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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

IN RE: USFS – Wheeler Gorge Campground
6755 Hollister Avenue, Suite 150
Goleta, CA 93117

TO: Ken Heffner
Forest Supervisor

SYSTEM NO.: 5601716

CITATION NO.: 04_06_15C_013_5601716_22

CITATION

Section 116650 of Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 104 of the California Health and Safety Code (H&S Code), authorizes the issuance of a citation for failure to comply with the requirements of the California Safe Drinking Water Act, or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued thereunder.

VIOLATION

The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, (hereinafter Division) hereby issues a citation to the USFS – Wheeler Gorge Campground (hereinafter USFS-WGC), for the following violations:

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1. Sections 64424, Title 22, CCR. Specifically, in July, 2015, the USFS-WGC failed the TCR MCL Rule, with two positive total coliform results (see table, below).

Date	Site	Results
07/07/2015	Bath at #64	Total Coliform Absent
07/07/2015	Bath at #18	Total Coliform Present; E.coli Absent
07/07/2015	Bath at #29	Total Coliform Absent
07/07/2015	Bath at #47	Total Coliform Absent
07/07/2015	Host Site	Total Coliform Absent
07/09/2015	Bath at #64	Total Coliform Absent
07/09/2015	Bath at #18	Total Coliform Absent
07/09/2015	Host Site	Total Coliform Absent
07/09/2015	Bath at #47	Total Coliform Absent
07/09/2015	Bath at #29	Total Coliform Present; E.coli Absent

In addition, USFS-WGC failed to take the required triggered source sample per their Groundwater Rule Sample Siting Plan. The July 7, 2015 positive total coliform routine sample from the bath at #29 required that a triggered source sample be collected from the Wheeler Gorge Well.

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BACKGROUND

The USFS-WGC serves up to four full time occupants and up to 500 campers on weekends during the summer. The USFS-WGC source of water supply consists of one active well that produces approximately 25 GPM. The groundwater is chlorinated then pumped to one storage tank, which provides 10,000 gallons of storage. The storage tank serves the campground and the residences. The water in the distribution system is not used for drinking purposes, only hand washing and toilet flushing. The occupants are drinking bottled water. The service connections to the general public have been locked, and signs have been posted that the public is expected to supply their own water.

The Total Coliform Rule requires USFS-WGC to collect one routine distribution coliform sample every month from the system.

DIRECTIVES

The USFS-WGC is hereby directed to take the following actions:

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1. Immediately, follow proper TCR routine and repeat sampling/reporting procedures in accordance with Article 3, Title 22, CCR Sections 64423 and 64424.

2. Immediately, follow proper GWR triggered source water sampling/reporting procedures in accordance with Article 3, Title 22, CCR Section 141.402. When a Total Coliform Rule sample from the distribution system is total coliform-positive, USFS-WGC must collect at least four repeats from the distribution system, and a sample from the groundwater well according to their approved Groundwater Rule Monitoring Plan. The samples must be collected within 24 hours of being notified of the original positive result.

3. Within 15 days of receipt of this citation, notify the public of the TCR MCL failure during the month of July 2015, in conformance with Article 3, Sections 64423 & 64424, CCR, Title 22. The procedure and format must be approved by the Division. A suggested format is attached. Any changes must be reviewed and approved by the Division. The public must be notified by direct mail, or hand delivery, and by using one of the following methods to reach persons not likely to be reached by a mailing or direct delivery (renters, visitors, etc.):

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- a. Posting in conspicuous public places served by the water system or on the Internet.
- b. Publication in a local newspaper; or
- c. Delivery to community organizations.

4. The USFS-WGC is required to provide continuous chlorine disinfection treatment to its well water supply at all times. A chlorine residual of 0.5 to 1.0 mg/L should be maintained at all times.

5. A copy of the notification and Proof of Public Notification form shall be submitted to:

Jeff Densmore, P.E., District Engineer
 Division of Drinking Water
 Santa Barbara District
 1180 Eugenia Place, Suite 200
 Carpinteria, CA 93013-2000

July 28, 2015

Date

Jeff Densmore, P.E., District Engineer
 Southern California Section
 Santa Barbara District (SWRCB-DDW)

cc: Ventura County Environmental Health
 Mr. Adam Furlow, Assistant Forest Engineer
 Mr. Charlie Robinson, Ojai District Ranger
 Ms. JoAnn Burckman, System Operator



**BACTERIOLOGICAL QUALITY PROCEDURAL FAILURE
PROOF OF NOTIFICATION**

Name of Water System: USFS – Wheeler Gorge Campground

Please explain what caused the problem if you have determined what it was and what steps you have taken to correct it.

Consumers Notified Yes No

If not, explain: _____

Date of Notification: _____

On the date of notification set forth above, I served the above referenced document(s) on the consumers by:

 Sending a copy through the U.S. Mail, first class, postage prepaid, addressed to each of the resident(s) at the place where the property is situated, pursuant to the California Civil Code.

 Newspaper (if the problem has been corrected).

 Personally hand-delivering a copy to each of the consumers.

 Posted on a public bulletin board, that will be seen by each of the consumers (for small water non community water systems with permission from the Division).

I hereby declare the foregoing to be true and correct under penalty of perjury.

Dated: _____

Signature of Person Serving Notice

Drinking Water Notification to Consumers

****Notice:** Complete this Proof of Notification and return it along with a copy of the notification to the Division within **30 Days** of receiving your notification order.

Disclosure: Be advised that the California Health and Safety Code states that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the attached order may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each separate violation for each day that violation continues. In addition, the violators may be prosecuted in criminal court and upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or be imprisoned in county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.