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**NOTICE TO ALL DONNER SUMMIT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
WATER USERS**

The Donner Summit Public Utility District is experiencing difficulty in treating the water that it delivers for drinking water. Although the water may be aesthetically displeasing it is **safe to drink**.

CAUSE

- Algae in the District's raw water source, Lake Angela, has caused turbidity (the measure of solids that affect transparency) levels to increase to unprecedented levels.
- The amount of chlorine that is injected into the water system and required by federal and state regulations also contributes to the discoloration of the water.

ACTION

- DSPUD has implemented new operating procedures designed to improve the filtration process. It is early in the process, but we are seeing some measurable improvement.
- The algae issue in the lake will disappear with the colder temperatures.
- District staff are available to reply to questions and complaints.

FUTURE

- The district staff is looking into implementing some different treatment methods during the summer and early fall months when the algae is at its worst.
- The district is currently conducting a water resiliency study to look at future issues that may occur and how to deal with them due to the changing weather patterns on the summit.

The District thanks you for your patience. We will continue to do everything we can to eliminate this problem. We will provide updates on our website, www.dspud.com.

Appendix "A"

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

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

**Donner Summit Public Utility District
Did Not Meet the Treatment Requirements (Filter Effluent Turbidity Performance Standard)**

Our Donner Summit Public Utility District (PUD) water system recently violated drinking water standards. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what was done to correct this situation.

The Donner Summit PUD surface water treatment plant filtration process is categorized by the California State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (Division) as in-line filtration treatment. Section 64653, Chapter 17, Title 22, of the California Code of Regulations, specifies that a water system's combined filter effluent (CFE) for a conventional or direct filtration plant shall be better than 0.3 NTUs (turbidity) in at least 95% of the total monthly turbidity measurements. According to the treatment records for October 2022, approximately 59% of the daily turbidity readings exceeded 0.3 NTU.

What should you do?

You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.

Donner Summit routinely monitors your water for turbidity (cloudiness). This parameter measures the effectiveness of the filtration of a water treatment process.

Turbidity has no health effects. However, high levels of turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

These symptoms are not caused only by organisms in drinking water.

What Happened? What Was Done?

Fill in description of what happened and what has been done Staff made adjustments and increased the disinfection feed rate.
See the attached sheet for further information.

For more information, please contact District Staff of the Donner Summit PUD at 530-426-9144.

Please share this information with 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.

Upon receipt of this notice from a public water system the following establishments must provide secondary notification by distributing this notice within ten days as follows: Schools must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors). Residential rental property owners or managers (including nursing home and care facilities) must notify tenants. Business property owners, managers, or operators must notify employees of businesses located on the property. [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]

This notice is being sent to you by the Donner Summit Public Utility District in compliance with the Public Notification Requirements of the State of California Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations of Title 22, California Code of Regulations.

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