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ADMINISTRATOR FOR SOUTH KERN & OLD RIVER MUTUAL WATER COMPANIES
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING SUMMARY
JULY 9, 2025 AT 5:30 PM

OVERVIEW

The community engagement meeting for the South Kern Mutual Water Company (SKMWC) and Old River Mutual Water Company (ORMWC) was held on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 5:30 PM at the South Kern MWC well site (9820 Par St., Bakersfield, CA 93311).

In-person attendees included Hamish Kellam, Kristen Bitsberger, and Ryan Jensen from Provost & Pritchard (P&P), along with three community residents.

Initially, there was one community attendee and a brief meeting was conducted. When the P&P team began packing up, two more residents arrived, and the team resumed the meeting in a small group format.
Topics discussed included:

- Upcoming Service Line Work:
  P&P informed residents about plans to bury a service line behind Los Amigos Market. Customers will be notified in advance with the date and time of the repairs.
- Potential City of Bakersfield Connection:
  P&P explained the concept of annexation, where the City of Bakersfield would assume responsibility for operating the water systems. This would include water service, billing and customer support, and system maintenance and repairs. If annexed, the South Kern and Old River water systems would become part of the City's infrastructure.
  P&P noted that these discussions are ongoing and are being addressed at Bakersfield City Council meetings. Updates will be shared with residents as planning continues.

The meeting concluded with the discussion wrapping up at approximately 6:30 PM.