



Press Release
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Carpinteria Valley Water District (CVWD) wants to reassure you that your drinking water is safe and will not be interrupted. CVWD is monitoring the Coronavirus Outbreak situation closely and taking reasonable precautionary measures to protect the health and safety of our staff and our citizens. CVWD is implementing an Operational Continuity Plan to ensure that your safe potable water supply is uninterrupted during the COVID-19 emergency. Coordination between local Water Agencies and Emergency Managers in Santa Barbara County is underway and will continue throughout this emergency to ensure uninterrupted water service.

The EPA issued the following statement regarding drinking water; “Americans can continue to use and drink water from their tap as usual. The EPA (and California Drinking Water Regulators) have established regulations with treatment requirements for public water systems that prevent waterborne pathogens such as viruses from contaminating drinking water and wastewater. COVID-19 is a type of virus that is particularly susceptible to disinfection and standard treatment and disinfectant processes are expected to be effective.”

CDC released the following statement; “The COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking water. Conventional water treatment methods that use filtration and disinfection, such as those in most municipal drinking water systems, should remove or inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19.”

The best available methods for water treatment are used to ensure CVWD water is safe, including conventional multi-barrier treatment processes and ozone and chlorine disinfectants which are very effective at killing viruses such as the COVID-19.

The CDC and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have provided more information regarding the safety of your drinking water. This information can be found at the links below

(CDC Guidance regarding drinking water and COVID-19) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/water.html>

(EPA Guidance regarding drinking water and COVID-19) <https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-drinking-water-and-wastewater>

(California Department of Public Health information regarding COVID-19 risks in California) <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>

California and Local Public Health Officials have issued guidance on social distancing in order to minimize the spread of COVID-19. In an effort to implement this guidance the CVWD office will be closed to walk-in customers but will remain open to assist customers and conduct business by telephone. Additionally, CVWD public meetings will be held telephonically until further notice. Agendas will continue to be posted online and at the District Offices. CVWD public meetings will comply to the provisions of the modified Brown Act as described in the California Executive Order 25-20. A call-in number to CVWD public meetings will be provided on the agenda and audio recordings will be posted on the CVWD website. If members of the public do not have access to a telephone to dial in, a location will be provided in which members of the public can listen and participate in the meeting.

District Website can be found at www.cvwd.net and CVWD customer service representatives can be reached at (805) 684-2816 between 8AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday.