



# CITY OF LAKEPORT

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## 2015 Consumer Confidence Report

May 26, 2016

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, **YEAR** (or earlier, if monitoring was not required in **YEAR**).

**Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua beber. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entiende bien.**

**Type of water source:** Groundwater (Wells), and surface water.

**Name and location of source(s):** Groundwater comes from four wells located at Scotts Creek and the Green Ranch. Surface water comes from Clear Lake.

An assessment of the drinking water source for the City of Lakeport was completed by the California Department of Public Health in 2002. Clear Lake is considered most vulnerable to these activities: Managed Forests and Lake Recreation. Wells are most vulnerable to the following activities not associated with any detected contaminants: Agricultural drainage, septic systems - low density and Agricultural/Irrigation. A copy of the completed assessment is available at the California Department of Public Health, 50 D Street, Suite 200, Santa Rosa, Ca 95404. You may request that summary of the assessment be sent to you by contacting Michelle Frederick, District Engineer, California Department of Public Health. The City of Lakeport also participated in the Clearlake Watershed Sanitary Survey updated in 2012.

### Drinking Water Source Assessment information:

**Time and place of regularly scheduled board meetings for public participation:** City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at City Hall, located at 225 Park Street, Lakeport. Items related to the water system are placed on the City Council agenda.

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### Terms used in this report

<b>Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):</b> 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 and technologically feasible. Secondary MCL's are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.	<b>Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS):</b> MCL's for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.
<b>Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):</b> 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. Environmental Protection Agency	<b>Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS):</b> MCL's for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWS do not affect the health at the MCL level.
<b>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):</b> The level of a disinfectant added for water treatment that may not be exceeded at the customer's tap.	<b>Public Health Goal (PHG):</b> The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. PHG's are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.
<b>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):</b> The level of a disinfectant added for water treatment below which there are no known or expected risks to health. MRDLGs are set by the U.S. EPA	<b>Treatment Technique (TT):</b> A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
<b>ND:</b> Not detectable at testing limit <b>ppm:</b> parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L) <b>ppb:</b> parts per billion or micrograms per liter (ug/L) <b>ppt:</b> parts per trillion or nanograms per liter (ng/L) <b>pCi/L:</b> picocuries per liter ( a measure of radiation).	<b>Regulatory Action Level (AL):</b> The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. <b>Variances and Exemptions:</b> Department permission to exceed an MCL or not comply with a treatment technique under certain conditions.

**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 minerals that occur naturally and, in some cases, radioactive material. It can, also, pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

**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 (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, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/Centers for Disease Control (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).

### Contaminants that may be present in source water 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 septic systems.
- \* *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 Department of Health Services (Department) 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.

**Tables 1,2,3,4, and 5 list all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during monitoring performed in the year YEAR or earlier.** The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The Department requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, are more than one year old.

**TABLE 1 - Sampling Results Showing The Detection Of Coliform Bacteria**

Contaminant	Unit Measurement	MCL	MCLG	Highest Number of detections	No. of months in violation	Typical Source of Bacteria
Total Coliform Bacteria	No more than 1 positive sample in a month.		0	0	0	Naturally present in the environment.
Fecal Coliform and <i>E. Coli</i>	A routine sample and a repeat sample detect total coliform and either sample also detects fecal coliform or <i>E. Coli</i> .		0	0	0	Human and animal waste
Turbidity		TT	N/A			Soil runoff

**TABLE 2 - Sampling Results Showing The Detection Of Lead and Copper**

Contaminant	Number of samples	90th percentile level detected	Number of samples exceeding AL	MOST RECENT SAMPLE DATE	AL	MCLG	Typical source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	20	0	0	August 19, 2015	15	2	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (ppm)	20	0.33	0	August 19, 2015	1.3	0.17	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

**TABLE 3 - Sampling Results For Sodium and Hardness**

Contaminants	Unit	MCL	PHG	MCLG	MOST RECENT SAMPLE DATE	LEVEL DETECTED	RANGE OF DETECTIONS	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium (Na)	ppm	N/A	N/A	N/A	April 6, 2015	15	N/A	Generally found in ground and surface water.
Hardness ( as CaCO3 )	ppm	N/A	N/A	N/A	April 6, 2015	158	N/A	Generally found in ground and surface water.

**TABLE 4 - DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD.**

**Sampling Results For Radioactive Contaminants**

Gross Alpha Activity	pCi/L	15	N/A	0	May 16, 2012	2.12	1.9-2.34	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 226 & 228 (total)	pCi/L	5	N/A	0	November 28, 2012	0.99	0.16-2.23	Erosion of natural deposits

**Sampling results for Inorganic Contaminants**

Aluminum (Al)	ppb	1000	N/A	N/A	April 6, 2015	240	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; residue from some surface water treatment processes
Arsenic	ppb	10	N/A	N/A	April 6, 2015	2	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes.
Fluoride	ppm	2	1	N/A	April 6, 2015	0.17	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.

**Sampling Results for Disinfection and Disinfection Byproducts, Disinfection Residuals, and Disinfection Byproduct Precursors.**

Contaminants	Unit	MCL (MRDL)	PHG (MRDLG)	MCLG (MRDLG)	MOST RECENT SAMPLE DATE	LEVEL DETECTED	RANGE OF DETECTIONS	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chlorine	ppm	4	0.8	0.8	October 6, 2015	1.13	.01-5.0	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment.
Haloacetic Acids	ppb	60	N/A	N/A	October 6, 2015	2.46	0-11.4	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
TTHM's (Total Trihalomethanes)	ppb	80	N/A	N/A	October 6, 2015	9.27	2.38-51.10	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Bromate	ppb	10	0	0	October 21, 2015	N/D	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination.

**TABLE 5 - DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A SECONDARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD.**

**Note:** There are no PHG's or MCLG's for constituents with secondary drinking water standards because these are not health-based levels, but set on the basis of aesthetics.

Aluminum (Al)	ppb	200	N/A	N/A	April 6, 2015	240	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits; residue from some surface water treatment processes
Iron (Fe)	ppb	300	N/A	N/A	April 6, 2015	300	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes.
Manganese (Mn)	ppb	50	N/A	N/A	April 6, 2015	47	N/A	Leaching from natural deposits.
Turbidity	NTU	5	N/A	N/A	April 6, 2015	6.4	N/A	Soil runoff.
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	ppm	1000	N/A	N/A	April 6, 2015	210	120-170	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits.
Specific Conductance	umho/cm	1600	N/A	N/A	April 6, 2015	330	210-310	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence.
Sulfate (as SO4)	ppm	500	N/A	N/A	April 6, 2015	5.5	6.1-7.4	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes.

\* - Aluminum was found at levels that exceed the secondary MCL of 200 ppb. Some people who drink water containing aluminum in excess of the MCL over many years may experience short-term gastrointestinal tract effects.

**SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING TREATMENT OF SURFACE WATER**

**Treatment Technique (TT);** a required process intended to reduce the level of contamination in drinking water:

**Turbidity Performance:** Standards that must be met through the water treatment process. Turbidity (measured in NTU) is a measurement of the cloudiness of water and is a good indicator of water quality and filtration performance. Turbidity results,

Lowest monthly percentage of samples that met Turbidity Performance Standard No. 1: **100%**

Highest single turbidity measurement during the year:

Number of violations of any other surface water treatment requirements: **0**

