



## 2024 Consumer Confidence Report (2023 Data)

Last year, as in years past, your tap water meets all EPA and State drinking water health standards. Meiners Oaks Water District has delivered safe drinking water that did not violate any maximum contaminant levels. This annual report details where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to the State standards.

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The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the land's surface or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material. Water can also pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural, livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, can naturally occur or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides may come from various sources, such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.



- Radioactive contaminants can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- Disposing of unused, unwanted, and expired medications. It was once common practice to flush these medications (also known as pharmaceuticals) down the toilet. Your doctor or pharmacist may have directed you to do this. We now know that these substances are bad for our environment - the ground, water, and the air around us. Please return all unused medications to your pharmacist.
- Department of Health and EPA regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

For more information, please look to ([www.nodrugsdownthedrain.org](http://www.nodrugsdownthedrain.org))

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the USEPA and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) prescribe regulations that limit the number of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Department regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

### **Sources of Your Water**

Your water comes from four District wells drilled 100 to 300 feet into underground aquifers. MOWD has two 4" connections to receive surface water from Lake Casitas. Customers may receive Lake Casitas surface water if our wells need repair or cannot meet system demand.

Water purchased from Casitas is treated using chloramines, which utilize chlorine mixed with a small amount of ammonia. People on dialysis should ensure that they are using the proper filtration. If you have a fish pond or aquarium, the added ammonia may kill your fish if not properly treated by removing the ammonia content.

### **Water Conservation**

Meiners Oaks Water District adopted the Stage 1 conditions effective June 1, 2023. Stage 3 conditions were in effect during 2022. Meiners Oaks Water District encourages customers to stay diligent with their conservation practices. Lake Casitas currently measures at 100% of its capacity.

Conserving water will help reduce the strain on our wells and lower the water needed from Lake Casitas. It is a precious natural resource that we cannot afford to waste. So please remember to use positive shut-off valves when washing your car or watering your plants or garden. Use low-flow shower heads and faucets. Low-flow toilets are also a big water saver. If you cannot afford low-flow fixtures or any of the many other water-saving devices available to you as a customer of Meiners Oaks



Water District, you are eligible for rebates through Casitas Municipal Water District. Another way to save water is by using smart controllers for irrigation valves. They are available through the Casitas Municipal Water District rebate program and most irrigation supply houses. Let Casitas Municipal Water District know that you are one of our customers and present them with a current water bill from our District, and they will take it from there. Please contact Casitas MWD at (805) 649-2251 for more information.

**For more information about saving water and doing your part go to [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com) or [www.meinersoakswater.org](http://www.meinersoakswater.org) or [www.casitaswater.org](http://www.casitaswater.org)**

# 2023 Consumer Confidence Report

Water System Name: MEINERS OAKS WD

Report Date: \_\_\_\_\_

March 2024

*We test the drinking water quality for many constituents as required by state and federal regulations. This report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 - December 31, 2023.*

**Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.**

**Type of water source(s) in use:** According to SWRCB records, the Sources Well 1 and Well 2 are Groundwater under the influence of Surface Water. This Assessment was done using the Default Groundwater System Method. According to SWRCB records, the Sources Well 4A, and Well 7 are Groundwater. This Assessment was done using the Default Groundwater System Method.

**Your water comes from 5 source(s):** WELL 1, WELL 2, WELL 4A, WELL 7 and CMWD.

**Opportunities for public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality:** Regularly scheduled water board meetings are held virtually and at 202 W. El Roblar every 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm.

For more information about this report, or any questions relating to your drinking water, please call (805) 646-2114 and ask for Justin Martinez or email [justin@meinersoakswater.com](mailto:justin@meinersoakswater.com) or visit our website at [www.meinersoakswater.org](http://www.meinersoakswater.org).

## TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

**Public Health Goal (PHG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS):** MCLs and MRDLs for the contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

**Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS):** MCLs for the contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWSs do not affect the health at the MCL levels.

**Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Regulatory Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**Level 1 Assessment:** A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

**Level 2 Assessment:** A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

**ND:** not detectable at testing limit

**mg/L:** milligrams per liter or parts per million (ppm)

**ug/L:** micrograms per liter or parts per billion (ppb)

**pCi/L:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)

**NTU:** Nephelometric Turbidity Units

**umhos/cm:** micro mhos per centimeter

**The sources of drinking water:** (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

**Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**

- *Microbial contaminants*, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- *Inorganic contaminants*, such as salts and metals, that can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- *Pesticides and herbicides*, that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- *Organic chemical contaminants*, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural application, and septic systems.
- *Radioactive contaminants*, that can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

**In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink**, the USEPA and the State Water Resource Control Board (State Water Board) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. State Water Board regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.

**Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 list all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the most recent sampling for the constituent.** The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The State Water Board allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, are more than one year old.

If there are any violations of MCL, AL or MRDL it will be indicated and information regarding the violation will be provided.

<b>Table 1 - SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF COLIFORM BACTERIA</b>					
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b> (complete if bacteria detected)	<b>Highest No. of Detections</b>	<b>No. of Months in Violation</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>Typical Sources of Contaminant</b>
Total Coliform Bacteria**	1/year (2023)	0	no more than 1 positive monthly sample	0	Naturally present in the environment.

<b>Table 2 - SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF LEAD AND COPPER</b>							
<b>Lead and Copper</b> (complete if lead or copper detected in last sample set)	<b>Sample Date</b>	<b>No. of Samples</b>	<b>90th percentile level detected</b>	<b>No. Sites Exceeding AL</b>	<b>AL</b>	<b>PHG</b>	<b>Typical Sources of Contaminant</b>
Copper (mg/L)	(2023)	20	0.32	0	1.3	.3	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (mg/L)	(2023)	20	ND	0	.015	.0002	The most common sources of lead in drinking water is caused by corrosion of lead pipes, faucets and fixtures.

**Table 3 - SAMPLING RESULTS FOR SODIUM AND HARDNESS**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Average Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Sources of Contaminant
Sodium (mg/L)	(2020 - 2023)	58	55 - 61	none	none	Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring
Hardness (mg/L)	(2020 - 2023)	493	442 - 554	none	none	Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium, and are usually naturally occurring

**Table 4 - DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Average Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	Typical Sources of Contaminant
Arsenic (ug/L)	(2020 - 2023)	ND	ND - 2	10	0.004	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards, glass and electronics production wastes
Chromium (ug/L)	(2020 - 2023)	ND	ND - 14	50.0	n/a	Discharge from steel and pulp mills and chrome plating; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (mg/L)	(2020 - 2023)	0.5	0.4 - 0.6	2	1	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate as N (mg/L)	(2022 - 2023)	4.7	0.6 - 6.9	10	10	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate + Nitrite as N (mg/L)	(2020 - 2023)	3.8	ND - 6.9	10	10	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ug/L)	(2020 - 2023)	7	ND - 11	50	30	Discharge from petroleum, glass, and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines and chemical manufacturers; runoff from livestock lots(feed additive)
Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	(2023)	ND	ND - 1.11	15	(0)	Erosion of natural deposits.

**Table 5 - DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A SECONDARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD**

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Average Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Sources of Contaminant
Chloride (mg/L)	(2020 - 2023)	42	24 - 57	500	n/a	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Iron (ug/L)	(2020 - 2023)	36	ND - 120	300	n/a	Leaching from natural deposits; Industrial wastes
Specific Conductance (umhos/cm)	(2020 - 2023)	1158	1110 - 1210	1600	n/a	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Sulfate (mg/L)	(2020 - 2023)	279	220 - 373	500	n/a	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)	(2020 - 2023)	784	740 - 850	1000	n/a	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Turbidity (NTU)	(2020 - 2023)	0.1	ND - 0.7	5	n/a	Soil runoff
Zinc (mg/L)	(2023)	0.02	n/a	5	n/a	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits

**Table 6 - DETECTION OF UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS**

<b>Chemical or Constituent</b> (and reporting units)	<b>Sample Date</b>	<b>Average Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of Detections</b>	<b>Notification Level</b>	<b>Typical Sources of Contaminant</b>
Boron (mg/L)	(2020 - 2023)	0.6	0.6 - 0.7	1	Boron exposures resulted in decreased fetal weight (developmental effects) in newborn rats.
Vanadium (ug/L)	(2020 - 2023)	1	ND - 4	50	Vanadium exposures resulted in developmental and reproductive effects in rats.

**Table 7 - ADDITIONAL DETECTIONS**

<b>Chemical or Constituent</b> (and reporting units)	<b>Sample Date</b>	<b>Average Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of Detections</b>	<b>Notification Level</b>	<b>Typical Sources of Contaminant</b>
Calcium (mg/L)	(2020 - 2023)	135	121 - 151	n/a	n/a
Magnesium (mg/L)	(2020 - 2023)	38	34 - 43	n/a	n/a
pH (units)	(2020 - 2023)	7.47	7.1 - 8.09	n/a	n/a
Alkalinity (mg/L)	(2020 - 2023)	228	160 - 260	n/a	n/a
Aggressiveness Index	(2020 - 2023)	12.3	11.9 - 13.0	n/a	n/a
Langelier Index	(2020 - 2023)	0.43	0.04 - 1.2	n/a	n/a

