# Seville-Yettem Community Services District

Self-Help Enterprises











### Seville Water Challenges



- Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC) located in Northeastern portion of Tulare County
- 75 Residential Connections
- Elementary School
- Day Care Facility



- 2 wells Previous Water Quality (Nitrates)
- Water Supply (Dry well, Reoccurring Water Outages)
- Old Infrastructure
- No Water Meters
- System under Court-Ordered Receivership

### Yettem Water Challenges

- SDAC community located in Northeastern portion of Tulare County (1.5 miles from Seville along Ave. 384)
- Approx. 69 Connections
- Water and Sewer Systems (Owned and Operated by County of Tulare)
- 2 wells
  - Well No. 1 nitrate levels 27- 54 mg/L
  - Well No. 2 nitrate levels 23-29 mg/L
  - Blending
- Unaffordable Water Rates

### Proposed Water Systems Improvements

- Build a completely new water distribution system in Seville
- Drill a New Well (the County of Tulare has purchased property in Yettem for the future well)
- Install Water Meters in Yettem and Seville
- Interconnect the Yettem and Seville Systems
- Assist the Seville & Yettem Residents to Form a Community Services District

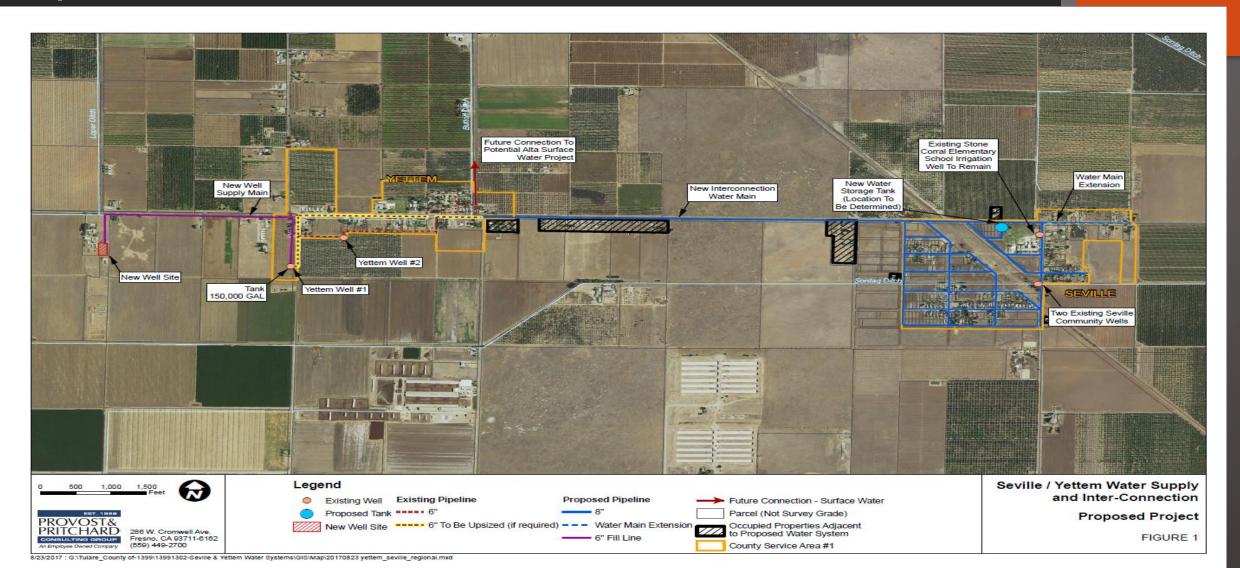
# How Seville and Yettem Residents Chose to form a Community Services District

- Several Community Meetings (2012)
- Invited Board Members from the Sultana Community Services District & Board Members from the West Goshen Mutual Water Company
- Engineering Study Discussed Governance
- Vote was held during a community meeting

### Available Resources & Project Team

- Prop 1 Technical Assistance Available
  - LAFCO Application Preparation
  - Community Outreach & Community meetings
  - LAFCo and Election Fees
  - Board Training
  - Assist CSD to Develop Policies & Procedures, Request Proposals & Procure Contract Services
  - Establish Rates & Prop 218 Process
- Project Team
  - Self-Help Enterprises (SHE)
    - Provost and Pritchard (P&P)
  - County of Tulare
  - Tulare County LAFCo
  - Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)

# Seville-Yettem Community Services District: Proposed Services and Boundaries



# Benefits of Forming a Community Services District

#### For Yettem & Seville

- Local Control/Local Election
- Residents have direct say in services provided
- Increased Technical Managerial Financial (TMF)
- Increased Economies of Scale

#### For the County of Tulare

 No longer need to own and operate the water and wastewater systems

# Formation of the Community Services District Community-Driven Process

- Seville and Yettem residents will be involved in the formation process!
  - 2017 -November 2018
- Community residents will name the CSD & decide what type of services it will provide (2017)
- Approve Rates for Services to be Provided
- Eligible Residents will be able to vote for the formation of the CSD and elect its Board of Directors



### Community Outreach and Engagement Efforts

- Held 3 Community Meetings
  - CSD Formation Process
  - Costs Associated with Providing Water & Sewer Services Management Options
  - Presentation of Various Water Rate Options
- Seeking to Conduct Community Polling to Determine Future CSD Water Rate
- Rural Communities Assistance Corporation (RCAC) preparing a sewer rate study

# Seville-Yettem Community Services District Formation Schedule - Anticipated Milestones

#### **Board of Supervisors**

- LAFCo application
- Hearing February 2018
  - Decision & Action

#### <u>Election</u>

- Form District & Elect Board
- Candidates Forum Sept-Oct 2018
  - Vote on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018



#### **LAFCo**

- LAFCo meeting and approval May 2018

#### Pre-election

- Candidates sign up
  - Statements
- Ballots (Elections Office)
   July-August 2018

## Questions/Thank you!