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2017 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

#### About This Report

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency (BDVWA) is pleased to present you with the Annual Consumer Confidence Report for the Year Ending 2017. Also considered the Drinking Water Quality Report, you will be happy to learn last year, your water met all US Environmental Protection Agency and California Division of Drinking Water (DDW) Health Standards.

This report may seem complicated. Please call us at our office should you have any specific questions.

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#### **Information Websites**

| Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency bdvwa.org      |
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| CA Division of Drinking Waterwaterboards.ca.gov |
| U.S. EPA water.epa.gov/drink/index.cfm          |
| Mojave Water Agency mojavewater.org             |
| AWAC hdawac.org                                 |
| (Alliance for Water Awareness and Conservation) |

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#### Our Water Supply

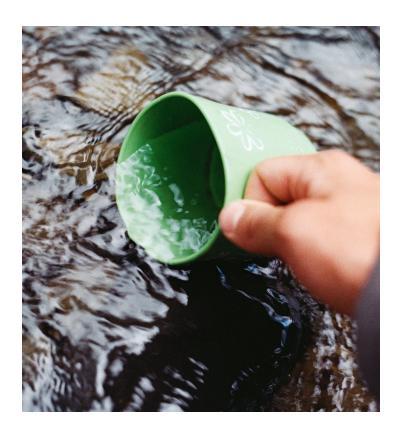
#### WHY IS THERE ANYTHING IN MY WATER?

The sources of all drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, groundwater aquifers, 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 human activity. Your water source is groundwater aquifers.

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.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals that are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production. Contaminants can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants that can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- Pesticides and herbicides that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the California Department of Public Health prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Department regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.



### DIVERSIFYING OUR WATER SUPPLY

Water supply diversification is a mechanism used in water management to avoid the unnecessary depletion of natural resources in order to maintain balance of all resources. In the case of your water agency, diversification allows us to utilize a water source from outside the service area to supplement native groundwater supplies. This



Natural Recharge Local Mountain Snowpack & Rain

is done through a process known as groundwater recharge. The agency purchases water that falls as rain in the mountains of Northern California, transported through a system of canals, pipelines and pump stations (The State Water Project) to the Mojave Water Agency. It is then transported to



Artificial Recharge at the Ames/Reche Groundwater
Storage & Recovery Facility

Landers via the Morongo Basin Pipeline where it is released into an artificial pond. The water percolates and is safely stored underground to be retrieved as needed. To date the Agency has recharged a total of 310 Acre-Feet. For comparison our 2550 customers used about 0.3 acre-feet per year, per household (family of four). Last year the Agency served a total of 547 Acre-Feet (one acre-foot is 325,829 gallons).

#### Water Quality Analysis Results



The Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency operates three (isolated) separate water systems utilizing a total of 9 groundwater wells in the Ames-Means Valley Groundwater Basin (Flamingo heights & Landers) and one well in the Johnson Valley Groundwater Basin. The service area is 59-square miles. The tables on the following pages show a summary of the actual test results of your drinking water from each district water system and compares them with constituent level limits and goals set by the U.S. Environ-

mental Protection Agency to ensure your tap water is safe. Nearly 1,700 distinct water quality parameters were analyzed in 2017. Some of the constituents in this report reflect those which have exceeded the Detection Level for Re-

porting Purposes but have not exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level. Others such as Sodium and Hardness are listed for informational purposes only. Lastly, the State allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old as indicated by the "sample year".





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#### Important Health Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants and native trace elements. 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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or visiting their website at (https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/Pages/FDBPrograms/FoodSafetyProgram/Water.aspx). Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-

compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders and 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 the appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

#### **Health Effects**

Arsenic - While your drinking water meets the federal and state standard for arsenic (10 parts Per Billion), it does contain low levels of arsenic. The arsenic standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

<u>Fluoride</u> - Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the federal MCL of 4 mg/L over many years may get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Children who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the state MCL of 2 mg/L, may get mottled teeth.

