

**Butte County Public Health Department  
Environmental Health Division**

# **Well Permit Summary**

**Quarter 1 (October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023) of Water Year 202**

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## Definitions

**Permits Issued** – Number of new water well permits issued as new construction. This excludes repairs, destructions, abandonments.

**Permits Finaled** – Number of water well permits that have been finaled (i.e. final construction completed and well is operational). This excludes repairs, destructions, abandonments.

**Small Diameter Wells** - A well with an eight-inch or smaller diameter well casing.

**Large Diameter Wells** - A well with larger than eight-inch diameter well casing.

**Repair** – Well repair; this includes but is not limited to casing replacement, re-lining or perforation.

**Deepening** – Well deepening; increasing the depth of an existing well.

**Well Destruction** – Well is destroyed (sealed off) by an approved method.

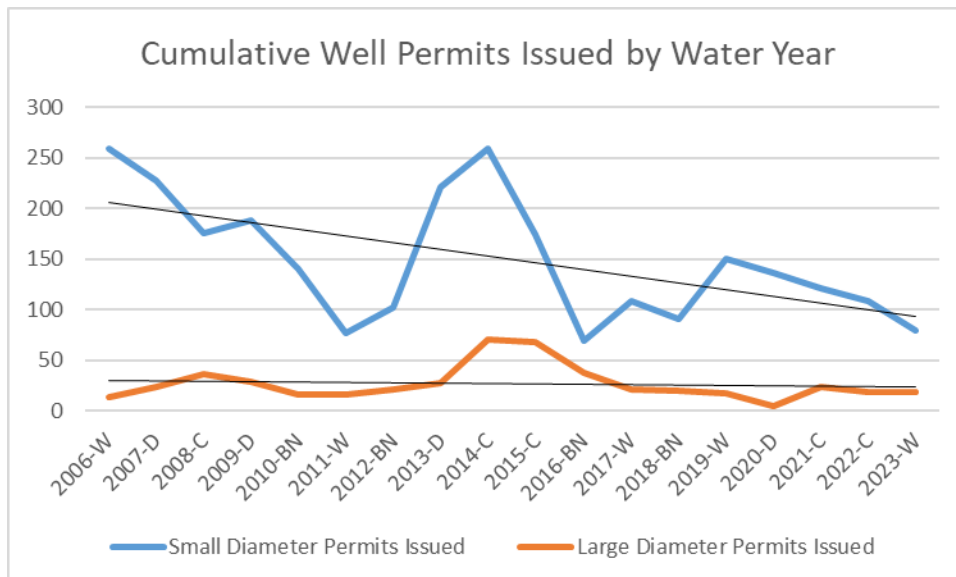
**Dry Well** – Well that is no longer producing water or has reduced production to a point where it can no longer sustain a residence (< 1 gpm).

**Water Year** - A water year is a 12-month period that extends from October 1st to September 30th. Water year can be classified into Wet (W), Above Normal (AN), Below Normal (BN), Dry (D) or Critical (C).

**Executive Order N-7-22** – Effective March 28, 2022 and impacting permits that have not been issued to date. Implements increased drought response and established requirements for water well permit reviews to include Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and ground water impact considerations prior to permit issuance.

