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CWC, Who are we?

Non-Profit providing technical assistance and elevating marginalized community voices for 20 years, based out of California's Central Valley and Central Coast.

Our Vision

Safe, clean and affordable drinking water for all.

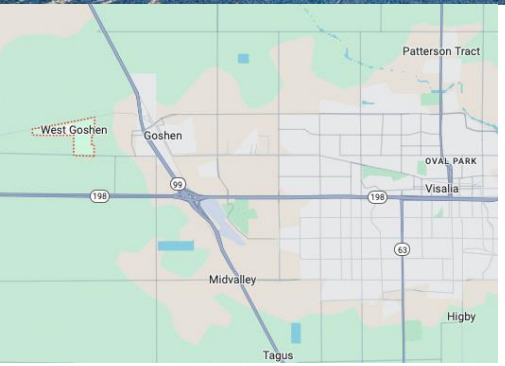
2-C. Public resource commitments to communities with little or no authentic future should be carefully examined before final action is initiated. These non-viable communities would, as a consequence of withholding major public facilities such as sewer and water systems, enter a process of long term, natural decline as residents depart for improved opportunities in nearby communities.

11. Unincorporated communities which are expected to lose population because of factors mentioned above include: Allensworth, Alpaugh, Delft Colony, East Orosi, Lindcove, Monson, Plainview, Poplar-Cotton Center, Seville, Sultana, Teviston, Tooleville, Tonyville, Tract No. 51 and Waukena.

1971 Tulare County General Plan

The general plan is "at the top of the hierarchy of local government law regulating land use." DeVita v. County of Napa (1995) 9 Cal.4th 763, 773

This basic land use charter governing the direction of future land use is in the nature of a planning "constitution." Lesher Communications, Inc. v. City of Walnut Creek (1990) 52 Cal.3d 531, 542



West Goshen

- Nearly 100 domestic Connections
- Funding: SAFER and DWR Grant
- Nitrate, 123-TCP, and Uranium
- CalWater + Tulare County Partnership
- Easements, scope, ongoing affordability issue/surprise billing

Timeline

2014
Water supply and quality challenges lead to the consolidation of West Goshen Mutual Water Company with Cal Water Visalia providing a sustainable solution for about two-thirds of the community.

2020
Community Water Center conducts well testing in the area documenting high levels of Nitrate, 123-TCP and Uranium.

2021–2023
Drought conditions return leading to well outages among domestic well owners in West Goshen.

2021
Residents form West Goshen Water for Life to pursue a sustainable water solution for the whole community.

2022
Tulare County applies for and receives grant funding from the Department of Water Resources' Small Community Drought Relief program.

2025
Construction breaks ground in May and is completed in August.

- Domestic well community in the Central Coast
- Nitrate, 1,2,3-TCP, Chrome 6, and arsenic
- Phase 1 (Funded), phase 2 (Funding Pulled)
- Cancelled grant impacts 5,500 people with $20 million in drinking water infrastructure gap
- Pivot for funding & community members strategy

Los Angeles Times

CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

‘Another broken promise’: California environmental groups reel from EPA grant cancellations

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Current Dynamics

- Hesitancy for engagement
- Sensitivity for public settings
- More visibility, branding, and trust required
- Collaboration with other Nonprofits
- Exacerbating historical impacts in marginalized communities- Local hurdles and gap in leadership

Other Federal Impacts

Questions?

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