

**Robbins Water System** 



## About the Company

GSWC is a wholly owned subsidiary of American States Water Company (NYSE:AWR) and provides water service to over 1 million customers throughout 12 counties in Northern, Coastal and Southern California. American States Water Company also owns a contracted services subsidiary, American States Utility Services, Inc. (ASUS). ASUS provides operations, maintenance and construction management services for water and wastewater systems located on military bases throughout the country under 50-year privatization contracts with the U.S. government. Bear Valley Electric Service is also a subsidiary and distributes electricity to approximately 24,000 customers in the City of Big Bear Lake and surrounding areas in San Bernardino County.



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## **President's Message**

Dear Golden State Water Customer,

Golden State Water Company (GSWC) is pleased to present our 2025 Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report), providing customers with important information regarding local water quality and service during the 2024 calendar year.

GSWC is proud to serve more than one million customers across 81 communities in California, delivering reliable, high-quality water every day. We know that access to safe water is essential, and our team works around the clock to ensure your water is always there when you need it.

From scientists and engineers to water quality experts, our dedicated team continuously monitors and tests for hundreds of potential contaminants to keep your water safe. By proactively testing for hundreds of potential contaminants in our water systems, GSWC has consistently scored among the top water companies for compliance with water quality regulations.

**GSWC** is working as quickly as possible to return the Robbins Water System to full compliance with all federal and state quality standards established to protect the public's health and safety. This includes construction of a new well and treatment system. GSWC continues to provide bottled water for drinking under a State funded grant. This report provides information regarding local water supply sources, testing, and the steps GSWC takes to ensure our water complies with the strictest standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water (DDW), and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

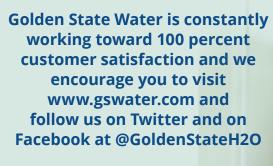
To access the most up-to-date Water Quality Report for your area, sampling results, and frequently asked questions, visit **www.gswater.com/water-quality**. If you have questions, please contact our 24-hour Customer Service Center at 1.800.999.4033 or email us at **customerservice@gswater.com**.

Given our proactive approach to maintaining, operating, and improving our water systems, our customers can rest assured that their monthly rates contribute directly to the safety and reliability of their local water system. This upholds the essential right of every Californian to access safe, clean, and affordable water, regardless of their zip code.

We encourage all customers to visit **www.gswater.com** and follow us on X (formerly Twitter) and Facebook at @GoldenStateH2O. On behalf of everyone at GSWC, thank you for allowing us to serve you and your community.

Sincerely,

Robert Sprowls



# Where Does My Water Come From?

Water delivered to customers in the Robbins System is groundwater pumped from wells

operated by GSWC. The Wagner Aviation Well (Well 2) is the primary source of supply. Well 1 (Sacramento Blvd. Well) is in standby use for emergencies.

#### **Source Water Assessment**

A source water assessment was conducted in 2000 for the Wagner Aviation Well. The well is considered most vulnerable to the following activities:

airport maintenance/fueling, sewer collection systems, farm chemical distributor/application services, machine shops, and pesticide/fertilizer/petroleum storage and transfer areas.

A copy of the assessment may be viewed at:

State Water Board Valley District Office 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 101, Redding, CA 96002

You may request a summary of the assessment be sent to you by contacting:

State Water Board Valley District Office at 1.530.224.4800

For more details, contact Lisa Miller, Water Quality Engineer, at 1.800.999.4033, or email the Customer Service Center at **customerservice@gswater.com**.



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In every one of our water systems, a team of highly-trained employees monitors water quality on an on-going basis to ensure that our customers are receiving high-quality water. For more information and to access frequently asked questions about your 2024 CCR visit: https://gswater.com/ccrfaq







Delivering drinking water is serious business, and our team of scientists, engineers and water experts is dedicated to protecting our water systems and ensuring the water we deliver to local homes and businesses meets stringent standards set by the state and federal governments.



## **Glossary 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 and maximum contaminant level goals as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste and appearance of drinking water.

#### **California Notification Level (NL)**

Non-regulatory, health-based advisory levels established by the State Board for contaminants in drinking water for which an MCL has not been established.

#### **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)**

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. Maximum contaminant level goals are set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

#### **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)**

The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that the 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.

#### **Primary Drinking Water Standard (PDWS)**

MCLs, MRDLs and treatment techniques (TTs) for contaminants that affect health, along with their monitoring and reporting requirements.

#### **Public Health Goal (PHG)**

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. Public health goals are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA).

