



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company has levels of Haloacetic Acids Above Drinking Water Standards

One of our sample locations recently exceeded a drinking water standard. This one sample result that exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) is not representative of the water quality for the entire water system. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

#### What should I do?

- You DO NOT need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.
- This is NOT an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing Haloacetic Acids 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. If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2022 show that our system exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Haloacetic Acids (HAA5), which is a disinfection byproduct. The MCL standards for Haloacetic Acids are 60 ug/L. The average level of Total Haloacetic Acids over the last year was 63.05 ug/L parts per billion (ppb). Disinfection byproducts (DBPs) are formed in the water system when chlorine used in the disinfection process reacts with naturally occurring total organic carbon (TOCs). TOC is too small to be removed by filtration at the water treatment plant and by law we must provide a measurable disinfection residual.

#### What happened? What was done?

On 7/27/22 we were notified by the State Water Resource Control Board that our HAA5 results were out of compliance on the side of our community that is served with CCWD water. So, on 7/28/22 we shut off that water source coming into our system. We then flushed that water from our system and refilled it with BLSMWC's well water. We will be keeping the storage tank level lower to help with the aging of the water, which will help with reducing HAA5 levels. These actions lowered our HAA5 levels immediately. We won't be using the purchased water until sample levels are back into compliance at our sample location.

For more information, please contact: Blue Lake Spring Mutual Water Company at (209) 795-7025 or at the following mailing address: P.O. Box 6015 Arnold, CA 95223.

This notice is being sent to you by the Blue Lake Springs Mutual Water Company water system.

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Sincerely,

Tyler Mayo, General Manager