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EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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December 13, 2012

Mr. Tracy Livingston
Ridgewood Water System
16200 N. Highway 101
Willits, CA 95490

Dear Mr. Livingston:

Enclosed is a citation issued to the Ridgewood Water System (Water System). The citation is being issued because the Water System failed to comply with the Condition No. 17 of Domestic Water Supply Permit No. 02-03-02P23002. The original permit was issued to the Water System by this Department on July 8, 2002, and the Permit Amendment containing Condition No. 17 was issued on June 20, 2012. The Water System has failed to comply with Condition No. 17 from August 15, 2012 to the present date.

The Citation consists of six sections. The Determinations section describes the violation which resulted in the issuance of this Citation. The Directives section specifies what required actions must be taken by the Water System to return to compliance. No civil penalty is levied in the enclosed citation.

Your Water System will be billed at the Department's current hourly rate of \$126.00 for the time spent issuing this Citation and any follow-up time required of Department staff to ensure compliance. The Water System will receive a bill from our Fee Billing Unit in Sacramento. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Yan Nusinovich at (707) 576-2729.

Sincerely,

Michelle Floyd Frederick, P.E.
District Engineer
Mendocino District

Enclosure: Citation No. 02-03-12C-032-2300708-08

2300708/Compliance File#4
02-03-12C-032-2300708-08/LSH

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Name of Public Water System: Ridgewood Water System

Water System No: 2300708

To: Tracy Livingston
Ridgewood Water System
16200 N. Highway 101
Willits, CA 95490

Issue Date: December 13, 2012

**CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE
WITH
PERMIT NUMBER 02-03-02P23002**

Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC) authorizes the issuance of a citation for failure to comply with a requirement of Chapter 4 (California Safe Drinking Water Act), or any regulation, standards, permit or order issued thereunder.

The Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management of the California Department of Public Health (Department) issues a Citation to the Ridgewood Water System (System) for failure to comply with Condition 17, contained in Domestic Water Supply Permit Number 02-03-02P23002.



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APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES

Section 116650 of the CHSC states in relevant part:

(a) If the department determines that a public water system is in violation of this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder, the department may issue a citation to the public water system. The citation shall be served upon the public water system personally or by certified mail. Service shall be deemed effective as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of the certified mail. If a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to accept delivery of the certified mail, the date of service shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.

(b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the violation or violations, including a reference to the statutory provision, standard, order, citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been violated.

(c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the condition constituting the violation.

(d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in subdivision (e).

(e) The department may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and for each day that a violation continues to occur. A separate penalty may be assessed for each violation.



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STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Department issued Domestic Water Supply Permit Number 02-03-02P23002 (hereinafter "Permit") to the Water System on July 8, 2002. Permit Amendment #2 was issued to the Water System on June 20, 2012.

Permit Amendment #2 imposed Condition #17 on the Water System as follows:

*The Ridgewood Water System shall collect bacteriological samples from its Combined Springs source, prior to treatment, for the period of one year. Weekly raw samples are required from October through May. Monthly raw samples are required from June through September. The samples shall be submitted to an analytical laboratory and analyzed for total coliform and E. coli by a method that allows enumeration of up to 2,400 total coliform organisms per 100 milliliters of sample. The results shall be submitted to the Department by the 10th day of the following month. The water system shall notify the Department within 24 hours if any water sample is reported to be E. coli positive. The first sample shall be collected by **August 15, 2012.***

As of the date of this citation, the System has not collected any of the raw samples required by Condition No. 17 of Permit No. 02-03-02P23002.

DETERMINATIONS

The Department has determined that the System failed to comply with Condition No. 17 of Permit No. 02-03-02P23002 from August 15, 2012 to the present date.



DIRECTIVES

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1. The System is hereby directed to immediately comply with Condition No. 17 of Permit No. 02-03-02P23002. Specifically, the System shall collect bacteriological samples from its Combined Springs source, prior to treatment, for the period of one year. The samples shall be submitted to an analytical laboratory and analyzed for total coliform and E. coli by a method that allows enumeration of up to 2,400 total coliform organisms per 100 milliliters of sample. The results shall be submitted to the Department by the 10th day of the following month. Weekly raw samples are required from October through May. Monthly raw samples are required from June through September. The water system shall notify the Department within 24 hours if any water sample is reported to be E. coli positive. The first weekly sample shall be collected no later than **January 4, 2013.**

All submittals required by this Citation shall be submitted to the Department at the following address:

Michelle F. Frederick, P.E., District Engineer
Department of Public Health
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch
50 D Street, Suite 200
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

The Department reserves the right to make such modifications to this citation, as it may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be issued as amendments to this citation and shall be effective upon issuance.

By issuance of this citation, the Department does not waive any right to take additional or alternative enforcement action against the System including, but not limited to, assessment of additional penalties as authorized by law.



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Failure to comply with any provision or directive of this citation may result in the Department imposing additional penalties.

PARTIES BOUND

This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the Water System, its officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

SEVERABILITY

The directives of this Citation are severable, and the Water System shall comply with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of any provision.

Michelle F. Frederick

Michelle F. Frederick, P.E.
District Engineer
Mendocino District
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

Dec. 13, 2012

Date

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