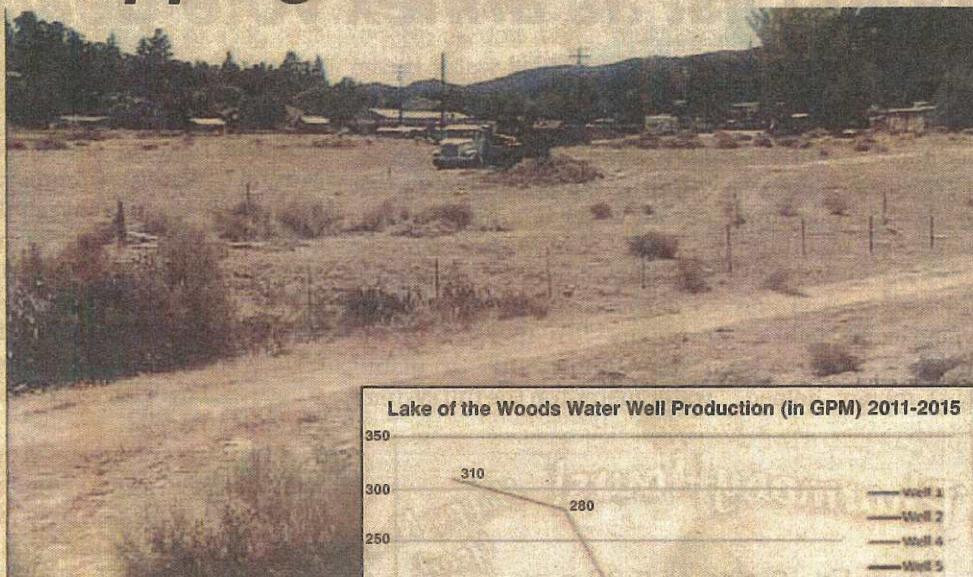


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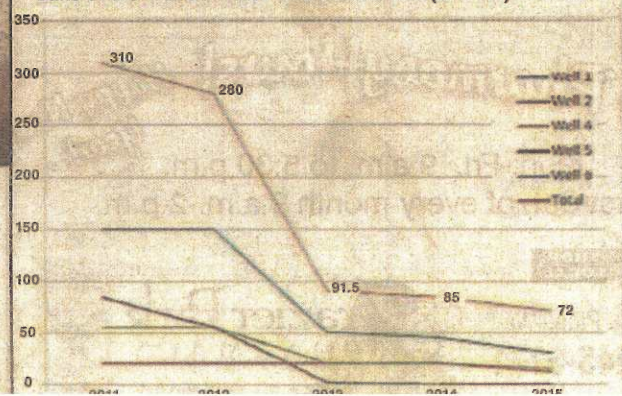
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\$1.4 million won by LOW Water Co. for upgrades *Water meters and pipeline repairs on shopping list as annex vote deadline nears*



Consultant Dave Warner's powerpoint for Lake of the Woods property owners January 19 explained the difficulty of having no place left to search for water within the boundaries of their own district, and the decline of their wells.

Lake of the Woods Water Well Production (in GPM) 2011-2015



By Gary Meyer and Patric Hedlund

Two significant announcements were delivered at the meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19 of the Lake of the Woods Mutual Water Company.

Self-Help Enterprises Consultant Dave Warner informed attendees that it is confirmed that the water company has received a \$1.4 million grant to replace specific aging lines and install water meters on all the water system's 400 connections.

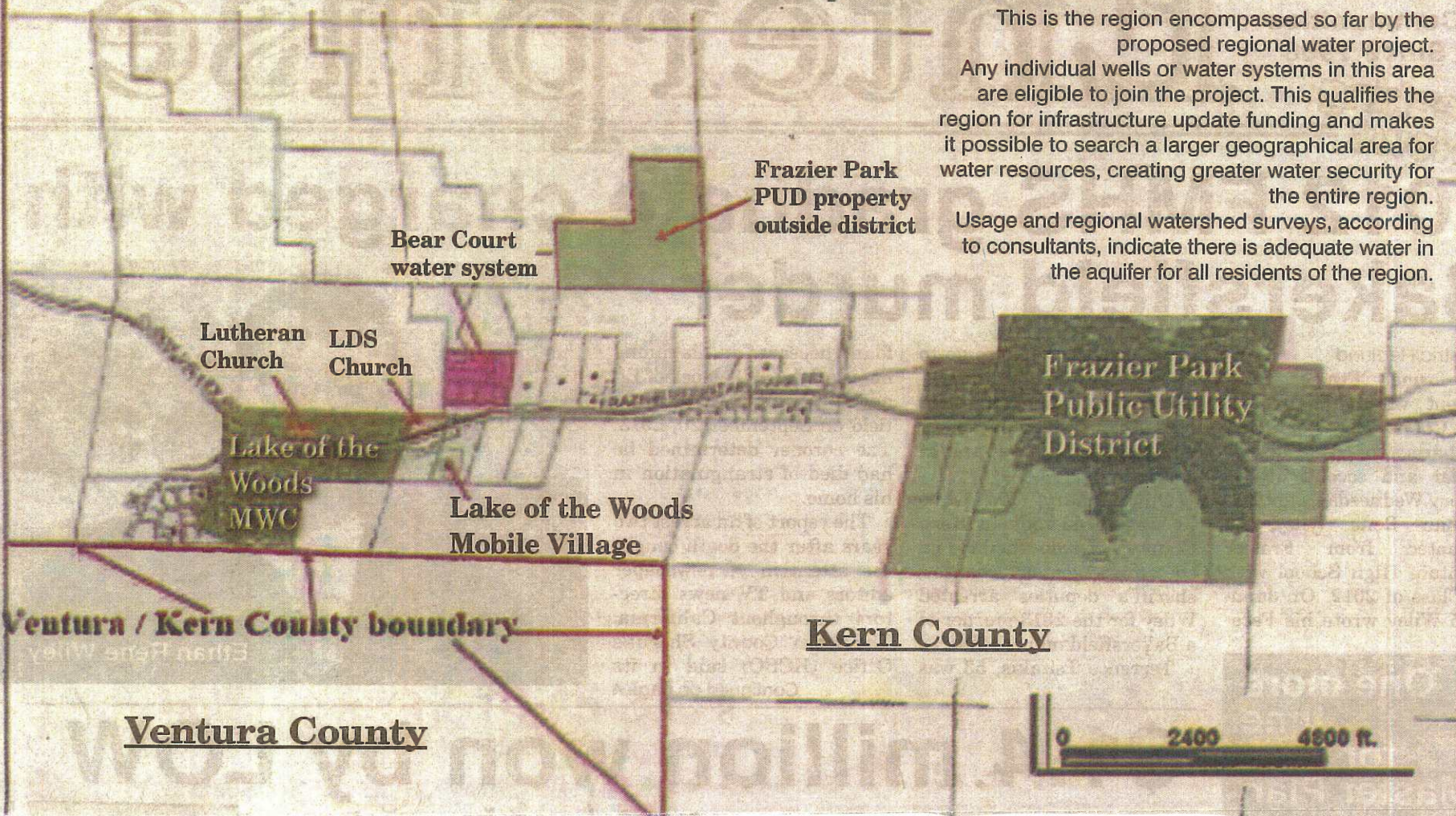
The second piece of good news was that Warner met that day with the owner of Lake of the Woods Mobile Village and received agreement from the park to join forces with LOWMWC in seeking state and federal grant funds for water system upgrades. The park has 60 water connections.

