

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.

DRINKING WATER WARNING

Hillview Water Company – Raymond water has high levels of nitrate.

**DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO
INFANTS UNDER 6 MONTHS OLD OR PREGNANT WOMEN
OR USE IT TO MAKE INFANT FORMULA.**

Water sample results collected on August 8, 2017 showed nitrate levels of 22 mg/L in water produced by the Raymond Well #8. The nitrate standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), is 10 mg/L. Nitrate in drinking water is a serious health concern for infants less than six months old.

What should I do?

- **DO NOT GIVE THE WATER TO INFANTS.** *Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL may quickly become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die because high nitrate levels can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen. Symptoms may include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Symptoms in infants can develop rapidly, with health deteriorating over a period of days. If symptoms occur, seek medical attention immediately.*
- **PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD NOT CONSUME THE WATER.** *High nitrate levels may also affect the oxygen-carrying ability of the blood of pregnant women.*
- Water, juice, and formula for children under six months of age should not be prepared with tap water. Bottled water or other water low in nitrates should be used for infants until further notice.
- **DO NOT BOIL THE WATER.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, or letting water stand does not reduce the nitrate level. Excessive boiling can make the nitrates more concentrated because nitrates remain behind when the water evaporates.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

Nitrate in drinking water can come from natural, industrial, or agricultural sources (including septic systems, storm water run-off, and fertilizers). Levels of nitrate in drinking water can vary throughout the year. We will let you know if the amount of nitrate is again below the limit.

Due to demand, the Raymond well will not be removed from service as it is the current primary producer of water for the area. We have received four Raymond grant projects totaling over \$5,908,500. This money will allow us to build facilities that will solve the Raymond water system nitrate problem. The work will be complete by June 30, 2018.

For more information, please contact Hillview Compliance and Resource Officer Ralph Fairfield at 559.683.4322 or P.O. Box 2269 Oakhurst, CA 93644.

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 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 student 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 the Hillview Water Company.
Raymond State Water System ID#: 2010012 Date distributed: October 5, 2017**

Quarterly Progress Report

Water System:	Raymond	Water System No.:	2010012
Compliance Order No.:	03-11-060-001	Violation:	Nitrate Exceedance
Calendar Quarter:	Third	Date Prepared:	October 5, 2017

This form should be prepared and signed by Water System personnel with appropriate authority to implement the directives of the Compliance Order and the Corrective Action Plan. Please attach additional sheets as necessary. The quarterly progress report must be submitted by the 10th day of each subsequent quarter, to the Division of Drinking Water, Merced District Office.

Summary of Compliance Plan:

To bring the Raymond water system to the point of meeting the nitrate standards, the Hillview Water Company has received Proposition 50 and 84 grants totaling some \$5,908,500 to construct a water treatment plant to remove excess contaminants.

Tasks completed in the reporting quarter:

The Funding Agreements have been received and construction plans have been finalized and approved. The project was advertised, contractor selected, and contract signed. The project started in September with removal of old dry wells and initial site access grading. Project will be complete and on line by June 2018.

Tasks remaining to complete:

Advertisement of project; award of bid; selection of contractor; construction of treatment plant and well heads.

Anticipate compliance date:

July 2018

Name James F. Foster

Signature



Title Manager

Date October 5, 2017