

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE
REQUIRED BY THE MONTEREY COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENT

NAME: **San Antonio Lake Park South Shore WS**

SUBJECT: **SURFACE WATER TREATMENT RULE FAILURE**

DATE: June 1, 2019

All public water systems that use surface water as a source of drinking water are required to be in compliance with the federal and state Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR). The SWTR requires Water systems to provide adequate filtration and disinfection unless they can demonstrate that the surface water source is extremely high quality, is protected from contamination, and acceptable disinfection is provided. This notice is to inform you that the San Antonio Lake Park South Shore WS is not in compliance with the SWTR. Although the Water System has a treatment plant, the finished water turbidity does not meet standards and therefore the treatment plant is not reliably treating the water. The high turbidity may be due to issues with the intake pump causing the raw water to have higher than normal turbidity.

The State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) sets drinking water standards and has determined the presence of microbiological contaminants are a health concern at certain levels of exposure. If water is inadequately treated, microbiological contaminants in that water may cause disease. Disease symptoms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, and possibly jaundice, and any associated headaches and fatigue. These symptoms, however are not just associated with disease-causing organisms in drinking water, but also may be caused by a number of factors other than your drinking water. SWRCB has set enforceable requirements for treating drinking water to reduce the risk of these adverse health effects. Treatment such as filtering and disinfecting the water removes or destroys microbiological contaminants. Drinking water which is treated to meet SWRCB requirements is associated with little to none of this risk and should be considered safe.

Precautions to take: DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a boil, **let it boil for one (1) minute**, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking and food preparation **until further notice**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

The Water System is currently investigating the following measures to comply with the SWTR:

Repair and upgrades to the water filter/treatment system

This notification of all water consumers is being performed in compliance with state regulations and Monterey County Health Department, Environmental Health Bureau, requirements to keep you fully informed about your water.

For further information, contact

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