

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

*Información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien. Si gustaria obtener esta información en español, por favor contacte nuestras oficinas al (760) 772-1967 o visite [www.MyomaWater.com](http://www.MyomaWater.com)*

### **Myoma Dunes Mutual Water Company Has Levels of Chromium-6 Above the Drinking Water Standard**

Pursuant to a California regulation adopted July 1, 2014, the level of a substance called hexavalent chromium should not exceed 0.010 mg/L in drinking water provided by a public water system. This number is known as the maximum contaminant level or MCL. Senate Bill 385, which became law effective September 4, 2015, allows public water systems, with sources that produce water with a hexavalent chromium concentration above the MCL, time to come into compliance. So long as a public water system complies with the new law (Health & Safety Code, section 116431), it will not be deemed in violation of the MCL. In addition to other requirements, the new law requires the water system to come into compliance at the earliest feasible date prior to January 1, 2020.

After 12 months of monitoring for hexavalent chromium, and as of the date of this notice, the level of hexavalent chromium in the water provided by our water system is determined to be .011mg/L (the latest Running Annual Average (RAA) based on quarterly monitoring expressed in mg/L) which is above the MCL of .010 mg/L.

Although this is not an emergency, as our customer, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We will continue to monitor for the level of hexavalent chromium and provide you with regular notices, at least twice a year.

#### **What should I do?**

- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, *some people who drink water containing hexavalent chromium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*
- If you have other health issues or concerns regarding your consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

If you wish to avoid drinking the water provided by our water system, you may wish to use alternative water for drinking and cooking.

## Alternative Drinking Water

The Myoma Dunes Water Company has identified various locations for alternative drinking water. This information is available on our website at [www.MyomaWater.com](http://www.MyomaWater.com) and from time to time will be updated to provide you with the most accurate and recent information possible.

Alternative drinking water may be purchased at any Supermarket, Market or Convenience Store. Specific information on hexavalent chromium levels in bottled water can be obtained from the bottled water website or Food and Drug Branch.

Also, Customers may choose to install in home water treatment devices, that are available for purchase and installation in homes or business, from Hardware and Plumbing Supply Stores and Licensed Plumbers.

## What happened? What is being done?

We intend to take steps to provide water with hexavalent chromium at or below the MCL. However, to achieve that will take time and money. We have a plan for achieving compliance with the MCL. Our compliance plan to the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water was approved on May 24, 2016. The plan requires us to achieve compliance no later than January 1, 2020, which we believe is the earliest feasible date considering the complexity of the plan and the amount of funding required.

The approved compliance plan contains the following actions that the Myoma Dunes Water Company will be taking, including a milestone schedule. This notice will be updated twice each year.

1. Funding for the project – best estimate of funding required for the project is \$10 to \$20 million dollars. With an Operations and Maintenance estimated cost of \$.8 to \$1.2 million dollars annually. It is hoped that Grants and low-interest loans will be received for the construction of the treatment facilities.
2. Timeline and milestones – Chrome 6 Treatment and Compliance Study was completed in June 2016. Grant and Loan applications are ongoing and expect funding in place by December 2017. Detailed Designs and Environmental Reviews are to be completed by December 2017 as well. Construction is expected to begin by Spring 2018.

For more information, please contact Mark Meeler at 760-772-1967 or 79050 Avenue 42, Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203.

*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 public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

This notice is being sent to you by Myoma Dunes Water Company.

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