

West Goshen Mutual Water Company

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County: Tulare

Population: 400

Challenges: Well Failure and Nitrate Contamination

Consolidation date: 2016

West Water Company (MWC) Goshen Mutual served a community of 400 people in Goshen located in Tulare County. West Goshen MWC had aging infrastructure and a financially disadvantaged community. Both of their wells were over 40 years old and internally collapsed. The severe sand intrusion into the wells destroyed the primary well pump as well as two secondary well pumps leaving the community without water supplies. Additionally, West Goshen MWC's water supply sources contained nitrate above the maximum contaminant level (MCL) beginning in 2012.

As an intermediate solution, West Goshen Mutual Water Company obtained Proposition 84 funding for an emergency intertie to California Water Services' Visalia water system. A \$3.5 million-dollar permanent connection to California Water Services' Visalia water system was started in 2014 and completed in 2016, using Drinking Water State Revolving Funds and additional Prop 84 funding sources. West Goshen Mutual Water Company is no longer a public water system and residents in this community now receive safe and reliable drinking water.



Photo 1 Construction of intertie to California Water Services.