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Inyokern Community Services District (CSD)

Public Meeting
October 2, 2025
6:00 PM

Water Boards

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Water Board's Mission Statement
Preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources and drinking water for the protection of the environment, public health, and all beneficial uses, and to ensure proper water resource allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations.

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To Participate

Please hold off on questions or comments until we reach the public comment section.

You may fill out a comment card during the presentation or raise your hand later.

Everyone will have the chance to speak during public comment.

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Meeting Agenda

- Background of Inyokern CSD
- Overview of Consolidation Process
- Community Involvement
- Next Steps
- Public Comments/Questions

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Water System Background
Inyokern CSD

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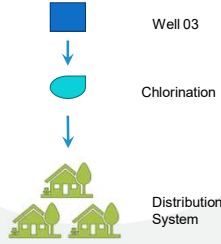## Infrastructure: Inyokern CSD

Permitted Infrastructure
- Source: Well 03
- Continuous chlorination
- Storage: Tank 1 Bolted Steel (425,000 gallons)

Other:
- On January 2025, Well 04 was reclassified and inactive and removed from the permit. The well continues to be inoperable and physically disconnected from the distribution system.

Well 03 → Chlorination → Distribution System

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Equipment Life Expectancy

Equipment	*Typical Equipment Life Expectancy	Age of Equipment
Wells	35 - 45 years	30 years (Well 03)
		7 years (Well 04)
Chlorination Equipment	10 - 15 years	11+ years (Estimated)
Storage Tanks	30 - 60 years	11+ years (Estimated)
Mains & Distribution Pipes	35 - 40 years	38+ years

*Table 1: Typical Equipment Life Expectancy available at:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/TMF.html
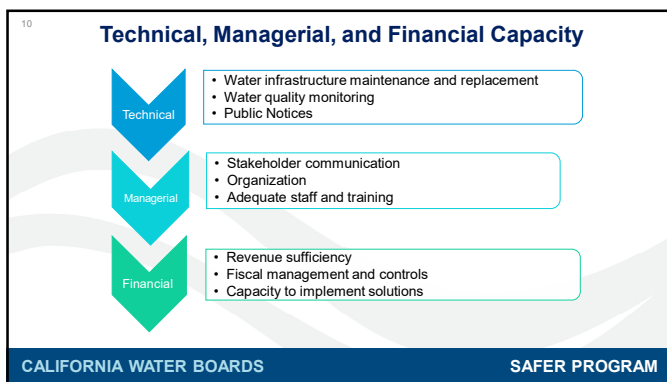
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Water System Challenges

- On July 17, 2024, the Division issued Compliance Order No. 04_24J_002 for failure to meet the minimum pressure and maximum day demand capacity at all times for 2024. To date, the CSD remains out of compliance.
- The CSD is a single source reliant
- Technical, Managerial and Financial Capacity

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Technical, Managerial, and Financial Capacity

Technical
- Water infrastructure maintenance and replacement
- Water quality monitoring
- Public Notices

Managerial
- Stakeholder communication
- Organization
- Adequate staff and training

Financial
- Revenue sufficiency
- Fiscal management and controls
- Capacity to implement solutions

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Drought Planning: Senate Bill 552

Small Water Suppliers: All (15-2,999 connections)

Implement drought resiliency measures, subject to funding availability:
a) Detect production well groundwater levels - *Jan 1, 2023*
b) Mutual aid organization membership - *Jan 1, 2023*
c) Continuous operation during power failures - *Jan 1, 2024*
d) Backup source of water supply or a water system intertie - *Jan 1, 2027*
e) Meter each service connection and monitor water loss - *Jan 1, 2032*
f) Meet fire flow requirements - *Jan 1, 2032*

For more information, please visit: https://bit.ly/SB552_DroughtPlanning

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Consolidation Overview
Inyokern CSD

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Goals

- Safe and reliable drinking water
- Complete necessary improvements
- Maintain community engagement
- Oversee implementation of long-term consolidation solution

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Mandatory Consolidation – What Does It Mean?

- The State has the authority to order consolidation between two systems, includes
  - Managerial
  - Physical
- Mandatory consolidation is only applicable when:
  - The subsumed system is a disadvantaged community
  - "Documented" water quality or quantity issue
  - There is an adequate and sustainable water system nearby

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Why is the State Board Taking This Action?

- Water Quality or Capacity Issues
- Physical Infrastructure Deficiencies
- Technical, Managerial, and Financial Issues

The State Board has determined that Inyokern CSD has not reliably provided safe and affordable water to its customers.

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Consolidation Process

- Six-month voluntary consolidation letter issued
- First Public Meeting
- Six-month period ends

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Consolidation Process

- Second Public Meeting
- Issue Mandatory Consolidation Order
- Complete Water System Improvements and Transfer Ownership

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Consolidation Funding

What costs will be covered?
- Technical Assistance
- Capital costs to implement the project

Funding may be available for:
- Planning & Construction
- Reimbursement for time spent on the project
- Legal Services

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Public Comments/Questions

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Comments? Questions?

- First and last name
- Affiliation
- Concise question or comment *(3 minutes max)*
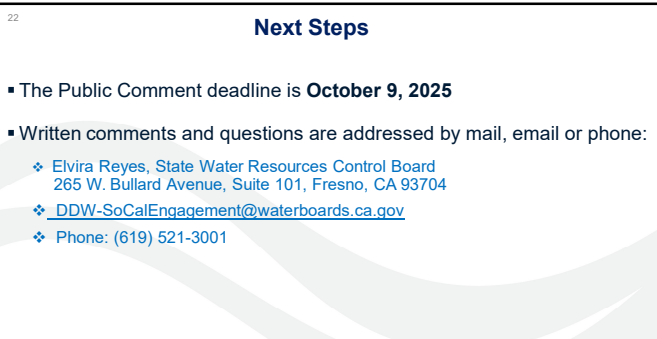
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Next Steps and Closing

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Next Steps

- The Public Comment deadline is **October 9, 2025**

- Written comments and questions are addressed by mail, email or phone:
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    265 W. Bullard Avenue, Suite 101, Fresno, CA 93704
  - ❖ DDW-SoCalEngagement@waterboards.ca.gov
  - ❖ Phone: (619) 521-3001

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Thank you and contact us!

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