

**Los Molinos Community Services District  
2023 Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report  
Public Water System Number 5210003**

**Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua beber. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.**

For additional information concerning your drinking water or this report, contact **Jim Lowden** at **384-2737**.

Water for the Los Molinos Community Services Dist. originates from four groundwater sources known as Well #2, Well #3, Well #4, and our newest Well #5.

**DEFINITIONS OF SOME OF THE TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT:**

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is technologically, and economically feasible.

**Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS):** MCLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and surface 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. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

**Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**ppt:** parts per trillion or nanograms per liter

**ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter

**ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter

**ND:** non detectable at testing limit

**TDS:** Total Dissolved Solids

**pCi/L:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)

**MICROBIOLOGICAL WATER QUALITY:**

Testing for bacteriological contaminants in the distribution system is required by State regulations. This testing is done regularly to verify that the water system is free from coliform bacteria. The minimum number of tests required per month for this water system, when coliform bacteria are not found is **two**. When a routine sample is found to be positive for coliform bacteria, four

additional samples are required during the month. The water system complied with drinking water standards for bacteriological quality for all 12 calendar months during 2023

**LEAD & COPPER TESTING RESULTS:** Lead & copper testing of water from land owner taps in the distribution system is required by State regulations. The following table summarizes the most recent sampling for lead and copper. Next testing scheduled for Sept 2024.

	Year Tested	Number of samples collected	Number of samples Above AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Result (ppb)	Action Level (ppb)
Lead	2021	10	0	ND	15
Copper	2021	10	0	ND	1,000

**Detected Contaminants in our water:**

The following table gives a list of all detected chemicals in our water during the most recent sampling. Please note that not all sampling is required annually so in some cases our results are more than one year old. These values are expressed in ppm unless otherwise stated.

Chemical Detected	Source	Year Tested	Level Detected	MCL	AL or PHG	Origin
Arsenic	Well #2	2018	3.0 ppb	10 ppb	4 ppt	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes
	Well #3	2021	4.0 ppb			
	Well #4	2023	10 ppb			
	Well #5	2023	6 ppb			
	Well #4&5	2023	8 ppb			
Boron	Well #2	2001	300 ppb	None	1,000 ppb	Naturally occurring
	Well #3	2001	265 ppb			
	Well #4	2001	194 ppb			
Chromium	Well #2	2015	5	50 ppb	None	Naturally occurring
	Well #3	2015	4			
	Well #4	2015	2			
	Well #5	2023	<10			
Chromium, Hexavalent	Well #2	2014	5.6	10 ppb		Naturally occurring
	Well #3	2014	4.9			
	Well #4	2014	.5			
	Well #5					
Fluoride	Well #2	2015	.1	2.0 ppb	1,000	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
	Well #3	2015	.1			
	Well #4	2015	.4			
	Well #5	2023	.2			
Nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> )	Well #2	2022	.9	10	45	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
	Well #3	2022	1.4			
	Well #4	2022	<.4			
	Well #5	2023	.4			
Sodium	Well #2	2015	28	None	None	Naturally occurring
	Well #3	2015	20			
	Well #4	2015	60			
	Well #5	2023	52			
Hardness	Well #2	2015	73.6	None	None	Naturally occurring
	Well #3	2015	82.7			
	Well #4	2015	6.61			

TDS	Well #5	2023	13.3	1000	None	Naturally occurring
	Well #2	2015	220			
	Well #3	2015	190			
	Well #4	2015	230			
	Well #5	2020	240			
Chloride	Well #2	2015	9	500	None	Naturally occurring
	Well #3	2015	9			
	Well #4	2015	20			
	Well #5	2023	17			
Sulfate	Well #2	2015	7	500	None	Naturally occurring
	Well #3	2015	8			
	Well #4	2015	7			
	Well #5	2023	5.5			
Iron	Well #2	2015	50	300 ug/L		Naturally occurring
	Well #3	2015	<30			
	Well #4	2015	<30			
	Well #5	2020	<100			
TTHM's Trihalomethanes (ppb)	LEE ST FIRE HYD	2022	<4.00 ppb	80 ppb	n/a	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
	LEE ST FIRE HYD	2022	<6.00 ppb	60 ppb	n/a	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

**Disinfection Byproduct Monitoring** Our water is monitored for **Trihalomethanes** and **Haloacetic Acids**, which may result as byproducts of disinfection. Some people drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience liver, kidney, or central nervous system problems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. The LMCS D water system samples for DBP each year. LMCS D's test results have been consistently well below the MCL for both.