<u>Nitrate</u> - Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL may quickly become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die because high nitrate levels can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. High nitrate levels may also affect the oxygen-carrying ability of the blood in pregnant women.

<u>Gross Alpha</u> - Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

<u>Uranium</u> - Some people who drink water containing uranium in excess of the MCL over many years may have kidney problems or an increased risk of getting cancer.

<u>Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring</u> - Helps the USEPA and the California Department of Public Health to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether the contaminants require regulation.

#### How to read the tables

The tables on the following pages list parameters which DDW requires the Agency to monitor, which may be associated with primary (health), secondary (aesthetic), or no established standards. The tables summarize monitoring from January 2017 - December 2017, and may include earlier monitoring data. The tables list all parameters that were detected at or above DDW's Detection Limit for Purposes of Reporting (DLR) from nearly 1,700 analysis from water well and distribution system sampling points.

#### **Abbreviations**

- AL Regulatory Action Level.
- BDVWA Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency.
- DDW State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water Programs.
- DLR Detection limit for reporting.
- DPH Department of Public Health.
- CL2 Free Chlorine Residual.
- MCL Maximum Contaminant Level.
- MCLG Maximum Contaminant Level Goal.
- MRDL Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level.
- ND Not Detectable at Testing Limit.
- N/A Not Applicable.
- NTU Nephelometric Turbidity Unit.
- OU Odor Unit.
- pCi/L PicoCuries Per Liter (a measure of radiation).
- PDWS Primary Drinking Water Standard.
- PHG Public Health Goals.
- ppb Parts Per Billion or Micrograms Per Liter (ug/L) [1ppb= 0.001 ppm].
- ppm Parts Per Million or Milligrams Per Liter (mg/L) [1ppm=1,000 ppb]. Or one drop in an Olympic sized swimming pool.
- SDWS- Secondary Drinking Water Standards.
- TTHM Total Trihalomethanes .

#### **Definition of Terms**

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the Public Health Goals (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets secondary MCLGs.

Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS) - MCLs for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWSs do not affect the health at the MCL levels.

Public Health Goals (PHG) - 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.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - 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.

Primary Drinking Water Standard (PDWS) - MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

Regulatory Action Level (AL)- The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

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

#### Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) -

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.

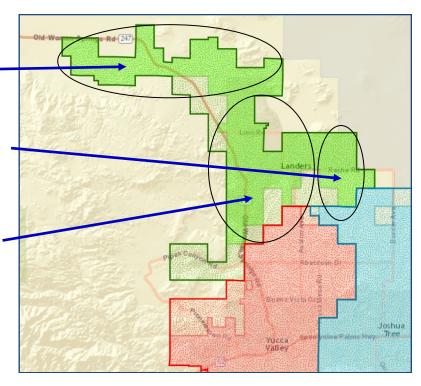


#### **Three Water Systems**

#### Which one is yours?

- Johnson Valley (pages 15-17), a bulk water hauling system summarizes the test results from Well 10.
- The Goat Mountain Service Area (pages 12-14) summarizes test results from Wells GMW1, GMW2 and GMW3.
- The Flamingo Heights and West Landers
   System (pages 9-11) summarizes test results from Wells 3, 6, 7, 8, and 9 (Well 2 and 4 are "inactive").

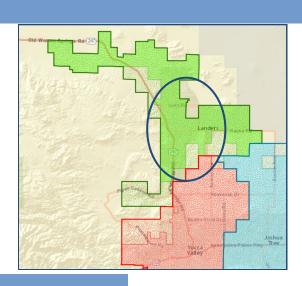
From January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency conducted over 1,700 water quality tests



from samples taken at various locations throughout your water system in accordance with state and federal laws. The following tables list only those contaminants that have been detected for the constituent as well as those required to be reported annually. The sample year indicates the latest year that one or more parameters were last tested. All sources are tested at least every 9 years, but not necessarily the same year. It is important to note that the presence of these constituents, as detected in water, does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. BDVWA had no violations of a maximum contaminant level or secondary water quality standards in 2017.



# Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency Service Area Flamingo Heights and West Landers



#### Primary Standards (Mandatory Health Related Standards)

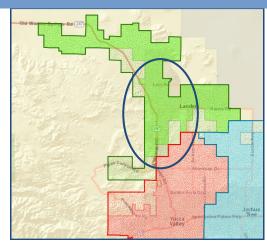
| Chemical or Constituent | Units | Sample<br>Year | Average Level<br>Detected | Range of Detections | MCL | PHG<br>(MCLG) | Typical Source of Contaminant   |
|-------------------------|-------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----|---------------|---|
| Arsenic                 | ppb   | 2017           | 1.7                       | ND - 2.2            | 10  | 0.004         | Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes.   |
| Fluoride                | ppm   | 2017           | 0.66                      | 0.54 - 0.84         | 2.0 | 1.0           | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.   |
| Gross Alpha             | pCi/L | 2017           | 0.85                      | 0 - 1.7             | 15  | (0.0)         | Erosion of natural deposits.  |
| Nitrate as N<br>(N03-N) | ppm   | 2017           | 1.56                      | 1.3 - 2.2           | 10  | 10            | Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits.  |
| Uranium                 | pCi/L | 2017           | 11.4                      | 6.6 - 18            | 20  | 0.43          | Erosion of natural deposits.  |
| Hexavalent<br>Chromium  | ppb   | 2017           | 3.1                       | 2.3 - 3.7           | 10  | .02           | Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from electroplating factories, leather tanneries, wood preservation, chemical synthesis, refractory production and textile manufacturing facilities. |

**Regarding Hexavalent Chromium (ppb):** Some people who drink water containing hexavalent chromium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**Regarding Arsenic:** While your drinking water meets the federal and state standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The arsenic standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer. in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

| Microbiological<br>Contaminants | Sample<br>Year | Highest No. of Detections | No. of Months in Violation | MCL  | PHG<br>(MCLG) | Typical Source<br>of Bacteria         |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Total Coliform<br>Bacteria      | 2017           | 0                         | 0                          | More than 1 sample in a month with a detection.  | (0)           | Naturally present in the environment. |
| Fecal Coliform<br>or E. coli    | 2017           | 0                         | 0                          | A routine sample and a repeat sample detect total coliform and either sample also detects fecal coliform or E. coli. | (0)           | Human and animal fecal waste.         |

## Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency Service Area Flamingo Heights and West Landers (Continued)



#### Primary Standards (Mandatory Health Related Standards)

| Lead &<br>Copper<br>Study | Units | Sample<br>Year | No. of Samples<br>Collected | 90th Percentile<br>Level Detected | No. of Sites<br>Exceeding AL | AL  | PHG<br>(MCLG) | Typical Source of Contaminant  |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----|---------------|--|
| Lead                      | ppb   | 2016           | 21                          | ND                                | 0                            | 15  | 0.2           | Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits. |
| Copper                    | ppm   | 2016           | 21                          | 0.110                             | 0                            | 1.3 | 0.3           | Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.               |

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency 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 http://www.epa.gov/lead \*\*\* The next round of voluntary residential testing for Lead and Copper will take place between the months of June – September 2019. If you would like to be a participant in this free voluntary program please contact our office to determine if your

#### Summary of Lead Testing at Schools within the Agency (\* For source of contaminant please see page 19)

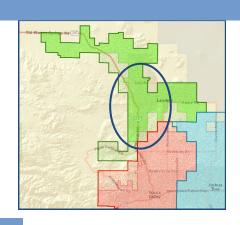
|      | Units | Sample Year | # of Schools       | # of Schools          | # of    | AVG. | Range | Violation |
|------|-------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|------|-------|-----------|
|      |       |             | in service<br>area | requesting<br>testing | Samples |      |       |           |
| Lead | ppb   | 2017        | 1                  | 1                     | 5       | ND   | ND    | No        |