**Table 8 - DETECTION OF DISINFECTANT/DISINFECTANT BYPRODUCT RULE**

<b>Chemical or Constituent</b> (and reporting units)	<b>Sample Date</b>	<b>Average Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of Detections</b>	<b>MCL (MRDL)</b>	<b>PHG (MCLG)</b>	<b>Violation</b>	<b>Typical Sources of Contaminant</b>
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) (ug/L)	(2023)	22	ND - 69.0	80	n/a	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine (mg/L)	(2023)	1.17	.92 - 1.64	4.0	4.0	No	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment.
Haloacetic Acids (five) (ug/L)	(2023)	30.75	ND - 78**	60	n/a	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection

\*\*Haloacetic Acids samples are collected quarterly and compliance with the MCL is based on a Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA), which was consistently below the MCL.

## **Additional General Information on Drinking Water**

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Lead Specific Language for Community Water Systems: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with the service lines and home plumbing. *Meiners Oaks Water District* is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.



## Summary Information for Violation of a MCL, MRDL, AL, TT, or Monitoring and Reporting Requirement

Violation	Explanation	Duration	Actions Taken To Correct the Violation	Health Effects Language
**Total Coliform Bacteria (Level 1 monitoring violation)	Routine system sample at 3244 Maricopa Hwy tested positive for Total Coliform Bacteria on 4-25-2023. MOWD Field Operators re-sampled this site on 4-26-2023 resulting in "absent" result for Total Coliform. The District believes the positive sample was operator error during the sampling. A violation occurred by not following the MOWD approved Bacteriological Sampling Site Plan. A Notice of violation was distributed to all service connections.	NA	Three samples were taken. One at the site, one upstream and one downstream of the site within 5 service connections. All three samples were absent for Total Coliform and E. Coli.	Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other potentially harmful waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system. We found coliforms indicating the need to look for potential problems in water treatment or distribution. When this occurs, we are required to conduct assessment(s) to identify problems and to correct any problems that were found during these assessments.

## 2023 Consumer Confidence Report Drinking Water Assessment Information

### Assessment Information

A source water assessment was conducted for WELL 1, WELL 2, WELL 4A, WELL 7 and CMWD of the MEINERS OAKS WD water system in March 2001.

WELL 1 - is considered most vulnerable to the following activities not associated with any detected contaminants:

- Agricultural Drainage
- Septic systems - low density [ $<1/\text{acre}$ ]

WELL 2 - is considered most vulnerable to the following activities not associated with any detected contaminants:

- Agricultural Drainage

WELL 4A - is considered most vulnerable to the following activities not associated with any detected contaminants:

- Agricultural Drainage

WELL 7 - is considered most vulnerable to the following activities not associated with any detected contaminants:

- Agricultural Drainage
- Sewer collection systems
- Wells - Agricultural/ Irrigation

CMWD - is considered a backup water source. Please see attached CMWD 2023 Consumer Confidence Report.

### Acquiring Information

A copy of the complete assessment may be viewed at:

SWRCB Division of Drinking Water  
1180 Eugenia Place, Suite 200  
Carpinteria, CA 93013

You may request a summary of the assessment be sent to you by contacting:

