

Purissima Pipeline

Cloudy Water?

Many customers have noticed that their tap water has a cloudy or milky appearance that dissipates within a few minutes. This cloudy water is caused by distribution changes in the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) system resulting in air bubbles in the water. This change is temporary and water continues to meet all state and federal regulatory requirements.

The operational changes in the SFPUC system are due to routine maintenance of the Hetch Hetchy regional system's Foothill Tunnel and seismic upgrades to the San Joaquin Pipeline System in the Central Valley. Instead of receiving water from the Hetch Hetchy reservoir, SFPUC customers are receiving water exclusively from local reservoirs. The increased rate of treatment of the local reservoir water at the SFPUC's Sunol Valley Water Treatment Plant in the East Bay causes air to be mixed into the water. If the water is allowed to stand, the cloudy or milky appearance dissipates as the air bubbles rise to the surface and break apart. The SFPUC expects that the appearance of cloudy water will dissipate by the end of January.

Shaped By Water at the Los Altos History Museum

The role of water in shaping the history of Santa Clara Valley—and how its usage will shape our future moving forward—is showcased in the Los Altos History Museum's exhibition, "Shaped by Water – Past, Present & Future," on display now through April 22, 2012. Through photographs, art, stories, and interactive activities, visitors will gain a greater appreciation of the role water plays in our lives and learn new ideas to protect and preserve this essential resource. To further augment the exhibition, the Museum will also present an inspiring slate of educational programs and events scheduled throughout the course of the exhibition. Please visit www.losaltoshistory.org for the latest programming information.

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