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BOIL WATER NOTICE

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

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

Failure to follow this advisory could result in stomach or intestinal illness.

Due to the recent event [e.g., water outage, power outage, flood, fire, earthquake or other emergency situation], the California Department of Public Health in conjunction with the [County Name] County Health Department, and [Water System name] Water System are advising residents of [City, Town, System] to use boiled tap water or bottled water for drinking and cooking purposes as a safety precaution.

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a boil, **let it boil for one (1) minute**, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking and food preparation **until further notice**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. [or This is the preferred method to assure that the water is safe to drink.]

Optional alternative to include for prolonged situations where it fits.

- An alternative method of purification for residents that do not have gas or electricity available is to use fresh liquid household bleach (Clorox®, Purex®, etc.). To do so, add 8 drops (or 1/4 teaspoon) of bleach per gallon of clear water or 16 drops (or 1/2 teaspoon) per gallon of cloudy water, mix thoroughly, and allow to stand for 30 minutes before using. A chlorine-like taste and odor will result from this purification procedure and is an indication that adequate disinfection has taken place.
- Water purification tablets may also be used by following the manufacturer's instructions.
- **Optional:** Potable water is available at the following locations: [List locations]
Please bring a clean water container (5 gallons maximum capacity).

We will inform you when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water. We anticipate resolving the problem within [estimated time frame].

For more information call:

Water System contact: [Name, title, phone & address of responsible utility representative].

Contra Costa Environmental Health: Timothy Ellsworth at (925) 692-2537

California Department of Public Health – Drinking Water Field Operations Branch- Richmond Office at (510) 620-3474.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.