

Athal Mutual Water Company Fuller Acres Mutual Water Company *Public Meeting*

September 23, 2025
6:00 PM





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.

Meeting Agenda

Water Systems' Background

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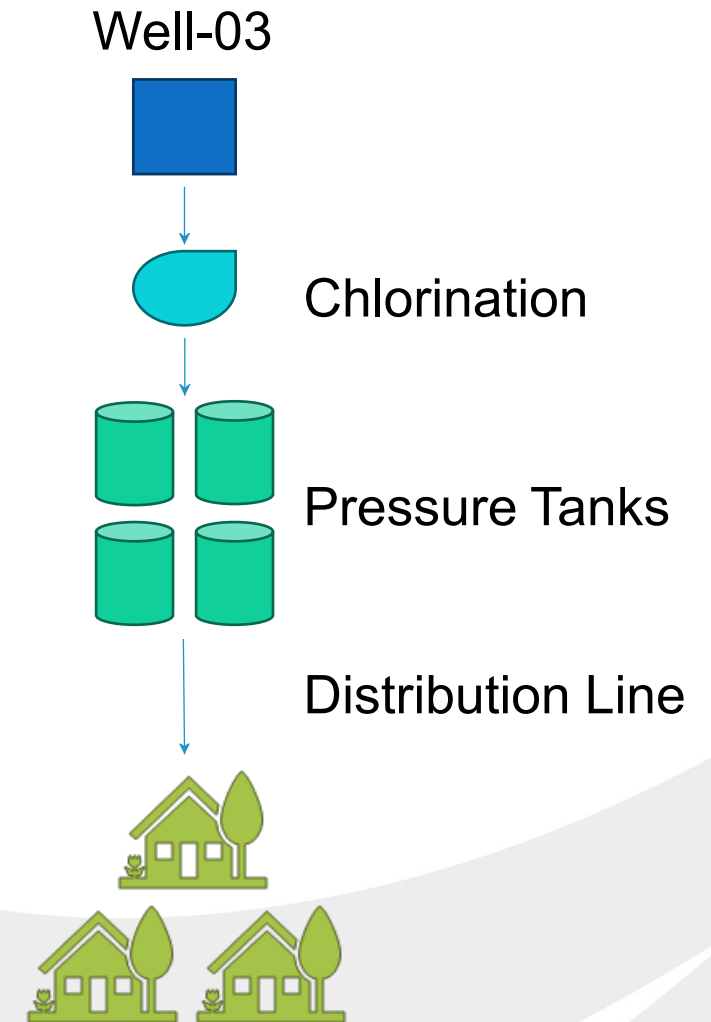


