

# CARPINTERIA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT



## ANNUAL CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT WATER QUALITY TESTING RESULTS FOR 2023

This report contains important information about your drinking water.

*Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.  
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Regularly scheduled Board meetings may be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at Carpinteria City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Avenue. A public comment period is held during each meeting

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# LETTER FROM GENERAL MANAGER

June 2024

Dear Carpinteria Valley Residents,

Carpinteria Valley Water District is pleased to present you with this Annual Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report for the 2023 calendar year.

## **The District in 2023 met and currently meets all state and federal drinking water quality standards.**

The water quality of the District's delivered supplies to its customers continues to meet or exceed the requirements of the safe drinking water regulations in large part due to the investments made in our water system over the past 25 years. These include covering of Carpinteria and Ortega reservoirs, upgrading treatment processes at the Cater treatment plant, developing treatment systems at our local water storage facilities and providing a way to blend local groundwater with imported water supplies more effectively. These improvements were costly and seemed a burden on CVWD customers at the time. However, in retrospect, the fact that I can say we have addressed Disinfection By-Product (DBPs) issues in our water system, demonstrated by the fact that DBPs have been below the regulatory limits consistently over the past 15 years, is an indication that it was the right decision to invest in these improvements.

While safe drinking water continues to be a top priority at CVWD, a new challenge emerged in 2013 lasting through 2022. This challenge was an **extreme drought**, which threatened CVWD's mission to reliably deliver water to customers. Fortunately, in the winter 2022 the entire State of California including Carpinteria received above average rainfall essentially refilling water storage reservoirs, restoring rivers, and providing significant snowpack to supply water needs through out the state for the rest of 2023 and perhaps beyond. Unfortunately, one water resource system that has not recovered like the other resources is groundwater. Groundwater basins recover with rainfall through a process called percolation which happens at a slower rate relative to other water resources systems like lakes and rivers.

During this drought the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin (CGB) was utilized by the District and local farmers to provide much needed water as other supplies dried up. Because of this and the slow rate of recharge the CGB has not recovered from the effects of the 2013- 2022 drought and will likely not be fully recovered for years. In order to help the CGB recover, the District has reduced its pumping to allow recovery to happen faster. In addition to the reduction in pumping, the District is working on a new water supply project called the Carpinteria Advanced Purification Project (CAPP) that will provide a drought proof water supply that will help to make sure we have enough water during future droughts. The CAPP will capture wastewater currently discharged to the ocean by the Carpinteria Sanitary District, purify it and inject it into the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin. CAPP will use available space in the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin to store water until it is needed for water supply. The District looks forward to better water supply reliability in the near and long term because of the recent winter and projects like the CAPP.

If you have any questions or concerns about this report please call me or Operations Manager Greg Stanford at the District office at (805) 684-2816.

Sincerely,

Bob McDonald  
General Manager

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. SWRCB regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised 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. USEPA/Centers for Disease Control (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 at 1-800-426-4791**

## CARPINTERIA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT - WATER QUALITY TESTING RESULTS

The data noted in the tables identifies all the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the 2023 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table are from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2023. The State allows CVWD to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

### PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARDS - Mandatory Health Related Standards

CONTAMINANTS	UNITS	PHG (MCLG)	MCL (MRDL) NL	RANGE DETECTED	REPORTING VALUE	YEAR TESTED	MAJOR SOURCES OF CONTAMINATION IN DRINKING WATER
<b>INORGANICS</b>							
Aluminum	mg/L	0.6	1	ND - ND	ND	2023	Erosion of natural deposits; residue from some surface water treatment processes.
Arsenic	µg/L	0.004	10	1 - 1	1	2023	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	mg/L	2	1	ND - ND	ND	2023	Discharges of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	mg/L	1	2	0.2 - 0.4	0.25	2023	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate as N (nitrogen)	mg/L	10	10	ND - 2.9	1.05	2023	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
Perchlorate	µg/L	1	6	ND - ND	ND	2021	Municipal and industrial waste discharge; environmental contamination from aerospace or industrial operators that used, stored, or disposed of perchlorate and its salts.
Chromium (Total Cr)	µg/L	100	50	ND - ND	ND	2023	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from steel and pulp mills, chrome plating.

### RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS

Gross Alpha Particle Activity	pCi/L	0	15	2.82 - 3.8	3.34	2021	Erosion of natural deposits.
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### VOLATILE ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS

Methyl tert-Butyl Ether (MTBE)	µg/L	13	13	ND - ND	ND	2021	Leaking underground storage tanks; discharge from petroleum and chemical factories.
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### SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS

1,2,3-Trichloropropane	µg/L	NA	0.005	ND - ND	ND	2021	Discharge from industrial and agricultural chemical factories; leaching from hazardous waste sites; cleaning and maintenance solvent, paint and varnish remover, and cleaning and degreasing agent; byproduct during production of other compounds and pesticides
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### MONITORED IN THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OR AT DESIGNATED POINTS OF USE - MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANT SAMPLE

E. coli (State Revised Total Coliform Rule)	Sample	0	1 positive monthly sample	ND - ND	ND	2024	Human and animal fecal waste.
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### DISINFECTION BYPRODUCT, DISINFECTION RESIDUAL, DISINFECTION BYPRODUCT PRECURSOR - SYSTEM WIDE AVERAGE

Total Trihalomethane TTHM	µg/L	NA	80	13 - 64	50.5	2023	By-product of water chlorination.
Haloacetic Acids HAA5	µg/L	NA	60	5 - 44	31.5	2023	By-product of water chlorination.
Chlorine Residual	mg/L	4	4	0.6 - 1.6	1.1	2023	Used to disinfect potable water.

1. The MCL for HAA5 is based on a site specific four quarter running annual average, where the MAX range for HAA5 is based on a one time site specific sample result, therefore CVWD is not in violation of exceeding the MCL.

**SECONDARY DRINKING WATER STANDARDS** - Aesthetic Standards Established by the State Water Board.

CONTAMINANTS	UNITS	PHG (MCLG)	MCL (MRDL), NL	RANGE DETECTED	REPORTING VALUE	YEAR TESTED	MAJOR SOURCES OF CONTAMINATION IN DRINKING WATER
Chloride	mg/L	NA	500	17 - 126	52	2023	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence.
Color, Apparent	units	NA	15	ND - ND	ND	2023	Naturally occurring organic materials.
Copper	mg/L	0.3	1	ND - ND	ND	2023	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Iron	µg/L	NA	300	ND - ND	ND	2023	Leaching of natural deposits.
Manganese	µg/L	NA	50	ND - ND	ND	2023	Naturally occurring organic materials; causes discoloration of water and is an aesthetic concern.
Methyl Blue Active Substances - MBAS	µg/L	NA	500	ND - ND	ND	2023	Foaming agents found in detergents.
Specific Conductance	us/cm	NA	1600	856 - 1120	929	2023	Run-off/leaching of natural deposits.
Sulfate	mg/L	NA	500	118 - 231	160	2023	Substances that form ions in water.
Odor	TON	NA	3	ND - ND	ND	2023	Naturally occurring organic materials; causes objectionable taste and odor and is an aesthetic concern.
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	NA	1000	550 - 670	608	2023	Run-off/leaching of natural deposits.
Lab Turbidity	NTU	NA	5	ND - ND	ND	2023	Natural river sediment; soil run-off.
Zinc	mg/L	NA	5	ND - ND	ND	2023	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes

**ADDITIONAL CONSTITUENTS**

pH	Std Units	NA	NA	7.5 - 7.9	7.7	2023	Varies in water; 0-6=acidic, 7=neutral, 8-14=alkaline
Total Alkalinity (as CaCO3)	mg/L	NA	NA	200 - 290	255	2023	Leaching of natural deposits.
Total Hardness as CaCO3	mg/L	NA	NA	337 - 422	379	2023	Leaching of natural deposits.
Calcium	mg/L	NA	NA	89 - 113	100	2023	Leaching of natural deposits.
Magnesium	mg/L	NA	NA	28 - 35	32	2023	Leaching of natural deposits.
Sodium	mg/L	NA	NA	39 - 66	51	2023	Leaching of natural deposits.
Potassium	mg/L	NA	NA	1 - 2	2	2023	Leaching of natural deposits.

**WATER SOFTENER SETTINGS:** The District's water has a hardness range of 20 to 25 grains per gallon. One grain per gallon equals 17 milligrams per liter.

## LEAD AND COPPER RULE - MONITORED AT CUSTOMER'S TAP

30 sites sampled in 2022. 0 samples exceeded the action levels for copper and lead. Action level is based on 90th percentile of all 30 samples.

