

A close-up photograph of a chrome faucet with water flowing out in a curved stream. The background is a solid blue.

# **YOUR DRINKING WATER 2025 JANUARY-JUNE WATER QUALITY REPORT**

A close-up photograph of splashing water, showing white foam and blue-tinted water droplets.

**MARINE CORPS BASE, CAMP PENDLETON**

## INSIDE THIS REPORT

This report describes the quality of water provided to residents and personnel living and working aboard Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton (MCB CamPen) during January-June 2025. Included are details about where the water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to established drinking water standards.

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*Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.*

## DRINKING WATER SOURCES

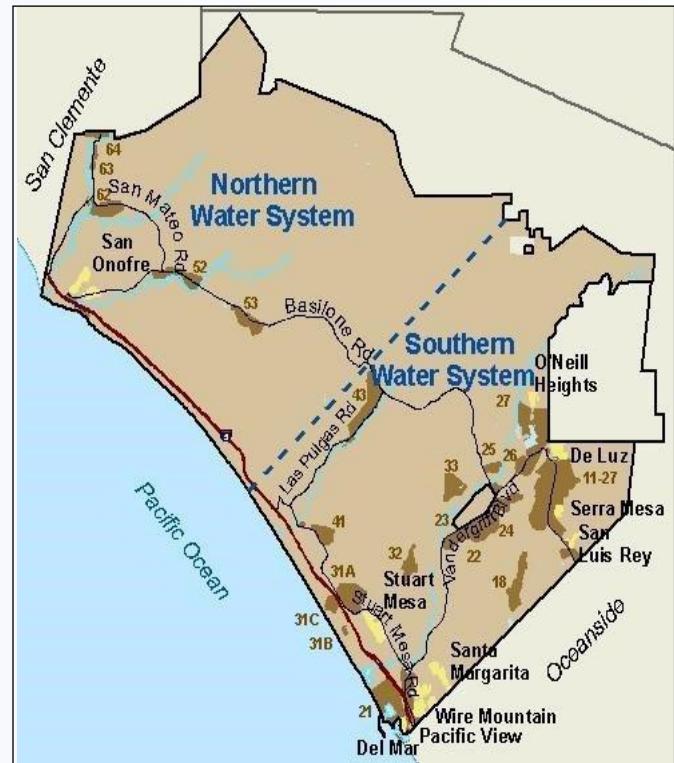
Unlike most of Southern California which relies on imported water supplies, nearly all MCB CamPen's drinking water comes from local groundwater sources. Wells located on Base supply water to all MCB CamPen except for San Mateo Point Housing, which receives water from the South Coast Water District. Residents of San Mateo Point Housing should receive a consumer confidence report from this off-base water supplier.

## WATER SERVICE AREAS

MCB CamPen provides water to the base through two drinking water systems:

**Northern Water System:** Services all areas north of Las Pulgas Road except for the 43 Area and San Mateo Point housing. Wells located in the San Onofre and San Mateo River basins supply water to this water system, in addition to supplemental water received from the Southern Advanced Water Treatment Plant.

**Southern Water System:** Services the 43 Area and all areas south and southeast of Las Pulgas Road. Wells located in the Las Pulgas and Santa Margarita River basins supply water to this water system.



## Camp Pendleton Water Service Areas

## WATER QUALITY MONITORING

MCB CamPen routinely tests the water to ensure that it meets safe drinking water standards. In addition to monitoring for contaminants with established drinking water standards, the base also monitors for unregulated contaminants, which helps the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) determine where certain contaminants occur and whether such contaminants require regulation.

Last year, MCB CamPen completed over 20,000 water quality tests to evaluate compliance for over 200 different drinking water contaminants. While most contaminants registered below detectable levels, some occasionally did not achieve a drinking water standard. The tables on pages 4 - 7 depict these contaminants along with others that require reporting. The tables contain separate columns to distinguish between the water quality measured in the Northern and Southern Water Systems.

