

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District Has Levels of Hexavalent Chromium Above the Drinking Water Standard

**This is not an emergency.** As our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Water sample results received from one of our source wells on March 18, 2026 showed hexavalent chromium (Cr-6) levels of 0.011 milligrams per liter (11ppb). This is above the California standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), of 0.010 milligrams per liter (10 ppb). We are working with the State Water Resources Control Board to address this exceedance and comply with the MCL within a compliance timeline.

California and New Jersey are currently the only states that have established an MCL for Hexavalent Chromium. At the federal level, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates Total Chromium, which includes all forms of chromium, with an MCL of 100 parts per billion (ppb). It is important to note that there has been no change in the historical groundwater quality within the District; this exceedance is solely the result of the State of California's newly established Hexavalent Chromium MCL.

#### What should I do?

- **You do not need to use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water).**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, *some people who drink water containing hexavalent chromium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

#### What happened? What is being done?

- A new Hexavalent Chromium MCL of 10 ppb became effective October 1, 2024.
- Hexavalent chromium was detected at levels that exceed the MCL. However, a water system of our size is not considered in violation of the Hexavalent Chromium MCL until after October 1, 2026 (*systems  $\geq 10,000$  connections*).
- BCVWD submitted a Hexavalent Chromium Compliance Plan to the State Water Resources Control Board on June 30, 2025. The plan outlines Cr-6

avoidance through new low-Cr-6 well construction, reduced production from Well 25, conversion of Wells 3 and 26 to non-potable use and continued quarterly monitoring while compliance measures are implemented. This plan is being reviewed by the State Water Resources Control Board.

For more information, please contact James Bean, Director of Operations at (951) 845-9581, info@bcvwd.gov or 560 Magnolia Ave. Beaumont, CA. 92223.

*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 public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

**If you are a school or school system, the owner or operator of residential rental property, or the owner or operator of a business property, then you are legally required to notify the following people of the information in this notice within ten days of your receipt of this notice:**

- **SCHOOLS:** You must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): You must notify tenants.
- **BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** You must notify employees of businesses located on the property.
- If you fail to notify the above people, you shall be civilly liable up to \$1,000 per day for each day that you fail to notify them. (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 116450, subd. (g); 116650, subd. (e).)

This notice is being sent to you by Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District.

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