#### Detected Disinfection By-Products, Disinfectant Residual & Disinfection By-Product Precursors

|                                    | Units | Sample<br>Year | BDVWA<br>Average<br>Results | BDVWA<br>Range of<br>Results | MCL<br>(MDRL) | PHG (MRDLG) | Typical Source of Contaminant                    |
|------------------------------------|-------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--|
| Free Chlorine Residual<br>(as CL2) | ppm   | 2017           | 0.56                        | 0.3 - 1.03                   | [4]           | [4]         | Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment. |
| Total Trihalomethanes<br>(TTHM)    | ppb   | 2017           | 4.8                         | 4.8                          | 80            | n/a         | By-product of drinking water chlorination.       |
| Total Haloacetic Acid<br>(HAA5)    | ppb   | 2017           | 1.5                         | 1.5                          | 60            | n/a         | By-product of drinking water disinfection.       |

All drinking water must be disinfected to ensure that any potentially dangerous microbes are neutralized. In order to prevent growth of these microbes as drinking water travels from our reservoirs through the distribution system to your home or business, a disinfectant residual must be maintained. We preform frequent and comprehensive monitoring to ensure that disinfectant levels remain in the proper range throughout our distribution system.

## Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency Service Area Flamingo Heights and West Landers (Continued)



#### Detected Regulated CCR Parameters with Secondary MCLs

| Chemical or Constituent | Units | Sample<br>Year | Level<br>Detected | Range of<br>Detection | MCL  | PHG<br>(MCLG) | Typical Source of  |
|-------------------------|-------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------|---------------|--|
| Chloride                | ppm   | 2017           | 25.9              | 21.5 - 30             | 500  | n/a           | Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence. |
| Odor (Total Odor)       | ΟU    | 2017           | 1.5               | 1 - 2                 | 3    | n/a           | Naturally-occurring organic materials.                     |
| Sulfate                 | ppm   | 2017           | 41.2              | 39 - 47               | 500  | n/a           | Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes.  |
| Total Dissolved Solids  | ppm   | 2017           | 288               | 253-320               | 1000 | n/a           | Runoff/leaching from natural deposits.                     |
| Turbidity               | NTU   | 2017           | ND                | ND                    | 5.0  | n/a           | Soil runoff.   |

#### Detected Unregulated Parameters Requiring Monitoring

| Chemical or Constituent               | Units | Sample<br>Year | Level<br>Detected | Range of Detections | Notification<br>Level | Health Effects Language  |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Boron                                 | ppb   | 2017           | 95                | 0 - 140             | 1000                  | The babies of some pregnant woman who drink water containing boron in excess of the notification level may have an increased risk of developmental effects, based on studies in laboratory animals.    |
| Vanadium                              | ppb   | 2017           | 9.8               | 5.4 - 13            | 50                    | The babies of some pregnant woman who drink water containing vanadium in excess of the notification level may have an increased risk of developmental effects, based on studies in laboratory animals. |
| Trichloropro-<br>pane (1,2,3-<br>TCP) | ppt   | 2017           | ND                | ND                  | 5                     | Some people who drink water containing 1,2,3-Trichloropropane in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.   |

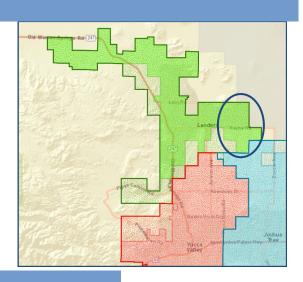
#### Other Parameters That May Be Of Interest

| Chemical or<br>Constituent | Units | Sample<br>Year | Average Level<br>Detected | Range of<br>Detections | MCL | PHG<br>(MCLG) | Typical Source of Contaminant  |
|----------------------------|-------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----|---------------|--|
| Sodium                     | ppm   | 2017           | 56.5                      | 47 - 80                | n/a | n/a           | Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring.  |
| Hardness                   | ppm   | 2017           | 126                       | 54-180                 | n/a | n/a           | Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium and are usually naturally occurring. |

#### **Bighorn-Desert View**

#### Water Agency Service Area

Goat Mountain (previously CSA70 W1)