We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT DRINKING WATER

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, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- ♦ Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, that can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- ♦ Pesticides and herbicides that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- ♦ Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural application, and septic systems.
- ♦ Radioactive contaminants that 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, the USEPA and the SWRCB prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. These regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.



## DRINKING WATER CONSIDERATIONS

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 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 (1-800-426-4791). Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemo-therapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/Centers 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 (1-800-426-4791).

# TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

**ACTION LEVEL (AL)** - The concentration of a contaminant in drinking water which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**HEALTH ADVISORY (HA)** - The concentration of an unregulated contaminant in drinking water which, if exceeded over a lifetime, may have associated health risks.

**MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL)** - The highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the Public Health Goal (PHG) or Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCL's 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 USEPA.

**MAXIMUM RESIDUAL DISINFECTANT LEVEL (MRDL)** – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary to control microbial contaminants.

**MAXIMUM RESIDUAL DISINFECTANT LEVEL GOAL (MRDLG)** - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**MICROSIEMENS PER CENTIMETER ( $\mu$ S/cm)** - A unit of measurement to express electrical conductivity of drinking water. One  $\mu$ Siemen equals one ppm of conductive particles in drinking water (see definition for ppm).

**NEPHELOMETRIC TURBIDITY UNIT (NTU)** - A unit of measurement to express the amount of suspended particles in drinking water.

**NON DETECT (ND)** - Either a contaminant is not present in the drinking water or the contaminant is below the laboratory detection limit or state-required reporting level.

**NOTIFICATION LEVEL (NL)** - A health-based advisory level established by the SWRCB for chemicals in drinking water that lack MCLs. When chemicals are found at concentrations greater than their notification levels, certain regulatory requirements and recommendations apply.

**PART PER MILLION (PPM)** - A unit of concentration often used to represent how much of a pollutant exists in drinking water. One ppm is like one second in 11.5 days. Units are expressed as mg/L (milligrams per liter)

**PART PER BILLION (PPB)** - A unit of concentration often used to represent how much of a pollutant exists in drinking water. One ppb is like one second in nearly 32 years. Units are expressed as ug/L (micrograms per liter)

**PART PER TRILLION (PPT)** - A unit of concentration often used to represent how much of a pollutant exists in drinking water. One ppt is like one second in nearly 32,000 years. Units are expressed as ng/L (nanograms per liter)

**PICOCURIES PER LITER (PCI/L)** - A unit of measurement to express activity of radionuclide contaminants in drinking water.

**PRESENT/ABSENT (PA)** - A unit of measurement to express bacteriological sample results in drinking water.

**PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD (PDWS)** - MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants in drinking water that affect health along with their monitoring, reporting, and water treatment requirements.

**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.

**SECONDARY MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (SMCL)** - The highest level of a contaminant allowed to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water; these contaminants do not present a health risk at the SMCL.

# JAN-JUN 2025 Water Quality Monitoring Results

## Inorganics with Primary Drinking Water Standards

| Parameter                 |         | Water System |           | MCL  | PHG   | Units | Typical Sources  |
|---------------------------|---------|--------------|-----------|------|-------|-------|--|
|                           |         | Northern     | Southern  |      |       |       |  |
| Arsenic                   | Range   | 1.3-1.3      | ND        | 10   | 0.004 | ppb   | Erosion of natural deposits  |
|                           | Average | 1.3          | ND        |      |       |       |  |
| Barium                    | Range   | 41-49        | 31-33     | 1000 | 2000  | ppb   | Leaching from natural deposits and industrial waste                  |
|                           | Average | 45           | 32        |      |       |       |  |
| Hexavalent Chromium       | Range   | 0.098-0.15   | ND-1.8    | 10   | 100   | ppb   | Industrial sources include anti-corrosive agents and chrome plating  |
|                           | Average | 0.120        | 0.276     |      |       |       |  |
| Total Chromium            | Range   | ND-1.2       | ND        | 50   | 100   | ppb   | Industrial sources include anti-corrosive agents and chrome plating  |
|                           | Average | 0.60         | ND        |      |       |       |  |
| Fluoride (Natural-Source) | Range   | 0.31-0.33    | 0.12-0.14 | 2    | 1     | ppm   | Erosion of Natural deposits  |
|                           | Average | 0.32         | 0.13      |      |       |       |  |
| Nitrate as N              | Range   | 0.8-0.9      | 0.09-0.11 | 10   | 10    | ppm   | Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; erosion of natural deposits |
|                           | Average | 0.85         | 0.102     |      |       |       |  |

