



Proposition 1 Implementation Grant Project

**Protection of Domestic Drinking
Water Supplies for the Lower
Salinas Valley**



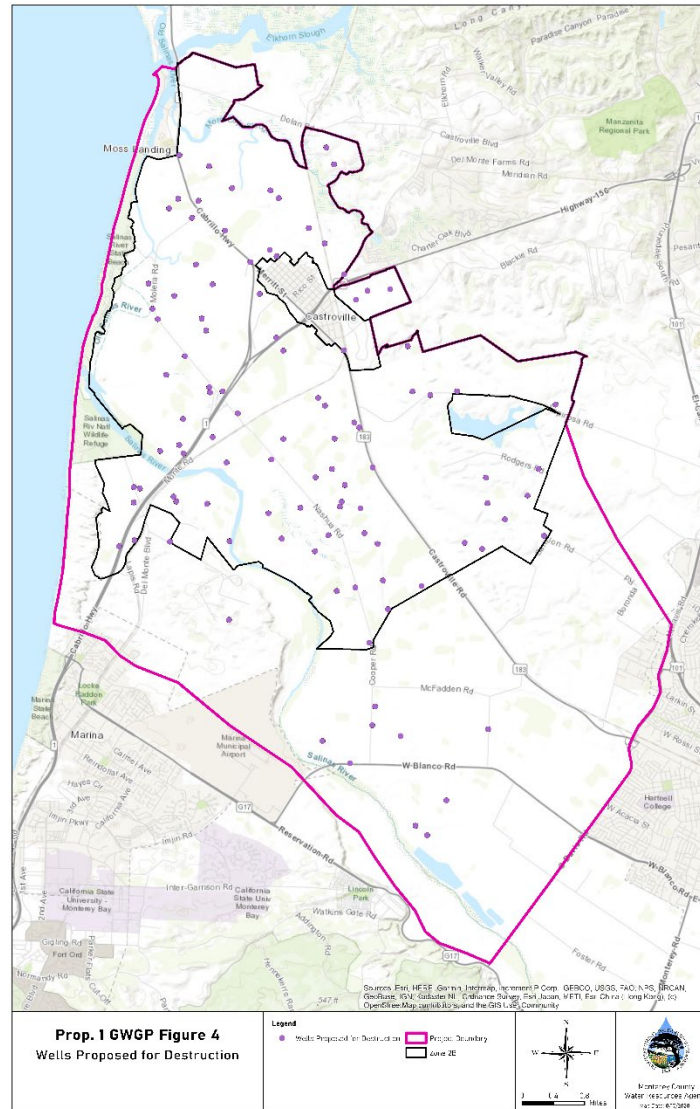
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Today's Update

- Well sites in project
- Process for identifying wells
- Notification letters
- Appeal process
- Near-term project timeline

Well Sites (Provisional)



Well Location / Identification

- Field effort to locate and identify wells proposed for destruction as part of the project.
- Well list based on:
 - 1994 report by Montgomery Watson and Staal, Gardner & Dunne, Inc.
 - Known wells in Zone 2B

Well Reclassification

- MCWRA Ordinance No. 3790
 - All wells in Zone 2B were assigned a classification prior to start-up of CSIP.
- Wells with an “abandoned” status will be destroyed as part of the project.
- MCWRA General Manager may change the classification of a well to “abandoned” based on new data or conditions.

Well Reclassification

- 39 wells identified for reclassification as of December 2020.
- Well owners and well operators received a notification letter from MCWRA about the reclassification.
- Well owner, operator, or other interested party can appeal the decision to reclassify the well within 15 days of the date on the letter.

Well Destruction Process

- Wells to be destroyed will have a status of “abandoned”.
 - 5 wells identified for destruction as of December 2020.
- Well owners and operators received a notification letter from MCWRA about the upcoming destruction.
- Well owner, operator, or other interested party can appeal the decision to reclassify the well within 65 days of the date on the letter.

Well Destruction Process

- Once reclassification is complete, well owners and operators will receive a separate notification letter from MCWRA about the pending well destruction.
 - This notification will start the clock on a separate appeal period.

Appeal Process

- Appeals must be:
 - In writing (hard copy or email)
 - Submitted to MCWRA General Manager Brent Buche
 - Include:
 - Name
 - Mailing address
 - Phone number
 - Decision being appealed
 - Factual basis for appeal
 - Signature (electronic signature okay)

Appeal Process

- Next steps in the appeal process
 - Within 15 days of Agency receiving appeal
 - MCWRA will acknowledge receipt of the appeal in writing.
 - Confirm that all necessary information has been submitted OR request additional information
 - MCWRA General Manager will provide appellant with a written recommendation as to disposition of the appeal.
 - If additional information was requested, this will occur within 15 days of receiving the information from the appellant.
 - Notice of Board of Directors meeting at which the appeal will be heard.
 - Hearing will commence within 30 days of the General Manager's recommendation.

Near-Term Project Timeline

- January 22, 2021 – Deadline for appeal of well reclassification notice from January
- January 27, 2021 – Board of Supervisors Budget Committee request for contribution from Cannabis Assignment
- February 2021 – RFP for well destruction work
- March 13, 2021 – Deadline for appeal of well destruction notice from January
- Spring 2021 – Begin well destruction work