#### Primary Standards (Mandatory Health Related Standards)

| Chemical or<br>Constituent | Units | Sample<br>Year | Average Level<br>Detected | Range of Detections | MCL | PHG<br>(MCLG) | Typical Source of Contaminant   |
|----------------------------|-------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----|---------------|---|
| Arsenic                    | ppb   | 2017           | 4.1                       | 3.4 - 4.7           | 10  | 0.004         | Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes.   |
| Fluoride                   | ppm   | 2017           | 0.39                      | 0.33 - 0.45         | 2.0 | 1.0           | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.   |
| Gross Alpha                | pCi/L | 2017           | 1.7                       | 0 - 3.3             | 15  | (0.0)         | Erosion of natural deposits.  |
| Nitrate as N<br>(N03-N)    | ppm   | 2017           | 1.4                       | 1.3 - 1.5           | 10  | 10            | Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits.  |
| Uranium                    | pCi/L | 2017           | 2.4                       | 0 - 4.5             | 20  | 0.43          | Erosion of natural deposits.  |
| Hexavalent<br>Chromium     | ppb   | 2017           | 4.2                       | 3.6 - 4.7           | 10  | .02           | Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from electroplating factories, leather tanneries, wood preservation, chemical synthesis, refractory production and textile manufacturing facilities. |

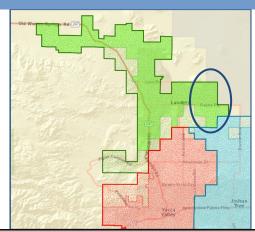
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| Microbiological<br>Contaminants | Sample<br>Year | Highest No. of Detections | No. of Months in Violation | MCL  | PHG<br>(MCLG) | Typical Source<br>of Bacteria         |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Total Coliform<br>Bacteria      | 2017           | 0                         | 0                          | More than 1 sample in a month with a detection.  | (0)           | Naturally present in the environment. |
| Fecal Coliform<br>or E. coli    | 2017           | 0                         | 0                          | A routine sample and a repeat sample detect total coliform and either sample also detects fecal coliform or E. coli. | (0)           | Human and animal fecal waste.         |

### Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency Service Area Goat Mtn. (Continued)

#### Primary Standards (Mandatory Health Related Standards)



| Lead &<br>Copper<br>Study | Units | Sample<br>Year | No. of<br>Samples<br>Collected | 90th Percentile Level Detected | No. of<br>Sites<br>Exceeding<br>AL | AL  | PHG<br>(MCLG) | Typical Source of Contaminant  |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|---------------|--|
| Lead                      | ppb   | 2016           | 10                             | ND                             | 0                                  | 15  | 0.2           | Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems;<br>discharges from industrial manufacturers;<br>erosion of natural deposits. |
| Copper                    | ppm   | 2016           | 10                             | 0.098                          | 0                                  | 1.3 | 0.3           | Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.                     |

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Summary of Lead Testing at Schools within the Agency (\* For source of contaminant please see page 19)

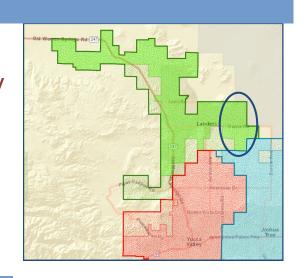
|      | Units | Sample Year | # of Schools<br>in service<br>area | # of Schools<br>requesting<br>testing | # of<br>Samples | AVG. | Range | Violation |
|------|-------|-------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------|-------|-----------|
| Lead | ppb   | 2017        | 0                                  | 0                                     | 2017            | N/A  | N/A   | No        |

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| Total Trihalomethanes<br>(TTHM)    | ppb   | 2017           | 4.5                      | 1.0 - 7.7                 | 80            | n/a            | By-product of drinking water chlorination.            |
| Total Haloacetic Acid<br>(HAA5)    | ppb   | 2017           | ND                       | ND                        | 60            | n/a            | By-product of drinking water disinfection.            |

