



## Environmental Utilities 2015 Water Quality Report



### Environmental Utilities

2005 Hilltop Circle  
Roseville, CA 95747

[roseville.ca.us/eu](http://roseville.ca.us/eu)

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

## Be in the know! Drinking water

We're pleased to present you with this annual report on city provided drinking water. As in past years, we have complied with all state and federal regulations regarding water quality. The safety and protection of our water system continues as a top priority as we regularly implement vulnerability assessment and security measures.

Under the guidelines provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, the City of Roseville monitors and tests the drinking water from source to tap. Information provided in this report is for the water provided January through December 2015, and includes details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to the standards set by the regulatory agencies.

We hope that this report will provide the answers to any questions you may have about the drinking water supplied by the City of Roseville. You can obtain additional information by contacting the Environmental Utilities at (916) 774-5750 or visiting [roseville.ca.us/eu](http://roseville.ca.us/eu).

## Water sources

Drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) sources 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. In 2015, only surface water was supplied by Roseville.

We maintain a water distribution system that contains pipelines throughout the city ranging in size from four inches to over five feet in diameter. Staff collects water samples throughout the system and test on a weekly basis to ensure quality maintained during delivery to customers.

### Surface water—Roseville

The surface water source from Folsom Lake is snowmelt water that flows from the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The melting snow flows into the North, middle, and South Forks of the American River and is ultimately stored in Folsom Lake.

The Folsom Lake water is conveyed to, and treated at, Roseville's 100 million gallon per day (MGD) water treatment plant. The treatment process comprises coagulation, sedimentation, filtration and disinfection. Fluoride is added for residents' dental health and pH is adjusted to reduce corrosion.

### Surface water—PCWA

As part of a regional water use agreement, the City of Roseville receives up to 10 MGD of treated surface water from Placer County Water Agency's (PCWA) Foothill-Sunset water treatment plant.

Water from PCWA originates in the Sierra snowpack from the Yuba-Bear and American River watersheds.

The source water travels through a network of canal systems operated and maintained by PCWA and PG&E before it reaches the water treatment plant. The Foothill-Sunset water treatment plant uses coagulation, high rate settling via micro sand coagulation, filtration and disinfection. Water is fluoridated at the entry port to Roseville.

### Roseville groundwater sources

Groundwater supply is important because it will provide added water reliability to Roseville's customers in case of droughts and other water supply challenges facing Roseville. Currently, the city maintains six aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) groundwater wells as a backup supply to the city's primary surface water supply. ASR stores treated surface water into the ground for retrieval at a later date when water is needed. Groundwater is typically rain and snow that soaks through the ground and continues to move downward through pore (small openings) space in the soil until it reaches the aquifer under the city. The groundwater meets all water quality and health standards just like treated surface water, but may have aesthetic differences and sometimes is noticeable to some consumers. Two-thirds of Californians, along with half of all Americans (more than 95 percent for rural Americans) get their household water supplied from groundwater. In 2015, no groundwater was used for the city's water supply demand.

## Water source protection

A community's drinking water supply is valuable and needs protection. The quality and reliability of source water can have a significant impact on a community's economy and quality of life. The city actively participates in several source water protection programs.

### American River Watershed Sanitary Survey

This is an ongoing project in partnership with the San Juan Water District, El Dorado Irrigation District, Placer County Water Agency, City of Sacramento, Carmichael Water District and County of Sacramento, keeping us up-to-date on developments in the American River watershed. The most recent American River Watershed Sanitary Survey—2013 update, assessed the potential water quality contamination activities in the watershed and evaluated treatment processes and source water protection programs to remove these contaminants from our drinking water.

The American River Watershed is considered most vulnerable to the following activities associated with contaminants detected in the water supply: Folsom Lake State Recreation Area facilities (marina, restrooms, recreational areas, parking lots and storm drains) and residential sewer and septic systems.

The American River Watershed is also considered vulnerable to the following activities not associated with any detected contaminants: illegal activities and dumping, fertilizer, pesticide and herbicide application, and high-density housing developments.