Water System Background

Athal Mutual Water Company
Fuller Acres Mutual Water Company

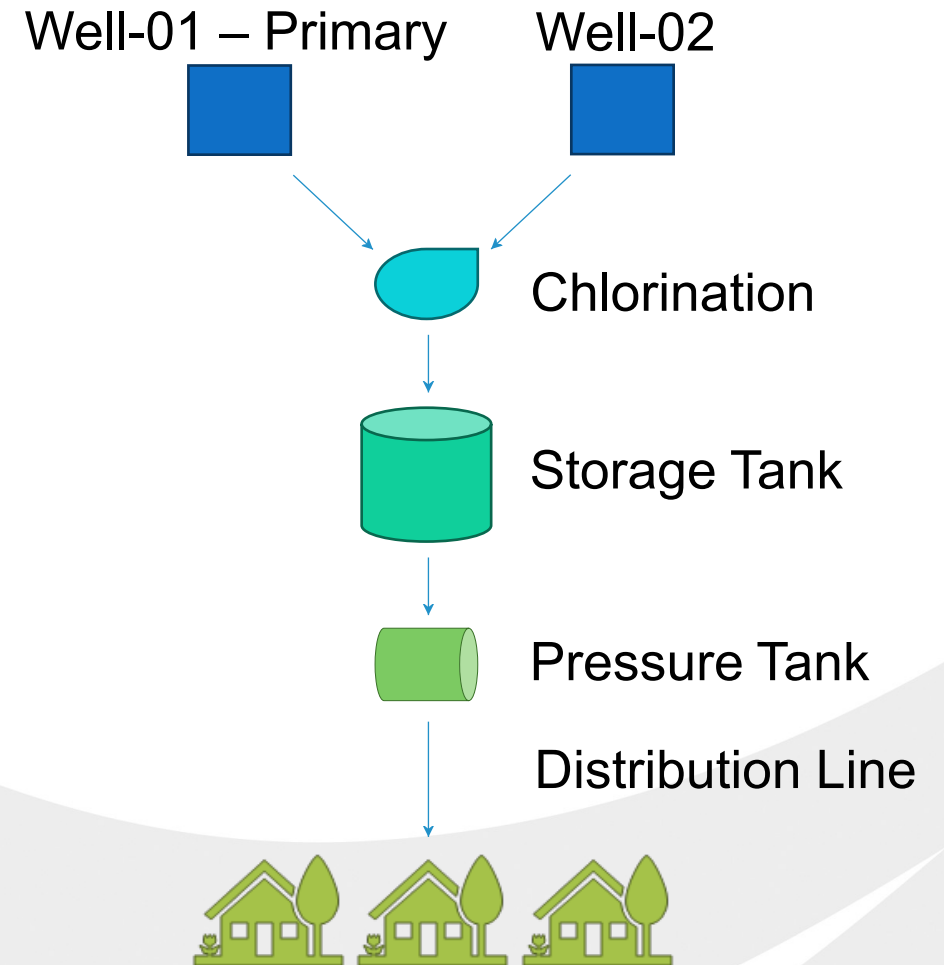
Infrastructure: Athal MWC

- Sole source: Well 03
- No storage capacity
- Aging infrastructure
- No backup power supply



Infrastructure: Fuller Acres MWC

- Limited storage capacity
- Aging infrastructure
- No backup power supply



Equipment Life Expectancy

Equipment	*Typical Equipment Life Expectancy	Age of Equipment	
		Fuller Acres MWC	Athal MWC
Wells	35 - 45 years	Age Unknown	11+ years (Well 03)
Chlorination Equipment	10 - 15 years	Age Unknown	10+ years (Estimated)
Storage Tanks	30 - 60 years	5+ years old	N/A
Mains & Distribution Pipes	35 - 40 years	70+ years (Estimated)	65 - 85 years

*Table 1: Typical Equipment Life Expectancy available at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/TMF.html

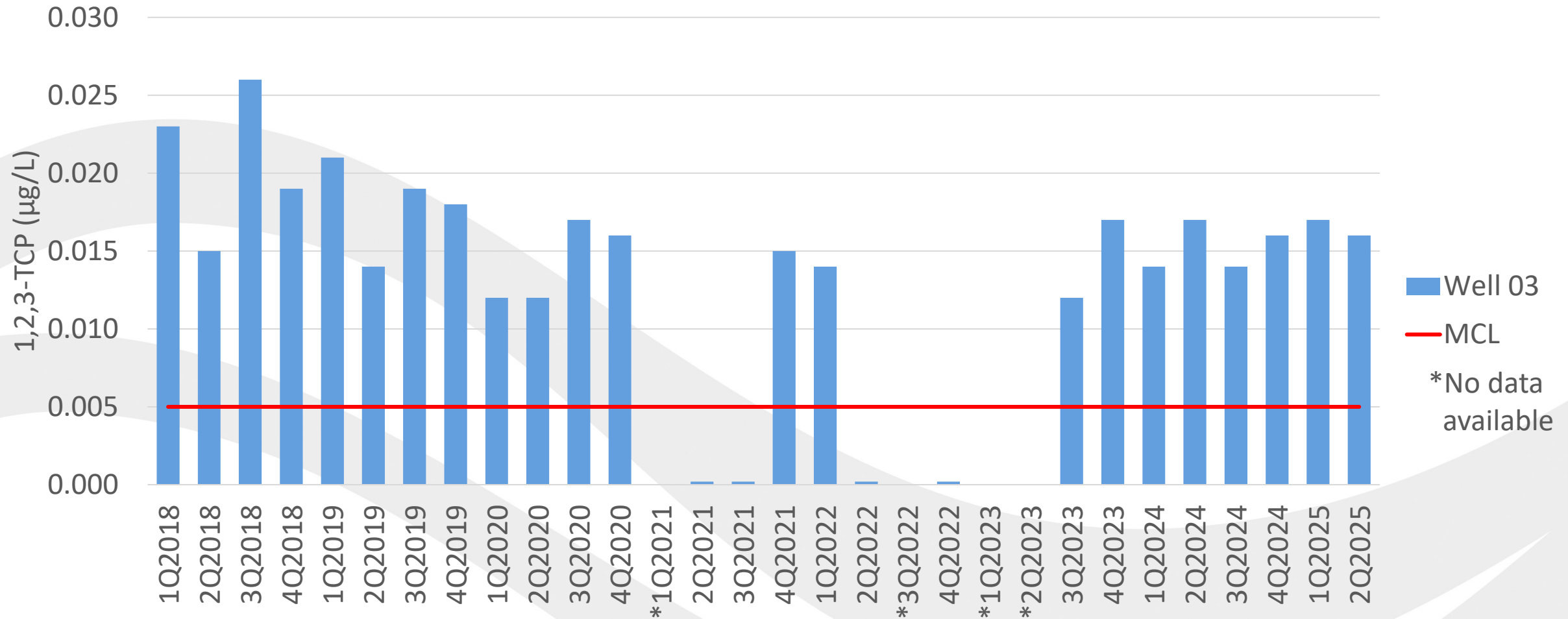
Water Quality:

