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Ducor to get new well

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The community of Ducor is in desperate need of a new water well to replace one broken well and one contaminated well. The problems have left the community with just one working well.

Self Help Enterprises (SHE) has been working with the Ducor Community Services District, which operates the town's water system, to find funding for a new well.

"They need to have a two-well system to be sustainable and reliable," said Juan Cano, community development specialist for SHE.

The project proposes to replace the existing south well with a new well. The new well will be located in a different location on .44 acres.

Drilling for the test well may begin as early as October, but there is no guarantee the water will be of good quality. If the water is found to be of poor quality, Cano said the water will likely be treated before it is sent along to the customers.

The old north and south wells will be abandoned once the new well is finished and operating.

Cano said he's not yet sure how much the new well will cost, but the State Water Resource Control Board is providing the funding for the well itself. The U.S. Department of Agricultural, Rural Utilities Services will pay for the pipes, valves and meters associated with the project.

Although the project could start as early as October, Cano said it is a long job and could take 18 months to two years to complete.