



April 2009

Carpinteria Valley Water District

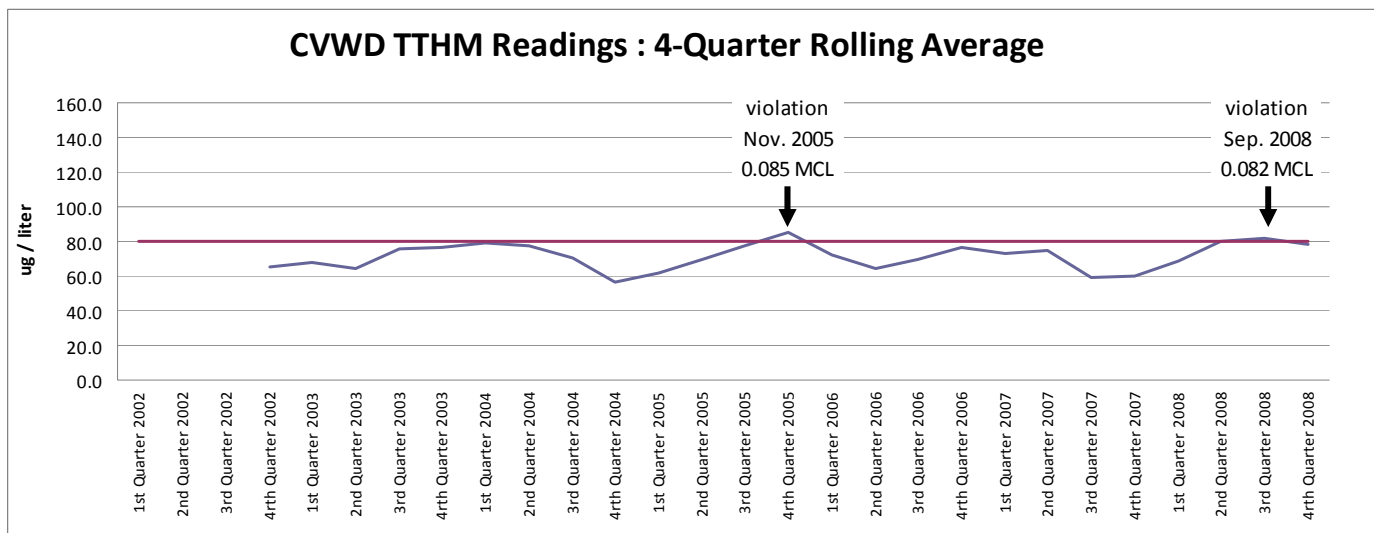
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## Water Quality Update

Last September Carpinteria Valley Water District sent letters out to customers explaining that it had violated a drinking water standard: exceeding the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM), a disinfection by-product.

**The District has been in compliance since then.**

The standard MCL for TTHMs, measured as an average of eight samples taken every three months at specified locations in the District and then averaged as a “rolling annual average” over four quarters (1 year) is 80 parts per billion. CVWD’s rolling annual average in September of 2008 was 82 parts per billion. The graph below illustrates the District’s rolling average since 2002. The two occasions that the MCL was exceeded are noted on the graph.



The District is taking steps to remain in compliance and reduce the formation of disinfection by-products (DBPs) like TTHMs. They include local well water system improvements, participation in Cater Treatment Plant improvements, and local operational changes to minimize water age.

Plans are underway to rehabilitate the District’s **El Carro Well** and develop central zone blending facilities. The District plans to participate in the \$20 million upgrade at the **Cater Treatment Plant in Santa Barbara** designed to reduce DBP formation by using ozone to pre-oxidize Cachuma water. Lastly, the District is lowering reservoir volumes in the winter and fall as well as flushing through hydrants to keep water continuously moving in the distribution system, which decreases the formation of DBPs.

El Distrito es bilingue. Favor de llamar (805) 684-2816 con cualquier pregunta sobre su cuenta o el uso de agua, estamos aqui para asistirlos.

## CVWD Budget

The Board of Directors of the Carpinteria Valley Water District will hold a **public hearing** to consider increases in its **Water Rates and Charges** beginning with the July 2009 billing period.

**When:** Wednesday, **May 27, 2009 at 7 p.m.**  
**Where:** Carpinteria City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria

The purpose of such adjusted Rates and Charges is to fund the maintenance, operation, repair, construction, and improvement of water facilities of and for the Carpinteria Valley Water District.

The projected monthly bill increase for the average residential customer of the District using 12 units of water is \$2.28 or 2.3 percent. Please call the District at (805) 684-2816 ext. 117 if you would like to know more specifically how the proposed Rates and Charges increases are likely to affect your monthly bill.

Notices including the **Proposed Schedule of Rates and Charges** are being mailed to all customers and property owners. If you do not receive one by April 8th, please call the District at (805) 684-2816 ext. 117.

### Carpinteria Valley Water District Board of Directors

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### **Board Meetings**

CVWD's Board of Directors regularly meets on the 3rd or 4th Wednesday of each month.

Regular meetings begin at 4 p.m., are open to the public, and are held at 1301 Santa Ynez Ave., Carpinteria.

For more information on the meeting schedule, phone (805) 684-2816

## Earth Day 2009

**2009 South Coast Earth Day Festival**  
**Sunday, April 19th**  
**10 am to 5:30 pm**  
**Alameda Park, Santa Barbara**

The Earth Day festival features a children's activity area, live music from the solar-powered stage, free bicycle check-ups, an "energy village", presentations of new and upcoming technologies by environmental entrepreneurs and innovators.



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### *April Board of Directors Meetings*

The Board Meetings for the month of April:

**Wednesday, April 1st**  
**Wednesday, April 15th**  
**Wednesday, April 22nd**

The meetings are held at 4 p.m. in the **District Boardroom, 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue.**

Visit our website at [www.cvwd.net](http://www.cvwd.net) for new and updated information.