



# Weimar Water Company

## *Water Quality Report – 2017*

**Annual Water Quality Report Requirements.** California water retailers must meet standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State Water Resource Control Board. The Department enforces drinking water standards within the State. Under State and Federal laws, we are required to send you an annual report on our water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards.

Our goal is, and always has been, to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of water. Your drinking water consistently meets and exceeds State and Federal standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. For more information about your water please call Gerry LaBudde at 530/637-4441.

**Spanish Speaking Customers.** Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua potable. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

**Water Supply Source.** Sierra snowmelt run-off from the Yuba and Bear River water sheds flows through Lake Spaulding, and the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Drum Forebay. Water is conveyed from Drum Forebay through Placer County Water Agency's Boardman Canal to the Weimar Water Company's water treatment plant. PCWA has completed and updated a Sanitary Survey and Source Water Assessment of the Yuba-Bear River watershed (2012). To review the Sanitary Survey and Watershed Assessment, please contact PCWA at 530-823-4850.

**About Drinking Water.** 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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**Environmental Influences on 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, radio-active material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water **BEFORE WE TREAT IT** include:

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

**Ensuring Safety.** In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA and the Department prescribe regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to the Department's regulations. Department regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

**Note to At-Risk Water Users.** 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 can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).



**TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT:**

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** 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.

**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 level of a disinfectant added for water treatment that may not be exceeded at the consumer's tap.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a disinfectant added for water treatment below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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

**Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS):** MCLs for 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 which a water system must follow.

**Variations and Exemptions:** Department permission to exceed an MCL or not comply with a treatment technique under certain conditions.

**ND:** not detectable at testing limit

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

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

**ppt:** parts per trillion or nanograms per liter (ng/L)

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

**2017 Water Quality Data.** The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1-December 31, 2017.

Microbiological Contaminants	Highest No. of Detections	No. of months in violation	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source of Bacteria
Total Coliform Bacteria (3 routine samples collected every month)	(In a month) 3 <sup>(a)</sup>	1 <sup>(a)</sup>	More than 1 sample in a month with a detection	0	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform or <i>E. coli</i> (3 routine samples collected every month)	(In the year) 0	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample detect total coliform and either sample also detects fecal coliform or <i>E. coli</i>	0	Human and animal fecal waste

(a) On August 14<sup>th</sup> all three of our monthly routine bacteriological samples tested positive for total coliform. We collected 12 samples the following day, all 12 came back showing no presence of total coliform. On the same day, three other neighboring systems all had positive total coliform results. All the follow up samples showed no presence of total coliform. The common denominator behind all the positive tests was the lab's courier used to transport samples, and the laboratory itself. We presented all the facts to the laboratory and they refused to invalidate the samples. Per the drinking water regulations, if the laboratory will not invalidate the samples it is considered a violation and is reported as such herein.



**Regulated Contaminants with Primary MCLs (samples collected in 2017 unless noted)**

Parameters/Constituents	Units	State MCL	MCLG (or PHG)	Range	Detected Level	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Trihalomethanes	ppb	80	n/a	17.2 – 48.5	38.7 <sup>(a)</sup>	No	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
HAA5	ppb	60	n/a	17.2 – 29.1	26.1 <sup>(a)</sup>	No	“ “
Gross Alpha (2016)	pCi/L	15	n/a	---	0.524+/-0.923	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 228 (2016)	pCi/L	2	n/a	---	0.054+/-0.253	No	Erosion of natural deposits

(a) Based on highest Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA) in 2017.

**Regulated Contaminants with Secondary MCLs (samples collected in 2016)**

Parameters/ Constituents	Units	State SMCL	MCLG (or PHG)	Range (avg.)	Detected Level	Likely Source of Contamination
Aluminum (2016)	ppb	200	None	---	78	Erosion of natural deposits; residual from some surface water treatment processes
Total Dissolved Solids (2016)	ppm	1000	None	---	41	Runoff/leaching from natural sources
Specific Conductance (2016)	micro-mhos	1600	None	47-70	58.5	Substances that form ions when in water
Chloride (2016)	ppm	500	None	---	5.1	Runoff/leaching from natural sources
Sulfate as SO <sub>4</sub> (2016)	ppm	500	None	---	0.63	Runoff/leaching from natural sources

