

DECLARATION OF THE CITY OF WASCO PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY DUE TO THE FAILURE OR POTENTIAL FAILURE OF TWO WATER WELLS

WHEREAS, the Wasco Municipal Code Section 13.22.050 empowers the City of Wasco ("City") to declare a water shortage emergency; and

WHEREAS, the California Water Code Division 1, Chapter 3 (Water Shortage Emergencies) permits the governing body of a distributor of public water supply to declare a water shortage emergency to the extent that there would be insufficient water for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection; and

WHEREAS, the City is experiencing a failure or potential failure at two out of five of its water wells resulting in loss of a water pressure that may result in insufficient water for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection; and

WHEREAS, emergency repairs are required to repair the two failed water well pumps in order to restore water system capacity; and

WHEREAS, said repairs may result in the temporary reduction in water pressure systemwide or localized water service interruptions resulting in insufficient water for human consumption, sanitation, and fire protection; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2020, an emergency City Council meeting was held under Section 54956.5 of the Brown Act and conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, Issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, and, to the extent applicable, Government Code Section 54953(b) remote public participation was allowed via Zoom Webinar; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a water shortage emergency now exists throughout the City due to the failure or potential failure of two out of five of the City's water wells; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Wasco as follows:

SECTION 1: All residents and businesses are requested to conserve water

SECTION 2: Authorize the City Manager to execute the following:


- Implement water conservation measures or take such action as deemed necessary to mitigate the water shortage.
- Execute any agreement necessary and pertaining to this emergency.
- Procure and incur any expenses for repair of the water wells or expedited construction of Well 14.

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing Declaration of a Water Shortage Emergency declared by the Council of the City of Wasco at an emergency meeting thereof held on May 30, 2020, by the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:	CORTEZ, ESPITIA, GARCIA, PALLARES, REYNA
AYES:	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
NOES:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	<u>NONE</u>

DocuSigned by:
Teofilo Cortez, Jr.
TEOFILO CORTEZ JR.,
MAYOR of the City of Wasco

Attest: 5/30/2020

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MARIA O. MARTINEZ
CITY CLERK and Ex Officio Clerk of
 the Council of the City of Wasco

MINUTES

Emergency City Council Meeting
and Successor Agency to the Former
Redevelopment Agency
Saturday, May 30, 2020 - 9:00 a.m.
Via Zoom Webinar
www.cityofwasco.org

EMERGENCY MEETING – 9:00 a.m.

1) CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cortez at 9:08 a.m. and announced that the meeting was being held to Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020. All members are joining this meeting remotely via Zoom Webinar.

2) FLAG SALUTE: Led by Mayor Cortez

3) ROLL CALL: Mayor Cortez, Pro Tem Espitia, Council Members: Garcia, Pallares, Reyna
All members present.

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Rafael Castro asked if the information given can be more specific with regard to the emergency issue.

City Attorney Schroeter stated that this meeting is declared an emergency meeting under government code 54956.5 due to public health and safety.

Motion was made by Council Member Reyna, **seconded** by Mayor Pro Tem Espitia declaring this meeting an emergency by following roll call vote:

AYES: CORTEZ, ESPITIA, GARCIA, PALLARES, REYNA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

5) REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:

- a. Discussion and possible minute action on water well repairs.

Staff comments by City Manager Ortiz Hernandez mention that some parts of the City are experiencing water pressure drop during peak demand, and City's water system Engineer determined Wells No. 8 and Well No. 10 are not producing near their capacity. Emergency repairs are required. Water Board is evaluating if Well 14 is operational and can be brought online on a temporary basis while Well 8 and Well 10 get repaired. If Well 14 is not an option, the city will need to start repairs immediately.

City Manager Ortiz Hernandez recommended to the City Council the following:

- o Declare a water shortage emergency due to the failure of the potential failure of two water wells.
- o Authorize the City Manager to implement more stringent water conservation measures or take such other action as you deem necessary to mitigate the water shortage.

