

May 30, 2024

Borrego Water District Customers

**RE: Water Sampling Monitoring** 

In February 2024, the Borrego Water District was notified by the State Water Resource Control Board that we failed to take all required water samples. No cause for alarm. The water is safe to drink and no contaminants are in our water.

The routine samples were taken on January 31, 2024 when they should have been taken on February 1, 2024. The one day early sample collection caused the Borrego Water District to be in violation.

Because of the one day discrepancy, the Borrego Water District is required to notify all customers of the District. Following this letter is the required notice.

The Borrego Water District regrets the error and would like to reiterate that the water serving your home is safe to drink. In the future, the District will strive to take the samples in the required time frame as to not cause alarm with the State Board nor our customers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office at 760-767-5806.

Sincerely, REGITW/E

Geoff Poole General Manger

30 de Mayo de 2024

Clientes del Distrito de Agua de Borrego

ASUNTO: Monitoreo de muestras del agua

En Febrero del 2024, la Junta Estatal de Control de Recursos Hídricos notificó al Distrito de Agua de Borrego que no se tomaron todas las muestras de agua requeridas. No hay motivo de alarma. El agua es segura para beber y no hay contaminantes en nuestra agua.

Las muestras de rutina se tomaron el 31 de Enero del 2024, cuando deberían haberse tomado el 1 de Febrero del 2024. La recolección de muestras un día antes de lo previsto fue causante que el Distrito del Agua de Borrego cometiera una infracción.

Debido a la discrepancia de un día, el Distrito de Agua de Borrego debe notificar a todos los clientes del Distrito. Adjunto con esta carta está el aviso requerido.

El Distrito de Agua de Borrego lamenta el error cometido y quisiera reiterar que el agua que llega a su hogar es segura para beber. En el futuro, el Distrito se esforzará por tomar las muestras en el plazo requerido para no causar alarma a la Junta Estatal ni a nuestros clientes.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, llame a la oficina al 760-767-5806.

# **INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

(The following two sentences are in Spanish relaying information on the importance of this notice. Translated to English, it would read as follows: [This notice contains important information regarding your drinking water, please read the Spanish notice if it is included. If the Spanish notice is not included, please contact the water system and ask for a copy.])

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

### MONITORING REQUIREMENTS NOT MET FOR THE BORREGO WATER DISTRICT

Our water system failed to monitor as required for drinking water standards during the past year and, therefore, was in violation of the regulations. Even though this failure was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we did to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During February 2024, we did not complete all monitoring for coliform bacteria and therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

### What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do at this time.
- The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during the last year, how many samples we are required to take and how often, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

| Contaminant          | Required Sampling<br>Frequency                                       | Number of<br>Samples<br>Taken | When All<br>Samples Should<br>Have Been Taken | When Samples Were<br>or Will Be Taken     |
|----------------------|--|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Coliform<br>Bacteria | 3 samples every 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of each month | 4                             | February 2024                                 | January 31, 2024 and<br>February 13, 2024 |

• If you have health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

# What happened? What is being done?

The routine samples were taken on January 31, 2024 when they should have been taken on February 1, 2024. The one day early sample collection caused the BWD to be in violation. All samples will be taken during the prescribed timeline, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month.

For more information, please contact Geoff Poole at 760-767-5806 or 806 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, CA 92004.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

#### **Secondary Notification Requirements**

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- SCHOOLS: Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS: Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

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