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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

IN RE: Mutual Water Company Vineyard Avenue Estates
P.O. Box 5065
Oxnard, CA 93031

TO: Mr. Jim Burke, President
Mr. Robert Eranio, Operator

SYSTEM NO.: 5610056

CITATION NO.: 04_06_16C_007_5610056_23

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 Mutual Water Company of Vineyard Avenue Estates (hereinafter VAE) for the following violations:

1. Section 64423, Title 22, CCR. Specifically, the VAE failed to collect and/or report a routine distribution coliform sample for the month of March 2016.



BACKGROUND

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The VAE is classified as a community water system and operates under the authority of water permit number 04-06-06P-006, issued by the Division on 2006. The VAE water system is mutually owned and serves a portion of the unincorporated community of El Rio. VAE operates three water sources, two storage reservoirs, and one booster station to provide potable water to an estimated 1,122 people via 342 service connections. VAE blends water from its groundwater wells with purchased water to comply with the nitrate primary maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 45 mg/L.

VAE's source of water is a connection to United Water Conservation District and two groundwater wells, Well 01 and Well 02. The wells exceed the MCL for nitrate, selenium, manganese, sulfate, total dissolved solids, and specific conductance, and are blended with water from United before being distributed to customers. The wells produce roughly 1,350 gpm or 2 MGD, however, their use is limited due to the high levels of nitrate and the other contaminants in the groundwater. The water is treated with sodium hypochlorite for disinfection purposes before being pumped into VAE's distribution system.

Well 01 is designated as a standby well, and Well 02 is an active well. The wells are not located in an area considered vulnerable to flooding. They are equipped with concrete well pads, flush to waste valves, check valves, non-threaded sample taps, and flow meters. Well 01 does not have an annular seal. Well 02 has an annular seal to 180 feet below ground. VAE has a maximum day demand of about 425 gpm and a



1 total source capacity of just over 600 gpm, and therefore is considered to have an
2 adequate water supply.

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4 Disinfection treatment is provided by the injection of a sodium hypochlorite solution
5 into the wells' discharge lines, before they flow to the storage tanks. A total chlorine
6 residual of about 2 mg/L is maintained in the distribution system. VAE's distribution
7 system is made up of a single pressure zone and is pressurized to between 42 and 58
8 psi. The system does not include any dead ends.

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11 The Total Coliform Rule requires the VAE to collect at least two routine coliform
12 samples every month from the system. During the month of March 2016, the VAE
13 failed to collect and/or report the required routine coliform samples, which resulted in
14 non-compliance with Section 64423, Title 22, CCR.

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17 **DIRECTIVES**

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19 The VAE is hereby directed to take the following actions:

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21 1. Immediately, follow proper TCR routine and repeat sampling/reporting procedures
22 in accordance with Article 3, Title 22, CCR, Sections 64423, 64424.
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24 2. Within 30 days of the date of this citation, the VAE shall notify the public of the
25 monitoring failure to collect and analyze the required routine bacteriological
26 distribution sample for the month of March 2016.
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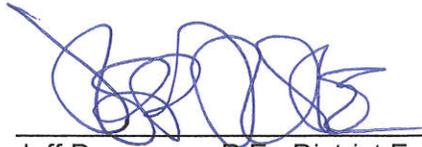


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3. A copy of the notification and certification form shall be submitted to:

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

APRIL 20, 2016
Date



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

cc: Ventura County Environmental Health



PROOF OF NOTIFICATION

Name of Water System: MWC Vineyard Avenue Estates

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.