Lake of the Woods water customers have been asked in a ballot sent by mail whether they want to become part of a regional water system with Frazier Park Public Utility District. Property owners must vote. (Continued on page 2)

Dave Warner-Self-Help Enterprises PPT

Frazier Park-Lake of the Woods area water systems and private wells

This is the region encompassed so far by the proposed regional water project. Any individual wells or water systems in this area are eligible to join the project. This qualifies the region for infrastructure update funding and makes it possible to search a larger geographical area for water resources, creating greater water security for the entire region. Usage and regional watershed surveys, according to consultants, indicate there is adequate water in the aquifer for all residents of the region.



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by 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4 when ballots will be counted.

There are major incentives for a 'Yes' vote for Lake of the Woods. LOWMWC is now hauling water to maintain their supply, David Warner explained Tuesday evening. The state and some federal U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) money helped

to pay for hauled water in the past, because of the drought emergency and the failure of LOW's wells. But now the community's water company must pay all water hauling costs.

The LOWMWC is also under a California State Compliance Order that requires the water company to increase their water supply and to install water meters on the full system.

The economics of free money

If the Lake of the Woods Mutual Water Company's vote shows that its shareholders wish to join in the regional water project, then the board of the Frazier Park Public Utility District will poll its own water customers about whether they wish to create a regional district.

If local water companies and individual well owners combine resources to form a regional project, all participating water systems benefit from access to larger pools of federal and state grant funds which can be used to update the infrastructures for the entire region.

Due to its U.S. census median household income of \$43,077, Frazier Park is designated an

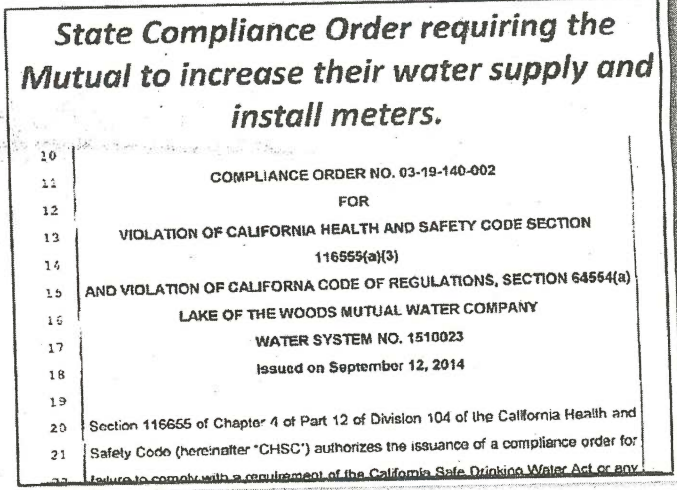
"economically disadvantaged community" (DAC), making the water district eligible for 80% grant and 20% loan funding for infrastructure updates. But with a median household income of \$33,750, Lake of the Woods is a "severely disadvantaged community" (SDAC), making it eligible for 100% funding—up to \$5 million.

If Frazier Park joins the regional project with LOW, it will also be eligible for 100% funding, up to an additional \$5 million. With the addition of LOW Mobile Village, the regional project qualifies for another \$3 million in grant funds. This would total \$13 million.

If each water agency were to stay separate, each would face additional restrictions. Frazier

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Park would have to take another costly loan.

Pre-Planning meetings open to the public

The next meeting of the regional pre-planning committee researching the feasibility of a unified system is Thursday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. at the FP-

LOW has been ordered by the state to find a solid water supply

PUD office at 4020 Park Drive in Frazier Park. These meetings are now held the fourth Thursday of the month. All the public is welcome to attend, including private well owners, LOW customers, Frazier Park customers, LOW Mobile Village residents and others.