## DRINKING WATER WARNING BOIL WATER ORDER

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

## Water System is contaminated with fecal coliform bacteria the bacterium *E. coli* BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

Fecal coliform *E. coli* bacteria were found in the water supply on mo/yr. These bacteria can make you sick, and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems.

## What should I do?

**DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation **until further notice in writing from San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department.** Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.

The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

## What happened? What is being done?

Bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (for example, following heavy rains). It can also happen due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process. Describe cause if known and corrective action:

The San Joaquin County Health Department and \_\_\_\_\_\_ Water System will inform in <u>writing</u> you when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water. We anticipate resolving the problem within \_\_\_\_\_\_.

For more information, please contact \_\_\_\_\_\_or mail to:Attn:\_\_\_\_\_

General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the Water System in compliance with the California Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations as a means of keeping the public informed.

By signing this notice your are declaring: I (We) declare under penalty of perjury that the statements on this application are correct to my (our) knowledge and the actions taken to notify the users of this water system are in compliance with California Code of Regulations (CCR).

Fax completed form to EHD at 468-0341 Signature:

\_\_\_\_(operator/owner) Date:\_\_\_\_\_