## Radioactivity with Primary Drinking Water Standards

| Parameter                |         | Water System |          | MCL | PHG (MCLG) | Units | Typical Sources             |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------|----------|-----|------------|-------|-----------------------------|
|                          |         | Northern     | Southern |     |            |       |                             |
| Gross Alpha <sup>2</sup> | Range   | ND           | ND-3.58  | 15  | (0)        | pCi/L | Erosion of natural deposits |
|                          | Average | ND           | 1.79     |     |            |       |                             |
| Uranium <sup>3</sup>     | Range   | N/A          | N/A      | 20  | 0.43       | pCi/L | Erosion of natural deposits |
|                          | Average | N/A          | N/A      |     |            |       |                             |

<sup>2</sup>Compliance with the gross alpha MCL is determined by subtracting uranium values from the gross alpha values. After subtracting uranium, the Southern Water System was in compliance with the gross alpha MCL of 15 pCi/L.

<sup>3</sup>Uranium testing is determined from a trigger level of 5 pCi/L of Gross Alpha. In the Northern System no Uranium tests were triggered in Jan-Jun 2025.

## Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts with Primary Drinking Water Standards

| Parameter                          |         | Water System |           | MCL [MRDL] | PHG [MRDLG] | Units | Typical Sources                                 |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------|---|
|                                    |         | Northern     | Southern  |            |             |       |   |
| Total Chlorine Residual            | Range   | 1.27-2.20    | 1.73-2.14 | [4]        | [4]         | ppm   | Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment |
|                                    | Average | 1.68         | 1.89      |            |             |       |   |
| Haloacetic Acids                   | Range   | ND-5.9       | ND-6.5    | 60         | None        | ppb   | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection        |
|                                    | Average | 2.71         | 3.49      |            |             |       |   |
| Total Trihalomethanes <sup>4</sup> | Range   | 8.2-32       | 9.4-62    | 80         | None        | ppb   | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection        |
|                                    | Average | 16.2         | 29.8      |            |             |       |   |

<sup>4</sup> Compliance with the Total Trihalomethanes MCL is determined by a locational running annual average of four quarters of results. Based on these averages, both the Northern and Southern Water Systems were in compliance with the MCL for the two consecutive quarters in Jan-Jun 2025.

# JAN-JUN 2025 Water Quality Monitoring Results

## Bacteriological with Primary Drinking Water Standards

| Parameter                          | Water System    |          | MCL | PHG (MCLG) | Units | Typical Sources |   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|-----|------------|-------|-----------------|---|
|                                    | Northern        | Southern |     |            |       |                 |   |
| Escherichia coli (E.coli) Bacteria | E.coli Positive | ND       | ND  | 0          | 0     | P/A             | Microbial contaminant that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems and wildlife |

Per the SWRCB's Total Coliform Rule, the MCL for total coliform bacteria is based on the number of total coliform positive samples per month. The Northern Water System complies with the MCL when no more than one monthly sample tests positive or less than 5% of the total test positive. The Southern Water System complies with the MCL when no more than 5% of monthly samples tests positive. The Southern System and the Northern System were both in compliance for Jan-Jun 2025.

