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MCWD Drinking Water Meets State and Federal Standards for Lead and Copper

In response to recent media attention regarding lead in drinking water in Flint Michigan, the Mammoth Community Water District (District) is assuring its customers that the District does not have any lead service lines and their drinking water meets all requirements for lead and copper levels set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

The District has been testing drinking water from customer's taps for lead and copper since 1993. Currently, 40 water samples are collected twice a year to ensure compliance. "As expected, last year's samples met state and federal standards for lead and copper, and February 2016 samples are currently being analyzed" said Clay Murray, Resource Monitoring Specialist. The locations for collecting samples meet EPA and SWRCB recommendations. All sample results for lead and copper are reported to the SWRCB after they are received from the lab and reported annually to District customers in a Consumer Confidence Report.

Starting in 2007 the District embarked on an \$8 million capital improvement project for corrosion control to raise the pH of both surface water and groundwater supplies. The program is fully operational and working as designed. Low pH water can corrode a customer's internal plumbing particularly the longer the water is unused. "If customers are concerned about lead or copper levels, the District recommends not drinking the first draw of water out of your tap, especially if water has not been used in more than 6 hours" says Murray. Letting the water run a few minutes is a good idea when a property has been unoccupied for several days. Corrosion inside the pipes is most likely to take place and expose water to any lead and copper contained in the fixture plumbing when water is left sitting in pipes.

MCWD's customers can obtain a copy of the annual Consumer Confidence Reports on July 1st from the District's website at <http://www.mcwd.dst.ca.us/water-quality.html> and at the Mammoth Lakes Library. The report includes the results of lead and copper samples, descriptions about the effects of lead and copper and recommendations on how to reduce your exposure.