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Dear Shareholders and Customers,

Sheep Creek Water Company is once again proud to present our Annual Water Quality Report. This report covers all testing performed between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024. You will find information regarding drinking water quality, the source of your water and other information in compliance with state and federal standards.

Your interest in the company is overseen by a five-member Board of Directors. The Board of Directors currently meet on the third Tuesday of the month, at 6:00 pm at the office. The agenda can be found online:

http://www.sheepcreekwater.com/board-meeting-agendas

Where Does My Water Come From?

Sheep Creek Water Company customers receive most of their drinking water from Swarthout Canyon below Wrightwood. All the water Sheep Creek produces is Ground Water only. Sheep Creek's gravity flow tunnel is producing 312 GPM as of December 31, 2024. The Company's remaining source of water comes from five wells located in the Sheep Creek Wash and one well located one mile north of Phelan Rd. With our system being gravity flow, this eliminates the need for booster stations and keeps our electricity cost down. The Company also has an emergency connection with the Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District, allowing us to exchange water depending upon the situation. In 2024, 197,359,100 gallons of water was produced, with September 9th being the max day of production at 1,125,320 gallons during a 24 hour time period. The company has a total of 7 storage reservoirs with a combined storage capacity of 6.1 million gallons. With this storage we are capable of maintaining positive pressure throughout the system during high demands and power outages. There are a total of 45 pressure reducing stations in 8 pressure zones supplying an average of 1,213 active services.

Source Capacity Development

The State Water Resource Control Board Division of Drinking Water received a Corrective Action Plan Amendment (CAP-Amendment) dated August 26, 2022, along with an updated, estimated timeline from Sheep Creek Water Company (SCWC) requesting a two-year extension for Compliance Order NO. 05-13-18R002, and a partial lift on the moratorium to request a Will-Serve Letter for 30 new meters. The Division has reviewed and hereby accepts the CAP-amendment and timeline allow completion of well #13 by December 1, 2025, with additional sources planned if necessary. Extending the compliance deadline in the order is unnecessary at this time. SCWC should start making progress as soon as possible on complying with source capacity requirements as described in Section 64554 of Title 22.

In addition, to further assist SCWC with self-management of its water production and water usage, until further notice, the Division suspends the service connection limitation imposed by Directive 1 in the Compliance Order No. 05-13-18R-002A1.

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 discharge, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, those that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm runoff and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial process and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff agriculture application and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Source Water Assessment

Source Water Assessment (SWA) was conducted for all of our sources in March 2001 and a SWA was conducted for Well 2A in May 2012. A new SWA was conducted for Well 11 in October 2018. A copy of the SWA is available to view at the Sheep Creek Water Company Office or at the SWRCB, DDW San Bernardino District office 464 West 4th St Suite 437. This plan is an assessment of the delineated area around our listed sources through which contaminants, if present, could migrate and reach our source of water. It also includes an inventory of potential sources of contamination within the delineated area, and a determination of the water supply's susceptibility to contamination by the identified potential sources.

Noticia Importante

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Water Conservation & Allotment

Sheep Creek Water Company has experienced several years of low water levels due to California drought conditions. Water Conservation Measures will remain in effect, check all irrigation, faucets, toilets and swamp coolers for leaks and make repairs as necessary. As of this time the current allotment remains at 600 cubic feet per share. Tier 1 is \$0.72 per Hundred Cubic Ft. (748 gallons) Tier 2 allotment is 300 cubic feet per share and is \$5.80 per HCF. Tier 3 overage charge is \$11.00 per HCF. Long term goals for the company are to develop additional wells spread throughout the water district.

The Sources of Drinking Water

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.

Important Health Information

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants may be particularly at risk for infection. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The USEPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the US EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

How Pure Should Our Water Be?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at: 1-800-426-4791.

Lead and Copper Monitoring

SCWC monitors drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Lead and Copper sampling was completed during the month of August 2022. See below for 2022 results.

Lead and Drinking Water

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 service lines and home plumbing. We are 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 at (800) 426-4791 or www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Nitrate in Drinking Water

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 45 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. Such nitrate levels in drinking water can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen, resulting in a serious illness; symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Nitrate levels above 45 ppm may also affect the ability for the blood to carry oxygen in other individuals, such as pregnant women and those with certain specific enzyme deficiencies. If you are caring for an infant, or you are pregnant, you should ask advice from your health care provider. Nitrate levels may rise for short periods of time due to rainfall or agricultural activity.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the State Water Resource Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (SWRCB, DDW) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by the water company. SWRCB, DDW regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the US EPA's safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Sampling Results

During the past year, weekly water samples were collected in order to determine the presence of any radioactive, biological, inorganic, volatile organic or synthetic organic contaminants. The table below shows only those contaminants that were detected in the water. The state allows us to monitor for certain substances less than one per year because the concentrations of these substances do not change frequently. In these cases the most recent sample data are included, along with the year in which the sample was taken.

