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Swall Meadows Water Project Underway

August 12, 2013 - The Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWMP) and the Wheeler Crest Community Service District (WCCSD) are pleased to announce the start of a water system project in the Hilltop section of Swall Meadows. The project includes drilling a new well and developing a pressure system to supply water to the original housing development in Swall Meadows. The project began in June and is expected to be complete by early next year.

The Hilltop section of Swall Meadows is currently using a water system that was constructed in 1955 as part of the first sale of residential lots in Swall Meadows. The existing water system is fed by a syphoning artesian well that is located a half mile from the community and is becoming increasingly unreliable. The aging distribution system is subject to leaks and breaks in the lines. Occasional problems with this aging well system have caused several multiday water outages. The new well will provide a second, more reliable water source located within the community and will allow for redundant supply and use in case of a supply interruption or need for maintenance procedures.

The new well was successfully drilled in July and is in the process of being finalized. The new pressurization system is being designed, and installation is expected later this year. The new water system will be placed in service with the existing water supply to provide two sources of water for the residents.

Funding for the project is being provided by WCCSD and a Proposition 84 IRWM grant administered through the California Department of Water Resources. Proposition 84 was approved by voters in 2006 to support water supply, water quality, and natural resource protection efforts. DWR funding was provided through the Inyo-Mono IRWMP, which has been working to identify water-related needs and secure funding for water projects in the region since 2008. In 2011, the Inyo-Mono IRWMP was awarded a grant of \$1,075,000 to fund seven on-the-ground projects that support improvements in water supply and water quality in Inyo and Mono Counties. For more information about the projects, visit <http://inyo-monowater.org/inyo-mono-irwm-plan-2/implementation/>.



Drill rig at site of new well in Swall Meadows.