



## The Crisis

Crestview can't survive without either installing Well #7, **OR** imposing a major rate increase on residents and offering a far less reliable water supply.

This **urgent reality** is why we are here today appealing the action of the Planning Commission.



# Our Ratepayers Support Well #7

- OVERWHELMING SUPPORT. This is how the people who depend on reliable Crestview water replied to an ANONYMOUS survey:
  - Of those living outside of the Las Posas HOA,
     95% support Well #7, with 85% Strongly
     Supporting.
  - Of those living inside the HOA, <u>85% support</u>,
     with 65% Strongly Supporting.



# We Believe HOA Members Support Revising the CC&Rs

- To repeat, of those living inside the HOA, 85% support
   Well #7, with 65% Strongly Supporting the project.
- Our existing Well #4 is within the HOA, despite the HOA
   CC&Rs. It was authorized by the HOA developer, who
   could not have foreseen our drought and new needs.
- Require us to obtain the formal support of the HOA members to revise their CC&Rs for Well #7. On July 27 and August 3, 2021, the HOA Board denied our request for a meeting to present our project, new studies and designs, and to obtain formal HOA support for Well #7.



# The Science Also Supports Well #7

Based on standard well-siting criteria, the operational characteristics of Crestview's system, and existing regulatory parameters:

191 Alviso Drive is the most scientifically appropriate, environmentally responsible, and viable location for a new Well #7 production facility.



#### The NEED for Well #7

- Well #5 will be decommissioned. Its water quality is too poor to use except in extreme emergencies.
- Water production from Well #4 ceased for now on August 16, 2021. This is due to the prolonged drought and the historic decrease in the well's water levels.
- Well #6 capacity is insufficient to meet all system demands.
- A new Well #7 will allow Crestview:
  - To provide <u>affordable water</u>. Our pumped water is 8 times <u>less expensive</u> than imported water;
  - To ensure the availability of water, including for essential fire suppression; and
  - To use, rather than lose, our <u>local pumping allocation</u>.



#### WHY 191 Alviso Drive?

- 10 sites plus sourcing from Camarillo were fully evaluated. The sites included a golf course location urged as the best site by project opponents.
- The required infrastructure already exists at 191
   Alviso Drive, which reduces the impacts to neighbors, the environment, and costs.
- The water quality and elevation below 191 Alviso Drive are uniquely appropriate for a successful well.
- The lot is buildable, accessible, was for sale, and offers the ability to discharge development water.



#### No Stone Left Unturned

- Well Siting Study Dreaming Tree Civil
- Well #7 Feasibility Study DB Stephens
- Alternative Pipeline Cost Study

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- Pathogen Travel Study DB Stephens
- Nitrate Transport Study DB Stephens
- Water Rate Analysis Meridian
- Shareholder Survey Rincon Strategies
- New Architecture/Landscape ArchFX, Lynn Johnson
- Sound and Noise Zim Industries
- These are in addition to the earlier Hopkins, Rincon Environmental, and other studies.



## WHO is Crestview?

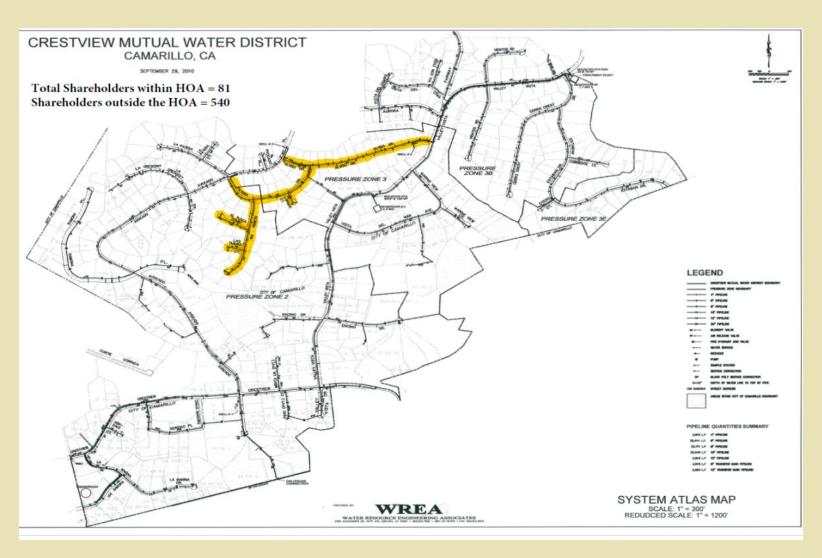
 Since its founding in 1950, Crestview has always lived up to its Mission Statement:

"The Company exists to provide shareholders a dependable supply of good quality water at a competitive cost."

- Active water service accounts = 621
- Total Population Served = 2,040 ratepayers
- Crestview has never received a "Notice of Violation" or Citation for noise, chemical spills, water contamination, or any safety regulation from any regulatory agency.



## Crestview's Service Area





## Septic Systems/Water Quality

- Groundwater/Septic Systems. The groundwater and neighboring septic systems are not at risk from Well #7.
  - Pathogens. Pathogens travel less than 10 feet below the bottom of a septic pit before becoming inactive.
     The distances from neighboring septic systems to Well #7 substantially exceed 10 feet.
  - Nitrates. Expert reports confirm that nitrates will be absorbed and blended in natural soil to non-detectible levels in the water supply.
- Reimbursement. As added assurance, Crestview has committed to reimburse neighbors for any septic system costs imposed on them by regulators due to Well #7.



## Biology, Noise and Safety

- Biology. Your experts and ours agree that there is no blue line stream, no heritage trees, and no wildlife corridor that might be impacted by Well #7.
- Noise. Well #7 will be built and will operate in strict compliance with the County and City noise regulations.
   Crestview will pay up to \$500 per diem in lodgings for any neighbor bothered by well installation noise.
- Safety. As part of Crestview's permits, the County's
   Environmental Health Division (EHD) conducts annual Haz Mat inspections to ensure safety compliance and to
   identify any potential hazards. Crestview has never failed a
   Haz-Mat inspection by EHD, including the most recent
   inspection on August 9, 2021.



## **Neighborhood Compatibility**

- Architecture. Crestview has redesigned the Well #7
   structure to look like one of the neighboring homes, using
   the same materials and features one would expect to see in
   local single-family residences.
- Landscaping. High quality landscaping and regular maintenance will ensure that the views from nearby homes and the street are what one would expect to see in this neighborhood.
- Grading/Construction. The amount of grading and the time for drilling (two 10-14-day periods) Well #7 will be <u>far</u> <u>less</u> than to grade or construct a single-family home. No retaining walls are needed for the project.



## **Street View**





















## **Conclusion**

- Crestview has listened to shareholder and Planning Commission feedback.
- We would have welcomed that type of feedback from the Las Posas HOA Board and immediate neighbors, but they declined to meet with us during this past year. We are fully committed to seeking formal HOA approval.
- Crestview has commissioned multiple new studies, bid, and building design changes to address every concern.
   Our team is here today to respond to your questions.
- Crestview is now asking for your support of this critically important water supply project, and respectfully requests that you grant our appeal of the 2020 Planning Commission decision.