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Callahan Water District  
P.O. Box 1524  
Callahan, CA 96014

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Attention: Shirley Gilmore, Secretary

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CITATION NO. 01-01-13C-004

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Enclosed is a Citation for failure to monitor for coliform. The Citation specifies action to be taken by Callahan Water District to achieve compliance and avoid future civil penalties.

Section 116577 of the California Safe Drinking Water Act provides for our department to be reimbursed by the public water system for costs incurred for preparing and issuing an enforcement action to that system. Therefore, your water system will be billed for the preparation and issuance of this citation. Our costs are approximately \$126 per hour. At this time we have spent approximately 1/2 hour on enforcement activities associated with this violation. You will receive a bill for these costs, typically by September 1<sup>st</sup>, from our Fee Billing Unit in Sacramento.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (530) 224-4872 or Barry Sutter at (530) 224-4875.

Tony Wiedemann, P.E.  
Klamath District Engineer  
DRINKING WATER FIELD  
OPERATIONS BRANCH

Enclosure

cc: Richard Hinrichs, Chief – DDW – Northern California Section

System No. 4700503

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

**Name of Public Water System:** Callahan Water District

**Water System No:** 4700503

**To:** Callahan Water District

P.O. Box 1524

Callahan, CA 96014

**Issued:** April 12, 2013

Via Certified Mail

**CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE**  
**TOTAL COLIFORM MONITORING AND REPORTING VIOLATION**

**February 2013**

Chapter 4, Article 9, Section 116650 of Part 12 of Division 104 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, standard, permit or order issued thereunder.

**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



1 system. The citation shall be served upon the public water system personally  
2 or by certified mail. Service shall be deemed effective as of the date of  
3 personal service or the date of receipt of the certified mail. If a person to  
4 whom a citation is directed refuses to accept delivery of the certified mail, the  
5 date of service shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.

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

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

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

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

20 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 64423 states in relevant part:

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22 (a) Each water supplier shall collect routine bacteriological water samples as follows:

23 (1) The minimum number of samples for community water systems shall be based  
24 on the known population served or the total number of service connections;  
25 whichever results in the greater number of samples, as shown in Table 64423-A.

26 (2) The minimum number of samples for nontransient-noncommunity water systems  
27 shall be based on the known population served as shown in Table 64423-A during  
those months when the system is operating.



**Table 64423-A**  
**Minimum Number of Routine Total Coliform Samples**

<i>Monthly Population Served</i>	<i>Service Connections</i>	<i>Minimum Number of Samples</i>
25 to 1000	15 to 400	1 per month

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

As of the date of this Citation, the Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management of the Department of Public Health (Department) has not received results for a routine bacteriological sample collected from the distribution system of the Callahan Water District during February 2013.

### DETERMINATIONS

The Department has determined that the failure to collect a routine bacteriological from the distribution system of the Callahan Water District during the month of February 2013 is a violation of Section 64423, Title 22, of the California Code of Regulations. The Department hereby issues a citation to the Callahan Water District for failure to comply with Section 64423, Title 22, of the California Code of Regulations.

### Directives

Callahan Water District is hereby directed to take the following actions:

1. Comply with Section 64423 in all future monitoring periods.
2. By **April 30, 2013**, notify all persons served by the Water System of the failure to sample. Notification must be completed in accordance with each of the following:



1 a) Complete the enclosed notice "*IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT*  
2 *YOUR DRINKING WATER*" to include the name, address, and telephone  
3 number of a water system representative as a source of additional  
4 information concerning the public notice. Also, in the space provided, you  
5 must give a legible, written description (preferably typed) of the corrective  
6 actions taken by the water system to prevent this violation from occurring  
7 in the future. At the bottom, provide the date or dates the notice was  
8 distributed.