Number of school sites requesting lead sampling in 2022: 0

Lead	ppb	0.2	AL = 15	0 - 2.3	0.7	2022	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems and erosion of natural deposits
Copper	ppm	0.3	AL = 1.30	0 - 2.74	0.24	2022	

**LEAD IN PLUMBING:** 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. Carpinteria Valley Water District 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 at 1-800-426-4791**. It is also available on the EPA's website at: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

## UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS - WITH NO MCLS

CONTAMINANTS	UNITS	PHG (MCLG)	MCL (MRDL) NL	RANGE DETECTED	REPORTING VALUE	YEAR TESTED	MAJOR SOURCES OF CONTAMINATION IN DRINKING WATER
Boron	mg/L	NA	NL=1	0.1 - 0.3	0.2	2023	Erosion of natural deposits.
Vanadium	ppb	NA	NL=50	ND - ND	ND	2023	NA
<b>UCMR5</b>							
Trichloroacetic acid	ug/L	NA	None	4 - 13	8.00	2024	NA
13C2 PFDA	%	NA	None	104 - 120	111.2	2023	NA
13C2 PFDoA	ug/L	NA	None	0.03 - 0.05	0.04	2023	NA
13C2 PFHxA	%	NA	None	104 - 121	112.0	2023	NA
13C2-4:2-FTS	ug/L	NA	None	0.15 - 0.25	0.19	2023	NA
13C2-6:2-FTS	ug/L	NA	None	0.13 - 0.21	0.17	2023	NA
13C2-8:2-FTS	ug/L	NA	None	0.13 - 0.23	0.18	2023	NA
13C3 HFPO-DA	ug/L	NA	None	0.03 - 0.04	0.03	2023	NA
13C3 PFBS	ug/L	NA	None	0.04 - 0.04	0.04	2023	NA
13C3 PFHxS	ug/L	NA	None	0.04 - 0.05	0.04	2023	NA
13C3-GenX	%	NA	None	95 - 116	105.67	2023	NA
13C4 PFBA	ug/L	NA	None	0.03 - 0.05	0.04	2023	NA
13C4 PFHpA	ug/L	NA	None	0.03 - 0.05	0.04	2023	NA
13C5 PFHxA	ug/L	NA	None	0.03 - 0.05	0.04	2023	NA
13C5 PFPeA	ug/L	NA	None	0.03 - 0.05	0.04	2023	NA
13C6 PFDA	ug/L	NA	None	0.03 - 0.05	0.04	2023	NA
13C7 PFUnA	ug/L	NA	None	0.03 - 0.05	0.04	2023	NA
13C8 PFOA	ug/L	NA	None	0.03 - 0.05	0.04	2023	NA
13C8 PFOS	ug/L	NA	None	0.04 - 0.05	0.04	2023	NA
13C9 PFNA	ug/L	NA	None	0.03 - 0.05	0.04	2023	NA
d5-NEtFOSAA	%	NA	None	93 - 113	103.17	2023	NA
Li	ug/L	NA	None	25.7 - 26.5	25.97	2023	NA
Lithium	ug/L	NA	None	23.9 - 27.2	25.55	2023	NA



## DEFINITIONS USED IN THE CHARTS

**Groundwater:** All subsurface water found underground in cracks and spaces in soil, sand and rock. The area where water fills these spaces is the saturated zone, the top of this zone is called the water table.

**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 (SMCL)** 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.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The level of a disinfectant (chlorine) added for water treatment that may not be exceeded at the customer's tap.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a disinfectant (chlorine) added for water treatment at which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs are set by the USEPA.

**Notification Level (NL):** Notification levels are health-based levels established by CDPH for chemicals in drinking water that lack MCLs.

**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.

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

**Regulatory Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers a treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow.

**Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS):** MCLs for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of drinking water. Secondary Contaminants are not based on health effects at MCL levels.

**Surface Water:** All water open to the atmosphere and subject to surface runoff such as lakes, reservoirs and rivers. Water from Lake Cachuma and Gibraltar Reservoir is treated at the William B. Cater Water Treatment Plant.

**Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of contaminant in drinking water.

**UCMR4:** A one time sample event to establish potential new contaminants for future monitoring

**Symbol "<":** denotes 'less than'

**µg/L:** micrograms per liter

**mg/L:** milligrams per liter

**µmho/cm:** Micromhos per centimeter

**ng/L:** nanogram per liter (parts per trillion)

**ppb:** parts per billion

**ppm:** parts per million

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

**NA:** Not Applicable

**ND:** Not detected at testing limit

**NTU:** Nephelometric Turbidity Units

**None:** None Required



Water-wise gardening



Sweeping sidewalks



Monitoring water use



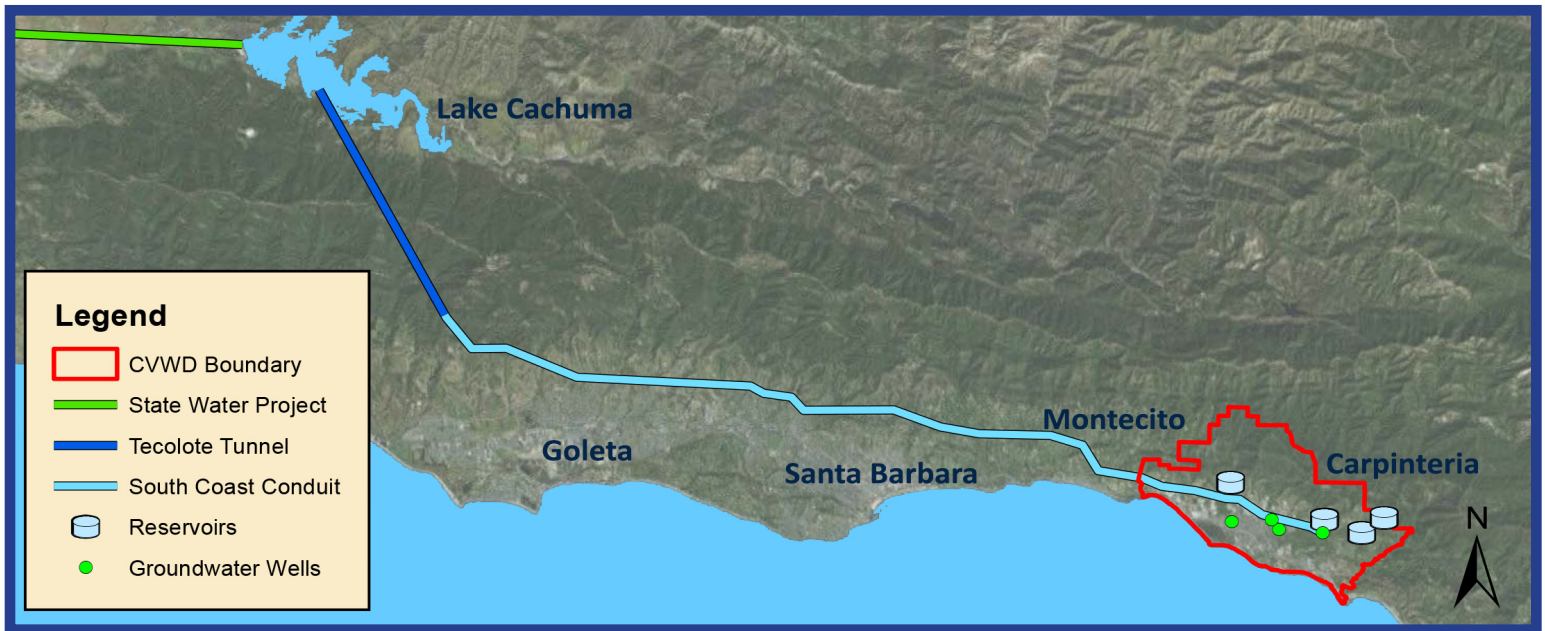
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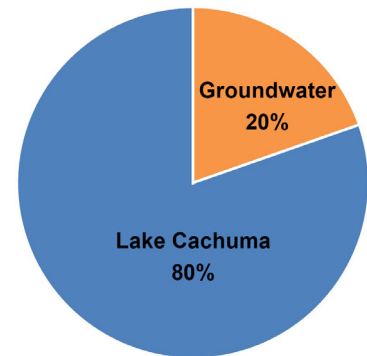
## DRINKING WATER SOURCES AND EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION



Carpinteria's water supply portfolio is comprised of three sources: groundwater pumped from the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin and surface water supplies from the Cachuma Project and the State Water Project.

In 2023, the District received 2691 acre feet (AF) of water from Lake Cachuma, 0 AF from the State Water Project and pumped 658 AF from the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin for approximately 3348 acre feet (AF) of water supplied to the Carpinteria Valley.

The pie chart, at right, shows the percentage of water received for each source in 2023..



### SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT:

The Source Water Assessment for Carpinteria Valley Water District was completed in 2003. A copy of the complete assessment is available at the Carpinteria Valley Water District Office, 1301 Santa Ynez Ave., Carpinteria, CA 93013.

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 at 1-800-426-4791**.

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, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water (prior to treatment) include:

**Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, that can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, animal waste, fertilizer and farming operations.

**Pesticides and herbicides**, that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

**Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals that are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

**Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.