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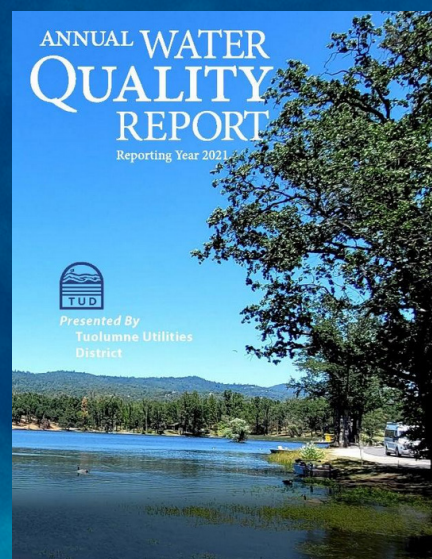
2021 Water Quality Report Released

Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD or District) has released its Annual Water Quality Report (also known as the Consumer Confidence Report), covering all testing of treated drinking water performed from January 1 through December 31, 2021. The water quality report covers the District's treated water service areas - 11 surface water treatment plants, and 12 active wells. TUD's surface water comes from the South Fork of the Stanislaus River at Lyons Reservoir via the Tuolumne Main Canal by agreement with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E).

The Annual Water Quality Report (Report) is available for the public to view or download at the District's website <https://tudwater.com/customer-service/water-services/>. TUD's dedicated staff works hard to supply safe, reliable, and plentiful water to homes and businesses. District staff maintains a strong

commitment to producing drinking water that meets or exceeds all State and Federal standards. The District strives to adopt new and efficient methods for delivering the best-quality drinking water to its customers. As new challenges to drinking water safety emerge, TUD remains vigilant in meeting Source Water Protection, Water Efficiency Practices, and Community Education goals while serving all water users' needs.

In conjunction with the release of the Annual Water Quality Report, TUD is conducting an online Service Line Inventory Survey. The State, Health and Safety Code Section 116885, requires TUD to compile an inventory of service lines in its water distribution system. TUD is asking for your assistance in compiling the Customer Side of this inventory. The survey gathers information about your home's internal plumbing material, the



kind of plumbing material used to construct your home's service line, from the water meter to the inlet of the house, and the age of your home. To complete log on to the TUD website and select the Water Services page, <https://tudwater.com/customer-service/water-services/>

Drought Conditions – Water Conservation Requested

As the State and local region continue experiencing exceptionally dry conditions during the current drought, state regulations require Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD) to implement level II of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan and to prohibit Commercial, Industrial, Institutional customers from using potable water to irrigate non-functional turf.

In response to the level II conservation requirements, the district asks all water customers to limit water use in the following ways:

- Limit outdoor watering to two days per week (for example, on Fridays and Mondays) with no watering during the daytime between the hours of 10 am to 6 pm
- Repair leaks, breaks, and malfunctions in watering

systems in a timely manner

- Avoid unintended runoff from all outdoor watering

In addition, the use of potable water for the following applications is prohibited:

- Washing vehicles without an automatic shutoff nozzle
- Washing impervious areas like sidewalks and driveways
- Decorative fountains, lakes, or ponds
- Irrigating turf (lawn) on public medians

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Governor Newsom has encouraged all urban water suppliers to implement even stronger actions that would respond to water shortages of up to 30 percent. Additionally State officials have expressed the following: "The severity of this new normal makes it imperative that all Californians save water in every way possible. The drought emergency is statewide, and conservation is important to extend supplies so that more water is left for the future and for the environment. All water suppliers can support California's water resilience

through additional conservation."

For more information and tips to conserve water please visit:

<https://tudwater.com/conservation/>

<https://saveourwater.com/>

For more information about the recently adopted state regulations please visit:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/regs/docs/emergency-reg-faq-june-22.pdf

General Manager's Corner

PG&E Suspends Negotiations with TUD

You have most likely heard that PG&E suspended negotiations with TUD on the transfer of several PG&E-owned assets including Pinecrest Lake, Lyons Reservoir, the Main Tuolumne Canal, Phoenix hydroelectric facilities, and associated water rights. Unfortunately, negotiations are expected to remain on-hold through at least the end of 2023. While we are disappointed because having local control of our water system would benefit our community immensely, I remain hopeful that PG&E will return to the table to resume negotiations soon. Please be assured however, that the existing water contract between PG&E and TUD will remain in force and TUD will continue to receive source water from these facilities as we have since 1983.

During this process, some folks have argued that the 1983 agreement between PG&E and Tuolumne County granted various water rights to Tuolumne County, which water rights were subsequently transferred to TUD. These folks also argue that the District would continue to receive "free" water even if PG&E transfers the system to an entity other than

TUD. Ten or fifteen years ago, we may have been inclined to accept these arguments, but after the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) began to tighten up reporting on its water use reports, and began to require meters on nearly all diversions about 12 years ago, it has become clear that the "water rights" listed in Exhibit C of the agreement are either not actual water rights at all or are much smaller than described and not something that can be seriously considered a water supply to Tuolumne County.

Our legal counsel has studied this issue carefully and they do not believe this part of the current contract would survive if these assets were bought up by another entity. In other words, we still believe that the days of free source water in Tuolumne County are coming to an end. Accordingly, we will continue pursuing the opportunity for local control of the water system when PG&E resumes their effort to divest of the PG&E-owned portion of our water system.

TUD will work to communicate any new developments to customers and stakeholders through all available communication channels.

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WATER AND WASTEWATER
SERVICES FOR OUR
CUSTOMERS WITH GREAT
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SOCIAL, FINANCIALLY
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RESPONSIVE MANNER AT
A FAIR VALUE."

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On Tap is published to keep Tuolumne Utilities District customers informed about issues and upcoming events.

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