

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

City of Delta

## Failure to Test Backflow Prevention Devices

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

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Although this situation is **not an emergency**, as our customers you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

The state drinking water program requires that all public drinking water systems test a percentage of the backflow prevention devices annually. We received a violation because our water system users did not test the required percentage.

### What does this mean? What should I do?

- Uncontrolled cross connections can lead to a back pressure or siphonage event that may allow contaminants or disease-causing organisms to enter the drinking water, which can cause diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches.
- The threat of contamination is low due to a large portion of the untested devices only being in service during the irrigation season. Individuals with any sort of compromised immune system, infant, or pregnant may seek an alternative drinking source. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by bacteria and other disease-causing organisms are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

### What is being done?

- The City continues to work with commercial and industrial consumers to have devices tested in a timely manner. Seasonal flow prohibits the testing of many devices across the City. Efforts will continue until the City reaches 0.9 compliance ratio of tested devices.

We anticipate resolving the problem by **Spring 2023**. For more information, please contact **Derek Horn** at [derek@cityofdeltanet.net](mailto:derek@cityofdeltanet.net) or **9708747912**, or **360 Main st.**

*\*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.\**

This notice is being sent to you by: City of Delta - CO-0115205  
Date distributed: **December 28, 2022**