California drinking water regulations require that water delivered by public water systems be, at all times, pure, wholesome and palatable, as required by the Federal and State Safe Drinking Water Acts. To accomplish this mandate, domestic water must meet strict state standards, as established by the California Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations. This regulation includes primary and secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) and monitoring requirements for specified microbial, chemical and radionuclide contaminants. Primary contaminants are those that may cause adverse health effects. Secondary contaminants are those that may adversely affect the aesthetic quality of the water. The regulation includes the provisions adopted by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974. The state hazardous inhalation requirement is supplementary to all public water systems with 200 or more service connections.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) establishes monitoring requirements and maximum contaminant levels. As the EPA develops new standards, California will amend state regulations, which establish water quality requirements for local water supplies. The domestic water supplied by the City of Gilroy meets all current regulations. This report includes the respective Public Health Goal (PHG), or the federal Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) for chemicals that do not yet have a MCL.

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Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least 6 parts per billion of some contaminants. The presence of these 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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency drinking water helpline (1-800-426-4791).

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Water System

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Water Conservation

The City’s goal is to encourage our customers to conserve water and reduce their water bills. The City has a comprehensive water conservation program that includes public education, water efficiency incentives, and mandatory water use restrictions. The City’s program has achieved significant results in reducing water use, and has contributed to the City’s efforts to conserve water resources. The City’s program is designed to achieve water conservation goals that are consistent with the City’s long-term water supply sustainability and environmental goals. The City has implemented a variety of water conservation measures, including water efficiency incentives, public education, and mandatory water use restrictions. The City’s program has achieved significant results in reducing water use, and has contributed to the City’s efforts to conserve water resources.

Definitions

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as close to the benchmark called a Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG). MCLs are enforceable limits.

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 allow some margin of safety.

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 not enforceable.

Residential Discharge Limit (RDL): The level of a pollutant allowed in water treatment plants that are not required to remove the pollutant in order to meet the primary drinking water standards.

Non-Discharge Limit (NDL): The level of a pollutant allowed in water treatment plants that are required to remove the pollutant in order to meet the primary drinking water standards.

Consult the City of Gilroy website at www.gilroy.city/water for information on your water service regulations and restrictions.