- o Authorize the City Manager to Execute any agreement necessary during this emergency.
- o Authorize the City Manager to procure and execute any expenses for repair of the water wells or expedited construction of Well No. 14

The consensus of the City Council was to approve the recommendations mentioned.

Motion by Council Member Reyna **seconded** by Council Member Garcia to approve the recommended authorization by the following roll call vote:


AYES: CORTEZ, ESPITIA, GARCIA, PALLARES, REYNA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE


- b. Discussion and possible minute action of water conservation stages and other possible mitigation efforts to alleviate possible low water pressure issues during emergency repairs of water wells.

Staff comments by City Manager Ortiz Hernandez

6) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Cortez adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

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Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk

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Teofilo Cortez Jr., Mayor

City of Wasco

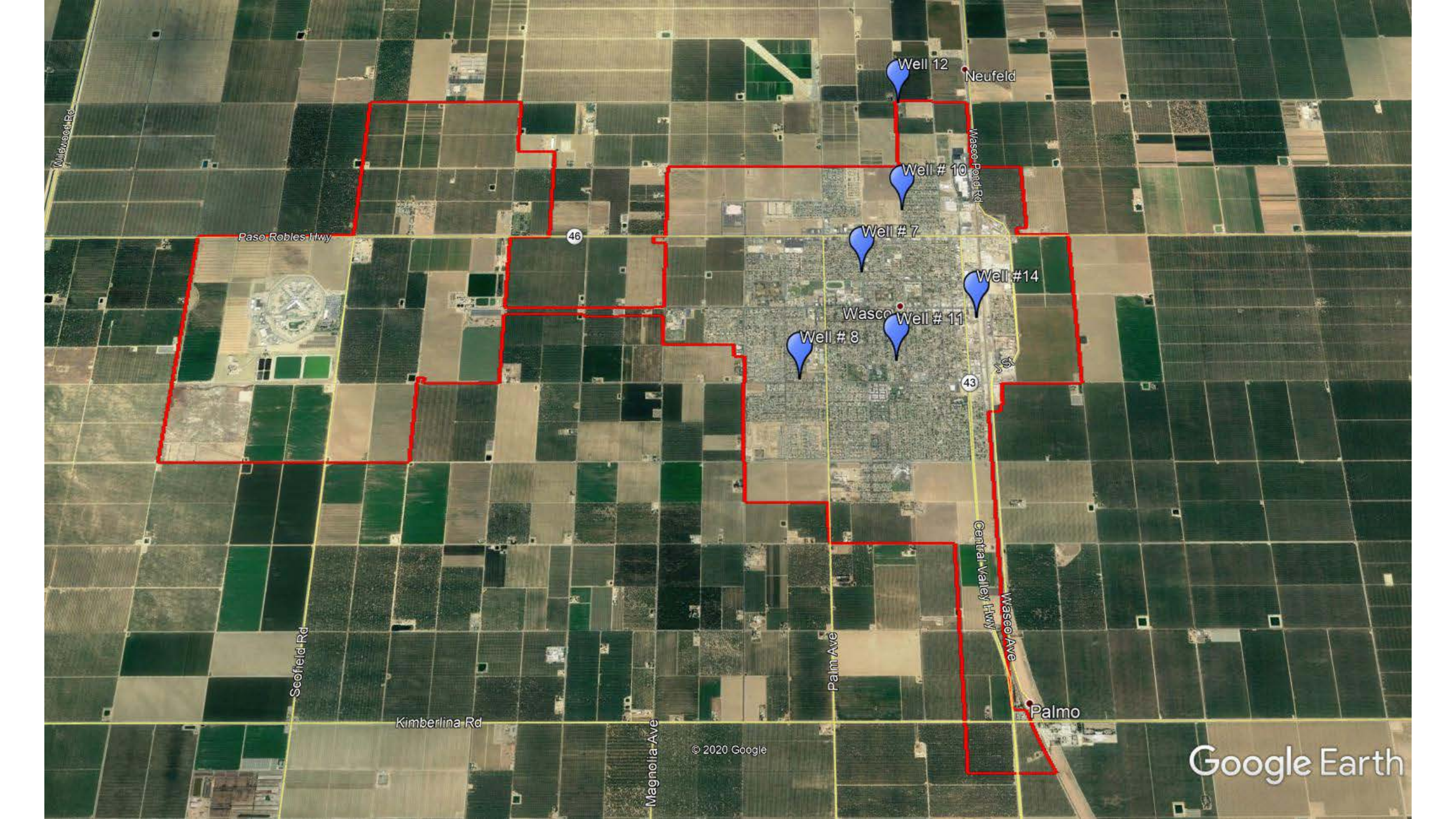
Water Well Issues

Current Wells

<i>Well No.</i>	<i>Capacity</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Depth</i>	<i>Screened Interval</i>
7	875 gpm	44 yrs	Unknown	Unknown
8	1,335 gpm	46 yrs	909 ft	500 ft – 890 ft
10	1,425 gpm	43 yrs	877 ft	455 ft – 877 ft
11	1,100 gpm	40 yrs	913 ft	500 ft – 900 ft
12	1,600 gpm	14 yrs	Unknown	Unknown
14	1,500 gpm	0	1,250 ft	920 ft - 1,240 ft

Situation

- Water pressure maintained around 50 PSI throughout the City
- All available water wells are online
 - No extra capacity
- Parts of Wasco experiencing water pressure drop during peak demand
 - 28 PSI Wednesday night, 31 Thursday
- Staff and City's water system engineer determined Wells # 8 and 10 are not working properly
 - Not producing near their capacity
- COVID-19 impact and Extreme Heat



