## Willow County Water District

## 2022 Consumer Confidence Report

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*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, 2022.*

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| The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled waters) 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 and, in some cases, radioactive material. It can, also, pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.  This report is designed to inform you about the quality of water we delivered to you from the districts two well sites located on the south end of the Ukiah Valley.   |  | | --- | | You can learn more about the District by attending any of our regularly scheduled board meetings held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM online via zoom, link available at  <https://willowcountywaterdistrict.org/board-meetings>    If you have any questions about this report or concerning the Willow Water District, please contact Jared Walker at 707-462-2666.    Drinking Water Source Assessment Information: A (DWSA) was completed for the Districts wells in December, 2003. You can obtain a completed copy of this report by contacting the District Office.  **Summary:** There have been no contaminants detected from the wells, however the sources are considered vulnerable to the following activities: Agricultural drainage, Sewer collection system, Wells – Agricultural / Irrigation, Automobile – Gas Stations, Septic systems | | |
| **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 economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.  **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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).  **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 Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)**: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.  **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)**:The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants. | **Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS)**: MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.  **Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS)**:MCLs for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWSs do not affect the health at the MCL levels.  **Treatment Technique (TT)**: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.  **Regulatory Action Level (AL)**: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.  **Variances and Exemptions**: Department permission to exceed an MCL or not comply with a treatment technique under certain conditions.  **ND**: not detectable at testing limit  **ppm**: parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L)  **ppb**: parts per billion or micrograms per liter (ug/L)  **ppt**: parts per trillion or nanograms per liter (ng/L)  **ppq**: parts per quadrillion or pictogram per liter (pg/L)  **pCi/L**: picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation) | |

**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*, that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
* *Organic chemical contaminants*, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, agricultural application, and septic systems.
* *Radioactive contaminants* that 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 USEPA and the state Department of Public Health (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 provide the same protection for public health.

**Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 list all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the most recent sampling for the constituent**. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The Department allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, are more than one year old.

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| Table 1 – SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING the detection of coliform bacteria | | | | | | | |
| **Microbiological Contaminants**  (complete if bacteria detected) | **Highest No. of Detections** | **No. of months in violation** | | MCL | | **MCLG** | **Typical Source of Bacteria** |
| Total Coliform Bacteria | (In a mo.)  0 | 0 | | More than 1 sample in a month with a detection | | 0 | Naturally present in the environment |
| Fecal Coliform or *E. coli* | (In the year)  0 | 0 | | A routine sample and a repeat sample detect total coliform and either sample also detects fecal coliform or *E. coli* | | 0 | Human and animal fecal waste |
| Table 2 – SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE detection of Lead and copper | | | | | | | |
| Lead and Copper  (complete if lead or copper detected in the last sample set) | **No. of samples collected** | | **90th percentile level detected** | **No. sites exceeding AL** | **AL** | **PHG** | **Typical Source of Contaminant** |
| Lead (ppb)  2020 | 20 | | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0.2 | Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits |
| Copper (ppm)  2020 | 20 | | 0.92 | 0 | 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 | | | | | | | |
| **Chemical or Constituent** (and reporting units) | **Sample Date** | | **Level Detected** | **Range of Detections** | **MCL** | **PHG**  **(MCLG)** | **Typical Source of Contaminant** |
| Sodium (ppm) | 2022 | | 13 | 13 | none | none | Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring |
| Hardness (ppm) | 2022 | | 114 | 114 | none | none | Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium, and are usually naturally occurring |

**\****Any violation of an MCL or AL is asterisked. Additional information regarding the violation is provided later in this report.*

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| **TAble 4 – detection of contaminants with a Primary Drinking Water Standard** | | | | | | |
| **Chemical or Constituent** (and reporting units) | **Sample Date** | **Level Detected** | **Range of Detections** | **MCL [MRDL]** | **PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]** | **Typical Source of Contaminant** |
| Fluoride (ppm) | 2022 | 0 | < .10 | 2.0 | 1 | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Nitrate (ppm) | 2022 | .28 | 0 - .56 | 10 | 10 | Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits |
| Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) | 2022 | 11.21 | 11.21 | 80 | N/A | By-product of drinking water chlorination |
| Haloacetic Acids (ppb) | 2022 | 603. | 6.3 | 60 | N/A | By-product of drinking water chlorination |
| Chlorine (ppm) | 2020 | 0.35 | 0.2 – 0.5 | 4 | 4 | Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment |
| Gross Alpha Particle Activity (Pci/L) | 2021 | 1.5 | 1.09 – 1.91 | 15 | 0 | Erosion of natural deposits |
| **TAble 5 – detection of contaminants with a Secondary Drinking Water Standard** | | | | | | |
| **Chemical or Constituent** (and reporting units) | **Sample Date** | **Level Detected** | **Range of Detections** | **MCL** | Typical Source of Contaminant | | |
| Sulfate (ppm) | 2022 | 13.05 | 9.1 - 17 | 500 | Runoff/leaching natural deposits; industrial waste | | |
| Chloride (ppm) | 2022 | 7.65 | 7.6 – 7.7 | 500 | Runoff/leaching natural deposits; seawater influence | | |
| Specific Conductance (umhos/cm) | 2022 | 240 | 240 | 1000 | Substances that form ions when in water | | |
| Total Dissolved solids (ppm) | 2022 | 150 | 150 | 1000 | Runoff/leaching natural deposits | | |
| Turbidity (NTU) | 2022 | .445 | .1 - .85 | 5 units | Soil Runoff | | |
| **TAble 6 – detection of UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS** | | | | | | |
| **Chemical or Constituent** (and reporting units) | **Sample Date** | **Level Detected** | **Range of Detections** | **Notification Level** | | **Health Effects Language** |
| Boron (ppb) | 2003 | 170 | 160 - 180 | 1000 | | Erosion of natural deposits |

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**Additional General Information on Drinking Water**

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).

**Summary Information for Violation of a MCL, MRDL, AL, TT,   
or Monitoring and Reporting Requirement**

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| **VIOLATION OF A MCL, MRDL, AL, TT, OR MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENT** | | | | |
| **Violation** | **Explanation** | **Duration** | **Actions Taken to Correct the Violation** | **Health Effects Language** |
| **0** |  |  |  |  |

**For Water Systems Providing Ground Water as a Source of Drinking Water**

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| **TAble 7 – SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING feCal indicator-positive ground water source samples** | | | | | |
| **Microbiological Contaminants**  (complete if fecal-indicator detected) | **Total No. of Detections** | **Sample  Dates** | **MCL [MRDL]** | **PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]** | **Typical Source of Contaminant** |
| *E. coli* | (In the year)  0 |  | 0 | (0) | Human and animal fecal waste |
| Enterococci | (In the year)  0 |  | TT | N/A | Human and animal fecal waste |
| Coliphage | (In the year)  0 |  | TT | N/A | Human and animal fecal waste |

**Summary Information for Fecal Indicator-Positive Ground Water Source Samples,   
Uncorrected Significant Deficiencies, or Ground Water TT**

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| **SPECIAL NOTICE OF FECAL INDICATOR-POSITIVE GROUND WATER SOURCE SAMPLE** | | | | |
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| **SPECIAL NOTICE FOR UNCORRECTED SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES** | | | | |
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| **VIOLATION OF GROUND WATER TT** | | | | |
| **TT Violation** | **Explanation** | **Duration** | **Actions Taken to Correct the Violation** | **Health Effects Language** |
| **0** |  |  |  |  |