

Beulah Valley Water Project

Update

April 16, 2019

Both the Beulah Water Works District and the Pine Drive Water District Boards are working together to develop a more dependable groundwater source for the Valley's potable water. We started this process last summer, and it is a long, step-by-step endeavor.

1. After investigating numerous possibilities, we have had our best potential well, one that historically has never gone dry, tested for output, recharge, and quality. That test was completed with excellent results, and the data has gone to our hired professionals who are working on the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER). This report is expected to be completed between June 15-30.
2. The PER will give us an idea of costs, and only then will we be able to go forward to the next step. Expect more community meetings.
3. This tends to be a frustrating time for the Boards and the public as this work is being completed. We must all sit back, be patient, and wait for the PER to be finished.
4. Both Districts bring different, but equal, sets of "baggage" to this joint project. They will be dealt with as we go forward.
5. The rumor mill in Beulah is at work. Beulah Water Works District has no outstanding long-term debt (that loan was paid off in 2015). Accurate information and discussion is so important!
6. This is a time when the boards and the public need to be assured that this is a long process with multiple issues being addressed. The Boards are following the steps, one at a time, that are needed to formulate a path forward to a major capital improvement that will be of great value to the future water supplies and infrastructure for the entire valley.
7. In the meantime, working together, the Boards are expected to have a joint website where we can post new information as it becomes available. **Attend Board meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Community Center.**