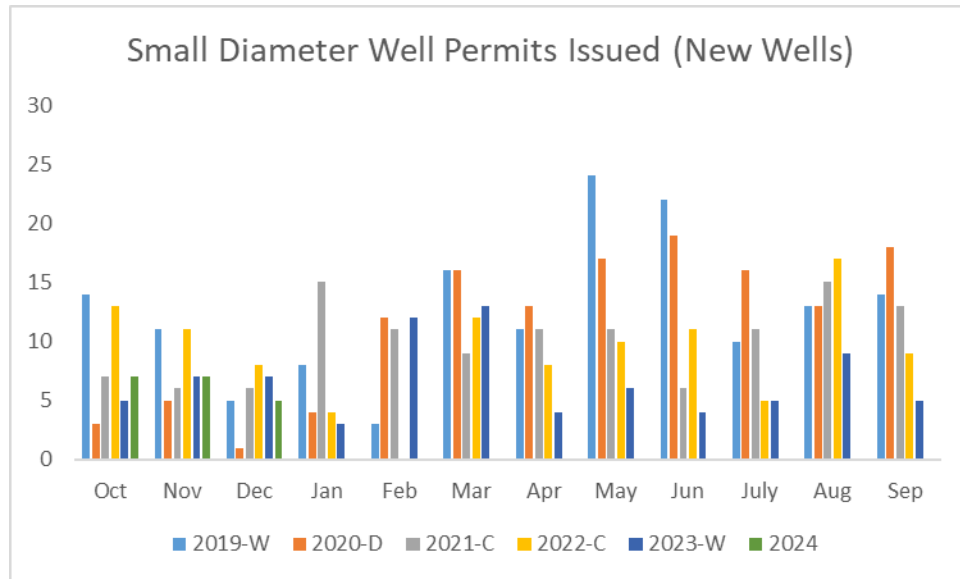
## Cumulative Well Permit Data

Cumulative (WY) Well Permits Issued		
Water Year	Small Diameter Permits Issued	Large Diameter Permits Issued
2006-W	260	14
2007-D	228	24
2008-C	176	36
2009-D	188	29
2010-BN	140	16
2011-W	77	16
2012-BN	102	21
2013-D	221	28
2014-C	259	71
2015-C	175	68
2016-BN	69	38
2017-W	109	21
2018-BN	91	20
2019-W	151	18
2020-D	137	5
2021-C	121	24
2022-C	108	19
2023-W	80	19
2024	19	2



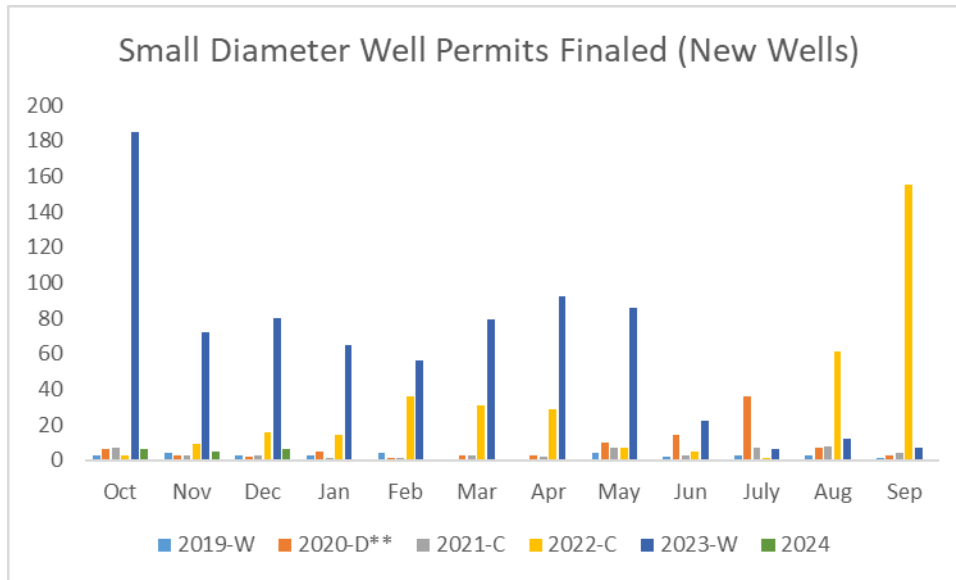
## Small Diameter Well Permit Data - Issued

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Total
2015-C	18	7	6	15	11	22	27	15	13	18	17	6	175
2016-BN	4	5	7	6	8	17	9	12	16	14	12	3	113
2017-W	7	7	5	2	8	19	19	17	17	5	2	1	109
2018-BN	6	3	2	3	6	4	10	13	12	10	13	9	91
2019-W	14	11	5	8	3	16	11	24	22	10	13	14	151
2020-D	3	5	1	4	12	16	13	17	19	16	13	18	137
2021-C	7	6	6	15	11	9	11	11	6	11	15	13	121
2022-C	13	11	8	4	0	12	8	10	11	5	17	9	108
2023-W	5	7	7	3	12	13	4	6	4	5	9	5	80
2024	7	7	5										19