1,2,3-Trichloropropane

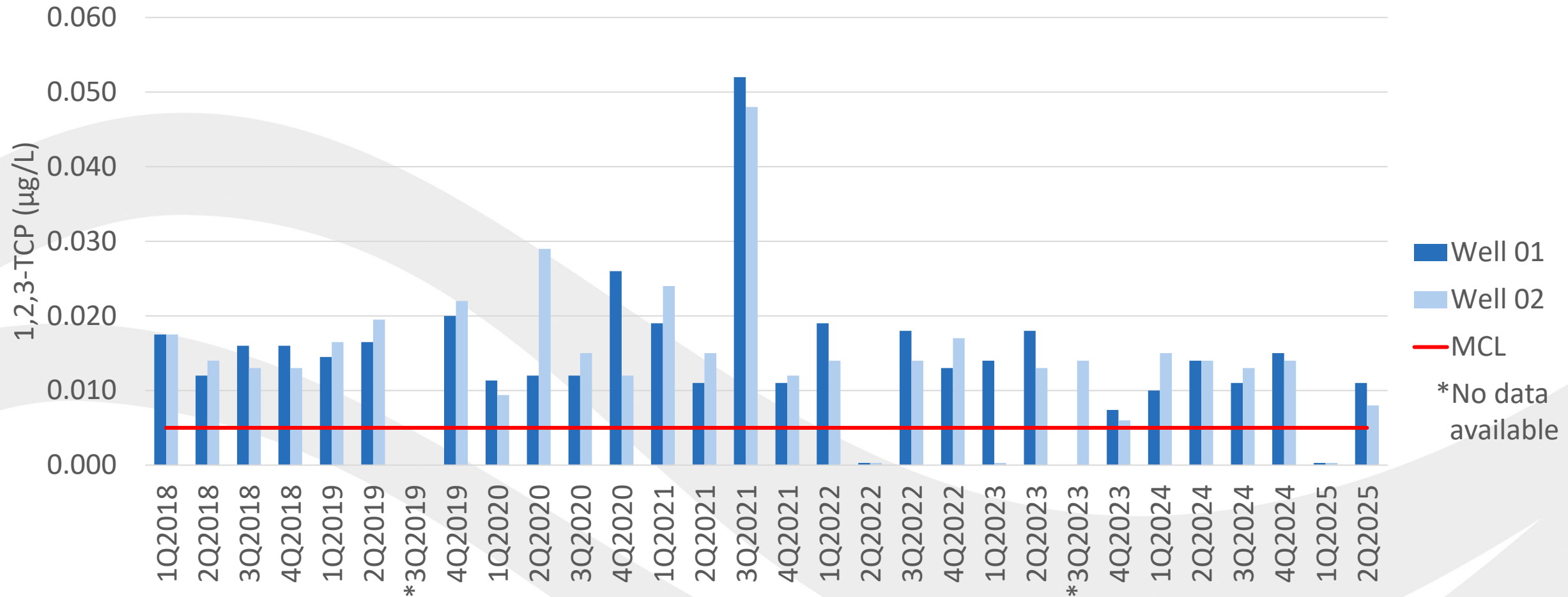
- Both systems in violation of the 1,2,3-trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP) maximum contaminant level (MCL) since May 2018
 - 1,2,3-TCP MCL: 0.005 µg/L
- Health effect
 - Increased cancer risk



