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January 3, 2013

Ms. Jill Briggs
Board President
Cuesta La Honda Guild
P.O. Box 21
120 Scenic Drive
La Honda, CA 94020

Dear Ms. Briggs:

CITATION NO. 02-17-13C-001
MONITORING PROCEDURAL VIOLATION – TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA
Cuesta La Honda Guild, Water System No. 4110012

Enclosed is a citation issued to Cuesta La Honda Guild for failure to comply with Section 64423 (a)(1), Chapter 15, Title 22, California Code of Regulations. Specifically, Cuesta La Honda Guild failed to collect the one (1) required routine bacteriological water sample during the month of December 2012.

The attached citation consists of four sections: Violation, Background, Directives, and Civil Penalty. The Violation and Background sections describe the event leading up to the issuance of the citation. The Directives section specifies what Cuesta La Honda Guild needs to do to return to compliance. The Civil Penalty section describes fees to be assessed for failure to comply with the citation. No civil penalty is levied with the current citation.

If you have any further questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Ms. Van Tsang at (510) 620-3602.

Sincerely,

Eric Lacy, P.E.
District Engineer
Santa Clara District
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

cc: San Mateo County Environmental Health Department

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

RE: Water System No: 4110012
Cuesta La Honda Guild
P.O. Box 21
120 Scenic Drive
La Honda, CA 94020

TO: Ms. Jill Briggs
Board President

CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE
Monitoring Procedural Violation - Total Coliform Bacteria
December 2012

Section 116650, Chapter 4 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, standards, permit or order issued there under.

Violation

The Drinking Water Field Operations Branch of the Department of Public Health (hereinafter, Department) hereby issues a citation to Cuesta La Honda Guild (hereinafter, Water System) (mailing address: P.O. Box 21, 120 Scenic Drive, La Honda, CA 94020) for the following violation:

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2 Section 64423 (a)(1), Chapter 15, Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR).
3 Specifically, the Water System failed to collect the one (1) required routine
4 bacteriological water sample during the month of December 2012.

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6 In accordance with Section 116650(e), CHSC, this violation is classified as a
7 noncontinuing violation.

8 **Background**

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10 Cuesta La Honda Guild is a community water system located in coastal San Mateo
11 County. According to Department records, the Water System serves an estimated
12 population of 750 via 300 service connections that includes La Honda Elementary
13 School. The Water System operates a surface water treatment plant which provides
14 membrane filtration and disinfection of the water diverted from Woodham Creek and
15 Mindego Creek. Treated water is stored within Tank A, a 250,000 gallon welded steel
16 storage tank, for gravity distribution to the system.

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18 Section 64423 (a)(1), CCR specifies that a community water system shall collect routine
19 bacteriological water samples at sample sites representative of water throughout the
20 distribution system including all pressure zones, and areas supplied by each water
21 source and distribution reservoir. According to Table 64423-A, CCR, and the Water
22 System's Bacteriological Sample Siting Plan, the Water System is required to collect a
23 minimum of one (1) routine bacteriological sample per month.

24 On January 2, 2013 the Water System informed the Department that they failed to
25 collect the one bacteriological sample from the distribution system during the month of
26 December 2012. As a result of the failure to sample for bacteriological quality during
27 December 2012, the Water System is in violation of Section 64423 (a)(1), CCR.



Directives

The Water System is hereby directed to take the following actions:

1. Immediately cease and desist failing to comply with Section 64423 (a)(1), Chapter 15, Title 22, CCR, which requires water systems to collect routine bacteriological water samples at sample sites representative of water throughout the distribution system. A minimum of one (1) routine bacteriological sample shall be collected per month.
2. Conduct public notification for the bacteriological procedural violation in conformance with Section 64463.4 and 64465, Chapter 15, Title 22, CCR. The notification shall be completed in accordance with the following:
 - a. Notice by mail or direct delivery to each customer receiving a bill including those that provide drinking water to others (e.g. schools or school systems, apartment building owners, or large private employers), and other service connections to which water is delivered by the water system.
 - b. For persons not likely to be reached by mailing or direct delivery, notice by posting in conspicuous places within the area served by the Water System.