## H2OH!

To help Roseville sustain its water supply, the City of Roseville has called for a voluntary 10% reduction in water use. Please take advantage of the valuable tips, how-to videos, rebate information and educational material the city offers and join in our effort to reduce our use by following these simple steps:

- **Reduce your outdoor irrigation**—Outdoor irrigation can account for up to 60% of your total water use.
- **Check for leaks**—Drips and breaks can waste hundreds of gallons of water each day. Check out the "how-to videos" at [roseville.ca.us/savewater](http://roseville.ca.us/savewater) for more information.
- **Monitor your water usage at [roseville.ca.us/waterinsight](http://roseville.ca.us/waterinsight)**—Residents can create an account and start learning about their household's water use today.
- **Schedule a Water Wise House Call**—Let our expert analyze your water use and provide you with water saving tips and devices free of charge. Schedule your appointment today at [roseville.ca.us/housecall](http://roseville.ca.us/housecall), or by calling (916) 774-5761.
- **Commercial customers**—Schedule a water-use review. We'll perform a thorough assessment of indoor and outdoor use to identify inefficiencies and make recommendations for improvement. Call (916) 774-5761 to schedule your appointment today.
- **Report Water Waste at [roseville.ca.us/waterwaste](http://roseville.ca.us/waterwaste)**—Your eyes and ears are essential to help the city identify potential problem areas and educate our residents about unnecessary water waste.

Thank you Roseville for doing your part!

## Keep the Waters Clean Campaign

This source water protection program protects water quality by encouraging boaters and other recreational users of the Sacramento River to use pump outs and public restrooms rather than the river to dispose of wastes. This program is in partnership with the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento and the East Bay Municipal Utility District.

## Drinking Water Source Assessment Program

The city also has completed source water assessments on the groundwater wells to determine if there were any potentially contaminating activities present. There have been no contaminants detected in the water supply for the groundwater wells; however, all wells are still considered vulnerable to activities located near the water source. The wells are considered most vulnerable to the following activities not associated with any detected contaminants: sewer collection systems and chemical/petroleum processing/storage.

## Public participation

The Environmental Utilities Department routinely reports at the City of Roseville Public Utility Commission meetings held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City of Roseville Council Chambers. The public is welcome to attend.

## What is in water?

Last year, as in years past, your tap water met all EPA and State drinking water health standards. Roseville vigilantly safeguards its water supplies and, once again, we are proud to report that our system has never violated a maximum contaminant level, or any other water quality standard. This brochure is a snapshot of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to state of California standards. We are committed to providing you with information.

## Terms & abbreviations used in this report

MCL—Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste and appearance of drinking water.

If you would like to have more information on items related to water quality issues visit the EPA Website at [water.epa.gov/drink](http://water.epa.gov/drink) or the California Department of Public Health Website at [waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/programs](http://waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs).