**VOC TESTING**-LMCS D COMPLETED SAMPLING OF VOLATILE ORGANIC CHEMICALS IN JUNE 2020, AND ALL WERE NON-DETECTABLE OR BELOW REPORTABLE LIMITS.

**GENERAL INFORMATION ON DRINKING WATER:**

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 USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-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 individuals, and infants can be particularly at risk from infection. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care provider. The USEPA/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791, or go to [HTTP://WATER.EPA.GOV/DRINK/INDEX.CFM](http://water.epa.gov/drink/index.cfm)

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**UPDATED STATEMENT REGARD ARSENIC COMPLIANCE:**

After a long, complicated process, we have completed the Arsenic Compliance and Consolidation Project. We're happy to report that the States compliance order has been removed, and that all water deliveries meet the Title 22 Safe Drinking Water standards.

**Nitrate** Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 45 mg/L (NO<sub>3</sub>) is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. Such nitrate levels in drinking water can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen, resulting in serious illness; symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Nitrate levels above 45mg/L may also affect the ability of the blood to carry oxygen in other individuals, such as pregnant women and those with specific enzyme deficiencies. If you are caring for an infant, or you are pregnant, you should ask advice from your health care provider. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. **Important-All four District Wells are significantly below the MCL for Nitrate NO<sub>3</sub>.**

**Information about Drinking Water Contaminants** 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, in some cases, radioactive material, and can also pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- √ Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which 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 stormwater, 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 stormwater 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 stormwater 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, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the State Water Resource Control prescribe regulations that limit the amounts 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.

**BOIL NOTICE ISSUED 08/06/2023** THE BOIL NOTICE WAS ISSUED DUE TO A LOSS OF SYSTEM PRESSURE. THIS WAS ONLY THE SECOND PRESSURE LOSS SINCE OUR SYSTEM WAS REBUILT IN 1995. PGE HAD A PLANNED POWER SHUT DOWN. THE DISTRICT'S BACKUP GENERATOR STARTED AS DESIGNED, HOWEVER, A ELECTRICAL COMPONENT FAILED AT 2AM ON SATURDAY NIGHT. AN EMERGENCY ELECTRICIAN WAS LOCATED AND THE REPAIRS COMPLETED AND SERVICE RESTORED AT APPROXIMATELY 8AM. WATER TEST CONFIRM WATER SAFE AFTER 72 HOURS.

**SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT:**

A source water assessment was completed in 2004 for the three wells serving the Los Molinos CSD water system. The sources are considered to be most vulnerable to the following activities not associated with any detected contaminants:

- Well 2 – Historic gas stations and septic systems
- Well 3 – Automobile gas stations
- Well 4 – Septic systems

The District's Source Water Assessment was updated in 2017.

A copy of the complete assessments may be viewed at:  
CDPH Valley District Office  
415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 110  
Redding, CA 96002  
530-224-4800

Or at:

Los Molinos Community Services District  
25162 Josephine Street  
Los Molinos, CA 96055  
James G. Lowden  
530-384-2737

REMEMBER TO CONSERVE WATER

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Los Molinos Community Services District's Board of Directors Meetings for this water system are scheduled as follows:

**The second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM, located at 25162 Josephine Street in Los Molinos.**

**THIS IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM.**

**Federal Law Prohibits Discrimination. Complaints of discrimination may be filed with the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington D.C. 20250**