

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 61910
MULTI-COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION
RN101428746
Docket No. 2022-0180-PWS-E

Order Type:

Findings Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

Three or more enforcement actions (NOVs, orders, etc.) over the prior five year period for the same violation(s).

Media:

PWS

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

MULTI-COUNTY WSC, 4095 West U.S. Highway 84, Gatesville, Coryell County

Type of Operation:

Public water supply

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: June 3, 2022

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$3,500

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$3,500

Total Due to General Revenue: \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - N/A

Site/RN - N/A

Major Source: Yes

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: January 2021

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A

Complaint Information: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: January 24, 2022 through February 4, 2022

Date(s) of NOE(s): February 4, 2022

Violation Information

Failed to comply with the maximum contaminant level of 0.080 milligrams per liter for total trihalomethanes based on the locational running annual average [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.115(f)(1) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.0315(c)].

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Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

N/A

Technical Requirements:

The Order will require the Respondent to:

- a. Within 365 days, return to compliance with the maximum contaminant level for total trihalomethanes based on the locational running annual average; and
- b. Within 380 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with a.

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Ashley Lemke, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 4, MC 219, (512) 239-1118; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548

Respondent: Kyle Matthews, Board President, MULTI-COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION, P.O. Box 1006, Gatesville, Texas 76528-6006

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)

PCW Revision February 11, 2021

DATES	Assigned	7-Feb-2022	Screening	8-Feb-2022	EPA Due	31-Mar-2022
	PCW	9-Feb-2022				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	MULTI-COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN101428746
Facility/Site Region	9-Waco
Major/Minor Source	Major

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	61910	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2022-0180-PWS-E	Order Type	Findings
Media Program(s)	Public Water Supply	Government/Non-Profit	Yes
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Ashley Lemke
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 8
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$50	Maximum	\$5,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)	Subtotal 1	\$2,500
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ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.

Compliance History	40.0% Adjustment	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	\$1,000
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Notes: Enhancement for three NOVs with same/similar violations and one agreed order without a denial of liability.

Culpability	No	0.0% Enhancement	Subtotal 4	\$0
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Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments	Subtotal 5	\$0
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Economic Benefit	0.0% Enhancement*	Subtotal 6	\$0
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Total EB Amounts	\$750
Estimated Cost of Compliance	\$5,000

*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$3,500
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	0.0% Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes: [Empty box]

Final Penalty Amount	\$3,500
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$3,500
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DEFERRAL	0.0% Reduction	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage.

Notes: No deferral is recommended for Findings Orders.

PAYABLE PENALTY	\$3,500
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Screening Date	8-Feb-2022	Docket No.	2022-0180-PWS-E	PCW
Respondent	MULTI-COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION			<i>Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)</i>
Case ID No.	61910			<i>PCW Revision February 11, 2021</i>
Reg. Ent. Reference No.	RN101428746			
Media	Public Water Supply			
Enf. Coordinator	Ashley Lemke			

Compliance History Worksheet

>> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Number	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (<i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i>)	3	15%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of orders meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	1	25%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (<i>number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (<i>number of counts</i>)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (<i>number of events</i>)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which notices were submitted</i>)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i>)	0	0%
Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2)

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

<input type="text" value="N/A"/>		Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3)	<input type="text" value="0%"/>
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>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

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>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes	Enhancement for three NOVs with same/similar violations and one agreed order without a denial of liability.
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Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7)

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment **Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100%**

Screening Date 8-Feb-2022 **Docket No.** 2022-0180-PWS-E **PCW**
Respondent MULTI-COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION *Policy Revision 5 (January 28, 2021)*
Case ID No. 61910 *PCW Revision February 11, 2021*
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101428746
Media Public Water Supply
Enf. Coordinator Ashley Lemke

Violation Number
Rule Cite(s)
Violation Description
Base Penalty

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR	Release	Harm			Percent
		Major	Moderate	Minor	
	Actual	<input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="50.0%"/>
	Potential	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor	Percent
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0.0%"/>

Matrix Notes

Adjustment

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events Number of violation days

daily	<input type="text"/>
weekly	<input type="text"/>
monthly	<input type="text"/>
quarterly	<input type="text"/>
semiannual	<input type="text"/>
annual	<input checked="" type="text" value="x"/>
single event	<input type="text"/>

Violation Base Penalty

Good Faith Efforts to Comply Reduction

	Before NOE/NOV	NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Ordinary	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
N/A	<input checked="" type="text" value="x"/>	<input type="text"/>
Notes	<input type="text" value="The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation."/>	

Violation Subtotal

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation **Statutory Limit Test**

Estimated EB Amount **Violation Final Penalty Total**
This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent MULTI-COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION
Case ID No. 61910
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101428746
Media Public Water Supply
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Costs Saved	EB Amount
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Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$5,000	30-Jun-2021	21-Aug-2023	2.14	\$36	\$714	\$750
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

The delayed cost includes the estimated amount to investigate, identify, and implement the necessary corrective actions to return to compliance with the MCL for TTHM, calculated from the last day of the first quarter of noncompliance to the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$5,000

