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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**IN RE: San Vicente Water Company  
P.O. Box 187  
Santa Barbara, CA 93102**

**TO: Lawrence Price  
Operator**

**CITATION**

**SYSTEM NO.: 4210005**

**CITATION NO.: 04-06-13C-005**

The Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management of the Department of Public Health (hereinafter Department) hereby issues a citation to the San Vicente Water Company (mailing address: P.O. Box 187, Santa Barbara, CA 93102) for the following violation:

1. Section 116650 of Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 104 of the California Health and Safety Code (H&S Code), authorizes the issuance of a citation for failure to comply with the requirements of the California Safe Drinking Water Act, or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued thereunder.

**VIOLATION**

The Drinking Water Field Operations Branch of the Department of Public Health, (hereinafter Department) hereby issues a citation to the San Vicente Water Company (hereinafter SVWC), for the following violation:

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1. Section 64423, Title 22, CCR. Specifically, the SVWC failed to collect and/or report routine distribution coliform samples for the month of April 2013.

**BACKGROUND**

The SVWC serves 550 people with 277 residential unmetered service connections, 1 irrigation service connection, and is a community water system, operating by the authority of a domestic water supply permit issued on January 20, 1989 by the Department. The SVWC provides its customers chlorinated groundwater from local wells. Two wells provide a total of 200 gpm, and due to a past history of high iron and manganese levels, are treated via a Filtronics filtration plant. The treated water is stored in one of the two 175,000 gallon embankment tanks or a 16,500 gallon clearwell. Water from the storage tanks is pumped from two booster pumps and a 5,000 gallon hydropneumatic tank to the distribution system.

The Total Coliform Rule requires the SVWC to collect two routine coliform samples every month from the system. During the month of April 2013, the SVWC failed to collect and/or report the required routine coliform samples, which resulted in non-compliance with Section 64423, Title 22, CCR.

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**DIRECTIVES**

The SVWC is hereby directed to take the following actions:

1. Immediately, follow proper TCR routine and repeat sampling/reporting procedures in accordance with Article 3, Title 22, CCR, Sections 64423, 64424.
2. The SVWC notified the public of the violation to collect and analyze the required routine bacteriological distribution samples during the month of April 2013, in conformance with Article 3, Section 64423 CCR, Title 22. A copy of the Public Notification, issued to all customers on May 10, 2013 is enclosed.
3. A copy of the Public Notification certification form (attached) shall be submitted to:

Kurt Souza, P.E., Chief  
 Southern California Section  
 Santa Barbara District  
 Drinking Water Field Operations Branch  
 1180 Eugenia Place, Suite 200  
 Carpinteria, CA 93013-2000

June 14, 2013  
 Date

*Kurt Souza*  
 Kurt Souza, P.E., Chief  
 Southern California Section  
 Santa Barbara District (CDPH-DWFOB)

cc: Santa Barbara County Environmental Health





## 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 SAN VICENTE WATER COMPANY

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 **April 2013** we 'did not monitor or test' or 'did not complete all monitoring or testing' for distribution coliform bacteria samples 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>
<b>Coliform Bacteria</b>	<b>One sample every month</b>	-0-	<b>April 2013</b>	<b>The month of May 2013</b>

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

#### What happened? What is being done?

The prescribed corrective action is to perform the routine bacteriological sample monitoring during the following month in May 2013. The required bacteriological samples were collected the first week of May as soon as the monitoring error was discovered. Results from all bacteriological samplings taken in 2013, including the testing performed in May, have tested absent of Total Coliform Bacteria.

For more information, please contact Lawrence Price or the San Vicente Office at 805 964-9662 or the San Vicente Office at 340 Old Mill Road, Space 135, Santa Barbara, CA 93110.

*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 **SAN VICENTE WATER COMPANY**.

State Water System ID#: **4210005**. Date distributed: 10, May 2013.