

NORTH TAHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT ANNUAL WATER QUALITY CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT FOR 2020

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District Water Conservation Regulations

• As of May 13, 2020 the District's Stage 2 water conservation measures will remain in effect. Visit http://ntpud.org/water-regulations

CURRENT Mandatory Reduction Measures (Stage 2)

- Outdoor irrigation schedule
 - o EVEN addresses: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 - o ODD addresses: Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday
 - NO watering on Saturday
- Water may not be applied to hard surfaces (i.e. asphalt driveways), except for pavement resurfacing/sealing or public health/safety reasons
- Visitor accommodations may only wash linens upon request. A placard or notice shall be placed in each guest room.
- All public entities, hotels, motels, restaurants, and other visitor-serving facilities shall prominently display informational materials, placards, or decals provided by the District

CONTINUED Reduction Measures (Stage 1)

- Leaks must be repaired when found or within 10 days of District notification of leak. Note: The
 District will notify property owners following water meter reads if there is an unusually high
 reading.
- Irrigation, runoff, or flooding onto hard surfaces or any non-irrigated areas is prohibited
- Automatic shut off valves or nozzles are required on all hoses. Note: Free hose nozzles available at the District office.
- Irrigation must be winterized by Nov. 1 of every year
- Landscaping may not be irrigated:
 - o Between the hours of 9am 6pm
 - o During, or within 48 hours after, measurable precipitation
 - o When the air temperature is less than 40 degrees Fahrenheit

The District always operates at a Stage 1 level, which includes basic good practices and helps prevent waste. The Stage 2 regulations include conservation measures and use requirements to help the District meet the 20 percent reduction goal. View the full list of regulations for each stage. Learn more about water conservation methods.

