


## Consumer Confidence Report Certification Form

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Water System Name: Del Oro Water Company, Stirling Bluffs District

Water System Number: 0410018

The water system named above hereby certifies that its Consumer Confidence Report was distributed by **July 1, 2017** to customers (and appropriate notices of availability have been given). Further, the system certifies that the information contained in the report is correct and consistent with the compliance monitoring data previously submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water.

Certified by: Name: Cathy Fluharty  
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  - Delivery to community organizations (attach a list of organizations)
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*This form is provided as a convenience and may be used to meet the certification requirement of section 64483(c), California Code of Regulations.*

**2016 Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report  
Del Oro Water Company – Stirling Bluffs  
Public Water System Number 0410018**

*We test the drinking water quality for many constituents as required by state and federal regulations. This report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 - December 31, 2016 and may include earlier monitoring data.*

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

Water for the Del Oro Water Co., Stirling Bluffs District system originates from a water filtration and disinfection plant that treats surface water obtained from the Hendricks Canal. You will be notified with your billing of any public meetings concerning your drinking water. For additional information concerning your drinking water, contact: Community Relations at P.O. Drawer 5172, Chico, CA 95927 1-530-717-2505.

A source water assessment has been completed for the source serving Stirling Bluffs public water system. The source is considered most vulnerable to the following activities not associated with any detected contaminants: Managed forests, Non-regulated underground storage tanks. A copy of the complete assessment may obtained by calling Stirling Bluffs Customer Service: 530-717-2505

**TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT:**

**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 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 (USEPA).

**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.

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

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a disinfectant added for water treatment below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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

**Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS):** MCLs for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWSs do not affect the health at the MCL levels.

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

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

**Variations and Exemptions:** Department permission to exceed an MCL or not comply with a treatment technique under certain conditions.

**ND:** Not detectable at testing limit

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

**ppm:** Parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

**ppb:** Parts per billion or micrograms per liter (ug/L)

**ppt:** Parts per trillion or nanograms per liter (ng/L)

**ppq:** Parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

**MFL:** Million fibers per liter

**NTU:** Nephelometric Turbidity Units

**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 include:**

- *Microbial contaminants*, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agriculture 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, or farming.
- *Pesticides and herbicides*, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water 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, agricultural application, and septic systems.
- *Radioactive contaminants*, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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

Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 list all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the most recent sampling for the constituent. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The State Board allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, are more than one year old.

\* If any violation of an MCL, MRDL, or TT is asterisked additional information regarding the violations will be provided later in this report.

Microbiological Contaminants	Highest Number of Detections	Number of months in violation	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source of Bacteria
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	0	More than 1 sample in a month with a detection	0	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform or E. Coli	0	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample detect total coliform and either sample also detects fecal coliform or E.Coli	0	Human and animal fecal waste
<i>E. Coli</i> (from 4/1/2016 – 12/31/2016) (Federal Revised Total Coliform Rule)	0	0	N/A	0	Human and animal fecal waste

Lead and Copper	No. of samples collected	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile level detected	No. of sites exceeding AL	AL	PHG	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	5	7	0	15	0.2	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (ppm)	5	ND	0	1.3	0.3	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium (ppm) Treated Water	2011	2.7	None	None	Naturally Occurring
Hardness (ppm) Treated Water	2011	39	None	None	Naturally Occurring

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	MCL	Typical Source of Contaminants
TDS (ppm) Treated Water	2011	60	1500	Naturally Occurring
Chloride (ppm) Treated Water	2009	0.8	600	Naturally Occurring

<b>TABLE 5 – DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS, DISINFECTANT RESIDUALS, and DISINFECTION BYPRODUCT PRECURSORS</b>				
<b>Chemical or Constituent</b> (and reporting units)	<b>Sample Date</b>	<b>Highest Level Detected</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>Typical Source of Contaminant</b>
TTHMs (Total Trihalomethanes) (ppb)	8/22/2016	18	80	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (Haloacetic Acids) (ppb)	8/22/2016	7.9	60	Byproduct of drinking water chlorination

<b>TABLE 6– SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING TREATMENT OF SURFACE WATER SOURCES</b>	
<b>Treatment Technique* (Type of approved filtration technology used)</b>	<b>Two Stage Filtration</b>
<b>Turbidity Performance Standards** (that must be met through the water treatment process)</b>	Turbidity of the filtered water must: 1 – Be less than or equal to 0.5 NTU in 95% of measurements in a month. 2 – Not to exceed 1.0 NTU for more than eight consecutive hours. 3 – Not exceed 5.0 NTU at any time.
<b>Lowest monthly percentage of samples that met Turbidity Performance Standard No. 1.</b>	100%
<b>Highest single turbidity measurement during the year – 10/29/2016</b>	0.237
<b>The number of violations of any surface water treatment requirements</b>	None

\* A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

\*\* Turbidity (measured in NTU) is a measurement of the cloudiness of water and is a good indicator of water quality and filtration performance. Turbidity results which meet performance standards are considered to be in compliance with filtration requirements.

**ADDITIONAL GENERAL INFORMATION ON DRINKING WATER:**

While your drinking water meets the federal and state standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The arsenic standard balances the current understanding of arsenic’s possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

All 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 the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised 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 individuals, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The USEPA/Center 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. Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general populations. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your homes plumbing.

*Del Oro Water Company would like to inform our customers to the safety of lead and copper testing.* While Del Oro Water Company does not use lead pipes in the distribution lines that serve our customers, older homes may have been built using lead pipes or lead connectors. For this reason **Lead and Copper Tap Monitoring** by Del Oro Water Company is conducted at designated customer’s homes and is an important part of a water utilities monitoring schedule.

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. Del Oro Water Company 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 for the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead> .