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RE: Lead and Copper Information

Oakhurst/Sierra Lakes Customers:

The State Water Resources Control Board has suggested that all state regulated water systems make lead and copper information available to their customers.

Hillview Water has been monitoring lead and copper levels in our water systems since before 1991 when the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR). An innovative and significant component of the EPA-LCR is that the samples are taken from inside buildings and residences to expose any lead or copper that can be leached into water from domestic plumbing. The proper method of sharing lead and copper information is by giving the "90<sup>th</sup> percentile" (generally the ninth highest out of ten tests). The latest Oakhurst/Sierra Lakes lead and copper tests (taken in 2013) show a 90<sup>th</sup> percentile lead level of ND (Non-Detect) and a 90<sup>th</sup> percentile copper level of 210 µg/L. These levels are significantly below the EPA and State Waterboards action levels which are 15 µg/L for lead and 1300 µg/L for copper.

Lead and copper are, generally, not found in the water in the Oakhurst/Sierra Lakes system. They only become a concern when corrosive properties in water leach (pull) those minerals out of existing pipes, solder, and/or fixtures and could, then, potentially be in the water in your home. There is no lead or copper in the Hillview Water Company pipes in the Oakhurst/Sierra Lakes area so the possibility of lead and copper leaching from our pipes into your water is almost nonexistent.

We will be conducting our triennial lead and copper tests, once again, this summer. We appreciate everyone who volunteers to conduct these important tests and will publish the results of the new updated tests once we have the results.

Please contact me at the phone or address below if you have any questions about these tests and results.

  
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Compliance and Resource Officer