SPECIAL BULLETIN JUST RECEIVED

From State of California, Department of Health Services – August 12, 1980.
BACTERIOLOGICAL QUALITY STANDARD FAILURE
Dear Lot Owner of Odd Fellows Sierra Recreation:

The bacteriological quality of water served by the Odd Fellows Sierra Recreational
Association water supply system during the months of June and August 1980 did not
meet the drinking water standards specified in the California Domestic Water Qual-
ity and Monitoring Regulations. The bacteriological quality of domestic water is
routinely determined by testing for coliform bacteria. Coliform organisms are
indicators of potential contamination and may originate from human, animal or soil
sources. If the coliform standards are met, the water served can be considered
as being bacteriologically safe. If they are not met, drinking the water may not
necessarily result in illness, but that possibility exists. At times, a positive
coliform bacteria test may result from situations which are not a hazard to health.
However, the finding of coliform bacteria cannot be ignored and each water utility
must take appropriate follow-up action.

Upon determination that the coliform standards were not being met, State Health
Department and Association personnel took additional bacteriological samples from
the system in an attempt to isolate the source of the problem. The results of
the follow-up samples indicate that the Nichols Spring was the source of contam-
ination. This source of supply has now been disconnected from the system and will
not be put back into service until there has been sufficient information gathered
to indicate that the problem will not arise again.

The most recent sampling results show that the bacteriological standards are now
being met. The findings to date indicate that no special precautions are nece-
ssary on your part.

This notification of the public is being done in compliance with the California
Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations as a means of keeping you, the
public, informed.

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