9 b) Distribute the notice to the users in accordance with Section 64463.4(c)(1),  
10 Title 22, CCR, by:

11 1) Mail or direct delivery to each customer/residence that receive their  
12 drinking water from the water system and any other service  
13 connections to which water is delivered by the water system;

14 2) And by one or more of the following methods to reach persons not  
15 likely to be reached by mailing or direct delivery;

- 16 • Publication in a local newspaper
- 17 • Posting, for at least seven days, in conspicuous public places  
18 served by the water system or on the Internet
- 19 • Delivery to community organizations

20 3. A representative of the Callahan Water District shall complete the enclosed  
21 "Certification of Public Notice" form and return it to the Department by **May 13,**  
22 **2013.** A copy of the notice that was distributed must be included with the  
23 form.

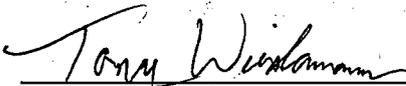


1 All documents required by this Citation shall be submitted to the Department at the  
2 following address:

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4 Tony Wiedemann, P.E.  
5 California Department of Public Health  
6 Drinking Water Field Operations Branch  
7 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 101  
8 Redding, CA 96002

9 **Civil Penalty**

10 Sections 116650(d) and 116650(e) of the California Health and Safety Code allow  
11 for the assessment of a civil penalty for failure to comply with requirements of  
12 Chapter 4. Failure to comply with any provision of this citation may result in the  
13 Department imposing a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per  
14 day for each day that the violation occurred, and for each day that the violation  
15 continues to occur.

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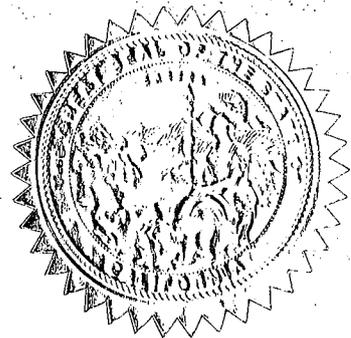
18 Tony Wiedemann, P.E.  
19 District Engineer  
20 Klamath District  
21 Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

April 12, 2013  
Date

22 **Attachments:**

23 Notice - Important Information About Your Drinking Water  
24 Certification of Public Notice

25 Certified Mail No. 7009 1680 0001 3114 5219



# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

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## **Coliform Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Callahan Water District – February 2013**

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Our water system failed to test the drinking water for coliform bacteria during February 2013. Even though this failure was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did to correct this situation.

### **What happened?**

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During February 2013, we did not monitor or test for total coliform and therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

Coliform are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliform bacteria are indicators of potential contamination and may originate from human, animal, or soil sources. If the coliform standards are met, the water served can be considered safe from bacteria. If they are not met, drinking the water may not necessarily result in illness, but that possibility exists. Routine and follow up sampling are important to periodically verify the water quality.

### **What should you do?**

There is nothing you need to do at this time. This is not an emergency. If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

### **What is being done to prevent this violation in the future?**

Persons wishing more information should contact:

\_\_\_\_\_

(name)

\_\_\_\_\_

(address)

\_\_\_\_\_

(phone number)

*Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

Upon receipt of this notice from a public water system the following establishments must provide secondary notification by distributing this notice within ten days as follows: Schools must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors). Residential rental property owners or managers (including nursing home and care facilities) must notify tenants. Business property owners, managers, or operators must notify employees of businesses located on the property. [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]

Date(s) distributed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification of Public Notice**  
(Community)

This form when completed and returned to the Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management (364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 101, Redding, CA 96002 or fax to 530-224-4844), serves as certification that public notification to water users was completed as required by Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Sections 64463 - 64465.

Public Water System Name Callahan Water District

Public Water System No. 4700503

Public notification for the February 2013 total coliform MCL failure was performed by the following method(s) (check and complete those that apply):

The notice was mailed to users on \_\_\_\_\_  
A copy of the notice is attached. (date)

The notice hand delivered to water customers on \_\_\_\_\_  
A copy of the notice is attached. (date)

The notice was published in the local newspaper on \_\_\_\_\_  
A copy of the newspaper notice is attached. (date)

The notice was posted in the following conspicuous places on \_\_\_\_\_  
A copy of the notice is attached. (date)

- \_\_\_\_\_ (place)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (place)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (place)

The notice was delivered to the following community organizations on \_\_\_\_\_  
A copy of the notice is attached. (date)

- \_\_\_\_\_ (organization)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (organization)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (organization)

I hereby certify that the above information is factual.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date