

We live in a home on 2 acres that is part of a 160+ home owners association (Greater Sheldon Road Homeowners Association) of 2 acre parcels between Elk Grove Florin Road and Waterman, divided by Sheldon Road, in Elk Grove, CA. This subdivision was established 40 years ago, and we have not heard that one of the water wells in our properties has been contaminated by waste water or septic system. There are wells and septic systems in the areas of Elk Grove, Wilton, and Sacramento that have been in operation for more than 50 years without contamination to the well systems. I am certain the same goes for Sacramento County, Placer County and El Dorado Counties, in close proximity to us.

We recommend your agency schedule a workshop in Sacramento County for the affected residents to attend and voice concerns.

Requiring septic systems to be torn out and updated should be done on a case by case basis, having been tested by two independent companies to be found contaminating our well water. The costs to bring each septic system into compliance when only a minor repair may be need is prohibitive..more than I paid for my first house!

My well water is tested annually by a local company for many chemicals, or contamination, and have not found one problem in 24 years of my ownership. My local well repair company also tests my well water periodically.

My septic system has been inspected several times at my request, and no problems are found. Because of the care I give my septic system, it has never overflowed or had to be pumped in the 28 years since the home was built. The septic company that inspected it last stated that this system looks fantastic..don't change a thing. My septic system is over 100 feet from my well pump.

Perhaps your agency should send educational materials to each septic system and well owner in California if your agency feels property owners need to be educated. Or perhaps just require a \$100.00 well water test to be performed and filed with the state every 2 to 5 years. (like a smog check for autos) If contamination is found, then someone from your agency can decide what to do with it, rather than requiring each septic system owner to pay from \$8,000 to \$22,000 for something that is not broken.

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