

ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our source water comes from 2 wells providing ground water from the 400 foot and 1 well from the 900 foot/deep aquifer.

A source water assessment was conducted for the CCSD System in December 2001. The source considered most vulnerable to the following activities associated with contaminants detected in the water supply is salt water intrusion. In addition, the source is considered most vulnerable to agriculture activities and sewer collection systems.

"While your drinking water meets the federal and state standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The arsenic standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems."



INFORMATION



All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water before we treat it include:

- ◆ Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- ◆ Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, that can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- ◆ Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- ◆ Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, that are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- ◆ Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Department regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

CONTAMINANTS IN DRINKING WATER



Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with services lines in home plumbing. Castroville Community Services District is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you do so, you may wish to collect the flushed water and reuse it for another beneficial purpose, such as watering plants. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

We invite you to attend any of our regular scheduled Board meetings, held on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:30 pm at the District office located at 11499 Geil Street, Castroville, CA 95012. For any questions on this report, contact General Manager Eric Tynan at (831) 633-2560 or email eric@castrovillecsd.org Website: CastrovilleCSD.org



Castroville Community Services District

2023 Annual Water Quality Report



We test the drinking water quality for many constituents as required by State and Federal Regulations. This report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 - December 31, 2023.

This report contains important information about your drinking water. Translate it or speak with someone who understands it at (831) 633-2560, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua de beber. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien. Preguntas llame (831) 633-2560.

ATTENTION: Landlords and Apartment Owners
Please share a copy of this notice with your tenants. It includes important information about their drinking water quality.

USEFUL TERMS & DEFINITIONS

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

- ◆ **Non-Detects (ND)** - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.
- ◆ **Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000
- ◆ **Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L)**- one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- ◆ **Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l)** - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.
- ◆ **Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - a measure of the radioactivity in water.
- ◆ **Millirems per year (mrem/yr)** - measure of radiation absorbed by the body.
- ◆ **Million Fibers per Liter (MFL)**- a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are no longer than 10 micrometers.
- ◆ **Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)**- a measure of the cloudiness of water.
- ◆ **Regulatory Action Level (AL)** - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- ◆ **Maximum Contaminant Level—The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL)** is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology. Secondary MCLs are to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.
- ◆ **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal —The "Goal" (MCLG)** is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.
- ◆ **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

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- ◆ **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** - The level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- ◆ **Primary Drinking Water Standard (PDWS)** - MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements and water treatment requirements
- ◆ **Public Health Goal (PHG)** - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHG's are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

The State allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

Castroville Community Services District routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of the 1st of January to the 31st of December, 2023. We sample for over 112 contaminants but only those that show any detection are listed on the table. All detections were below regulatory action levels.

WATER QUALITY DATA

Table 1 - sampling results showing the detection of coliform bacteria

Microbiological Contaminants	Highest No. of detections	No. of months in violation	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source of Bacteria
Fecal Coliform or E. coli 2023	(In the year) 0	0	Routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is E. coli-positive or system fails to take repeat samples following E. coli-positive routine sample or system fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for E. coli	0	Human and animal fecal waste

Table 2 - sampling results showing the detection of Lead and copper

Lead and Copper	No. of samples collected	90th percentile	No. of sites exceeding AL & No. of schools requesting testing	AL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)-Sample Date 2022	20	0	0	15	.2	Corrosion of household plumbing; industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (ppm) Sample Date 2022	20	0.122	0	1.3	0.3	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

Table 3 - sampling results for sodium and hardness

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Average Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG/(MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium (ppm)	Jan 2022	79	57-101	none	none	Generally found in ground and surface water
Hardness (ppm)	Jan 2022	186	165-207	none	none	Generally found in ground and surface water

Table 4 - detection of contaminants with a Primary Drinking Water Standard

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Average Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG/(MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Nitrate (as N03-N) , (ppm)	Feb 2023	0.57	0-1.2	10	10	Fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite (N02-N), (ppm)	Jan 2022	ND	.ND	1	1	Fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha, (pCi/L)	Feb 2020	3.69	3.49-3.89	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium (pCi/L)	Feb 2020	1.9	1.2-2.6	20	.0	Erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine (ppm)	Weekly	0.30	0.11-.42	4	4	Disinfection
Arsenic (ppb)	Monthly 2023	6.1	5.0-7.0	10	0.004	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	Jan 2022	0.43	0.2-.8	2.0	1	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Chromium (ppb)	Jan 2022	4.7	1.8-7.6	50	10	Leaching from natural deposits
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	Oct 2023	4.5	0-9	60	NA	Byproduct drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	Oct 2023	16	0-32	80	NA	Byproduct drinking water disinfection

Table 5 - detection of contaminants with a Secondary Drinking Water Standard

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Average Level Detected	Range of Detections	sMCL	PHG/(MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Color, units	Jan 2022	3	3-3	15	N/A(N/A)	Naturally occurring organic materials
Chloride, (ppm)	Jan 2022	139	67-222	500	N/A(N/A)	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Iron, (ppb)	Jan 2022	30	30-30	300	N/A(N/A)	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Sulfate, (ppm)	Jan 2022	19	12-26	500	N/A(N/A)	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits industrial wastes
Total Dissolved Solid, (ppm)	Jan 2022	468	372-564	1000	N/A(N/A)	Runoff/leaching
Odor. (TON)	Jan 2022	1	1-1	3	N/A (N/A)	Naturally occurring organic materials
Turbidity (NTU)	Jan 2022	0.15	0.15-.15	5	N/A (N/A)	Soil runoff Specific
Conductivity (uS/cm)	Jan 2022	807	597-913	1600	N/A (N/A)	Seawater Intrusion