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Dear Member:

Belmont Water Corporation (BWC) is required by the California State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (SWRCB) to collect routine samples from the drinking water delivered to the members. A new future parameter for which the samples are analyzed is the presence of 1,2,3 Trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP). Preliminary water sample results for BWC water indicate the presence of 1,2,3-TCP at a level of 47 μ g/L or 47 parts per trillion in this first sampling. Although SWRCB has not yet established a maximum contamination level (MCL), this level is above the SWRCB notification level (NL) of 5 μ g/L or 5 parts per trillion.

SWRCB is in the process of establishing an MCL by regulation for 1,2,3-TCP which will likely go into effect in the spring or summer of 2017 with monitoring on an ongoing basis beginning in 2018. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not established an MCL for 1,2,3-TCP. The only other state to regulate this compound is Hawaii which has an MCL of .6 mg/L or 600 parts per trillion. The MCL will be established based on the recommendation of Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA).

Some people who use water containing 1,2,3-TPC in excess of the NL over a lifetime may have an increased risk of getting cancer based on studies in laboratory animals. Additional information can be found at the SWRCB website by <u>clicking here.</u>

1,2,3-TCP found in drinking water in the San Joaquin Valley probably came from pre-1980s agricultural use of chloropropane containing soil fumigants for use as pesticides and nematicides. The board of directors, working with the SWRCB, will investigate the best solution for reducing 1,2,3-TCP to acceptable levels as soon as possible.

For more information, please contact Mike Gerosa at <u>559.287.6125</u> or <u>michaelgerosa@comcast.net</u>. Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors

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