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## Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency Service Area Goat Mtn. (Continued)



#### Detected Regulated CCR Parameters with Secondary MCLs

| Chemical or Constituent | Units | Sample<br>Year | Level<br>Detected | Range of<br>Detection | MCL  | PHG<br>(MCLG) | Typical Source of  |
|-------------------------|-------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------|---------------|--|
| Chloride                | ppm   | 2017           | 15.5              | 14 - 17               | 500  | N/A           | Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence. |
| Odor (Total Odor)       | OU    | 2017           | 1                 | 1                     | 3    | N/A           | Naturally-occurring organic materials.                     |
| Sulfate                 | ppm   | 2017           | 27                | 26 - 28               | 500  | N/A           | Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes.  |
| Total Dissolved Solids  | ppm   | 2017           | 230               | 220 - 240             | 1000 | N/A           | Runoff/leaching from natural deposits.                     |
| Turbidity               | NTU   | 2017           | ND                | ND                    | 5.0  | N/A           | Soil runoff.   |

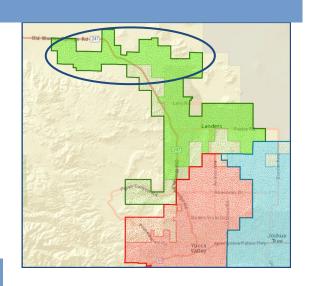
#### **Detected Unregulated Parameters Requiring Monitoring**

| Chemical or<br>Constituent            | Units | Sample<br>Year | Level<br>Detected | Range of Detections | Notification<br>Level | Health Effects Language  |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Vanadium                              | ppb   | 2017           | 7.8               | 7.7 - 7.8           | 50                    | The babies of some pregnant woman who drink water containing vanadium in excess of the notification level may have an increased risk of developmental effects, based on studies in laboratory animals. |
| Trichloropro-<br>pane (1,2,3-<br>TCP) | ppt   | 2017           | ND                | ND                  | 5                     | Some people who drink water containing 1,2,3-Trichloropropane in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.   |

#### Other Parameters That May Be Of Interest

| Chemical or<br>Constituent | Units | Sample<br>Year | Average Level<br>Detected | Range of<br>Detections | MCL | PHG<br>(MCLG) | Typical Source of Contaminant  |
|----------------------------|-------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----|---------------|--|
| Sodium                     | ppm   | 2017           | 44                        | 43 - 44                | n/a | n/a           | Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring.  |
| Hardness                   | ppm   | 2017           | 110                       | 110                    | n/a | n/a           | Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium and are usually naturally occurring. |

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#### Primary Standards (Mandatory Health Related Standards)

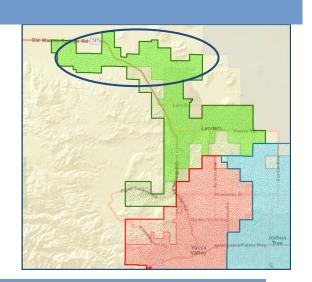
| Chemical or<br>Constituent | Units | Sample<br>Year | Average Level<br>Detected | Range of Detections | MCL | PHG<br>(MCLG) | Typical Source of Contaminant   |
|----------------------------|-------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----|---------------|---|
| Arsenic                    | ppb   | 2017           | ND                        | ND                  | 10  | 0.004         | Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes.   |
| Fluoride                   | ppm   | 2017           | 0.72                      | 0.69 - 0.75         | 2.0 | 1.0           | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.   |
| Gross Alpha                | pCi/L | 2017           | 13                        | 13                  | 15  | (0.0)         | Erosion of natural deposits.  |
| Nitrate as N<br>(NO3-N)    | ppm   | 2017           | 1.5                       | 1.2 - 1.6           | 10  | 10            | Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits.  |
| Uranium                    | pCi/L | 2017           | 4.5                       | 4.5                 | 20  | 0.43          | Erosion of natural deposits.  |
| Hexavalent<br>Chromium     | ppb   | 2017           | 3.4                       | 2.9 - 3.8           | 10  | 0.02          | Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from electroplating factories, leather tanneries, wood preservation, chemical synthesis, refractory production and textile manufacturing facilities. |