TOTAL

\$750



Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN600653356, RN101428746, Rating Year 2021 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2021.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator:	CN600653356, MULTI-COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION	Classification: NOT APPLICABLE	Rating: N/A
Regulated Entity:	RN101428746, MULTI-COUNTY WSC	Classification: NOT APPLICABLE	Rating: N/A
Complexity Points:	N/A	Repeat Violator:	N/A
CH Group:	14 - Other		
Location:	4095 West United States Highway 84 in Gatesville, Coryell County, Texas		
TCEQ Region:	REGION 09 - WACO		
ID Number(s):	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY REGISTRATION 0500044		

Compliance History Period:	September 01, 2016 to August 31, 2021	Rating Year:	2021	Rating Date:	09/01/2021
Date Compliance History Report Prepared:	February 07, 2022				
Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:	Enforcement				
Component Period Selected:	February 07, 2017 to February 07, 2022				
TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.					
Name:	Ashley Lemke			Phone:	(512) 239-1118

Site and Owner/Operator History:

- 1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? YES
- 2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? NO

Components (Multimedia) for the Site Are Listed in Sections A - J

A. Final Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees:

- 1 Effective Date: 11/05/2018 ADMINORDER 2018-0220-PWS-E (Findings Order-Agreed Order Without Denial)
Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.115(f)(1)
5A THSC Chapter 341, SubChapter A 341.0315(c)
Description: TTHM LRAA MCL 4Q2017 - During the 4th quarter of 2017 the system violated the maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of 0.092 mg/L at Midway Church 1955 CR 3640, Copperas Cove (DBP2-01).
Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.115(f)(1)
5A THSC Chapter 341, SubChapter A 341.0315(c)
Description: TTHM LRAA MCL 3Q2017 - During the 3rd quarter of 2017 the system violated the maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of 0.113 mg/L at Midway Church 1955 CR 3640, Copperas Cove (DBP2-01).
Classification: Moderate
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.115(f)(1)
5A THSC Chapter 341, SubChapter A 341.0315(c)
Description: TTHM LRAA MCL 2Q2017 - During the 2nd quarter of 2017 the system violated the maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of 0.089 mg/L at Midway Church 1955 CR 3640, Copperas Cove (DBP2-01).

B. Criminal convictions:

N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
MULTI-COUNTY WATER SUPPLY
CORPORATION
RN101428746**

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**BEFORE THE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2022-0180-PWS-E**

On _____, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding MULTI-COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION (the "Respondent") under the authority of TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent presented this Order to the Commission.

The Respondent understands that they have procedural rights at certain points in the enforcement process, including the right to formal notice of violations, notice of an evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary hearing, and a right to appeal. By entering into this Order, the Respondent agrees to waive all notice and procedural rights.

It is further understood and agreed that this Order represents the complete and fully-integrated agreement of the parties. The provisions of this Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable. The duties and responsibilities imposed by this Order are binding upon the Respondent.

The Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent owns and operates a public water supply located at 4095 West United States Highway 84 in Gatesville, Coryell County, Texas (the "Facility"). The Facility provides water for human consumption, has approximately 1,346 service connections, and serves at least 25 people per day for at least 60 days per year. As such, the Facility is a public water system as defined in 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.38(71).
2. During a record review conducted on January 24, 2022 through February 4, 2022, an investigator documented that the locational running annual average concentrations of total trihalomethanes ("TTHM") for Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts at Site 1 were 0.083 milligrams per liter ("mg/L") for the second quarter of 2021, 0.115 mg/L for the third quarter of 2021, and 0.131 mg/L for the fourth quarter of 2021.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 1, the Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341 and the rules of the TCEQ.
2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2, the Respondent failed to comply with the maximum contaminant level ("MCL") of 0.080 mg/L for TTHM, based on the locational running annual average, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.115(f)(1) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.0315(c).
3. Pursuant to TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.049(a), the TCEQ has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against the Respondent for violations of state statutes within the TCEQ's jurisdiction, for violations of rules adopted under such statutes, or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
4. An administrative penalty in the amount of \$3,500 is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.049(b). The Respondent paid the \$3,500 penalty.

III. ORDERING PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS that:

1. The Respondent is assessed a penalty as set forth in Conclusion of Law No. 4 for violations of state statutes and rules of the TCEQ. The payment of this penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the requirements set forth in this Order resolve only the matters set forth by this Order in this action. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for violations that are not raised here. Penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: MULTI-COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION, Docket No. 2022-0180-PWS-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13088
Austin, Texas 78711-3088

2. The Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Within 365 days after the effective date of this Order, return to compliance with the MCL for TTHM, based on the locational running annual average, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.115.
 - b. Within 380 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification, and include detailed supporting documentation including

photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.a. The certification shall be signed by the Respondent and shall include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team
Enforcement Division, MC 149A
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Drinking Water Special Functions Section Manager
Water Supply Division, MC 155
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

3. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
4. The duties and provisions imposed by this Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Order.
5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director. Extension requests shall be sent to the Order Compliance Team at the address listed above.
6. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms in this Order.

MULTI-COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

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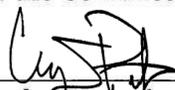
7. This Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, whichever is later.
8. This Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
9. This Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms: electronic transmission, owner, person, writing, and written, shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.
10. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Commission. A copy of this fully executed Order shall be provided to each of the parties.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

Date



For the Executive Director

9/28/2022

Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Order, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this Order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.



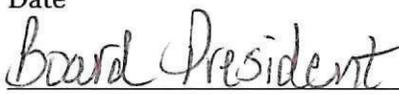
Signature



Date



Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
MULTI-COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION



Title

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