

Creation of the Monson Water System and Managerial Consolidation

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County: Tulare

Population: 120

Challenges: Nitrate drinking water standard violations; dry wells

Consolidation date: November 20, 2017

On November 20, 2017 a new community water system began delivering compliant drinking water to residents in Monson. The community of Monson is comprised of approximately 35 homes serving approximately 120 residents. The community had previously relied on private wells, many of which went dry during the recent drought while others were contaminated with nitrate.



Photo 1: New booster station and storage tank.

A new municipal well, storage tank and distribution system were constructed using emergency grant funds from the State Water Resources Control Board, the Department of Water Resources and the United States Department of Agriculture. The nearby Sultana Community Services District will own and operate the Monson water system until further consolidation can be accomplished.

This project demonstrates success in not only delivering compliant drinking water to a community which previously did not have that access, but also demonstrates longer term reliability through the managerial consolidation with an existing well-functioning community water system. Looking forward, a physical consolidation (3-mile pipeline connection) of Monson and Sultana will also be completed – this project should break ground in 2018.



Photo 2 New well head.