Well 12

Neufeld

Well # 10

Wasco Pond Rd

Well # 7

46

Paso Robles Hwy

Well # 14

Wasco

Well # 11

Well # 8

43

Central Valley Hwy

Wasco Ave

Seofield Rd

Kimberlina Rd

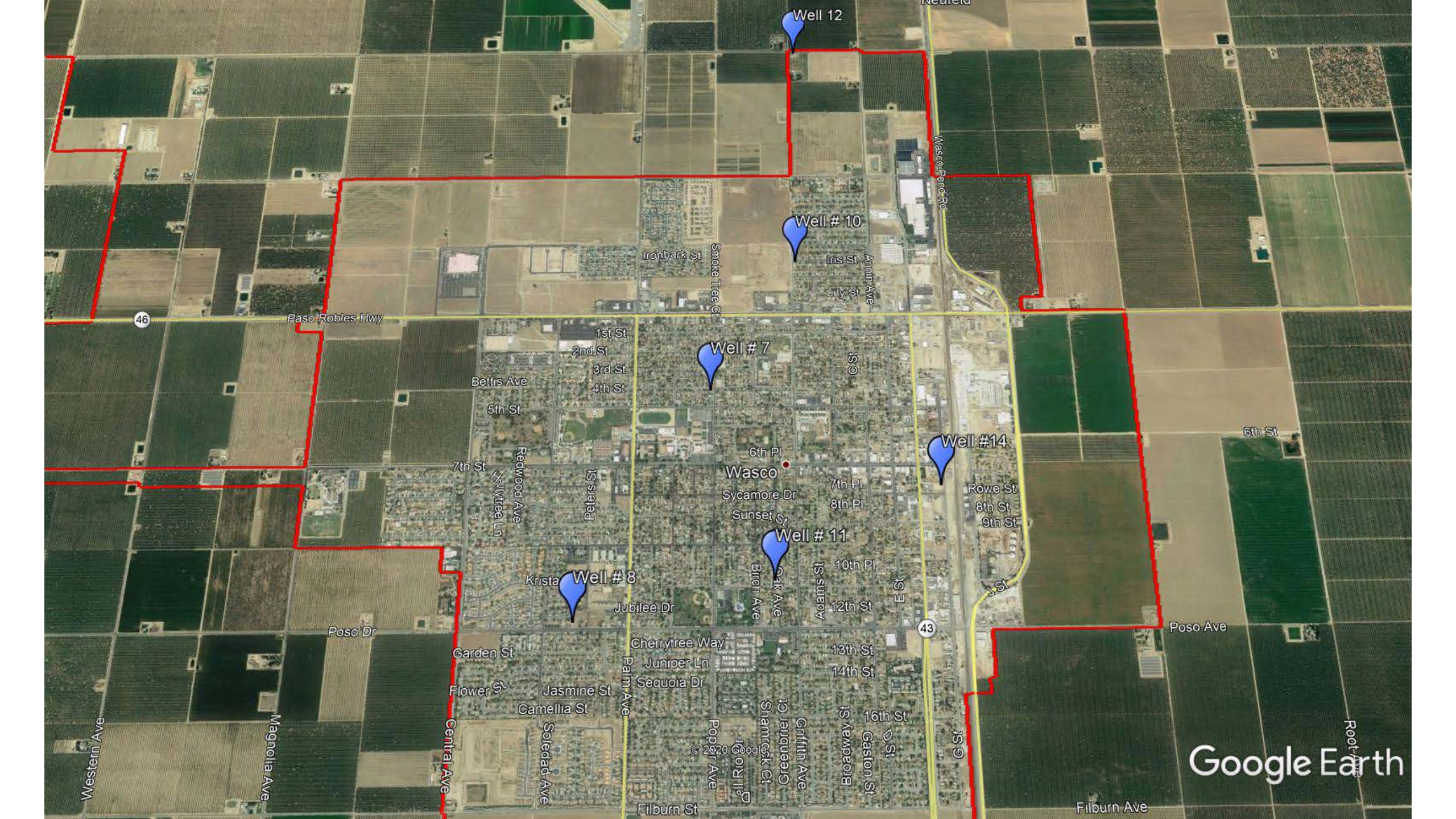
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Well 12

Well # 10

Well # 7

Well # 8

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Well #14

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Response

- Water pressure generally stable with exception at high demand periods
- Emergency repairs required for Wells #10 & 8
 - Potential for complete well pump failure
 - Inability to maintain consistent water pressure when demand is high
- Contacted California Water Boards
 - Had 2:00pm call on Friday (yesterday)
 - Appraised them of situation
 - Discussed options for repairs

Response

- Options and Concerns
 - Repairs would be performed one water well at a time.
 - Water pressure expected to fall below 50 PSI City-wide
 - Concern for 3-story apartment complex
 - 106 residents mostly seniors
 - Evaluating feasibility of expediting construction of Well 14
 - Get to a construction state in which the well can be brought online with manual controls and diesel generator
 - Maintain water pressure during repairs if possible and throughout summer
 - Staff and engineer met with contractor on Friday afternoon after call with Water Board

Response

- Contractor can begin repairs as soon as permitted
- Follow up call with Water Board Monday June 1, 2020
 - Evaluate status of Well 14
 - Contractor and staff targeting June 10, 2020
- Preferred scenario is to bring well 14 online on a temporary basis combined with water conservation measures to reduce demand before proceeding with emergency repairs

Response

- If well 14 is not an options, likely to proceed with repairs immediately.
 - If water pressure drops below certain point at the 3-story apartment complex, Water Board will require water boil notice specific to apartment complex
 - If water pressure drops below 20 PSI at any point in the City, water boil notice would be in effect City-wide

Recommendation

- City Council declare a water shortage emergency due to the failure or potential failure of two water wells
- Authorize City Manager to implement more stringent water conservation measures or take such other action as you deem necessary to mitigate the water shortage
- Authorize City Manager to execute any agreement necessary during this emergency
- Authorize City Manager to procure and execute any expenses for repair of the water wells or expedited construction of well 14