1,2,3-Trichloropropane: Athal MWC



1,2,3-Trichloropropane: Fuller Acres MWC



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

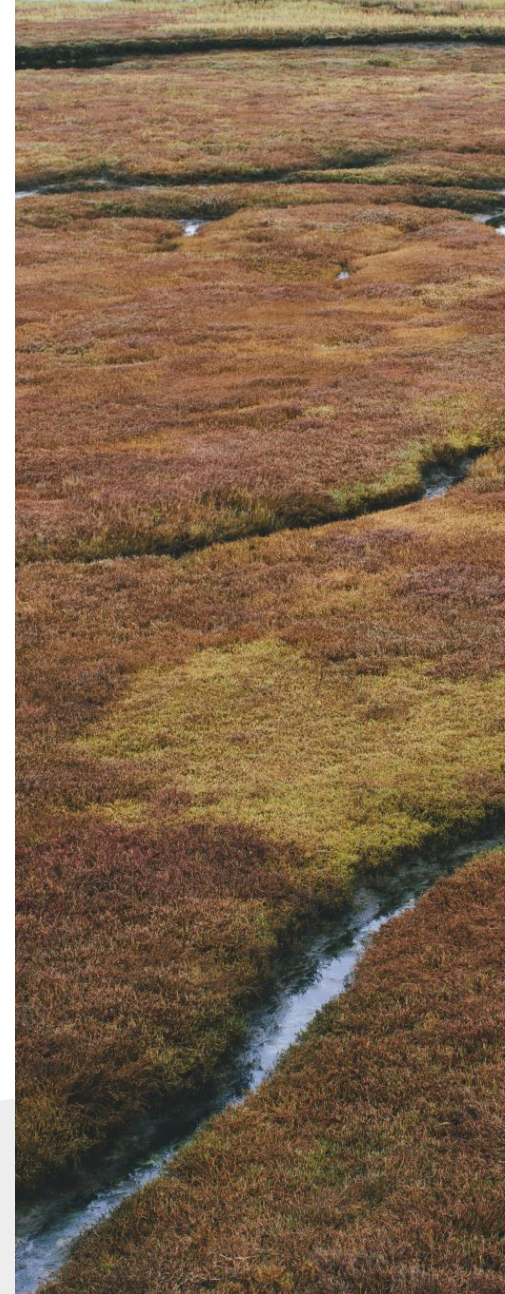
Drought Planning: Senate Bill 552

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*

More information available at: https://bit.ly/SB552_DroughtPlanning



Consolidation Overview

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Consolidation Goals



Mandatory Consolidation – What Does It Mean?

The state has the authority to order consolidation if the following criteria is met:

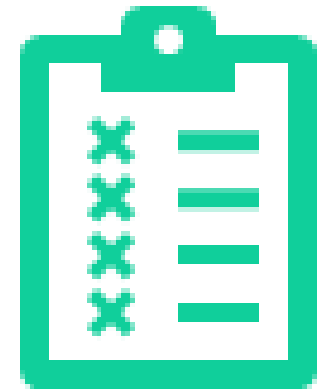
Subsuming water systems are disadvantaged: Fuller Acres MWC & Athal MWC median household income <\$57,800

Documented history of water quality/quantity issue: failing 1,2,3-TCP MCL

Adequate and sustainable nearby receiving water system to take over ownership and operation: Lamont PUD

Why is the State Board Taking This Action?

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



The State Board has determined that Athal Mutual Water Company and Fuller Acres Mutual Water Company cannot reliably provide safe and affordable water to their customers.

Statutory Findings

1. The potentially subsumed water system has consistently failed to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water.
2. Reasonable efforts to negotiate consolidation or extension of service were made.
3. Consolidation of the receiving water system and subsumed water system or extension of service is appropriate and technically and economically feasible.
4. There is no pending local agency formation commission process that is likely to resolve the problem in a reasonable amount of time.

