STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

IN RE: **Ventura River Water District**
409 Old Baldwin Road
Ojai, CA 93023

TO: **Bert Rapp**
General Manager

SYSTEM NO.: **5610022**

CITATION NO.: **04_06_15C_023_5610022_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 Ventura River Water District, (hereinafter VRWD) for the following violation:

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1. Section 64424, Title 22, CCR. Specifically, in August 2015, the VRWD failed the TCR MCL Rule with two positive routine distribution Total coliform results, (see table, below).

Date	Site	Results
08/04/2015	85 Almond Avenue	Total Coliform Absent; E. Coli Absent
08/04/2015	72 Catalina Drive	Total Coliform Absent; E. Coli Absent
08/11/2015	9148 Nye Road – Book 14	Total Coliform Absent; E. Coli Absent
08/11/2015	290 Alto Drive – Book 8	Total Coliform Absent; E. Coli Absent
08/18/2015	1042 Moreno Drive – Book 1A	Total Coliform **Present**; E. Coli Absent
08/18/2015	202 Valle Rio	Total Coliform **Present**; E. Coli Absent
08/20/2015	1042 Moreno	Total Coliform <1.0 Absent; E. Coli <1.0 Absent
08/20/2015	1058 Moreno	Total Coliform <1.0 Absent; E. Coli <1.0 Absent
08/20/2015	1024 Moreno	Total Coliform <1.0 Absent; E. Coli <1.0 Absent
08/20/2015	202 Valle Rio	Total Coliform <1.0 Absent; E. Coli <1.0 Absent
08/20/2015	102 Descanso	Total Coliform <1.0 Absent; E. Coli <1.0 Absent
08/20/2015	106 Descanso	Total Coliform <1.0 Absent; E. Coli <1.0 Absent
08/20/2015	Well 01 (1989)	Total Coliform <1.0 Absent; E. Coli <1.0 Absent
08/20/2015	Well #3	Total Coliform <1.0 Absent; E. Coli <1.0 Absent
08/25/2015	595 Riverside Road – Book 7	Total Coliform <1.0 Absent; E. Coli <1.0 Absent
08/25/2015	2096 Sumac Drive – Book 9B	Total Coliform Absent; E. Coli Absent

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BACKGROUND

The VRWD is a community water system serving treated domestic water to a population of 5,700 through 2,582 service connections. VRWD has been operating under a domestic water supply permit issued by the Division on September 26, 2001, and amended on the following dates: February 10, 2005 for reactivation of Well 03, November 9, 2005 for replacement of a 210,000 gallon steel tank, and on March 27, 2007 for construction and operation of Well 04. The permit is subject to special provisions regarding the use of treated surface water and chloramines obtained from Casitas Municipal Water District.

The VRWD water system consists of four active groundwater wells, five connections to Casitas Municipal Water District, and five distribution storage reservoirs. The wells are treated with liquid sodium hypochlorite. The water obtained from Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD) is surface water which has been filtered and disinfected. The water Obtained from CMWD contains chloramines. One zone of the VRWD distribution system is 100% imported water from CMWD. The other zones are generally 100% local treated groundwater. If the groundwater supply cannot meet demands, water from CMWD supplements the local supply.

The Total Coliform Rule monitoring plan requires the RPWC to collect two routine coliform samples every week from the system. The routine samples should be distribution sample sites, representative of water throughout the distribution

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system. The routine sample sites should not be from sources (e.g. well, spring) or directly near sources.

DIRECTIVES

The VRWD is hereby directed to take the following actions:

1. Continue following proper TCR routine and repeat sampling/reporting procedures in accordance with Article 3, Title 22, CCR Sections 64423 and 64424.
2. Within 30 days of receipt of this violation, notify the public of the TCR MCL failure by direct mailing to each consumer and by using one of the following methods to reach all persons, including those not likely to be reached by a mailing or direct delivery (renters, visitors, university students, nursing home patients, prison inmates, etc.)
    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.
3. Submit a signed Proof of Public Notification (attached).
4. Continue submitting the required Monthly Summary of Distribution System Coliform Monitoring Form by the 10th of the following month.

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5. The VRWD is recommended to provide continuous chlorine disinfection treatment to its water supply at all times. A chlorine residual of 0.5 to 0.7 mg/L should be maintained at all times.

6. A copy of the notification and certification 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

12/3/2015
Date

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

cc: Ventura County Environmental Health

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