Jeff Densmore  
District Engineer  
805 566 1326



# CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, PWS CA5610024

## Water Quality Summary, 2023 Data



WATER CLARITY	REGULATORY STANDARD	PHG, (MCLG)	LAKE CASITAS TREATED				SAMPLE SOURCE & YEAR TESTED		SOURCE OF CONSTITUENT
			FILTER EFFLUENT		RANGE		Filter Effluent		
Direct Filtration	Treatment Technique (TT)								
Filter Effluent Turbidity <sup>a</sup> (NTU)	TT < 1	NA	Highest Value = 0.42		0.01 - 0.42		2023		Soil run-off
	95 % or higher	NA	99.98% of turbidity measurements were < 0.2 NTU				2023		
			99.86% = lowest monthly % of samples meeting turbidity limits				2023		
MICROBIOLOGICAL	MCL or (TT)	(MCLG)	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM				Distribution System		
Total Coliform Bacteria <sup>b</sup>	(More than 1 positive per month) <sup>b</sup>	(0)	0 / Month		0		2023		Naturally present in the environment
E. Coli <sup>c</sup>	Revised Total Coliform Rule: E. coli MCL <sup>c</sup>	(0)	0 / Year		0		2023		Human and animal fecal waste
INORGANIC CHEMICALS	MCL	PHG	Lake Casitas Treated		Mira Monte Well Treated <sup>d</sup>		Lake Casitas Treated	Mira Monte Well Treated <sup>d</sup>	
			AVERAGE	RANGE	AVERAGE	RANGE			
Barium (ppm)	1	2	0.13	NA	0.11	NA	2023	2023	Discharges of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	2	1	0.3	NA	0.3	NA	2023	2023	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate as N (ppm)	10	10	ND	NA	0.8	0.5 - 0.9	2023	2023	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from tanks and sewage; erosion from natural deposits
DISINFECTANT RESIDUALS AND DISINFECTION BY-PRODUCTS	Running Annual Average (RAA) MCL or [MRDL]	PHG or [MRDLG]	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM				Distribution System		
Chloramines as Cl <sub>2</sub> (ppm)	[4.0]	[4.0]	[2.5]		0.8 - 3.7		2023		Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment
Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	NA	68		39 - 106		2023		By-product of drinking water disinfection
Haloacetic acids (ppb)	60	NA	61 <sup>★</sup>		12 - 101		2023		By-product of drinking water disinfection
LEAD AND COPPER	Regulatory Action Level (RAL)	PHG	Number of Samples Collected	Homes above RAL	Level Detected at 90th percentile		Individual Taps		
Lead (ppb) <sup>f</sup>	15	0.2	33	0	ND		2023		Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural products
Copper (ppm) <sup>f</sup>	1.3	0.3	33	0	0.5		2023		Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead school (ppb)	15	0.2	Number of schools requesting lead sampling = 4; Sample locations = 19; Locations above RAL = 0				2017 <sup>e</sup>		Internal corrosion of end-user plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural products

SECONDARY AESTHETIC STANDARDS & ADDITIONAL CONSTITUENTS									
SECONDARY AESTHETIC STANDARDS	STATE MCL	PHG	Lake Casitas Treated		Mira Monte Well Treated <sup>d</sup>		Year Tested		SOURCE OF CONSTITUENT
			AVERAGE	RANGE	AVERAGE	RANGE	Lake Treated	MMW Treated	
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	1000	NA	420	NA	410	NA	2023	2023	Run-off / leaching from natural deposits
Specific Conductance (µS/cm)	1600	NA	628	NA	662	661 - 663	2023	2023	Substances that form ions in water; seawater influence
Chloride (ppm)	500	NA	22	NA	20	NA	2023	2023	Run-off/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Sulfate (ppm)	500	NA	166	NA	172	NA	2023	2023	Run-off /leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
ADDITIONAL CONSTITUENTS	SECONDARY MCL	PHG or (NL)							
Alkalinity - Total as CaCO <sub>3</sub> (ppm)	NA	NA	130	NA	150	150-150	2023	2023	A measure of the capacity to neutralize acid
Boron (ppb)	NA	(1000)	200	NA	200	NA	2023	2023	A naturally-occurring element
Calcium (ppm)	NA	NA	64	NA	73	NA	2023	2023	A naturally-occurring element
Corrosivity (Langlier Index) <sup>f</sup>	Noncorrosive (US EPA)	NA	-0.01	NA	0.08	NA	2023	2023	Indicator of corrosivity. Water with a positive Langlier Index can be considered as non-corrosive
Hardness - Total as CaCO <sub>3</sub> (ppm)	NA	NA	263 (15.4 gpg)	NA	281 (16.4 gpg)	NA	2023	2023	"Hardness" is the sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium. The cations are usually naturally occurring
Magnesium (ppm)	NA	NA	25	NA	24	NA	2023	2023	A naturally-occurring element
pH (pH standard units)	6.5-8.5 (US EPA)	NA	7.5	NA	7.5	NA	2023	2023	A measure of acidity or alkalinity
Potassium (ppm)	NA	NA	3	NA	3	NA	2023	2023	A naturally-occurring element
Sodium (ppm)	NA	NA	28	NA	28	NA	2023	2023	"Sodium" refers to the salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring.
Vanadium (ppb)	NA	(50)	ND	NA	2	NA	2023	2023	A naturally-occurring element

US EPA FIFTH UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING RULE (UCMR 5)									
UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS	SECONDARY MCL	PHG (NL)	Lake Casitas Treated		Mira Monte Well Treated <sup>d</sup>		Year Tested		SOURCE OF CONSTITUENT
			AVERAGE	RANGE	AVERAGE	RANGE	Lake Treated	MMW Treated	
Lithium (ppb)	NA	NA	15	14- 15	15	14 - 16	2023	2023	A naturally-occurring element
29 Individual Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (Collectively known as PFAS)	NA	(NA - 500 ppt)	ND	ND	ND	ND	2023	2023	Runoff / leaching from industrial processes , chemical factories, waste sites or sites using aqueous film-forming foam (a type of foam used to fight liquid-fueled fires)

### ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

<p><b>Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):</b> The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste and appearance of drinking water.</p> <p><b>Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):</b> The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA).</p> <p><b>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):</b> The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that the addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.</p> <p><b>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):</b> The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.</p> <p><b>Running Annual Average (RAA):</b> Some MCL's are determined based on the running annual average which is calculated by averaging all sample results within the previous four quarters. Locational running annual average includes results averaged over the previous four quarters for a specific sample site.</p>	<p><b>Notification Level (NL):</b> Health based advisory levels established by the State Board for chemicals in drinking water that lack MCLs.</p> <p><b>Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS):</b> MCLs, MRDLs and treatment techniques (TT) for contaminants that affect health, along with their monitoring and reporting requirements.</p> <p><b>Public Health Goal (PHG):</b> The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.</p> <p><b>Regulatory Action Level (RAL):</b> The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.</p> <p><b>Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS):</b> MCLs for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWSs do not affect the health at the MCL</p> <p><b>Treatment Technique (TT):</b> A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.</p> <p><b>Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR):</b> US EPA uses to collect data for contaminants that are suspected to be in drinking water and do not have health-based standards under the Safe Drinking Water Act.</p> <p><b>UCMR 5:</b> The fifth set of chemical contaminant monitoring under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule. Samples collected under UCMR 5 are analyzed for Lithium and 29 individual Per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances using analytical methods developed by the US EPA and consensus organizations.</p>	<p><b>US EPA</b> - United States Environmental Protection Agency</p> <p><b>MMW</b> - Mira Monte Well</p> <p><b>NA</b> - Not Applicable or Available</p> <p><b>ND</b> - None Detected at or above the limits of detection for reporting purposes</p> <p><b>NL</b> - Notification Level</p> <p><b>NS</b> - No Sample</p> <p><b>NTU</b> - Nephelometric Turbidity Units (a measure of turbidity)</p> <p><b>PFAS</b> - Used to refer to the synthetic chemical group of Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances</p> <p><b>ppm</b> - Parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)</p> <p><b>ppb</b> - Parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)</p> <p><b>ppt</b> - Parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter (ng/L)</p> <p><b>RAA:</b> Running Annual Average</p> <p><b>µS/cm</b> - Micro Siemens per Centimeter (a measure of specific conductance)</p> <p><b>gpg</b> - Grains per gallon, an alternative unit used to measure hardness</p>
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### WATER QUALITY TABLE FOOTNOTES

<p>a) Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water and is a good measure of water quality and filtration performance; 99.98 % of the samples tested for turbidity were below the required TT level of 0.2 NTU and 99.86% is the lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting the turbidity limits.</p> <p>b) For systems collecting fewer than 40 samples per month: Two or more total-coliform positive monthly samples is a treatment technique trigger. During 2023 Casitas collected 156 routine distribution system samples for total coliform bacteria testing under the Revised Total Coliform Rule. Total coliform bacteria were not detected in any of these samples.</p> <p>c) Based on the Revised Total Coliform Rule, an E-Coli MCL violation occurs when 1) a routine and associated repeat sample(s) are total coliform-positive and either is E. coli-positive, 2) the system fails to take repeat samples following an E. coli-positive routine sample, or 3) the system fails to analyze a total coliform-positive repeat sample for E. coli. Casitas did not have any E. coli MCL violations during 2023.</p>	<p>d) When operated, Mira Monte Well water receives blending treatment with lake Casitas Treated water, monitoring results are of the blended water.</p> <p>e) The State monitoring requirements for some contaminants is less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. These data are from the most recent sampling, and although representative, are more than one year old.</p> <p>f) Casitas has implemented a corrosion control plan by adding a small amount of phosphate to the water to lower corrosivity and reduce copper levels.</p> <p>g) Highest running annual average and locational running annual averages are used to calculate the MCL / MRDL and include sample results from a previous reporting period, whereas range only includes individual sample results from 2023.</p>	<p>★ A portion of the Casitas distribution system exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level for Haloacetic Acids which is set at 60 ppb. Results received from routine samples collected in November, 2023 indicated the Locational Running Annual Average at a sampling location representing the eastern portion of the distribution system was 61 ppb. Customers within the affected portion were notified by mail in December, 2023. Some people who drink water containing Haloacetic Acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. The LRAA returned below the MCL with a result of 50 ppb following routine sampling in February, 2024. Casitas is currently in the process of constructing water system improvements to lower the levels of Haloacetic Acids in the Water System.</p>
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