

Date: July 19, 2018

UPDATED UNSAFE WATER ALERT

**Hornbrook CSD Public Water System is contaminated
with non-potable (river) water.**

DO NOT DRINK YOUR WATER

Failure to follow this advisory could result in illness.

A recent wildfire has damaged several components of the Hornbrook CSD public water system including a well and a tank roof. Due to the shortage in well water supply, unfiltered river water has been pumped into the Hornbrook water system to keep the system pressurized for use in toilets, washing hands (with soap) and firefighting. Therefore, unknown substances may have contaminated the drinking water supplied by Hornbrook CSD. The State Water Resources Control Board, Siskiyou County Health Department, and Hornbrook CSD Water System are advising residents of Hornbrook CSD to NOT USE THE TAP WATER FOR DRINKING OR COOKING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

What should I do?

- **DO NOT DRINK YOUR TAP WATER---USE ONLY BOTTLED WATER.** Bottled water should be used for all drinking (including baby formula and juice), brushing teeth, washing dishes, making ice and food preparation **until further notice.**
- **DO NOT TRY AND TREAT THE WATER YOURSELF.** Boiling, freezing, filtering, adding chlorine or other disinfectants, or letting water stand will not make the water safe.

We have two wells functioning again and have a contractor working on the remaining well, which is expected to be very online soon. We are now maintaining a consistent chlorine residual in your water and it is considered safe to take a brief shower or bath, however, you should avoid getting water in your mouth. Staff with the California Division of Drinking Water were in Hornbrook on Tuesday July 17th and collected water samples from the distribution system to check for possible chemical contamination that may have occurred when the burned roofing materials fell into Tank No. 1. The results of these samples are expected to be available next week.

We will inform you when tests show that the water is safe to drink again.

For more information call:

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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. Hornbrook CSD public water system number: 4700513