**Regarding Hexavalent Chromium (ppb):** Some people who drink water containing hexavalent chromium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**Regarding Arsenic:** While your drinking water meets the federal and state standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The arsenic standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

| Microbiological<br>Contaminants | Sample<br>Year | Highest No. of Detections | No. of Months in Violation | MCL  | PHG<br>(MCLG) | Typical Source<br>of Bacteria         |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Total Coliform<br>Bacteria      | 2017           | 0                         | 0                          | More than 1 sample in a month with a detection.  | (0)           | Naturally present in the environment. |
| Fecal Coliform<br>or E. coli    | 2017           | 0                         | 0                          | A routine sample and a repeat sample detect total coliform and either sample also detects fecal coliform or E. coli. | (0)           | Human and animal fecal waste.         |

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#### Detected Disinfection By-Products, Disinfectant Residual & Disinfection By-Product Precursors

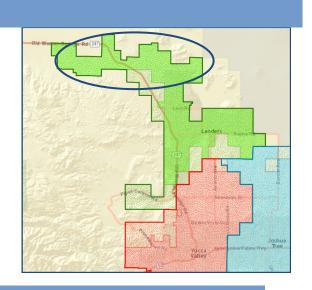
|                                    | Units | Sample<br>Year | BDVWA<br>Average<br>Results | BDVWA<br>Range of<br>Results | MCL<br>(MDRL) | PHG (MRDLG) | Typical Source of Contaminant                    |
|------------------------------------|-------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--|
| Free Chlorine Residual<br>(as CL2) | ppm   | 2017           | 0.66                        | 0.41 - 0.87                  | [4]           | [4]         | Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment. |
| Total Trihalomethanes<br>(TTHM)    | ppb   | 2017           | 1.5                         | 1.5                          | 80            | n/a         | By-product of drinking water chlorination.       |
| Total Haloacetic Acid<br>(HAA5)    | ppb   | 2017           | ND                          | ND                           | 60            | n/a         | By-product of drinking water disinfection.       |

All drinking water must be disinfected to ensure that any potentially dangerous microbes are neutralized. In order to prevent growth of these microbes as drinking water travels from our reservoirs through the distribution system to your home or business, a disinfectant residual must be maintained. We preform frequent and comprehensive monitoring to ensure that disinfectant levels remain in the proper range throughout our distribution system.

#### Detected Regulated CCR Parameters with Secondary MCLs

| Chemical or Constituent | Units | Sample<br>Year | Level<br>Detected | Range of<br>Detection | MCL  | PHG<br>(MCLG) | Typical Source of  |
|-------------------------|-------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------|---------------|--|
| Chloride                | ppm   | 2017           | 41.5              | 40 - 43               | 500  | n/a           | Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence. |
| Odor (Total Odor)       | OU    | 2017           | 2                 | 2                     | 3    | n/a           | Naturally-occurring organic materials.                     |
| Sulfate                 | ppm   | 2017           | 99.5              | 99 - 100              | 500  | n/a           | Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes.  |
| Total Dissolved Solids  | ppm   | 2017           | 340               | 340                   | 1000 | n/a           | Runoff/leaching from natural deposits.                     |
| Turbidity               | NTU   | 2017           | 1.6               | 0.2 - 3.1             | 5.0  | n/a           | Soil runoff.   |
| Iron                    | ppb   | 2017           | 97.5              | 0 - 390               | 300  | n/a           | Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes.         |

