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From: Klay, Jared
Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 2:22 PM
To: AHOUGEN@YAHOO.COM
Subject: Water Rights Notice of Claim 97-9772

Hey Andrea,

I am looking over your claim to a water right (97-9772) that you submitted a while back and had a question for you. For your priority date, which is meant to reflect when the beneficial use from your listed source began, you listed 2015, citing this is when you bought the property. I noticed your property has a year-built date of 1950 so you have the option to amend your claim to this earlier priority date (this essentially means your water right will have more seniority with the new priority date). Another reason I was reaching out about this is it seems your neighbor Andrew Scott is using the same well as you and he also filed a claim for his domestic use. According to the Mandatory Permit Statute, because both homes are within a subdivision, the claimant with the more junior date (which appears to be Andrew based solely on the year-built dates of your property) would need to file an application for permit rather than a notice of claim. It is a different process that still leads to a water right. If you could let me know if you're interested in amending your claim to that earlier priority date that would be great. Essentially, all this fancy talk means that one of you will need to file a different form for your water right and that will be whoever connected to the well after the other. Give me an email or call if you have any questions. Thanks!

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