

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Meg Williamson, Interim Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Appointment of Council Ad Hoc Committee – Water Well Policy
DATE: December 7, 2004

Needs: For the City Council to appoint an ad hoc committee to assist in the preparation of policies related to private water well use.

Facts:

1. The City's Municipal Code provides for the issuance of private agricultural wells within the City limits.
2. Over the past year or more, there has been heightened awareness of ground water use within and around the City of Paso Robles.
3. The City Attorney has recently reviewed and updated the recommended terms and conditions for the issuance of private well permits.

**Analysis
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Conclusion:

It is desirable that the Council appoint an ad hoc committee to assist in the development of updated private well permit terms and conditions.

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Impact:**

None.

Options:

- a. Appoint a two member ad hoc committee to assist with the development of updated private well permit terms and conditions, and report back to Council by June 1, 2005; or
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.