

State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

December 21, 2018

Ms. Michaele LaForge, City Manager
City of San Juan Bautista
P. O. Box 1420
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Dear Ms. LaForge:

CANCELLATION OF SERVICE CONNECTION MORATORIUM CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA (SYSTEM NO. 3510002)

The State Water Resource Control Board – Division of Drinking Water (Division) issued Compliance Order 02_05_16R_004 to the City of San Juan Bautista water system (City) on October 4, 2016. The Compliance Order was issued for violations of California Health and Safety Code Section 116555 (a)(3). At that time, the Division had determined that the City was not able to provide a reliable and adequate supply of pure, wholesome, healthful, and potable water, in that it would experience water quality or quantity problems if either of its two active wells at that time was taken offline for an extended period. The Compliance Order imposed a moratorium on new service connections.

At the time the Compliance Order was issued, the City had two active sources, Wells 01 and 02, and one standby source, Well 03. However, Well 02 had nitrate levels that periodically exceeded the nitrate maximum contaminant level (MCL) and Well 03 had nitrate at twice the MCL. Well 01 has acceptable water quality but does not have the capacity to meet system demands by itself for an extended period of time.

The City inactivated Wells 02 and 03 and added Wells 05 and 06 to the water system this year for a total of three active sources. The City has demonstrated through submittal of technical information, including pump tests for all three sources, a source capacity study, and water quality monitoring results, that it can provide a reliable and adequate supply of pure, wholesome, healthful, and potable water as required by California Health and Safety Code Section 116555 (a)(3).

Therefore, as of the date of this letter, the Division is lifting the connection moratorium imposed by Compliance Order 02_05_16R_004.

Please note that a new water system permit will be issued to the City in 2019, which will specify the current population and number of service connections at the time of permit issuance. As required by California Code of Regulations, Title 22, 64556(a)(5), an application for a permit

amendment must be submitted by the City to the Division whenever the number of service connections served by the City is expanded by 20% over what is specified in the most recent permit or permit amendment. The application must include an engineering report evaluating the current source capacity and system demands at the time of the application submittal. The Division may require an updated source capacity study as part of a permit amendment application, if warranted.

If you have any questions, please contact Lora Lyons at (831) 655-6942 or by e-mail at Lora.Lyons@waterboards.ca.gov or me at (831) 655-6934.

Sincerely,



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