



January 12th, 2017

RE: Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) exceedance of Disinfection By-Products (DBP's) in the Central Amador Water Project (CAWP) Distribution System.

Dear Customer,

What does this mean to you? First and foremost, your water is safe to drink.

The Amador Water Agency is required to take multiple routine water quality samples that measure the level of DBP's in your drinking water system every quarter. For the 4th quarter of 2016, one sample site has sample results that are over the maximum contaminant level. The Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) per the California Code of Regulations, Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule, for Total Trihalomethanes is 80 parts per billion parts of water. The Sample result, as a running annual average for this certain DBP (Total Trihalomethanes), was 94 parts per billion parts of water in the 4th quarter of 2016. Therefore the DBP's at this sample site were 14 parts per billion higher than the allowable level. Recent implementation of more stringent DBP standards by the State Water Resources Control Board resulted in the MCL exceedance that would not necessarily have been above the MCL in years prior. The fact that this sample result is out of range is not representative of our entire water system's water quality. Your water is safe to drink.

The Agency does not take this MCL Compliance Order lightly. We continually strive to ensure all of our water and wastewater systems comply with the multitude of regulatory requirements and work day in and day out to provide our customers with safe, reliable, water, wastewater, conservation, and reclamation services.

The Agency is working to address the compliance order by increasing our water quality system monitoring to more quickly identify potential areas of concern in the water system, optimizing water tank levels and system flushing, and enhancing the water filtration process at the Buckhorn Water Treatment Plant. Most importantly, the Agency is scheduled to begin construction on a \$2.2 million dollar grant funded improvement project to at the Buckhorn Water Treatment Plant designed to provide a long term solution to potential DBP formation. Until this project is completed, the Agency will continue to implement any and all solutions that will reduce DBP formation.

Should you wish to discuss this Compliance Order in detail, please feel to email me, dwyckoff@amadorwater.org, or call 209-257-5284.

Sincerely,

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