



News Release

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City of Hughson Water System Boil Water Notice Lifted within 24 hours of Initial Notice to Users

City of Hughson receives approval from the State Water Resources Control Board to cancel the precautionary Boil Water Notice issued to system users on April 26, 2024

The City of Hughson's public water system is regularly tested for quality in accordance with the California State Water Resources Control Board standards. On Friday, April 26, 2024, during a regularly scheduled maintenance of the water wells, a backup water well appeared to have malfunctioned, which resulted in a depressurization of the City's water system which occurred citywide.

The level of depressurization the water system experienced required that the City issue a precautionary Boil Water Notice to the system users. The Notice was a safety precaution taken until all required sampling and testing was completed. Please note that this Notice was not in response to any contaminants found in the system; it was in response to the depressurization of the system only.

City Public Works staff took all necessary corrective actions to restore pressure to the system, as well as flushing and distribution sampling of the system as required by state law, in order to ensure that no contamination occurred while the system was depressurized.

The City received confirmation Saturday afternoon (April 27, 2024) that the disinfectant levels and bacteriological quality of the water system met all applicable state standards (tested negative). The City was immediately authorized by the State to cancel the precautionary Boil Water Notice.

An updated Notice – Cancellation of the Boil Water Notice – was shared via all City social media platforms, the City's website, as well as posted on the doors of City Hall.

I would like to thank all Hughson businesses and residents for their cooperation and patience while the City addressed this issue. I am happy to share that this issue was resolved within 24 hours of the initial notification to our water system users, thanks to the hard work of our dedicated city staff. Our staff did excellent work in getting the word out to our users as quickly as possible and in working directly with the laboratory and State Drinking Water Division staff to ensure the water sampling and

testing was expedited - all while continuing to help prepare and set up for our annual Fruit & Nut Festival that took place over the weekend.

I would also like to thank the staff within the Division of Drinking Water at the State Water Resources Control Board (Stockton District) for making themselves available over the weekend to review test results and authorize the cancellation of said Notice as soon as possible.

Thank you to our city staff, our businesses, and our residents, for demonstrating what makes this city special during these past few days. We look forward to continuing to serve the city with professionalism and a commitment to service.