

## 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.

### Hidden Valley Lake CSD Has Levels of Hexavalent Chromium Above the Drinking Water Standard

Pursuant to a California regulation adopted July 1, 2014, the level of a substance called hexavalent chromium should not exceed 10 ppb (0.010 mg/l) in drinking water provided by a public water system. This number is known as the maximum contaminant level or MCL. Senate Bill 385, which became law effective September 4, 2015, allows public water systems, with sources that produce water with a hexavalent chromium concentration above the MCL, time to come into compliance. So long as a public water system complies with the new law (Health & Safety Code, section 116431), it will not be deemed in violation of the MCL. In addition to other requirements, the new law requires the water system to come into compliance at the earliest feasible date prior to January 1, 2020.

After 12 months of monitoring for hexavalent chromium, as of the date of this notice, the level of hexavalent chromium in the water provided by our water system is determined to be 18 ppb which is above the MCL.

Although this is not an emergency, as our customer, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We will continue to monitor for the level of hexavalent chromium and provide you with regular notices, at least twice a year.

#### What should I do?

- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, *some people who drink water containing hexavalent chromium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*
- If you have other health issues or concerns regarding your consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

If you wish to avoid drinking the water provided by our water system, you may wish to use alternative water for drinking and cooking.

## **Alternative Drinking Water**

The Hidden Valley Lake CSD has identified the nearest location where an alternative drinking water may be purchased. This information is available on our website at [www.hiddenvalleylakecsd.com](http://www.hiddenvalleylakecsd.com) and from time to time will be updated to provide you with the most accurate and recent information possible.

The bottled water sold at Hardester's Market, located at 18983 Hartmann Rd, HVL, CA, does not contain Hexavalent Chromium. You can also call 800-201-6218, if you choose to pay for home delivery of (Hexavalent Chromium free) bottled water by Alhambra.

## **What happened? What is being done?**

We intend to take steps to provide water with hexavalent chromium at or below the MCL. However, to achieve that will take time and money. We have a plan for achieving compliance with the MCL by Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. We submitted our proposed compliance plan to the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water for its review and approval. The plan requires us to achieve compliance no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, which we believe is the earliest feasible date considering the complexity of the plan and the amount of funding required.

If approved, the compliance plan contains the following actions that the Hidden Valley Lake CSD will be taking, including a milestone schedule. This notice will be updated twice each year.

- Feasibility study, treatment design, identify funding sources, possible land acquisition, environmental review, test wells drilled, new wells installed, construction of new main extension and clear well tank and licenses/permits from county and state offices.
- A full timeline was submitted with the compliance report. A copy of which is located on our website at <http://www.hiddenvalleylakecsd.com>. Updates will be mailed out on a regular basis. Please feel free to stop by the water district's administration office located at 19400 Hartmann Rd, (HVL) to discuss this topic and the progress being made with Matt Bassett the General Manager.
- Until the needed projects are completed, the water district will continue blending water from its current wells to reach the lowest MCL possible.

For more information, please contact Matt Bassett at 707-987-9201 or [mbassett@hiddenvalleylakecsd.com](mailto:mbassett@hiddenvalleylakecsd.com).

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