

La Mesa Water Cooperative

WaterGram - February 2017

Required notice of violation

On the back of this page is a notice that we failed to collect a required water sample in 2014. This is a compliance issue because we did not obtain the sample in the specified location. It is not a water quality issue because tests indicated there was no concern with the levels of these contaminants. The contaminants in question are organic compounds typically associated with runoff from agriculture or ranching. They can be problems in surface water (streams and lakes) but are rarely problems in the ground (well) water we use.

Attached notice of elections

We will be filling three positions on the Board of Direction at our annual meeting in April. The attached notice indicates how to nominate candidates for these positions.

Because well #3 is located in Sundance Mesa, the Board particularly desires the nomination of candidates from Sundance. If you have questions about serving on the Board, contact any Board member at the numbers listed below.

Progress on repairs at well #5

We were successful in cleaning the well, but testing indicated that the well pitless adapter (the device that couples the well to the distribution system) needed to be replaced. This was done during the last full week of January. When this was completed a new pump, motor, and drop pipe was installed. We then chlorinated the well and all associated plumbing. On Thursday, February 2nd we took water samples to test for harmful bacteria. The test results were negative indicating no bacterial contamination was present. As soon as we finish a few tasks inside the well house, the well will be returned to service. We expect this to occur during the week of February 5.

Once well #5 is back in service, well #3 will be taken off line. Members on our e-mail notification list will receive a notice when this occurs and a notice will be posted on the mailbox bulletin boards.

Progress on pilot tests at well #3

We are almost ready to begin our long delayed pilot tests of two possible arsenic removal technologies at well #3. The equipment for the tests was placed in the underground vault that houses the well controls on Thursday, January 26. As soon as well #5 is back on line, we will begin to install this equipment. Although we initially thought that we would not need to use a temporary exterior water tank, we found that an external tank is required. This tank will be installed in the next two weeks. We expect that the pilot tests will be running before the end of February. These tests will take several months to complete.

During the pilot tests we will discharge waste water into the arroyo. Although this water is not hazardous, Federal rules prohibit its use.

The pilot tests are essential because they will determine the technology and vendor we will use. In turn, these choices will determine the size of the building we will need.

Information on these projects

- The most recent information can always be found on the front page of the Coop web site lamesawatercoop.org.
- E-mail alerts and reports are available to members via our voluntary e-mail information system. If you are not already on this list, you may sign up by sending an e-mail to: alerts@lamesawatercoop.org.
- Occasional updates are posted at the mailboxes.
- You may also address questions and concerns to any Board member (see below).

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