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**Subject:** Town of Yountville Boil Water Notice Summary and Information

The Town of Yountville is deeply concerned about the second boil water notice in the past 3 months because the health and safety of our community is the highest priority and we understand the impacts that are created for our residents and businesses due to these notices. The Town is committed to investigating the cause of these notices and is proposing solutions to fix the problems working closely with the Veterans Home California - Yountville (VHC - Yountville) and other regulatory agencies that have a role in the recommendations we will be proposing.

The next Town Council meeting November 7 at 3:00 PM, will discuss the issue and the Town invites all interested parties to participate to aid the Town Council in making the best decision for our community. Mayor Margie Mohler states, "Town Council recognizes the magnitude of the combined boil water notices. Council, staff, and our partners are working to evaluate a plan to prevent this type of disruption in the community. We understand the concerns this situation raises and are working towards a solution. We will discuss options for consideration at the November 7 Council meeting."

This will be Town Council's first meeting after Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> when the Town received a Mandatory Boil Water Notice issued by the California State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water prompted by positive e-Coli test results obtained by CalVet from samples collected at the Rector Water Treatment Plant and the VHC - Yountville water system.

In response to this notice the Town issued an Everbridge (Nixle) Alert to all of the Town water customers, alerting them to the mandatory boil water requirement and also collected samples from both the Town's water system and CalVet testing points. Those samples were submitted to the City of Napa's certified testing lab as well as Caltest Labs and returned with clean results, indicating the absence of contaminants in the Town's water supply. This testing process involves a 24-hour waiting period for each test, with two consecutive negative tests required to lift the Boil Water Notice which is why the boil water notice was lifted Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Town staff recognizes the burden this situation places on our water customers and is actively taking measures to prevent its recurrence including working with CalVet and the City of Napa Utilities Department to explore potential opportunities for a collaborative partnership for shared services related to water sampling and testing. In a statement provided to the Town, the State Water Board also expressed its commitment to identify the causes of the contaminated samples and to develop appropriate solutions.

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