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## California Water Service Partners With County of Tulare and Local Community Organizations to Consolidate Struggling Central Valley Water Users

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SAN JOSE, Calif., Dec. 15, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Grant funding from the State of California's Department of Water Resources (DWR) to the County of Tulare will enable local water provider California Water Service (Cal Water) to connect two small, disadvantaged communities struggling with failing domestic wells with its Visalia system. The consolidation is intended to help ensure residents in West Goshen and on Harrison Road receive a reliable supply of safe, clean water for years to come.

While 80 customers that had been part of West Goshen Mutual Water Company were added to Cal Water's system in 2014, another 50 residences in West Goshen had domestic wells and were not part of West Goshen Mutual and the original consolidation. Through DWR's Small Community Drought Relief Program, the Community Water Center helped secure \$3.45 million for Tulare County, so that Cal Water can extend its water mains and connect the remaining 50 customers, whose groundwater wells are failing and do not meet water quality standards.

Cal Water will also be able to extend its pipes and connect about 25 customers whose wells have gone dry along Harrison Road and Avenue 266, through a grant of approximately \$535,000 that Self-Help Enterprises helped secure from DWR's program for Tulare County. Officials for both projects hope to break ground in 2023 and complete construction by the end of 2024.

“We believe everyone should have reliable access to safe, clean water,” said Marty Kropelnicki, Cal Water President and CEO. “To that end, we are pleased to partner with Tulare County, our local community organizations, and the Department of Water Resources to support residents in the West Goshen and Harrison Road communities, particularly as climate change will continue to have more frequent and severe impacts on the region’s water supplies in the future.”

#### About California Water Service

California Water Service provides high-quality, reliable water utility services to about 2 million people statewide through 494,500 service connections. What sets Cal Water apart is its commitment to enhancing the quality of life for its customers and communities. Guided daily by their promise to provide quality, service, and value, the utility’s employees lead the way in protecting the planet, caring for people, and operating with the utmost integrity. Integral to Cal Water’s strategy is investing responsibly in infrastructure, sustainability initiatives, and community well-being. The utility has been named one of “America’s Most Responsible Companies” by Newsweek and a Great Place to Work®. More information is available at [www.calwater.com](http://www.calwater.com).