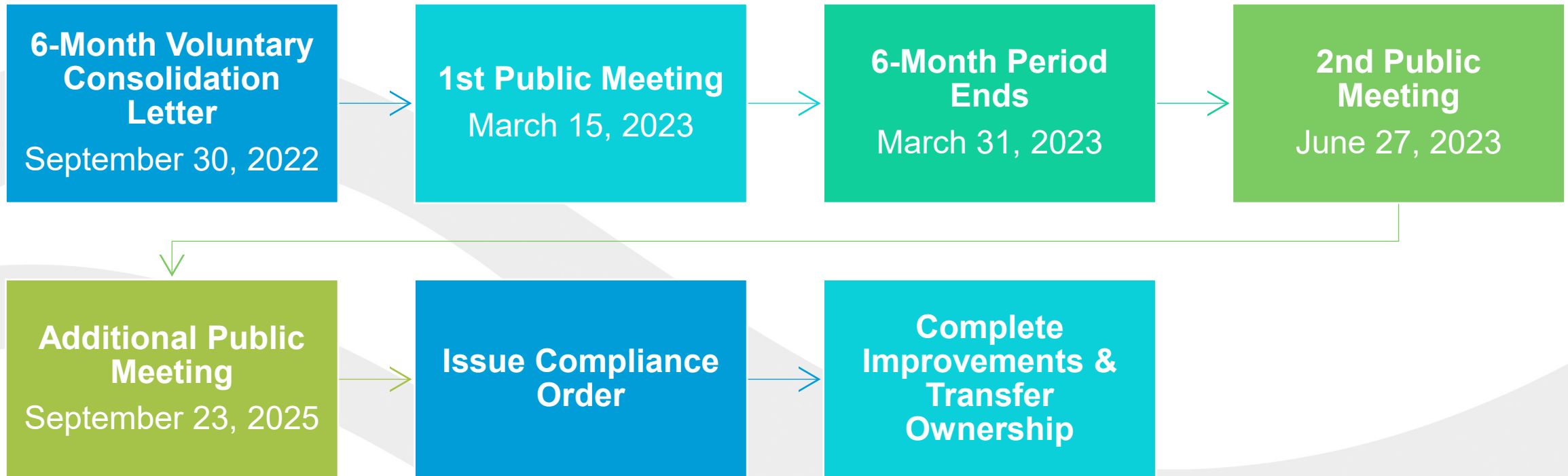
Statutory Findings cont.

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5. Concerns regarding water rights and water contracts of the subsumed and receiving water systems have been adequately addressed.

 6. Consolidation or extension of service is an effective and cost-effective means to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water.

 7. The capacity of the proposed interconnection needed to accomplish the consolidation is limited to serving the current customers of the subsumed water system.

Mandatory Consolidation Process



Consolidation Funding

What costs are 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

Consolidation Efforts: Technical Assistance

- Self-Help Enterprises assigned to Lamont PUD
- Scope of work includes planning tasks needed to apply for construction funding
- Fuller Acres MWC currently included in TA work plan
- Athal MWC expected to be added to project in future



Interim Solution: Bottled Water

Self-Help Enterprises Regional Bottled Water Program

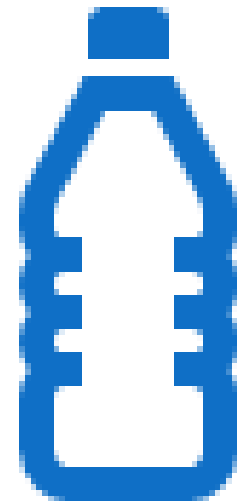
Residents can enroll by:

Phone

(559) 802-1284

Email

bottledwater@selfhelpenterprises.org





Administrator Update

Athal Mutual Water Company

Administrator Update

- Administrator: A person or entity who is appointed and/or authorized to exercise total and complete managerial control over a designated water system
- Administrator previously identified: Stantec Consulting Services
- Current Status: Discontinued



Effects of Administrator Discontinuation

- **Water System & Community**

- Continue regular operation
- No TMF support

- **Consolidation Efforts**

- Potential delays to Athal MWC being added to the existing consolidation project



Comments/Questions

Comments? Questions?



First and last name



Affiliation



Concise question or comment (*3 minutes max*)

Next Steps

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DDW to issue Mandatory Consolidation Order

Continue work on planning scope through technical assistance

Public Comment Deadline: September 30, 2025

Written
comments
and questions
can be mailed
or emailed to
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