



# Cabazon Water District

## **2019 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT**

The Cabazon Water District (CWD) is pleased to provide you with the 2019 Consumer Confidence Report. We want to keep you informed about the quality of your drinking water, detected contaminants, & possible health risks. We believe these regulations are very important & we make every effort to present this detailed information in a simple manner. We encourage you to read this report & if you have any questions, please contact Calvin Louie, General Manager at (951) 849-4442. The information in this report is also submitted to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). They monitor our compliance for all water quality regulatory standards to assure safe drinking water is consistently delivered to your tap.

### **SOURCES OF WATER**

As a CWD customer, tap water comes from our groundwater sources, consisting of four wells; Well #01, Well #02, Well #04, & Well #05. The Water District has completed Source Water Assessments on our drinking water wells. Completed Source Water Assessments may be visited <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/drinkingwater/Pages/default.aspx>.

### **CONTAMINANT HEALTH RISK INFORMATION**

CWD has listed the following as a health risk informational guide only. Health risk assessments are based upon exceeding a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). The sources of drinking water (both tap & bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs & wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals & in some cases, radioactive material, & can pick up substances from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: Microbial contaminants, such as viruses & bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations & wildlife. Inorganic contaminants, such as salts & metals that can be naturally-occurring or results from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil & gas production, mining or farming. Pesticides & herbicides that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, & residential uses. Organic contaminants, including synthetic & volatile organic chemicals that are byproducts of industrial processes & petroleum production, & can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, agricultural application an septic systems. Radioactive contaminants that can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil & gas production & mining activities.

In order to ensure that the tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) & the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) 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.

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

### **SUMMARY INFORMATION FOR CONTAMINANTS THAT EXCEEDED AN MCL**

In 2019 there were no contaminants exceeding any MCL.

### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Regular public meetings of the Cabazon WD Board of Directors are generally held on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. If you wish to attend a meeting, please call the office during normal working hours at (951) 849-4442.

### **DEFINITIONS**

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCL's are set as close to the PHG's (or MCLG's) as is economically & technologically feasible.

**Secondary MCL's:** are set to protect the odor, taste & appearance of drinking water.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's are set by the U.S. EPA.

**Public Health Goal (PHG):** the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PPHG's are set by CDPH.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The level of a disinfectant added for water treatment that may not be exceeded at the consumer's tap.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a disinfectant added for water treatment below which there is no known or expected risk to health, MRDLG's are set by the U.S. EPA.

**Primary Drinking Water Standard (PDWs):** MCLs for contaminants that affects health along with their monitoring & reporting requirements, & water treatment requirements.

**Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L):** Measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU):** A measure of clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

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Drinking Water Contaminants Detected Between January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

PARAMETER	UNITS	State or Federal MCL (MRDL)	PHG (MCLG)	State DLR	Range Average	CABAZON WATER DISTRICT WELLS	Major Sources in Drinking Water
<b>PRIMARY STANDARDS - Mandatory Health-Related Standards</b>							
<b>MICROBIOLOGICAL</b>							
Total Coliform Bacteria		1 positive/mo	0		Highest Monthly	0	Naturally present in the environment; soil runoff.
Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC)	CFU/mL	TT	NA	NA	Range	ND-20	Naturally present in the environment; soil runoff.
					Average	<1	
<b>INORGANIC CHEMICALS</b>							
Chromium	ppb	50	100	1	Range	5	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits.
					Average	5	
Fluoride	ppm	2	1	0.1	Range	0.76	Erosion of natural deposits; water additives for tooth health.
					Average	0.76	
Nitrate (NO3)	ppm	45	45	0.2	Range	2 -2.8	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; septic tank and sewage; natural deposit erosion.
					Average	2.3	
<b>RADIOLOGICALS</b>							
Gross Alpha Particle Activity (a)	pCi/L	15	NA	1	Range	1.19-1.6	Erosion of natural deposits.
					Average	1.4	
Uranium (a)	pCi/L	20	0.43	1	Range	ND-0.615	Erosion of natural deposits.
					Average	0.31	
Radium 228 Particle Activity (b)	pCi/L	15	NA	1	Range	ND	Erosion of natural deposits.
					Average	ND	
Radium 226 Particle Activity (c)	pCi/L	15	NA	1	Range	0.152-0.652	Erosion of natural deposits.
					Average	0.402	
<b>DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS</b>							
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	ppb	80	NA	0.5	Range	0.5 -5.1	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
					Average	2.81	
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	ppb	60	NA	1	Range	1	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
					Average	1	
<b>LEAD AND COPPER</b>			Samples Required	Samples Collected	90th Percentile	Samples > AL	
Lead (c)	ppb	AL = 15	10	10	ND	0	House pipes internal corrosion; erosion of deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Copper (c)	ppb	AL = 1,300	10	10	400	0	House pipes internal corrosion; erosion of deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
<b>SECONDARY STANDARDS - Aesthetic Standards</b>							
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) ppm		1000	NA	NA	Range	230 - 270	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits.
					Average	250	
Total Hardness (c)	ppm	NS	NS	NA	Range	170 - 190	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes.
					Average	178	
Chloride	ppm	500	NA	100	Range	6.6 - 9.6	Substances that form ions in water; seawater influence.
					Average	9.6	
Specific Conductance	umhos/cm	1600	NA	NA	Range	380 - 450	Substances that form ions in water; seawater influence.
					Average	425	
Sulfate	ppm	500	NA	0.5	Range	16 - 22	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes.
					Average	19	
Sodium	ppm	NS	NA	1	Range	14 - 27	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits.
					Average	19	

**Abbreviations:** CFU/ml = Colony-Forming Units per milliliter    N= Nitrogen    ppb = Parts Per Billion or Micrograms Per Liter (ug/L)

DBP = Disinfection By-Products    NA = Not Analyzed    ppm = Parts Per Million or Milligrams Per Liter (mg/L)    DLR = Detection Limits for Purposes of Reporting    NTU = Nephelometric Turbidity Units    TT = Treatment Technique    MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level    pCi/L = picoCuries Per Liter    GW = Groundwater    MRDL = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

**Footnotes:** (a) Analyzed in 2015    (b) Analyzed in 2014    (c) Analyzed in 2010