

PROPERTY OWNER'S STATEMENT OF INTEREST FOR CONNECTION TO SOUTH FEATHER WATER AND POWER AGENCY WATER SYSTEM [November 2021]



I understand that Butte County intends to submit applications to the State Water Resources Control Board to obtain funding to construct the infrastructure required to provide safe drinking water to my property. Benefits to me and the community include:

- Provides reliable water service to meet maximum daily demands
- Addresses public health risk
- Provides protection against Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events
- Provides fire protection
- Provides economies of scale for future improvements
- Negates the need to maintain existing domestic well and associated costs

Please initial ONE of the following choices below indicating your interest in becoming a customer of the SFWPA water system.

____ (initial) I want to become a customer of the SFWPA water system when a water distribution pipeline and service lateral is constructed adjacent to my property and is fully funded at no cost to me. If Butte County is unsuccessful in obtaining 100 percent grant funding for the project and financial contribution is necessary, I will be re-consulted about my interest in connecting to the SFWPA water system.

_____ (initial) I plan to continue to use my well for outdoor use.

_____ (initial) I plan to no longer use my well for outdoor use and would like my well properly destroyed (in accordance with CA Water Code) at no cost to me.

OR

____ (initial) I do not want to be connected to the SFWPA water system. I understand that if I choose to become a customer when grant funding is no longer available, I will be solely responsible for all costs to connect to the SFWPA water system, including, but not limited to: installation of a water main, service lateral, a water meter and box, connection from your water system to meter box, and the SFWPA water connection fee. By not connecting, I remain responsible for my household water supply and the maintenance and associated costs of my domestic well.

Property Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Property Owner: _____

Address: _____, [City], CA _____

Mailing Address if different: _____

Please return this letter of interest to:

*Butte County Department of Water and Resource Conservation
308 Nelson Avenue
Oroville, CA 95965
Attn. Christina Buck, Assistant Director*

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Christina Buck at 530-552-3595 or bcwater@buttecounty.net.

For additional information on the current water construction projects, please contact: Kristen McKillop, Regulatory Compliance Manager at South Feather Water and Power at 530-534-1221.

More details regarding the project are available online at:

https://www.buttecounty.net/waterresourceconservation/Palermo_Clean_Water

Thank you for completing this letter of interest. Both Butte County and South Feather Water and Power Agency looks forward to the opportunity to provide the Palermo Community with a safe reliable water supply in the future and will keep you apprised of grant funding status and project construction activities. Keep an eye out for future meetings to keep you updated on this project.

Palermo Clean Water Consolidation Project



Background Information

The purpose of this Letter of Interest is to gather input from landowners in Palermo on their interest in receiving treated surface water supply from the South Feather Water and Power Agency (SFWPA). Butte County is pursuing grant funds in partnership with SFWPA from the State of California to fully fund the project. If funded, building the infrastructure to connect households to the SFWPA water system would occur at no cost to landowners. Broad community support and expressed interest in becoming a SFWPA customer will help the project be awarded grant funding.

How does this affect me?

The water currently flowing to your house may not be safe to drink. Your domestic well is subject to repair and maintenance needs, and is susceptible to water quality degradation from septic sewer systems in the vicinity. Many wells in the Palermo area also have detections of coliform bacteria and nitrate concentrations that exceed Safe Drinking Water Act primary drinking water standards.

As a long-term solution option, your property can be connected to the SFWPA water system to receive a permanent, safe, and reliable water supply. Butte County, in partnership with SFWPA, is applying for SFWPA water system construction project improvement grant funds to serve your area. Your property can be included in the project scope of work if you are interested.

If you choose to participate, upon connection, you would become a SFWPA water customer subject to current water rate charges. The current average monthly water bill for those who have already connected to the SFWPA system is less than the electricity cost of running your existing well.

What about my well?

Well destruction will not be a requirement to hook up to the SFWPA water system. However, inactive wells pose a serious threat to groundwater quality and a safety hazard to humans and animals. It is strongly recommended that any onsite wells are properly destroyed as part of the SFWPA water system connection process. A well is considered "abandoned" or permanently inactive if it has not been used or maintained for a period of one year. Abandoned wells are required to be destroyed in accordance with the California Well Standards. Please contact Butte County Public Health, Environmental Health Division at (530) 552.3880 or BCLandUse@buttecounty.net for information on well destruction requirements.