

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.  
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### FIRST CALENDAR QUARTER 2010 NOTICE

#### **PlaVada Community Association Has Levels of Arsenic Above the Drinking Water Standard**

Our domestic water system recently violated the new drinking water standard for arsenic. Although this is not an emergency, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

#### **What happened?**

The USEPA standard, enacted January 2006, and the California Department of Public Health standard, enacted November 28, 2008, lowered the maximum contaminant level (MCL) of arsenic from 0.050 milligrams per liter (mg/L) to 0.010 mg/L (or 10 ug/L) based on the running annual average of test results.

Wells 3 and 4 arsenic test results indicate that the current running annual average levels are 15.7 ug/L and 31.1 ug/L, respectively.

These levels are above the MCL, so you will be notified quarterly until the violation is corrected. The PlaVada Community Association is also now subject to an administrative order dated September 30, 2008, from the USEPA which requires compliance with the arsenic MCL.

#### **What should I do?**

- **You are not required to use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water).**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, *some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years may experience skin damage or circulatory system problems, and may have an increased risk to getting cancer.*
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

#### **What is being done?**

The PlaVada Community Association (PVCA) is evaluating options to comply with the new standard. PVCA is looking at a treatment option. For more information, please contact Terri McGuigan at (530) 426-3980.

#### **Secondary Notification Requirements**

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450 (g)]:

**SCHOOLS:** Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if students are minors).

**RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities):  
Must notify tenants.

**BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by the PlaVada Community Association.