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Summer seems to have lost its strangle hold on the weather and fall seems just around the corner. The showers around the district were needed and have slowed some of the irrigation down.

Water levels have dropped hard last month with varying measurements seen across the district. The levels had been tending to rebound when pumps were turned off, but some of that has stopped. Several areas were low enough that weak and shallow irrigation wells were sucking air. In many areas with irrigation we are now down to the lower levels of the aquifer. This means that there is less water available in each foot of drop so use it wisely.

We are seeing drops all across the district even in areas with out irrigation. These areas were seeing less drop in levels, but if you have a shallow well it may hurt you. Now is the time to check your wells for how well they produce if you are just on well water or thinking of going to well water. We do free water sampling once a year per well if you are in the district and using well water.

We are starting to put out automatic probes for water levels. It is hoped that these will allow us to gather better data plus save gas and man hours due to only reading them once or twice a year.

Sincerely  
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