#### **Regulatory Action Level (AL)**

The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

| Unit of Measurement           | Unit<br>Abbreviation | Also Known as  | This can be compared to  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Parts per million (PPM)       | mg/L                 | milligrams per liter   | 1 second in 12 days  |
| Parts per billion (PPB)       | μg/L                 | micrograms per liter   | 1 second in 32 years   |
| Parts per trillion (PPT)      | ng/L                 | nanograms per liter  | 1 second in 32,000 years   |
| Grains per gallon             | grains/gallon        | a measurement for water hardness often used for sizing household water softeners | 1 grain/gal equals 17.1 mg/L of hardness                         |
| Nephelometric Turbidity Units | NTU                  | a measurement of the clarity of water  | Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is noticeable to the average person |
| Microsiemens per centimeter   | μS/cm                | a measurement of a solution's ability to conduct electricity                     |  |
| Picocuries per liter          | pCi/L                | a measurement of radioactivity in water  |  |

## How to Read This Table

The highest level of a constituent allowed in drinking water.

The highest level for which the constituent has no known or expected health risks.

The consumer confidence report lets you know which constituents, if any, are in your drinking water and how this may affect your health. The constituents presented in this table were detected above the detection limit set by the State Water Resources Control Board. Below is a guide that explains each column of the table.

| The range of presence for whi the constituent was detected the drinking water. | ch             | a constit     | The average amount of a constituent detected in the drinking water.  The most recent year tests were conducted. |                  |                              | ests were constituent enters the drinking water.                                    |
|--|----------------|---------------|---|------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Primary Standards -<br>Health Based (units)                                    | Primary<br>MCL | PHG<br>(MCLG) | Range of Detection  | Average<br>Level | Most Recent<br>Sampling Date | Typical Source of Constituent   |
| Substance A (mg/L)   | 50             | 0.6           | ND - 40   | 20               | 2019                         | Erosion of natural deposits; residue from some surface water treatment processes    |
| Substance B (µg/L)   | 6              | 1             | 0.1 - 2.8   | 1.7              | 2016                         | Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder |

| Robbins Water System – Source Water Quality |                       |               |                       |                  |                              |   |  |
|---|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| Primary Standards –<br>Health Based (units) | Primary<br>MCL        | PHG<br>(MCLG) | Range of<br>Detection | Average<br>Level | Most Recent<br>Sampling Date | Typical Source of Constituent   |  |
| Inorganic Constituents                      |                       |               |                       |                  |                              |   |  |
| Arsenic (µg/L) (a)                          | 10                    | 0.004         | 16 - 21               | 18               | 2024                         | Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes  |  |
| Barium (mg/L)                               | 1                     | 2             | 0.89 - 1.00           | 0.96             | 2024                         | Discharges of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits  |  |
| Selenium (µg/L)                             | 50                    | 30            | n/a                   | 21               | 2023                         | Discharge from petroleum, glass, and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines and chemical manufacturers; runoff from livestock lots (feed additive) |  |
| Secondary Standards –<br>Aesthetic (units)  | Secondary<br>MCL      | PHG<br>(MCLG) | Range of<br>Detection | Average<br>Level | Most Recent<br>Sampling Date | Typical Source of Constituent   |  |
| Color (units)                               | 15                    | n/a           | n/a                   | 5                | 2023                         | Naturally-occurring organic materials   |  |
| Chloride (mg/L) (b)                         | 500                   | n/a           | 1200 - 1300           | 1200             | 2024                         | Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence   |  |
| Iron (µg/L)                                 | 300                   | n/a           | 130 - 280             | 190              | 2024                         | Leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes   |  |
| Manganese (μg/L) (b)                        | 50                    | n/a           | 39 - 330              | 110              | 2024                         | Leaching from natural deposits  |  |
| Odor—Threshold (units)                      | 3                     | n/a           | n/a                   | 2                | 2023                         | Naturally-occurring organic materials   |  |
| Specific Conductance (µS/cm) (b)            | 1600                  | n/a           | 3800 - 4300           | 4000             | 2024                         | Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence   |  |
| Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L) (b)           | 1000                  | n/a           | 2100 - 2300           | 2200             | 2024                         | Runoff/leaching from natural deposits   |  |
| Turbidity (units)                           | 5                     | n/a           | n/a                   | 4.4              | 2023                         | Soil runoff   |  |
| Other Parameters (units)                    | Notification<br>Level | PHG<br>(MCLG) | Range of<br>Detection | Average<br>Level | Most Recent<br>Sampling Date | Typical Source of Constituent   |  |
| Alkalinity (mg/L)                           | n/a                   | n/a           | n/a                   | 190              | 2023                         |   |  |
| Calcium (mg/L)                              | n/a                   | n/a           | n/a                   | 160              | 2023                         |   |  |
| Hardness [as CaCO3] (mg/L)                  | n/a                   | n/a           | n/a                   | 890              | 2023                         | The sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium; the cations are usually naturally occurring  |  |
| Hardness [as CaCO3] (grains/gal)            | n/a                   | n/a           | n/a                   | 52               | 2023                         |   |  |
| Magnesium (mg/L)                            | n/a                   | n/a           | n/a                   | 120              | 2023                         |   |  |
| pH (pH units)                               | n/a                   | n/a           | n/a                   | 7.7              | 2023                         |   |  |
| Potassium (mg/L)                            | n/a                   | n/a           | n/a                   | 4.9              | 2023                         |   |  |
| Sodium (mg/L)                               | n/a                   | n/a           | n/a                   | 470              | 2023                         | Refers to the salt present in the water and is generally naturally occurring  |  |

<sup>(</sup>a) The treated water from Well #2 exceeds the MCL of 10 µg/L for arsenic. GSWC is working as quickly as possible with the California Division of Drinking Water to resolve the violation with the construction of a new well and treatment system. GSWC is providing bottled water for drinking purposes.

ND = Not Detected CaCO3 = Calcium Carbonate

This table includes data only on constituents that were detected.

<sup>(</sup>b) Chloride, manganese, specific conductance, and TDS were found at levels that exceed their respective secondary MCLs at Well #2. GSWC is working as quickly as possible with the Division of Drinking Water to resolve the exceedances with the construction of a new well and treatment system.

## **Laboratory Analyses**

Through the years, we have taken thousands of water samples to determine the presence of any radioactive, biological, inorganic, volatile organic, or synthetic organic contaminants in your drinking water. The table we provide shows only detected contaminants in the water.

Even though all of the substances listed here are under the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL), we feel it is important that you know exactly what was detected and how much of these substances were present in your water. Compliance (unless otherwise noted) is based on the average level of concentration below the MCL. The state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations do not change frequently. Some of our data, while representative, is more than a year old.

**Arsenic** — The treated water from Well #2 exceeds the MCL for arsenic. Because of the high arsenic levels, GSWC provides bottled water for drinking. GSWC is working as quickly as possible with the California Division of Drinking Water to resolve the violation with the construction of a new well and treatment system. The arsenic standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the cost of removing arsenic from drinking water. The USEPA 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. Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years may experience skin damage or circulatory system problems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**Chloride** — The secondary MCL for chloride is set for aesthetic reasons and there is no health concern associated with the chloride levels in this water system.

**Lead** — 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. GSWC 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 two 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 about lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1.800.426.4791 or at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead">http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead</a>.

GSWC has completed the initial lead service line inventory required by the USEPA's Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. Through a thorough review of historical records and initial field investigations, GSWC has determined that its distribution systems do not have lead or galvanized service lines that require replacement. This includes any customer-owned service lines. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.gswater.com/service-material-inventory">https://www.gswater.com/service-material-inventory</a>.

**Manganese** — The secondary MCL for manganese is set for aesthetic reasons and there is no health concern associated with the manganese levels detected in this water system.

**Specific Conductance** — The secondary MCL for specific conductance is set for aesthetic reasons and there is no health concern associated with the specific conductance levels in this water system.

**Total Dissolved Solids** — The secondary MCL for total dissolved solids is set for aesthetic reasons and there is no health concern associated with the total dissolved solids levels detected in this water system.

| Robbins Water System – Distribution Water Quality          |                       |                |   |                  |                              |  |                                    |   |  |
|--|-----------------------|----------------|---|------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Disinfection Byproducts and Disinfectant Residuals (units) | Primary<br>MCL (MRDL) | PHG<br>(MRDLG) | Range of<br>Detection   | Average<br>Level | Most Recent<br>Sampling Date | Typical Source of Constituent  |                                    |   |  |
| Chlorine [as Cl2] (mg/L)                                   | (4.0)                 | (4)            | 0.2 - 2.0   | 0.6              | 2024                         | Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment  |                                    | Drinking water disinfectant added for treatment |  |
| HAA5 [Sum of 5 Haloacetic Acids] (µg/L)                    | 60                    | n/a            | n/a   | 4.3              | 2024                         | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection   |                                    |   |  |
| TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (µg/L)                       | 80                    | n/a            | n/a   | 52               | 2024                         | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection   |                                    |   |  |
| Inorganic Constituents<br>(units)                          | Action<br>Level       | PHG<br>(MCLG)  | Sample<br>Data  | 90th %<br>Level  | Most Recent<br>Sampling Date | Typical Source of Constituent  |                                    |   |  |
| Copper (mg/L)  | 1.3                   | 0.3            | None of the 5<br>samples collected<br>exceeded the action<br>level. | 0.19             | 2023                         | Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosic of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives                 |                                    |   |  |
| Lead sampling in schools and residential plumbing          | Action<br>Level       | PHG            | Sample<br>Data  | 90th %<br>Level  | Most Recent<br>Sampling Date | Typical Source of Constituent  | Number<br>of Schools<br>Tested (c) |   |  |
| Lead (µg/L)  | 15                    | 0.2            | None of the 5<br>samples collected<br>exceeded the action<br>level. | ND               | 2023                         | Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits. | 0                                  |   |  |

(c) The State of California made lead sampling in schools mandatory with a compliance window through 2019.

This table includes data only on constituents that were detected.

ND = Not Detected



## **Risk to Tap and Bottled Water**

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain small amounts of some contaminants. 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 USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1.800.426.4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the layers in the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, which can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animal or human activity.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the USEPA and the State Water Resources Control Board prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations and California law also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.

#### **Contaminants in Drinking Water Sources May Include:**

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, and farming
- Pesticides and herbicides that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems
- Radioactive contaminants that can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities

## For People with Sensitive Immune Systems

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised people, such as those individuals with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, those who have undergone organ transplants, those with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly populations, and infants, can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care providers.

The USEPA and Centers for Disease Control issue guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants.

To obtain a copy of these guidelines, please call the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at **1.800.426.4791**.

For additional information, please contact our 24-hour Customer Service Center at **1.800.999.4033** or email us at **customerservice@gswater.com**.

## **Cross Connection Control Program**

GSWC's Cross Connection Control Program provides a level of certainty that the water in the company's distribution system is protected from possible backflow of contaminated water from customers' premises. For additional information and how to learn how to prevent cross-connections at your home, visit https://www.gswater.com/protecting-our-drinking-water/.



## **Flushing**

Hydrant flushing is an essential maintenance procedure that all water providers must perform periodically to ensure the water delivered to customers meets state and federal drinking water standards. GSWC is using NO-DES (Neutral Output-Discharge Elimination System) flushing in several of our service areas to help flush our distribution systems sustainably.

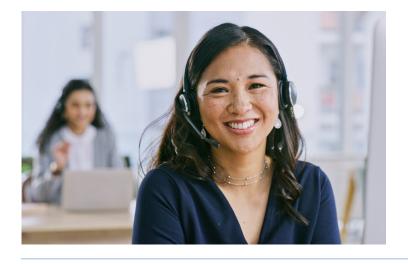
Traditional hydrant flushing discharges hundreds of thousands of gallons of water onto the street. GSWC's NO-DES trucks and trailers offer a new maintenance technology, connecting two hydrants to a complex filtration system which cleans the water and returns it to the distribution system.

For more information about hydrant flushing, visit <a href="http://www.gswater.com/flushing">http://www.gswater.com/flushing</a>.

## If You Have Questions - Contact Us

For information about your water quality or to find out about upcoming opportunities to participate in public meetings, please contact our 24-hour Customer Service Center at **1.800.999.4033**. Visit us online at www.gswater.com or email us at customerservice@gswater.com.

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



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Visit www.gswater.com to:

- ♦ Access the latest Water Quality Report for your area
- Get the latest updates and news regarding water supply and state/local restrictions
- Learn more about water-use efficiency, including programs and rebates in your area
- Understand your water bill and learn about payment options
- Obtain information about programs for low-income customers (Customer Assistance Program or CAP)
- Sign up to receive email updates about your water service





## **Infrastructure Investments**

At GSWC, we believe access to clean and reliable drinking water is a fundamental right for all Californians. Our customers should never think twice about the quality of water coming from their taps. To fulfill this commitment, we continue to invest in water infrastructure essential to treating and delivering sustainable, long-term value for our customers.

Since 2019, GSWC has invested more than \$894 million in water infrastructure projects essential to providing quality, reliable water to over 1 million Californians in 81 communities. In 2024, GSWC invested more than \$210 million in water treatment facilities, water storage and distribution systems. GSWC continues to invest in its water system, which now includes approximately 2,869 miles of pipeline, 81,073 valves and 27,118 fire hydrants. These proactive investments in local infrastructure avoid the costly and sometimes dangerous effects of deferring maintenance or delaying the replacement of aged infrastructure.

Customers interested in learning more about current and completed infrastructure projects in their service areas are encouraged to visit their service area's webpage at www.gswater.com/your-service-area.

## **Conserving for California**

After years of severe drought, California's water supply has improved for many parts of the state. GSWC customers did a tremendous job reducing water use during the last drought, and most have continued those water-efficient practices and made conservation a way of life. GSWC is proud to be your partner in conservation, offering tips and programs to help you manage your water use and control your bill. To learn more about conservation programs and rebates in your area, please visit www.gswater.com/conservation or call 1.800.999.4033.



A drought-tolerant garden.