PRIMARY SUBSTANCES								Definitions				
SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	MCL [MRDL]	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	AVERAGE DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH	TYPICAL SOI	AL (Action Level): No MCL for lead MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level): The Highest 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 (SMCLs) are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water. MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal): 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. EPA. MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal): 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. MRDLF (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal): The level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of					
Arsenic (ug/L) Well Site	2022	10	0.004	0.0	ND-ND	Erosion of natural deposits; ruglass and electronics production						
Fluoride (mg\L)	2023	2	1	0.350	0.2-0.4	Erosion of natural deposits.						
Total Chromium (Cr) (ug/L)	2022	50	N/A	0.0	ND-20	Discharge from electroplating tanneries, wood preservation, refractory production, and tex facilities; erosion of natural de						
Nitrate [as N] (mg/L)	2024	10	1	4.1	3.7-4.8	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits. Inorganic chemical use in rocket propellant, fireworks, explosives, flares, matches and a variety of industries.						
Nitrate [as N] (mg/L)	2024	10	1	0	ND-ND							
Perchlorate (ug/L)	2022	6	1	0.0	ND-ND							
Selenium (ug/L)	2022	50	30	0.9	ND-5.6	Discharge from petroleum, glass, a erosion of natural deposits; discha chemical manufacturers; runoff fro additive)						
STAGE 2 - DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS RULE (DBPR)									disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.			
Samples are collected at the lowest portion of the distribution system SS #7 Johnson Rd. north of Goss Rd.								Milligrams per Liter (mg/L): The same as ppm or parts per million. This is equivalent				
Haloacetic Acids (ug/L)	2024	60	N/A	ND	ND-ND	By-product of drinking water disinfection		to one inch in 16 miles. Micrograms per Liter (ug/L): The same as ppb or parts per billion. This is equivalent to one inch in 16,000 miles. NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Unit): Unit				
TTHMs [Total trihalomethanes] ug/L	2024	80	N/A	ND	ND-ND							
	LEAD & COPPER TAP MONITORING							for expressing cloudiness (turbidity) of a sample as measured by a turbidimeter.				
Tap water samples were collected for lead and copper analyses from sample sites throughout the community.								ND (Not Detected): Indicates the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.				
SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	ACTION LEVEL (AL)	PHG (MCLG) [MRDLG]	AMOUNT DETECTED (90th percentile)	SITES ABOVE AL/TOTAL SITES	TYPICAL SOI	PDWS (Primary Drinking Water Standard): MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water					
Copper (mg/L)	2022	1.3	0.3	0.192	0/21	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits		treatment requirements. PH std Units: Range from 1 (acid) to 14 (basic). Neutral PH is 7.0 PHG (Public Health Goal): The level of a				
Lead (mg/L)	2022	15	0.2	0	0/21						,	
SECONDARY SUBSTANCES								contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to			elow which	
SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	SMCL	DLR	AVERAGE DETECTED	RANGE LOW-HIGH	TYPICAL SOURCE		health. PHGs are set by California EPA. TON (Threshold Odor Number): Units for rating amount of odor in a water sample. TT (Treatment Technique): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. Information on the Internet				
Chloride (mg/L)	2022	500	0	30.0	26.0-35.0	Runoff/leaching of natural depinfluence.						
Sulfate (mg/L)	2022	500	0	235.0	180.0-270.0	Natural deposits; industrial waste.						
Total Dissolved Solids [TDS] (mg/L)	2022	1000	0	693.0	620.0-740.0	Runoff/ leaching from natural	The U.S. EPA Office of Water (www.epa.gov/waterhome) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov) web sites provide a substantial amount of information relating to water resources, water conservation, and public health.					
Iron (mg/L)	2022	300	0	26.7	0.0-220.0	Leaching from natural deposit						
Adsorbable Organic Fluorine	2022	N/A	N/A	220	ND-1100		RAL					
Perfluorobutane sulfonic Acid (PFBS)	2022	N/A	N/A	0.85	ND-3.6	SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	RANGE HIGH-LOW	YEAR SAMPLED	SMCL	DLR	AVERAGE DETECTED	
Perfluorobutanoic Acid (PFBA)	2022	N/A	N/A	0.27	ND-2.4	Alkalinity (mg/L)	310.0-330.0	2022	N/A	0	320.0	
Perfluoropentanoic Acid (PFPEA)	2022	N/A	N/A	0.79	ND-4.10	Calcium (mg/L)	140.0-150.0	2022	N/A	0	148.0	
		RADIOLO	OGICAL			Hardness (mg/L)	510.0-560.0	2022	N/A	0	543.0	
SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE)	YEAR SAMPLED	SMCL	DLR	AVERAGE DETECTED	TYPICAL SOURCE	Magnesium (mg/L)	37.0-45.0	2022	N/A	0	42.0	
Gross Alpha Particle Activity (pCi/L)	2023	N/A	3	0.7	Erosion of natural deposits	Sodium (mg/L)	16.0-24.0	2022	N/A	0	20.0	
PHYSICAL					Specific Conductance (μS/	cm) 940.0-1100.0	2022	1600	0	1040.0		
PH (std Units)	2022	N/A	0	7.4	N/A		DLOGICAL					
Odor (TON)	2022	3	0	1.0	Naturally-	SUBSTANCE (UNIT OF MEASURE) Bacteriological (TCR)		YEAR MRDL Average SAMPLED Chlorine Residual		RANGE LOW-HIGH		
Color (Units)	2022	15	0	0.0000	occurring organic material			2024	().75	0.4-1.02	
Turbidity (NTU)	2022	5	0	0.3	Soil Runoff	Water treatment Process Chlorine is added to the water as a precaution against any bacteria that may be present. We monitor chlorine levels daily, adding the lowest quantity necessary to protect the safety of your water, without compromising taste.						
Sheep Creek Water Company is in compliance with all SWRCB, DDW sample requirements.												