

What's happening?

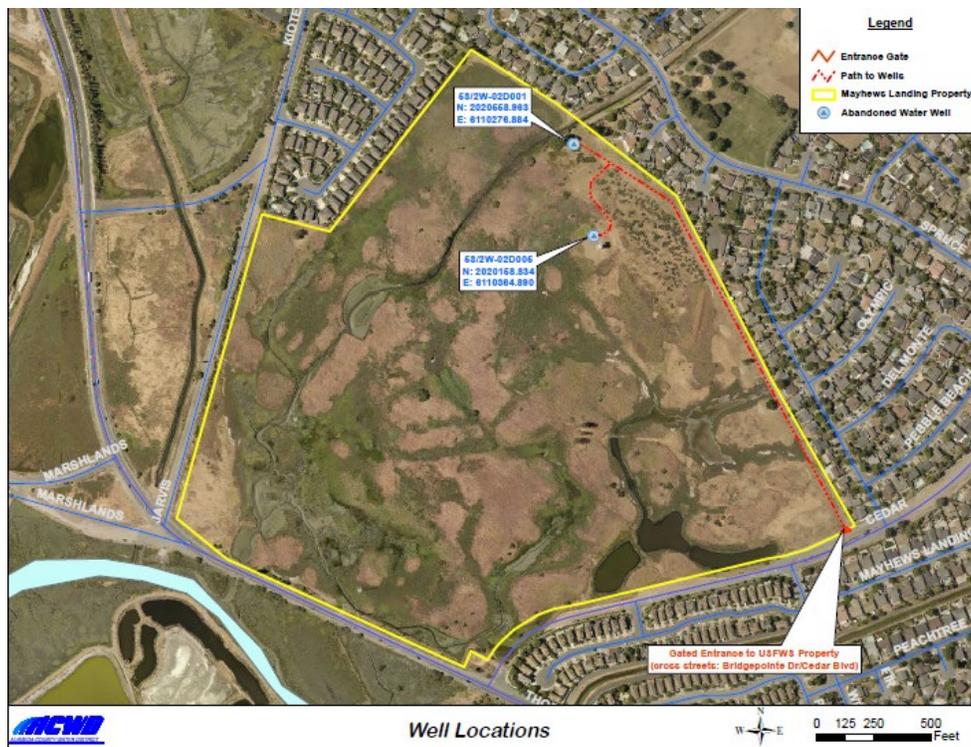
Since its formation, the Alameda County Water District (ACWD) has strived to protect the Niles Cone Groundwater Basin (Niles Cone) from over-pumping and saltwater intrusion. Although there has been substantial improvement as a result of the District's groundwater management efforts, brackish water still remains in the aquifers. The District and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) recently completed a joint Characterization Project that identified elevated chloride concentrations in the deeper Centerville/Fremont Aquifers in the vicinity of identified abandoned irrigation wells. The irrigation wells are located on property that is currently owned by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and is part of the Don Edwards National Wildlife Sanctuary. Based on the data collected, it is suspected that the irrigation wells are acting as preferential pathways for saline water to enter and impact the Centerville/Fremont Aquifers. The project will properly destroy two identified wells, the upper portion of the casing will be removed, and the surface area restored.

When will field activities begin?

Field activities are scheduled to start in December 2020 and will be performed by the Alameda County Water District's contractor for this project, Nor-Cal Pump and Drilling.

How long will the field activities take?

The project, in its entirety, is expected to be completed in 2 months (December 2020 – January 2021).



How will I be impacted?

The project is located on USFWS property so limited public interaction at the work sites is expected. Temporary provisions include, moving of heavy equipment, site safety improvements, and other miscellaneous site improvements will occur and, in general, will be out of sight of the public right-of-way. However, some residential homes which backup to the property line will be in visual range of the work sites.

No interruptions to your water service are planned nor expected.

What can I expect during construction?

- **Visual**

Minimal traffic, including work vehicles and equipment, are expected throughout the course of the project. In addition, the contractor will have small stockpiles of materials, including but not limited to, debris and soil.

- **Field Activity Noise**

When field activity is occurring, residents may hear some heavy equipment noise and/or experience vibrations.

- **Workspace Safety**

Activities will be completed in accordance with all federal, state and local safety regulations and guidelines. Nevertheless, work sites can be dangerous. The sites are on restricted wildlife property and secured for the safety of the wildlife, crew, and the public.

- **Working Hours**

Work hours are anticipated to be Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. No work is planned on Saturdays, Sundays or ACWD holidays.

Where can I get more information?

Please join us at an ACWD virtual community informational meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. via Zoom to learn more about this important project. Refer to the project website for directions for the web-based meeting at: <https://www.acwd.org/740/Jarvis-Road-Irrigation-Well-Destruction>. The Alameda County Water District will be available to provide additional information and address any of your questions and/or concerns. The Project is a joint collaboration between the ACWD and the California State Water Resources Control Board. Funding for this project has been provided in full or in part by Proposition 1 - the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 through an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board.

If you are unable to attend this virtual community informational meeting and would like more information about the project, please contact us at:

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