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Public Works News Release

Bishop Tests the Waters for a Well

To prepare for a future municipal water production well, the City of Bishop is drilling a test well about 500 feet deep near Sunland Drive.

The existing City of Bishop water production wells produce enough excellent water to meet even the extremely high water demands of summer. On the other hand, if there is a problem with even one of these wells during the summer, there wouldn't be enough water to meet peak demand and emergency restrictions on water use would almost certainly be needed. To avoid this possibility, Bishop needs an additional source of water. A new production well could be the best source.

City forefathers had the wisdom to purchase a site for such a new production well way back in 1923 along Sunland Drive north of Mandich Street. A test well is being drilled at the site now to make sure it is in fact suitable for a new water production well.

The test well will verify that the water in the ground at the site meets high standards. In addition, it will provide design information for the future production well. The cost of the test well project is about \$130,000 and the project will take about 2 months to complete. The full development of a production well is expected to cost over \$2 million. Financing such a large investment in a production well could take the city many years, but we need to know now if a new production well at the Sunland site is feasible. Because of the test well work currently underway, we will soon have the answer.

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