## Contaminants with Secondary Drinking Water Standards

| Parameter              | Water System |          | MCL (SMCL) | PHG (MCLG) | Units | Typical Sources |   |
|------------------------|--------------|----------|------------|------------|-------|-----------------|---|
|                        | Northern     | Southern |            |            |       |                 |   |
| Chloride               | Range        | 73-85    | 61-69      | (500)      | None  | ppm             | Runoff/leaching from natural deposits                       |
|                        | Average      | 79       | 65         |            |       |                 |   |
| Copper                 | Range        | ND       | ND         | (1.0)      | None  | ppm             | Internal corrosion of plumbing, erosion of natural deposits |
|                        | Average      | ND       | ND         |            |       |                 |   |
| Sulfate                | Range        | 77-100   | 68-76      | (500)      | None  | ppm             | Runoff/leaching from natural deposits                       |
|                        | Average      | 88.5     | 72         |            |       |                 |   |
| Specific Conductance   | Range        | 710-790  | 490-550    | (1600)     | None  | µS/cm           | Substances that form ions when in water                     |
|                        | Average      | 750      | 520        |            |       |                 |   |
| Total Dissolved Solids | Range        | 420-460  | 110-360    | (1000)     | None  | ppm             | Runoff/leaching from natural deposits                       |
|                        | Average      | 440      | 273        |            |       |                 |   |
| Turbidity              | Range        | 0.1-0.15 | ND-0.15    | (5)        | None  | NTU             | Soil runoff   |
|                        | Average      | 0.13     | 0.08       |            |       |                 |   |

## Tap Water Monitoring for Lead and Copper

| Parameter           | Water System    |          | AL      | PHG | Units | Typical Sources |  |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------|---------|-----|-------|-----------------|--|
|                     | Northern        | Southern |         |     |       |                 |  |
| Copper <sup>5</sup> | Samples > AL    | 0 of 30  | 0 of 30 | 1.3 | 0.3   | ppm             | Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems |
|                     | 90th percentile | 0.41     | 0.09    |     |       |                 |  |
| Lead <sup>5</sup>   | Samples > AL    | 0 of 30  | 0 of 30 | 15  | 0.2   | ppb             | Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems |
|                     | 90th percentile | ND       | ND      |     |       |                 |  |

<sup>5</sup>Camp Pendleton is required to do lead and copper testing once every three years so these are the latest results. Both the Northern and Southern Water Systems were in compliance with the lead and copper Action Levels during 2022. Compliance is based on the 90th percentile of all samples collected, which must be less than the AL. The system is out of compliance when more than 10% of samples exceed the AL. The next sampling is scheduled in September 2025.

# JAN-JUN 2025 Water Quality Monitoring Results

## Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 5(UCMR5)<sup>6</sup>

| Parameter                      | Water System |          | NL<br>(HA) | PHG | Units | Typical Sources                                 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------|------------|-----|-------|---|
|                                | Northern     | Southern |            |     |       |   |
| Perfluorobutanonic Acid (PFBA) | Range        | ND-4.6   | ND-3.2     | NA  | None  | Industrial use chemical<br>No regulatory limits |
|                                | Average      | 2.13     | 1.88       |     |       |   |

<sup>6</sup>The Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR5) was published by the U.S. EPA in December 2021. As part of this rule, public water systems (PWS) are required to monitor for 29 PFAS and lithium. All other results below the minimum reporting limit.

## Sodium and Hardness

| Parameter      | Water System |          | NL     | PHG  | Units | Typical Sources |                                |
|----------------|--------------|----------|--------|------|-------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
|                | Northern     | Southern |        |      |       |                 |                                |
| Sodium         | Range        | 66-74    | 56-58  | None | None  | ppm             | Leaching from natural deposits |
|                | Average      | 70       | 57     |      |       |                 |                                |
| Total Hardness | Range        | 190-230  | 83-150 | None | None  | ppm             | Naturally occurring minerals   |
|                | Average      | 210      | 116.3  |      |       |                 |                                |

# JAN-JUN 2025 CONSUMER NOTIFICATIONS

## WATER SYSTEM MONITORING INFORMATION

### What are per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and where do they come from?

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of thousands of man-made chemicals. PFAS have been used in a variety of industries and consumer products around the globe, including in the U.S., since the 1940s. PFAS are found in many consumer products, as well as in industrial products, like certain firefighting agents called aqueous film forming foam (AFFF). PFAS is also found in essential use applications such as in microelectronics, batteries, and medical equipment. PFAS chemicals are persistent in the environment, and some are persistent in the human body – meaning they do not break down and they can accumulate over time.