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#### **Detected Unregulated Parameters Requiring Monitoring**

| Chemical or<br>Constituent            | Units | Sample<br>Year | Level<br>Detected | Range of Detections | Notification<br>Level | Health Effects Language  |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Boron                                 | ppb   | 2017           | 195               | 190 - 200           | 1000                  | The babies of some pregnant woman who drink water containing boron in excess of the notification level may have an increased risk of developmental effects, based on studies in laboratory animals.    |
| Vanadium                              | ppb   | 2017           | 20                | 19 - 21             | 50                    | The babies of some pregnant woman who drink water containing vanadium in excess of the notification level may have an increased risk of developmental effects, based on studies in laboratory animals. |
| Trichloropro-<br>pane (1,2,3-<br>TCP) | ppt   | 2017           | ND                | ND                  | 5                     | Some people who drink water containing 1,2,3-Trichloropropane in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.   |

#### Other Parameters That May Be Of Interest

| Chemical or<br>Constituent | Units | Sample<br>Year | Average Level<br>Detected | Range of<br>Detections | MCL | PHG<br>(MCLG) | Typical Source of Contaminant  |
|----------------------------|-------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----|---------------|--|
| Sodium                     | ppm   | 2017           | 99.5                      | 99 - 100               | N/A | N/A           | Salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring.  |
| Hardness                   | ppm   | 2017           | 67                        | 67                     | N/A | N/A           | Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium and are usually naturally occurring. |

| Summary o | f Lead Tes | ting at Scho | ools within | the Agency | ′( <sup>*</sup> For source | e of contamina | nt please see p | age 19) |
|-----------|------------|--------------|-------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------|
|           |            |              |             |            |                            |                | _               |         |

|      | Units | Sample Year | # of Schools in service | # of Schools requesting |         | AVG. | Range | Violation |
|------|-------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------|------|-------|-----------|
|      |       |             | area                    | testing                 | Samples |      |       |           |
| Lead | ppb   | 2017        | 0                       | 0                       | 2017    | N/A  | N/A   | NO        |



#### **Protect Your Groundwater!**

Keep pollutants out of the Aquifer! Storm water often contains pollutants including chemicals, trash, and automobile fluids. To do your part in keeping our groundwater clean and safe, consider the following.......

- Your car can be a source of pollutants. Check your vehicle regularly for fluid leaks. Use a funnel to prevent spills. Use drip pans and drop cloths when making repairs and changing your oil.
- Dispose of construction waste and trash from around your yard. Yard waste has the potential to carry hazardous landscaping chemicals like pesticides.
- Items such as pharmaceuticals, solvents and drain cleaners can cause groundwater contamination and should never be flushed down the toilet or poured down the sink.

#### Source Water Assessment

A drinking water source assessment was completed for all wells in the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency water system in December 2002. The report indicates that Wells 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 are considered susceptible to septic leachate and erosion of natural deposits. A drinking water source assessment was completed for all wells in the Imp. Dist. Goat Mtn. (formally CoSB CSA 70/W-1) water system in July 2012, prior to annexation to BDVWA effective July 1, 2015. The report indicates that wells GMW1, GMW2 and GMW3 are considered susceptible to septic leachate, above ground storage tanks and wells. You may request a summary of the assessment be sent to you by contacting a Sanitary Engineer at the State Water Resources Control Board (Division of Drinking Water) at 909-383-4328. If you have questions about this report or want to learn more about the Agency, you may contact the Agency's General Manager, Marina D. West, PG at 760-364-2315. To learn more information about contaminants and potential health effects, call the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or visit their website at http://www.epa.gov/ow/.

#### **Community Participation**

Our Regular Board of Directors Meetings are held on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month at 6 PM at 1720 Cherokee Trail, Landers, CA 92252. Committees and Special Meetings occur throughout the year. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. To confirm meeting dates, times, locations and agendas please **visit our website at www.bdvwa.org** or contact our **Customer Service Staff at 760-364-2315.** 

#### Office Location

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency is located at 622 S. Jemez Trail, Yucca Valley, California. Our office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. The office phone number is 760-364-2315. Please use the same phone number for after hours emergencies. When calling after hours you will be prompted to press an extension for "emergencies" and asked to leave a voice mail. The on-call staff will return your call in a timely manner.

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<sup>\* (</sup>From Pages 10, 13, 17) Typical source of lead contamination in drinking water are internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits.