

## California Department of Public Health

Drinking Water Program – Field Operations Branch  
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### Public Water System Definitions

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#### **What are public water systems?** (Per the California Code of Regulations)

The source of water is a well, spring, or surface water.

The term "public water system" means a system for the provision of piped water to the public for human consumption that has 15 or more service connections *or* regularly serves at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year. If a water system meets this definition, then the *type* of public water system must be determined. The categories of public water systems regulated by this Department are noted below. Regulatory requirements vary somewhat for different types of public water systems.

**Community Water Systems** - A Public Water System that serves at least 15 service connections used by year-long residents or regularly serves at least 25 year-long residents. This category includes subdivisions, mutual water companies, mobile home parks, and other similar residential areas.

**Non-community Water Systems** - A Public Water System that is *not* a community water system. There are two categories of Non-community water systems:

**Non-transient–Non-community Water Systems** -This is a special class of Non-community water systems that regularly serves at least 25 of the same persons over 6 months of the year. This category includes schools and larger places of employment with 25 or more employees.

**Transient-Non-community Water Systems** -Serves at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days of the year and *no more* than 24 yearlong residents, students, employees, etc. This category includes restaurants, campgrounds, small grocery and retail stores, wineries with tasting rooms, motels, and other non-residential uses.

**State Small Water Systems** - A Public Water System that is neither a Community Water System nor Non-community Water System. A State Small Water System has between 5 and 14 service connections or does not serve 25 individuals daily at least 60 days of the year. State Small Water Systems are regulated by the County.

## PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM SURVEY

System Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ownership Since (Month/Year): \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer all the questions and sign the form below.

1. Is your water system supplied any water by an outside provider (e.g., a city, a homeowner's association, or a mutual water company)?  
 Yes                       No                       If yes, whom: \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. If any of your water system's drinking water was not supplied by an outside provider, then what was the drinking water source?  
 Well                       Stream, Creek, River, Pond, or Lake  
  
 Spring                       Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Number of houses, buildings, and campsites with year-long residents that are connected to your water system: \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Number of permanent residents your water system serves: \_\_\_\_\_  
The above figure is based on:  Records                       Estimates
  
5. Total number of employees, students, or other non-residents regularly served more than 6 months of the year: \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. Number of visitors or customers on the 60<sup>th</sup> most populated day: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If you have inadequate data to complete this question, please provide your average population during the maximum month.)
  
7. Are restrooms open to the public: \_\_\_\_\_
  
8. Does the public have access to any drinking water fountains: \_\_\_\_\_

DISCLOSURE: Be advised that Sections 116725 and 116730 of the *California Health and Safety Code (CHSC)* state that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the *California Safe Drinking Water Act (AB 2995)* may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each separate violation for each day that violation continues. In addition, the violators may be prosecuted in criminal court and upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for each day of violation, be imprisoned in the county jail not to exceed one year, or be both fined and imprisoned.

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Name (Print)

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Title (Print)

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date