

DELHI COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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Regarding: Potential Connection to Water District

Dear Homeowner:

Our most important mission at Delhi County Water District is to provide safe, clean drinking water to all of our customers. You are likely aware by now of a State-funded project to annex your neighborhood to the District and make District water available to your home. It is your choice whether to connect your home to District water, and you must act if you want to connect. We believe that you should choose to connect to District water. Here's why.

The Project

This project was started by non-profit groups concerned about your health. After seeing polluted domestic wells in the area going dry, they recognized the need for you and your neighbors to have reliable access to clean and safe drinking water. These groups secured funding from the State and asked this District to be the lead agency on a project to make this happen.

The State's Department of Drinking Water is paying for new water mains to be constructed underground on your street. However, in order for you to enjoy the water in your home, you will need to decide whether to connect your home's plumbing system to the water line in the street.

Your Choice

If you connect, the State will pay for your connection fees and construction costs related to the connection. At the conclusion of the project, you will have reliable, safe water from local Delhi municipal wells. After connecting, you will need to abandon the domestic well on your property, which is required by public health and safety rules. The well abandonment costs will also be paid for by the State.

If you do nothing, you may continue to use your well as your domestic water source. However, if someday your well goes dry or needs to be improved or replaced, local laws may not allow you to replace your well, because you are now within the District boundaries and your street is serviced by the District's water. At that point, you may have no choice but to connect to the District, and connecting later will be at your own expense.

The Cost of Doing Nothing

Connecting to the District water system after the State-funded project is over will mean that you will be required to pay a Connection Fee and the cost of installing a water meter and underground plumbing to your home. The current Connection Fee is \$3,000 (projected to double over the next few years due to increasing costs). Other costs are estimated in the range of \$12,000. Those fees and costs are expected to go up over time.

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Why You Should Connect Now

The most important reason we believe you should connect is for the health and safety of your family. While domestic wells are rarely tested and at high risk of contamination, District water is constantly tested and must always be in compliance with California's strict quality standards. Delhi water tastes good and is safe for drinking, cooking, or for any domestic purpose.

District water is reliable. The District must meet California standards for water availability and its deep wells and large pumps are designed to provide plenty of water to all consumers in the District. Shallow domestic wells are becoming increasingly unreliable as water tables fall throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

Finally, acting now will avoid huge costs in the future. Most, if not all properties will probably be required to connect to the District someday, as wells fail, or water tables fall. We believe it will be better to connect now and **let the State pay** for the connection, rather than pay out of pocket down the road when our well is dry and it is an emergency.

Action Required

In order to connect, you simply need to notify the District in writing that you would like your home to be connected to the Water District as part of the Corner/Letteau Drinking Water Project. If we do not hear from you, your home will not be connected to the District water system.

In your service,

The Delhi County Water District
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