**Sampling Results Showing Treatment of Surface Water Sources- Conventional Filtration**

Contaminant	MCL	PHG	Range	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
Turbidity	TT = 1 NTU	N/A	0.02	2017	No	Soil runoff
	TT = 95% of samples ≤0.3 NTU		0.11			
Turbidity Performance Standards (b) (that must be met through the water treatment process)			Turbidity of the filtered water must: 1 – Be less than or equal to 0.3 NTU in 95% of measurements in a month. 2 – Not exceed 1.0 NTU for more than eight consecutive hours. 3 – Not exceed 5.0 NTU at any time.			
Lowest monthly percentage of samples that met Turbidity Performance Standards			100%			
Highest single turbidity measurement during the year			0.11			
Number of violations of any surface water treatment requirements			0			

(a) A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

(b) Turbidity (measured in NTU) is a measurement of the cloudiness of water and is a good indicator of water quality and filtration performance. Turbidity results which meet performance standards are considered to be in compliance with filtration requirements.



**Additional Constituents Analyzed (samples collected in 2016)**

<b>Parameters/Constituents</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>State MCL</b>	<b>MCLG (or PHG)</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Detected Level (avg)</b>	<b>Likely Source of Contamination</b>
Total Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	ppm	n/a	None	12 - 18.7	15.9	Naturally present
Total Alkalinity (2016)	ppm	n/a	None	---	14	Naturally present
Aggressive Index (2016)	NU	n/a	None	---	9.44	Elemental balance caused by temperature and other factors
Total Organic Carbon	ppm	n/a	None	0.84 – 1.31	1.11	Naturally present
Bicarbonate (2016)	ppm	n/a	none	---	17	Naturally present
pH (2016)	pH units	< 6 - > 9	None	---	7.42	n/a
Calcium (2016)	ppm	None	None	---	3	n/a
Sodium (2016)	ppm	n/a	None	---	3.9	Naturally present

**Lead and Copper (Most Recent Sample 2015 based on triennial sampling schedule)**

<b>Parameters/Constituents</b>	<b>No. of samples collected</b>	<b>90th percentile level detected</b>	<b>No. Sites exceeding</b>				<b>Typical Source of Contaminant</b>
				<b>AL</b>	<b>AL</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	
Lead (ppb)	10	ND	0	15 ppb	0.2	No	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (ppm)	10	0.12 ppm	0	1.3 ppm	0.3	No	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

**Information on Lead.** 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. Weimar Water Company 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/safewater/lead>

Weimar Water Company will be assisting Weimar Hills School in conducting lead and copper sampling at the start of the 2018/2019 school year. Weimar Hills School is the only school served by Weimar Water Company, and this sampling is a new requirement set by the Division of Drinking Water. Weimar Water Company will be providing technical assistance including development of sampling plan, sample collection and submittal to the laboratory at no charge to the school district.



# Consumer Confidence Report Certification Form

(to be submitted with a copy of the CCR)

(to certify electronic delivery of the CCR, use the certification form on the State Board's website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/certlic/drinkingwater/CCR.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/CCR.shtml))

Water System Name: Weimar Water Company

Water System Number: 3110035

The water system named above hereby certifies that its Consumer Confidence Report was distributed on July 1, 2017 to customers (and appropriate notices of availability have been given). Further, the system certifies that the information contained in the report is correct and consistent with the compliance monitoring data previously submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water.

Certified by: Name: Gerry LaBudde  
Signature:   
Title: Owner/Operator  
Phone Number: (530)-637-4441 Date: June 12, 2018

To summarize report delivery used and good-faith efforts taken, please complete the below by checking all items that apply and fill-in where appropriate:

CCR was distributed by mail or other direct delivery methods. Specify other direct delivery methods used: \_\_\_\_\_

"Good faith" efforts were used to reach non-bill paying consumers. Those efforts included the following methods:

- Posting the CCR on the Internet at [www.weimarwater.com/consumer-confidence-reports/](http://www.weimarwater.com/consumer-confidence-reports/)
- Mailing the CCR to postal patrons within the service area (attach zip codes used)
- Advertising the availability of the CCR in news media (attach copy of press release)
- Publication of the CCR in a local newspaper of general circulation (attach a copy of the published notice, including name of newspaper and date published)
- Posted the CCR in public places (attach a list of locations)
- Delivery of multiple copies of CCR to single-billed addresses serving several persons, such as apartments, businesses, and schools
- Delivery to community organizations (attach a list of organizations)
- Other (attach a list of other methods used)

For systems serving at least 100,000 persons: Posted CCR on a publicly-accessible internet site at the following address: www.\_\_\_\_\_

For privately-owned utilities: Delivered the CCR to the California Public Utilities Commission

*This form is provided as a convenience and may be used to meet the certification requirement of section 64483(c), California Code of Regulations.*