

# 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

(Consumer Confidence Report)

## Cottonwood Creek M.U.D. # 1

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*Special Notice for the ELDERLY, INFANTS, CANCER PATIENTS, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune problems:*

Some people may be more vulnerable to certain microbial contaminants, such as Cryptosporidium, in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

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### Public Participation Opportunities

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic many of the boards have gone to virtual meetings. Please call (512) 246-1400 to confirm meeting date and time. The Board of Directors meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month at 11:30 a.m. at Armbrust & Brown, 100 Congress Ave., Ste. 1300, Austin, TX 78701.

The District's water system is operated by Crossroads Utility Services, LLC. If you have any questions concerning water quality or the source of your water, please call our Regulatory Department at (512) 246-1400.

### Our Drinking Water Meets or Exceeds All Federal (EPA) Drinking Water Requirements

This report is a summary of the quality of the water we provide our customers. The analysis was made by using the data from the most recent U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required tests and is presented in the attached pages. We hope this information helps you become more knowledgeable about what's in your drinking water.

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**WATER SOURCES:** 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 ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water before treatment include: microbes, inorganic contaminants, pesticides, herbicides, radioactive contaminants, and organic chemical contaminants.

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### *En Español*

Este informe incluye informacion importante sobre el agua potable. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre este informe en español favor de llamar al tel. (512) 246-1400 para hablar con una persona bilingue en español.

### **Where do we get our drinking water?**

Your drinking water is supplied through the distribution system owned by Cottonwood Creek M.U.D. # 1. The District purchases water from Wilbarger Creek M.U.D. # 2. Wilbarger Creek M.U.D. # 2 purchases water from Metro H<sub>2</sub>O. Metro H<sub>2</sub>O purchases water from 130 Regional W.S.C (130WSC). 130WSC obtains ground water from the Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer in Caldwell County. 130WSC and Metro H<sub>2</sub>O treat the water from these sources according to federal and state standards, removing harmful contaminants. The District constantly works with Metro H<sub>2</sub>O to provide safe drinking water. TCEQ completed an assessment of our source water and results indicate that some of our sources are susceptible to certain contaminants. The sampling requirements for our water system are based on this susceptibility and previous sample data. Any detection of these contaminants will be found in this report.

### ***ALL drinking water may contain contaminants.***

When drinking water meets federal standards there may not be any health based benefits to purchasing bottled water or point of use devices. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least 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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

### **Secondary Constituents**

Many constituents (such as calcium, sodium, or iron) which are often found in drinking water can cause taste, color, and odor problems. The taste and odor constituents are called secondary constituents and are regulated by the State of Texas, not the EPA. These constituents are not causes for health concern. Therefore, secondaries are not required to be reported in this document but they may greatly affect the appearance and taste of your water.

### **About the Following Pages**

The pages that follow list all of the federally regulated or monitored contaminants which have been found in your drinking water. The U.S. EPA requires water systems to test for up to 97 contaminants.

### **DEFINITIONS**

#### **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)**

The highest permissible level of a contaminant in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

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

The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

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

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

#### **Treatment Technique (TT)**

A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

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

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

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

ND – non detect

NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units

MFL – million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)

pCi/L – picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

ppm – parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

ppb – parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (mg/L)

ppt – parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

ppq – parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

**Inorganic Contaminants**

Year or Range	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	MCLG	Source of Contaminant
2019	Arsenic (ppm)	0.0034	0.0034	0.0034	0.01	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and production wastes.
2018	Asbestos (MFL)	<0.197	<0.197	<0.197	7	0	Naturally occurring mineral, Leaching from asbestos pipe
2019	Barium (ppm)	0.040	0.043	0.043	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries: erosion of natural deposits.
2019	Fluoride (ppm)	0.31	0.31	0.31	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
2019	Nickel (ppm)	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	n/a	n/a	Leaching from metals in pipes.
2020	Nitrate (ppm)	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
2015	Nitrite (ppm)	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	1	1	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
2015	Nitrate-Nitrite (ppm)	0.05	0.05	0.05	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
2016	Gross alpha (pCi/L)	<3	<3	<3	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits.
2016	Gross beta emitters	<4	<4	<4	50	0	Erosion of natural deposits.
2019	Selenium (ppm)	0.031	0.031	0.031	0.05	0.05	Naturally occurring trace mineral. Promotes good health in small amounts, but can be toxic.

**Organic Contaminants** NONE DETECTED

**Volatile Organic Contaminants**

Year	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2016	Vinyl Chloride	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	2	ppb	Leaching from PVC piping; Discharge of plastic factories

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level**

Year	Disinfectant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	MCLG	Source of Disinfectant
2020	Chlorine (ppm)	1.29	0.60	2.6	4	4	Disinfectant used to control microbes.

**Disinfection Byproducts**

Year	Contaminant	R. Annual Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	MCL	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2020	Total Haloacetic Acids	1.4	1.4	1.4	60	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2020	Total Trihalomethanes	13.3	13.3	13.3	80	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

**Unregulated Contaminants**

Bromoform, chloroform, bromodichloromethane, and dibromochloromethane are disinfection byproducts. There is no maximum contaminant level for these chemicals at the entry point to distribution.

Year	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2020	Bromoform	2.3	2.3	2.3	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2020	Chloroform	2.4	2.4	2.4	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2020	Bromodichloromethane	3.9	3.9	3.9	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
2020	Dibromochloromethane	4.7	4.7	4.7	ppb	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

**Turbidity** NOT REQUIRED

2020 **Total Coliform** REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA.

2020 **Fecal Coliform** REPORTED MONTHLY TESTS FOUND NO FECAL COLIFORM BACTERIA.

**Lead and Copper**

Year	Contaminant	The 90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Number of Sites Exceeding Action Level	Action Level	Unit of Measure	Source of Contaminant
2020	Lead	0.013	1	15	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
2020	Copper	0.034	0	1.3	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

**Required Additional Health Information for 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. This water supply 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 2 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 on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

**Secondary and Other Constituents Not Regulated**

(No associated adverse health effects)

Year or Range	Contaminant	Average Level	Minimum Level	Maximum Level	Limit	Source of Contaminant
2019	Aluminum (ppb)	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	0.2	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2019	Bicarbonate (ppm)	394	394	394	NA	Corrosion of carbonate rocks such as limestone.
2019	Calcium (ppm)	135	135	135	NA	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2019	Chloride (ppm)	94	94	94	300	Abundant naturally occurring element; used in water purification; byproduct of oil field activity.
2016	Copper (ppm)	0.0021	0.0021	0.0021	NA	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
2019	Iron (ppm)	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.3	Erosion of natural deposits; iron or steel delivery equipment or facilities.
2019	Magnesium (ppm)	13	13	13	NA	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2019	Manganese (ppm)	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.05	Abundant naturally occurring element.
2012	pH (units)	8.1	8.1	8.1	>7	Measure of corrosivity of water.
2019	Sodium (ppm)	98	98	98	NA	Erosion of natural deposits; byproduct of oil field activity.
2019	Total Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub> (ppm)	323	323	323	NA	Naturally occurring soluble mineral salts.
2019	Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	744	744	744	1000	Total dissolved mineral constituents in water.
2019	Total Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub> (ppm)	391	391	391	NA	Naturally occurring calcium.
2019	Zinc (ppm)	0.016	0.016	0.016	5	Moderately abundant naturally occurring element; used in the metal industry.

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