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I would like to post a reminder of a meeting of the San Augustin Water Coalition (SAWC) in Datil on June 27th at 6:00pm at the Datil Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you, Linn Kennedy Chair

As you are aware from the recent meeting of the San Augustin Water Coalition, well monitoring is a good idea for all of us. Monitoring will give us data that we will need to show “impairment” if the APR get their project approved (heaven forbid!). Below is a message from the folks in the East Mountains who are also fighting a water grab attempt. I thought you might like to know their take on monitoring.

Note that the Office of the State Engineer is reluctant to use the data. By joining the well-monitoring effort we become added pressure to force the OSE to pay attention.

Carol Pittman P.S. If you need another copy of the Well Monitoring flyer from NM Tech, let me know and I will send it. pittray@gilnet.com

From the Deep Well Project:

Sara Chudnoff was with Bernalillo County, hired by Dan McGregor to expand the well monitoring program here – and expand it she did. She is great to work with and I’m really glad she will be putting together a well monitoring program around the state. Here, she expanded the program to 200 wells, which are monitored at least twice a year using proper methods. And that program has documented a reduction in water levels all over the area of about 2 feet per year - a number which should qualify us for being a Critical Management area, according to the Morrison Criteria.

In any case, I hope many people in your area will get their wells monitored – it’s really good data to have (although we find that the OSE is still reluctant to use the data. They would rather use well drilling data, which may be very old and is certainly from a wide variety of dates. Janet Winchester Silbaugh