The notification shall be mailed or directly delivered and posted in conspicuous places by January 31, 2013. Posting shall continue for seven calendar days. Submit a proposed notice to the Department for review and approval prior to delivery and posting. Attachment A is a sample notice that may be used. Complete and return the attached Proof of Compliance form to the Department



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within seven days of completion of the public notification. A copy of the notice shall be attached to the Proof of Notification Form.

3. Prepare and submit a written Corrective Action Plan (CAP). The plan shall include a monitoring schedule and the names of persons responsible for collecting the monthly routine and repeat bacteriological samples. A back-up person must be identified and available to collect the required samples in the event the designated sampler is unavailable. The CAP shall be submitted to the Department by January 31, 2013.

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

Eric Lacy, P.E.
District Engineer
Santa Clara District
Department of Public Health
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch
850 Marina Bay Parkway
Building P, 2nd Floor
Richmond, CA 94804



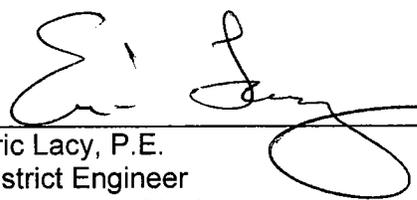
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Civil Penalty

Sections 116650 (d) and 116650 (e) of the California Health and Safety Code allow for the assessment of a civil penalty for failure to comply with requirements of Chapter 4. Failure to comply with any provision of this citation may result in the Department imposing a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per day as of the date of violation of the provision.

January 3, 2013

Date



Eric Lacy, P.E.
District Engineer
Santa Clara District
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

Enclosures: 1) Compliance Certificate
2) Proof of Notification

cc: San Mateo County Environmental Health Department

Certified Mail No. 7007 0710 0000 5917 2118



ATTACHMENT A

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.

**Monitoring Requirements Not Met for
Cuesta La Honda Guild**

Our water system failed to monitor as required for drinking water standards during the past year and, therefore, was in violation of the regulations. Even though this failure was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we did to correct this situation.

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 December 2012 we did not monitor for bacteriological quality and therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do at this time.
- The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during the last year, how many samples we are required to take and how often, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

<i>Contaminant</i>	<i>Required Sampling Frequency</i>	<i>Number of Samples Taken</i>	<i>When All Samples Should Have Been Taken</i>	<i>When Samples Were or Will Be Taken</i>
Bacteriological quality	One (1) sample every month.	Zero (0)	December 2012	[]

- If you have health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

[Describe corrective action].

For more information, please contact [name of contact] at [phone number] or [mailing address].

Please share this information with all the 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 public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- **SCHOOLS:** Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- **BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by Cuesta La Honda Guild.

State Water System ID#: _____. Date distributed: _____.

ATTACHMENT B

PROOF OF COMPLIANCE
Citation No. 02-17-13C-001
Cuesta La Honda Guild
System Number: 4110012

As required by Section 116450 of the California Health and Safety Code, I notified the users of the water supplied by the Cuesta La Honda Guild, of the routine bacteriological procedural violation of Section 64423 (a)(1), Chapter 15, Title 22, California Code of Regulations, for the compliance period of December 2012.

I complied with the directives of this citation as indicated below:

<u>Required Action</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>
1. Public notification	
a. Mail or direct delivery	_____
b. Posting in conspicuous places	_____
_____ Signature of Water System Representative	_____ Date

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT. A COPY OF THE DELIVERED OR MAILED NOTICE MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS FORM

Disclosure: Be advised that Section 116725 and 116730 of the California Health and Safety Code states that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the attached citation may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each separate violation for each day that violation continues. In addition, the violators may be prosecuted in criminal court and upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or be imprisoned in county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.