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## DRINKING WATER WARNING

The Hoopa Valley Public Utilities water system, [PWS ID# 090605126] has had a **LOSS OF PRESSURE/SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF WATER** that could result in contamination of your drinking water.

### **BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING**

#### **What should I do?**

##### **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST**

- Bring water to a boil, let it boil for one minute and cool before using (**at altitudes above one mile, boil for three minutes**); or use bottled water. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice.
- The possible presence of bacteria indicates that the water may be contaminated with other disease causing organisms. Microbes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.
- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

#### **What happened?**

*Recent fires coupled with technical operational issues at the Julius Marshall Water Treatment Plant caused significant depletion of major water storage tanks causing low pressures within the distribution system.*

1. Bacterial contamination can occur due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process.

#### **What is being done?**

Water samples will be collected to confirm the absence of bacteria in the water supply.

**We will inform you when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water.** We anticipate resolving the problem within *48 hours*. *Another notice will be posted on July 3, 2015.*

For more information please contact Hoopa Valley Public Utilities, Julia Gulley at (530) 625-4543. Residents should not panic, as this notice is merely a formality required as the result of recent conditions. We have begun water testing and so far, all tests show that levels are at appropriate levels. We are confident that the water is safe, however notice is required until testing proves completely satisfactory.

General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.