### Is there a regulation for PFAS in drinking water?

On April 26, 2024, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) final rule on drinking water standards for six PFAS under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The rule establishes the following maximum contaminant levels (MCLs):

- perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) = 4 ppt
- perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) = 4 ppt
- hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA, commonly known as GenX) = 10 ppt
- perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) = 10 ppt
- perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) = 10 ppt
- HI MCL for PFHxS, PFNA, perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS), and GenX = 1 (unitless).

Under the NPDWR, regulated public water systems (PWS) are required to complete initial monitoring by April 26, 2027. Beginning April 26, 2027, regulated PWSs will conduct ongoing compliance monitoring in accordance with the frequency dictated by the rule and as determined by the initial compliance monitoring results. Regulated PWSs must demonstrate compliance with the Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) by April 26, 2029.

In order to provide safe drinking water to all Department of Defense (DoD) personnel, OSD policy extends this requirement to all DoD systems which provide drinking water for human consumption, regardless of size of the drinking water system. In addition to the six regulated compounds, DoD-owned systems are required by DoD policy to monitor for all 25 compounds detected when using EPA Method 533.

Protecting the health of our personnel, their families, and the communities in which we serve is a priority for the Department. DoD is committed to complying with requirements of the NPDWR and the continued provision of safe drinking water to those that work and live on DoD installations.

## **Has Camp Pendleton tested its water for PFAS in Jan-Jun 2025?**

Yes. In January-June 2025 samples were collected from NWTP, AWT, NWTP Pump Station, and 410618.

We are pleased to report that drinking water testing results for all 25<sup>1</sup> PFAS covered by the sampling method, including the six regulated PFAS, were not detected in your water system (NWTP).

We are informing you that 1 of the 25<sup>2</sup> PFAS covered by the sampling method were detected in your water system. The results, along with the Running Annual Averages (RAA) for the MCLs and Hazard Index (HI)<sup>3</sup>, are provided in “Monitoring for Other Contaminants” Table. EPA does not have an MCL for all of these compounds at this time. PFBA was detected. The RAAs for the regulated compounds are below the trigger levels for the new MCLs.

### **What is next?**

Camp Pendleton will continue to monitor for PFAS in accordance with the EPA regulation and DoD policy for the NWTP. Once required initial monitoring information is available, we will calculate the Running Annual Averages (RAA) for the regulated PFAS and will compare those numbers to the MCL and Hazard Index (HI) trigger levels. This will determine what our continuing monitoring requirements will be beginning in 2027, and if needed, we will plan operational or infrastructure changes to ensure our water complies with the PFAS MCLs and HI by April 2029 in accordance with the SDWA.

Camp Pendleton initial monitoring for PFAS in accordance with EPA requirements is complete for the Southern System and NWTP Pump Station. Based on these results, the installation will begin quarterly monitoring required by EPA in the second quarter of 2027.



# **REGULATORY INFORMATION:**

## **LEAD AND TOTAL COLIFORM**

### **LEAD IN DRINKING WATER**

Although sampling of residential taps during 2022 achieved standards for lead in drinking water, federal regulations require us to communicate the following health advisory regarding lead in drinking water: 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. Marine Corps Installations West—Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton 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 from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

In accordance with regulatory requirements, Lead Service Line Inventories were conducted by October 16, 2024 for Northern and Southern Water Systems. The survey determined that both distribution systems contained no lead. For more information please contact the Water Resources Division at the phone number listed on page 13 of this document.

### **REVISED TOTAL COLIFORM RULE (RTCR)**

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system.

All state water systems are required to comply with the California Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR). As of July 1, 2021, the RTCR became effective. The revisions include the new Coliform Treatment Technique requirement replacing the Total Coliform MCL, and a new E. coli MCL regulatory limit. The Revised Total coliform Rule establishes a “find-and-fix” approach for investigating and correcting causes of coliform problems within the water distribution system.

# FROM THE GROUND TO YOUR TAP

## WELLS

Water is pumped from groundwater wells on Base.

