of water supply
  - \_\_\_ Treatment facilities
  - \_\_\_ Storage facilities
  - \_\_\_ Pressure zones
  - \_\_\_ Booster stations
  - \_\_\_ Pressure reducing stations
  - \_\_\_ Water mains and diameter
  - \_\_\_ Dead ends (if dead ends cannot be specifically identified on the map provided, then the total number of dead ends in the system, with address locations, should be listed)
  - \_\_\_ Sample Sites (with address/location)
    - \_\_\_ Routine sample sites
    - \_\_\_ Repeat sample sites
    - \_\_\_ Other/Special sample sites (e.g., well head, storage tank usually done for investigations)
    - \_\_\_ Representative triggered source monitoring delineated (if approved)

**D. Sampling Methods** – The samplers must be trained (Section 64422(2)(b)).

- \_\_\_ Sampler name, certification or training
  - \_\_\_ Standby/relief sampler certification or training
- \_\_\_ Certified laboratory name, phone number and certification number
- \_\_\_ Analytical method to be used by laboratory for reporting
- \_\_\_ Confirm that reporting agreements are in place with the laboratory in the event a total or fecal coliform positive sample is analyzed

**E. Groundwater Rule (GWR)** – The BSSP should include how it plans to comply with the requirements of the Groundwater Rule which requires triggered source monitoring whenever a routine distribution system sample is total coliform positive. Compliance monitoring for 4-log treatment of water may be required at the state's discretion and is intended for systems most susceptible to fecal contamination. The GWR requires at least 1 sample per positive TCR routine sample at each ground water source to be collected within 24 hours of learning of the total coliform positive(s). The sample(s) shall be analyzed for fecal indicators (*E. coli*, enterococci, or coliphage).

Representative triggered source monitoring *may be allowed*, however, it must be approved by the Department for water systems with multiple sources. The monitoring allows a water system to collect 1 or more triggered source water sample(s) that represent each monitoring site in TCR sample siting plan. A written explanation of how each source feeds which section of the distribution system should be included. This information must also be delineated in the BSSP map.