# Water quality analysis results for 2015

Water source monitoring							
Substance	MCL	PHG [MCLG]	Folsom Lake average	Folsom Lake range	Year of sampling	Violation	Typical source
<b>Detected results of monitoring for primary drinking water standards</b>							
Turbidity (NTU)	TT = 1.0 NTU TT = 95% of samples <0.3 NTU		0.02 100% <0.3	0.02 - 0.06	2015	No	Soil runoff
Fluoride—natural (ppm)	2.0 ppm	1	ND	ND	2015	No	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Fluoride—added (ppm)	2.0 ppm	1	Distrb. system avg: 0.76 Distrb. system range: 0.05—1.2		2015	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth
Total organic carbon (ppm)	TT	TT	1.1	0.8-1.4	2015	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
<b>Detected results of monitoring for secondary drinking water standards</b>							
Chloride (ppm)	500 ppm	N/A	4.3	4.3	2015	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Odor—threshold (odor units)	3 units	N/A	2.5	2.5	2015	No	Naturally-occurring organic materials
Total dissolved solids (ppm)	1000 ppm	N/A	55	55	2015	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Specific conductance (uS/cm)	1600 uS/cm	N/A	98	98	2015	No	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Sulfate (ppm)	500 ppm	N/A	7.3	7.3	2015	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
<b>Additional monitoring</b>							
Bicarbonate (ppm)	none	N/A	28	28	2015	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Alkalinity (ppm)	none	N/A	27	23-29	2015	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Calcium (ppm)	none	N/A	12	12	2015	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Magnesium (ppm)	none	N/A	2	2	2015	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	none	N/A	4.6	4.6	2015	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
pH (pH units)	none	N/A	7.3	7.3	2015	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Total hardness (ppm)	none	N/A	37	37	2015	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Aggressive index	none	N/A	11	11	2015	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
Langelier index	none	N/A	-1.1	-1.1	2015	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
<b>Distribution system monitoring</b>			Dist avg	Dist range			
Total trihalomethan (ppb)	80	N/A	52	37-80	2015	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Haloacetic acids (ppb)	60	N/A	26	18-37	2015	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine residual (ppm)	4.0	4	0.65	0.03-1.17	2015	No	Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment
<b>Lead and copper monitoring</b>			90th percentile	# Sampled/# Exceeded AL			
Lead (ppb)	AL = 15	0.2	ND	52/1	2014	No	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppb)	AL = 1300	300	ND	52/0	2014	No	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
<b>Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR3) results—tests conducted in 2013 and 2014</b>							
Constituent	Human health advisory	PHG	Average	Range			Potential sources
Vanadium (ppb)	Notification level = 50	N/A	0.44	0.26-0.69			Naturally occurring metal
Strontium (ppb)	4000	N/A	41	32-53			Naturally occurring metal
Chromium (ppb)	50	N/A	1.05	ND-4.2			Runoff/leaching from natural deposits or discharge from Industrial Facilities
Hexavalent chromium (ppb)	10 (MCL)	0.02	0.025	ND-.051			Runoff/leaching from natural deposits or discharge from Industrial Facilities
Chlorate (ppb)	Notification level = 800	N/A	202	160-250			Oxidant used in pyrotechnics and possible by-product of water treatment

MCLG—Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known, or expected, risk to health. MCLGs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

PHG—Public Health Goal: 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.

MRDL—Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that the addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

MRDLG—Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal: 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.

NTU—Nephelometric Turbidity Units—a measurement of the clarity of water.

ppb: parts per billion. A measurement of the concentration of a substance in the water. One penny in \$10,000,000 would be 1 ppb.

ppm: parts per million. A measurement of the concentration of a substance in the water. One penny in \$10,000 would be 1 ppm.

Primary Drinking Water Standard: MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements and water treatment requirements.

Secondary Drinking Water Standards: Limits for substances that may affect consumer acceptance of water, but are not otherwise harmful. Secondary MCLs are set to address the taste, odor and appearance of drinking water.

TT—Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

µS/cm—microsiemen (µS) per centimeter. A measurement of water's ability to conduct electrical current.

## Things you should know about drinking water

- 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 at (800) 426-4791.

- Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as individuals with cancer, undergoing chemotherapy, individuals 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 at (800) 426-4791.
- 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.

### Statement on lead

Infants, young children, and pregnant women are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of the materials used in your home's plumbing. If your water faucet has not been used for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing the faucet for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested. Additional information is available from the USEPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

### Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR3) results

USEPA requires public water systems to collect data for unregulated constituents in drinking water supplies under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 3. Currently, these constituents have no drinking water standards but may be regulated in the future. More information on this USEPA program can be found at <http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/rulesregs/sdwa/ucmr3/index.cfm>. The City of Roseville water was tested in 2013 and 2014. While some constituents were detected, none at any level of human health concern.

### Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria that 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 storm water 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 storm water runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, agricultural application and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants 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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.
- The City of Roseville 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 (800) 426-4791, or by visiting [epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://epa.gov/safewater/lead).

## Footnotes

- Fluoride is added in order to help prevent dental cavities. The optimal fluoride level is 0.7 ppm.
- For Total Coliform Bacteria the highest percentage of positive samples collected in any month is reported as the average. The MCL is 5% of monthly samples are positive. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as indicators that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present.
- There are no PHGs, MCLGs or mandatory standard health effects language for constituents with secondary drinking water standards because secondary MCLs are set on the basis of aesthetics.