## Water Treatment

Treatment processes remove naturally occurring iron, manganese, and dissolved solids (Southern System only). A small, safe amount of chlorine disinfects the water; then the water is treated to limit corrosion.

## RESERVOIRS

Water is sent to storage tanks until needed.

## YOUR TAP

Water comes out of your tap safe to drink.

## BOTTLED VS. TAPWATER

Though many people prefer bottled water to tap water for perceived health considerations and taste, both bottled water and tap water must meet strict regulatory standards before they reach the consumer. Bottled water is regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, while tap water is regulated by the USEPA and the California EPA. Varying factors, such as residence time in the water distribution system, natural mineral content, and residual chlorine from the water disinfection process can impart an unpleasant taste to tap water. Below are some ways that you can improve the taste of tap water.

Prior to consumption:

- Flush the water from the tap for a couple of seconds.
- Allow the water to air for a period of time.
- Chill the water.
- Use a sink filter attachment or filter pitcher.

Tap water is a bargain relative to the cost of bottled water. Using tap water also alleviates the cost and environmental burden associated with the manufacture, transport, and recycling or disposal of plastic water bottles. Go ahead and give our drinking water a try!

## A NOTE ON FLUORIDE

MCB CamPen currently does not add fluoride to the drinking water. However, the presence of naturally-occurring fluoride in our source water may help to prevent tooth decay. General information on the oral health benefits of fluoride in drinking water is available at the following web links:

### SWRCB, Division of Drinking Water

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/certlic/drinkingwater/Fluoridation.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/Fluoridation.shtml)



### Department of Health and Human Services Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

<http://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/index.htm>

## SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

The SWRCB's Division of Drinking Water conducted an assessment of the Base's drinking water sources during July 2002. The assessment evaluated whether MCB CamPen's groundwater supplies are vulnerable to contamination from activities that occur, or have occurred, on Base. The assessment determined that wells in both water systems are most vulnerable to contamination commonly associated with military installations; chemical or petroleum processing or storage; historic and operational waste dumps and landfills; and airport maintenance and fueling areas. You may request a summary of this assessment by contacting Water Resources Division at 760-725-0602. The complete assessment may be viewed at Water Resources Division, Drinking Water Dept. at Building 2291, Room 7.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Another way to help protect our source water is to properly dispose of household hazardous waste. These are products that are typically corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides. The Housing District Offices provide a free program for the disposal of household hazardous waste. Never throw unwanted hazardous waste into the trash; this may injure sanitation workers and contaminate the environment. Similarly, never dispose of household hazardous waste liquids down your drains, as this also provides an easy pathway for hazardous waste to enter the environment. For questions or for more information on household hazardous waste drop-off points, call the following Housing District Offices at:

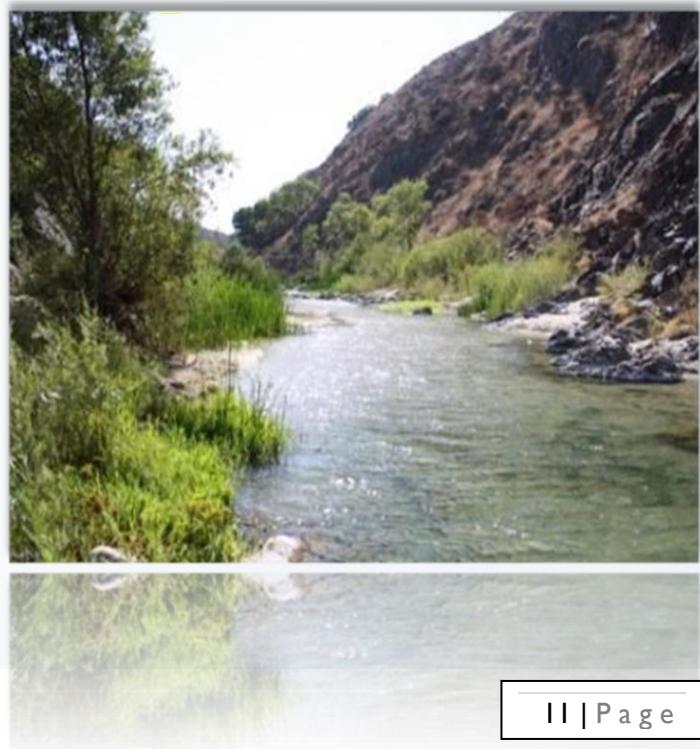
- ◆ Del Mar 760-430-0040
- ◆ Wire Mountain 760-430-8476
- ◆ San Onofre 949-940-9178
- ◆ Stuart Mesa 760-430-0694
- ◆ DeLuz 760-385-4835
- ◆ Mesa 760-385-5318

## SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

Because MCB CamPen's groundwater resources are located near areas where we live and work, our activities have the potential to introduce contaminants into our drinking water supplies. Water runoff from storm and non-stormwater related events can pick up and deposit contaminants into the rivers and streams that recharge our aquifers. Surface water contamination can also harm aquatic life and pollute our beaches. Below are some simple ways you can help us to reduce water pollution, safeguard our drinking water resources and protect the environment:

- Check your car for leaks.
- Take your car to a carwash instead of washing it in the driveway.
- Pick up after your pet.
- Use fertilizers and herbicides sparingly.
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of using a hose.
- Dispose of chemicals properly; never dispose of waste, trash or any materials down storm drains.

For more information on stormwater, or to report illegal discharges into the storm drain system, call the Environmental Security Stormwater Section at 760-763-7880.



# WATER CONSERVATION

MCB CamPen's limited groundwater resources are vulnerable to wasteful water-use activities. In order to help conserve our groundwater supplies, please consider your water consumption, and use only the water you need. For more information, please visit the following USEPA site: [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense).

## DID YOU KNOW?

- California State Governor, Gavin Newsom, proclaimed a drought state of emergency on October 19, 2021. The State Water Board adopted it in early 2022 so it is still important to conserve water.

We cannot predict how much precipitation California will receive in the upcoming years.

- 2015 was the warmest year on record in California.
- 2021 had the warmest summer on record in California.
- 2021 was the driest year in over a century
- California's recent drought is the driest period on record.

## QUESTIONS?

Marine Corps Installations West—Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton is committed to providing safe drinking water for the Marines, their families, and all who live and work aboard MCB CamPen. We are happy to answer any questions you may have or provide you with additional information. You may also request that a hard copy of this report be mailed to you. See page 13 for contact information.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP



Report leaking faucets, toilets, and irrigation systems to your housing office or the Facilities Customer Service Line.



Use a spray nozzle that allows you to adjust and stop flow.



Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes. Do not leave water running unattended.



Sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of hosing.



Take short, five-minute showers.



Run water only when using it, not while brushing teeth, shaving, or washing counters.

# CONTACT INFORMATION AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

## FOR QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR TO REQUEST A HARD COPY OF THIS REPORT:

### **Water Resources Division**

760-725-0602

## FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FLUORIDE:

### **SWRCB, Division of Drinking Water**

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/certlic/drinkingwater/Fluoridation.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/Fluoridation.shtml)

### **Department of Health & Human Services CDC**

<http://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/index.htm>

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF POINTS OR TO REPORT LEAKS:

### **Base Housing Offices**

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Del Mar       | 760-430-0040 |
| Wire Mountain | 760-430-8476 |
| San Onofre    | 949-940-9178 |
| Stuart Mesa   | 760-430-0694 |
| DeLuz         | 760-385-4835 |
| Mesa          | 760-385-5318 |

### **Public Works Department (PWD) Customer Service Line**

760-725-4683

## ADDITIONAL DRINKING WATER RESOURCES:

### **SWRCB, Division of Drinking Water**

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/programs/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/index.shtml)

### **California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment**

[www.oehha.ca.gov/water.html](http://www.oehha.ca.gov/water.html)

### **USEPA**

<http://water.epa.gov/drink>

### **USEPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline**

1-800-426-4791