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Detected Compounds							of these comtaminates do not change freque	ently. Some	of our data, though representive, are more than one year old. If a
-	substance	or contamin	ant is not listed	d, it is either not detecte	ea iimit or not re	quired to sampled.			
		Identify	your system >	Tahoe Main Syste #3311000		Carnelian Woods System #3110023	Dollar Cove	Tahoe City	PUD water supply to NTPUD constists of Highlands Well #1 #2, T.C. Well #2 #3, Tahoe Tavern Well
Contaminant (UNITS)	Sample			G	roundwater Park	Groundwater	System #3110036 Groundwater		
Primary Standards	Year	MCL		Lake Tahoe Nat'l Ave	Well	Park Well	Tahoe City PUD	Violation	Major Source in Drinking Water
Aresenic (ppb)	2016	10	0.004	ND	NR	NR	2014 (2020) (4.1) (2.3) ND/(ND)/ND	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Nickel (ppb)	2016	100	10	ND	ND	ND	(2014)20/20/20/21/20	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Microbiological Monitoring				,			/ /		
Total Coliforms (<u>T</u> / <u>A</u> / <u>P</u>)	2020	1	(0)	156 <u>T</u> / 156 <u>A</u>		29 <u>T</u> / 24 <u>A</u> / 5 <u>P</u> *	159 <u>T</u> / 159 <u>A</u> / 0 <u>P</u>	YES	Naturally Present in the environment
E-Coli (<u>T/A/P)</u>	2020	1	(0)	156 <u>T</u> / 156 <u>A</u>	/ 0 <u>P</u>	29 <u>T</u> / 29 <u>A</u> / 0 <u>P</u>	159 <u>T</u> / 159 <u>A</u> / 0 <u>P</u>	NO	Human and Animal Fecal Waste
Radioactive	_								
Radon 222 (pCi/L)	2003	N/A	N/A	NR	NR	NR	547/1190/NS/1230/1120	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 228 (pCi/L)	2020	5	0.019	ND/0.000	ND	ND	NR	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	2017	15	(0)	2.32	NR	NR	NR	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic									
Nitrate - As N (ppm)	2020	1(AS-N)	1(AS-N)	ND	ND	ND	NR	NO	Runoff & leaching from fertilizers, sepit tanks, sewage
Nitrite _ As NO3 (ppm)	2019	45 (NO3)	45 (NO3)	ND	ND	ND	NR	NO	Runoff & leaching from fertilizers, sepit tanks, sewage
Perchlorate (ppb)	2019	0.006	6	ND	ND	ND	NR	NO	Production of matches, flares, explosives, pyrotechnics
Aluminum (ug/L)	2016	1000	600	ND	ND	ND	NR	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Antimony	2016	6	1					NO	Discharge from petroleum refineries, fire retardants
Barium (ug/L)	2016	1000	(2) mg/L	17.6	44.2	22.6	NR	NO	Oil drilling wastes, Erosion of natural deposits
Berylilum	2016	4	N/A	ND	ND	ND	NR	NO	Discharge from metal refineries, coal burning factories
Cadmium	2016	5	N/A	ND	ND	ND	NR NR	NO	Interanal corrosion of galvanized pipes, runoff
Chromium (ug/L)	2016	50	(100)	ND ND	NR	ND	NR	NO	Discharge from steel & pulp mills, chrome plating
Fluoride (F) Natural Source	2016	2	N/A	ND	ND	ND	NR	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Mercury	2016	2	N/A	ND ND	ND	ND	NR NR	NO	Erosion of natural deposits, discharge from refineries
Selenium	2016	50	5	ND ND	ND	ND ND	NR NR	NO	Discharge from petroleum, glass & metal refineries
Thallium	2016	2	1	ND ND	ND	ND ND	NR NR	NO	Leaching from ore processing, discharge from glass
Disinfection By-Products	2016	2	1	IND	ND	IND	INK	NO	Leaching from one processing, discharge from glass
		[MADDI -	4 0/aa Cl2\1	0.21.1.20 Appund	044 - 0.01	ND	December 0.00 0.47 DAA - 0.25	NO	Delating water disinfestant added for treatment
Chlorine (ppm)	2020 [MRDL=4.0(as Cl2)]			0.31-1.26 Annual RAA = 0.81		NR	Range 0.00 - 0.47 RAA = 0.35	NO	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment
Disinfection By-Products	Tahoe Main System #311001		Site #1 / #2 Annual			Site #3 Every Three Years			
Total Trihalomethanes (ppm)	2020	0.080	1000	3.9/16		NR	(2020) ND	NO	By products of drinking water disnefection
Haloacetic Acids (ppm)	2020	0.060	1000	1.9/6.5		NR	(2020) ND	NO	By products of drinking water disnefection
Secondary Standards			Asetheti	c Standards Established b	by the State of Ca	litornia,Department o		1	
Clarity & Taste							2017		
Turbidity (NTU) - Raw Source	2020	TT/5 95%	NS	AVG102355	NR	NR	NR	NO	Soil runoff (erosion)
Bicarbonate as HCO3 (ppm)	2016	None/ppm	N/A	50.3	124	126	NR	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Calcium (ppm)	2016	N/A	N/A	1.8	16.1	17.1	(2014) 7.6/7.5/12.3/10.2/16.7	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Carbonates CO3 (ppm)	2016	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	ND	NR	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Chloride (ppm)	2016	500	N/A	1.8	0.6	0.4	(2014)0.5/0.6/0.5/0.3/ND	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Color	2016	15 Units	N/A	NR	ND	3	NR	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Ordor (TON)	2016	1	3	N/A	ND	ND	(2014) ND/ND/ND/2/ND	NO	Naturally-occurring organic materials
Copper (ug/L)	2019	1000	160	ND	ND	ND	NR	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Foaming Agents (MBAS)	2016	0.5	N/A	ND	ND	ND	NR	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Hydroxide as OH	2016	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	ND	NR	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Iron (ppb)	2016	300	N/A	ND	ND	ND	(2005)ND(1)/ND(125)/ND(1)/ND(1)/ND(1)	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Magnesium (ppm)	2016	N/A	N/A	2.6	6.0	8.6	NR	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Manganese (ppm)	2016	50	N/A	ND ND	ND	ND ND	(2005) ND	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Methyl-tert-butyl-ether (ppm)	2007	0.0005	5ug/L	ND ND	ND	ND ND	NR	NO	Leaking underground fuel tanks
PH - Disired range:	2016	6.5-8.5	N/A	8.2	8.2	7.7	NR NR	NO	Erosion of natural deposits, Some water treatment
Silver	2016	100	N/A	ND	ND	ND	NR NR	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	2016	N/A	N/A	6.3	11.9	5.9	(2014)14.6/11.6/5.0/5.2/5.3	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
SpecificConductance [E.C.] (uS)	2016	1600	N/A	101	192	185	(2014)215/189/164/160/217	NO	Substances that form ions when in water
Sulfate (ppm)	2016	500	N/A	1.7	0.3	0.3	(2014)213/189/104/100/21/	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Alkalinity [as CaCO3] (ppm)	2016	N/A	N/A	41.2	102	103	(2014)1.3/0.9/1.7/3.6/0.8	NO	Erosion of natural deposits Erosion of natural deposits
		1000			112	97			
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	2016		N/A	20			(2014)72/80/83/98/125	NO NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Hardness [as CaCO3] (ppm)	2016	N/A	N/A	32 ND	65 ND	78	(2014)44/41/59/51/74	NO NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Zinc (ppm)	2016	5	N/A	ND 20 Committee	ND	ND 10 Committee COM	(2014) ND	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
			***	20 Samples	90th	10 Samples 90th	10 Samples 90th Percentile		
LEAD AND CORDE					P	Percentile		1	
LEAD AND COPPER	2010	Action Level	MCL	Percentil	_				Internal consider about the constant of CCC 2
LEAD AND COPPER LEAD (ug/L) Copper (ug/L)	2019 2019	15 1300	15 1300	ND 75		ND 452	ND 10 Samples 18.32		Internal corrosion-plumbing; erosion nat'rl deposits. Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. The MCL is set as close to the MCLG as feasible using the best available treatment technology

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MRDI · Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal is the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

PHG: Public Health Goal is 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

PPB: Parts Per Billion, parts contaminant for every 1 billion narts of water

PPM: Parts Per Million, parts contaminant for every 1 million parts of water

- T: Number of tests for bacteria (Laboratory analysis)
- A: Number of tests absent of bacteria
- P: Number of tests detecting presence of bacteria
- >: Greater Than

contaminants

RAA: Running Annual Average N/A: Not Applicable

ND: Not Detected, indicates contaminant was not detected in the water source.

N/R: Not Regulated or Not Required

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ug/I · Micro grams Per Liter (Parts Per Million)

- pCi/L: Piocuries Per Liter: Measures of radioactivity per 1 light scattering.
- TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of contaminant
- Units: Number of units measured

uS: Microsiemens are the measure of electrical current through a solution

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