CVCSD Community Meeting

September 9th, 2025

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is included in this study?**

   We currently have funding to prepare an engineering report that looks at the drinking water issues in the community, propose and recommend solutions, and prepare a conceptual design of the recommended/preferred solution.

   After the engineering report, CVCSD could apply for additional funding to prepare detailed design documents, associated permitting and environmental documents required for construction, and construct the selected project.

2. **Why are you doing this study?**

   We are aware of water quality issues in certain parts of the community and CVCSD desired to find a solution to make sure the community has access to safe, clean drinking water. We are performing this study to learn more about groundwater quality in the area, determine the full list of issues, and look into solutions to solve each of the issues.

   CVCSD and the community can use this information to decide if they want to pursue funding for implementing a drinking water solution. This study is purely informational and neither CVCSD nor the community are required to implement the proposed solutions.

3. **What is wrong with my drinking water?**

   There may be nothing wrong with your water. Testing of your specific well would be the best way to determine if there are water quality issues at your property.

   We know that portions of the California Valley region have water quality issues such as nitrate, iron, manganese, aluminum, bacteria, and salts that can potentially contribute to health or taste/odor/appearance issues.

4. **When will I have clean drinking water?**

   We are identifying near-term and long-term solutions. We will have a better idea of the potential solutions and their timeline after we complete the engineering report and if CVCSD and the community chooses to proceed with a solution.

5. **What are some examples of short-term & long-term solutions for drinking water?**

   Some of the possible solutions include filtration on your private wells, solar powered condensation harvesting, or CSD-owned wells with treatment and community fill-up stations.

6. **What is CVCSD's goal with this project?**

   CVCSD would like to pursue funding for a solution that provides safe, clean drinking water with equitable access to all residents in the community.

7. **Is the CSD trying to obtain water rights?**

   No. Some solutions, such as drilling new wells and installing treatment, would require CVCSD to purchase small portions of undeveloped property and drill new wells on that property. CVCSD does not intend on acquiring water rights from current residents.

8. **Are you going to start regulating my well?**

   No, the goal of this project is not to regulate or restrict private well use.

9. **My well was sampled and I had water quality issues. Will the State or County start regulating my well or pursue action against my property?**

   No, the State and County do not regulate privately owned wells.

10. **I volunteered to have my well sampled. Will the State want to keep sampling my well and fine me if I don't allow sampling at a later date?**

    No, the State or County will not require your private well to be sampled nor be subject to regulation.

11. **Will the State eventually want to meter my private well and charge me for it?**

    No, the State, County, or CVCSD do not intend to meter or bill for private well use.

12. **Will you put a filter on my well?**

    Private well filtration/treatment is one solution being evaluated. If that option is pursued, you will not be forced to filter your well, but may be given the option to do so.

13. **My well was sampled and had issues. How will treatment be paid for/what will you do?**

    Any treatment or action to correct any issues with private wells would be the responsibility of the well owner.

14. **How much is this project going to cost me?**

    The study will not cost you anything since it is funded by the State. The study will recommend future solutions. Future solution costs are not known at this time.

    This project is part of an effort to apply for grant funding from the State for the solution(s). We will have a better idea of costs as we work through the project and proposed solutions further and will keep the community informed about what costs, if any, would come out-of-pocket from the community.

15. **Will I have to start paying for water?**

    Currently we are just performing a study to look at groundwater quality and develop solutions to any issues. We will be developing solutions for the community's consideration. Cost of those solutions are not fully known at this time.

    Under some solutions, it is likely that CVCSD will need to charge some rate for water use to pay for maintaining the water equipment. However, under other solutions, you may not have to pay anything.

16. **Will I have an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed solutions?**

    Yes, we will have more community meetings where we will share progress on the project and you will have the opportunity to provide feedback. You can provide feedback in person, online, or by filling out a comment card.

17. **How will the community be involved in decision making on this project?**

    CVCSD will consider all community feedback in making its decision on solutions to pursue, if any.

18. **Will I have a chance to vote on the final decision?**

    Any decisions that involve formation of a public water system will be required to go through a voting process through Proposition 218 and the Local Agency Formation Commission.