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Public Works News Release

Bishop Well 3 is a Good One

To prepare for a future municipal water production well, the City of Bishop drilled a test well about 500 feet deep near Sunland Drive. The test well shows the water to be good and to be plentiful enough at the site for a future municipal production well there. The new well will be called Well 3.

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.

With the confirmation that the Well 3 site is a good site for a new well, the city and its Water and Sewer Commission will weigh the costs of developing a new production well against the possibility of using an existing standby well. The standby well has water with fluoride in concentrations slightly above state limits. The cost of a production well at Well 3 is about \$3 million. To bring the standby well into production would require the support of the water customers and approval from the state, but would cost little.

In the next few months the City of Bishop staff, commissions, and council will be considering the options for a new water source. Customers and other interested parties are encouraged to get involved in the discussions. The city will do what it can to foster this involvement.

In the mean time, as a result of the test well work done there, the Well 3 site on Sunland Drive has been confirmed to be a good site for new production well.

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