## Small Diameter Well Permit Data - Finaled

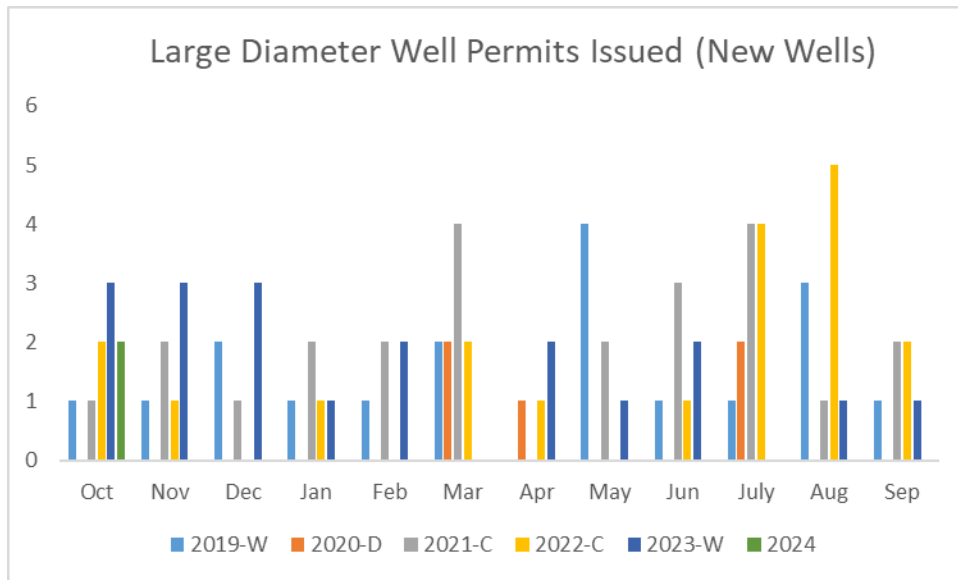
Water Year	Small Diameter Well Permits Finaled (New Wells)													Total
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep		
2016- BN	7	4	3	4	3	1	1	4	5	1	3	0	36	
2017- W	3	2	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	0	5	0	24	
2018- BN	1	4	3	1	1	4	2	4	6	1	5	3	35	
2019- W	3	4	3	3	4	0	0	4	2	3	3	1	30	
2020- D**	6	3	2	5	1	3	3	10	14	36	7	3	93	
2021- C	7	3	3	1	1	3	2	7	3	7	8	4	49	
2022- C	3	9	16	14	36	31	29	7	5	1	61	155	367	
2023- W	185	72	80	65	56	79	92	86	22	6	12	7	762	
2024	6	5	6										17	



\*\*Water Year 2020 and forward - Implemented improvements to the well permit process and working on backlog status updates.

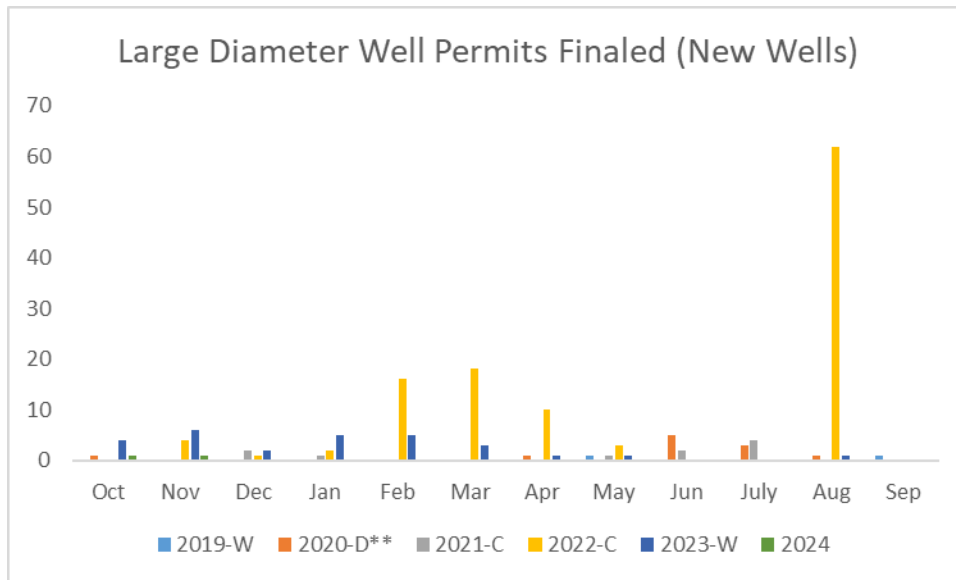
## Large Diameter Well Permit Data - Issued

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Total
2015-C	5	7	4	1	4	7	6	1	5	14	11	3	68
2016-BN	5	5	5	5	4	2	2	3	1	1	2	3	38
2017-W	1	0	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	0	5	0	21
2018-BN	1	3	0	0	0	3	1	2	1	4	2	3	20
2019-W	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	4	1	1	3	1	18
2020-D	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	5
2021-C	1	2	1	2	2	4	0	2	3	4	1	2	24
2022-C	2	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	4	5	2	19
2023-W	3	3	3	1	2	0	2	1	2	0	1	1	19
2024	2	0	0										2



## Large Diameter Well Permit Data – Finaled

Water Year	Large Diameter Well Permits Finaled (New Wells)												
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Total
2016-BN	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
2017-W	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
2018-BN	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	7
2019-W	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
2020-D**	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	3	1	0	11
2021-C	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	4	0	0	10
2022-C	0	4	1	2	16	18	10	3	0	0	62	0	116
2023-W	4	6	2	5	5	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	28
2024	1	1	0										2

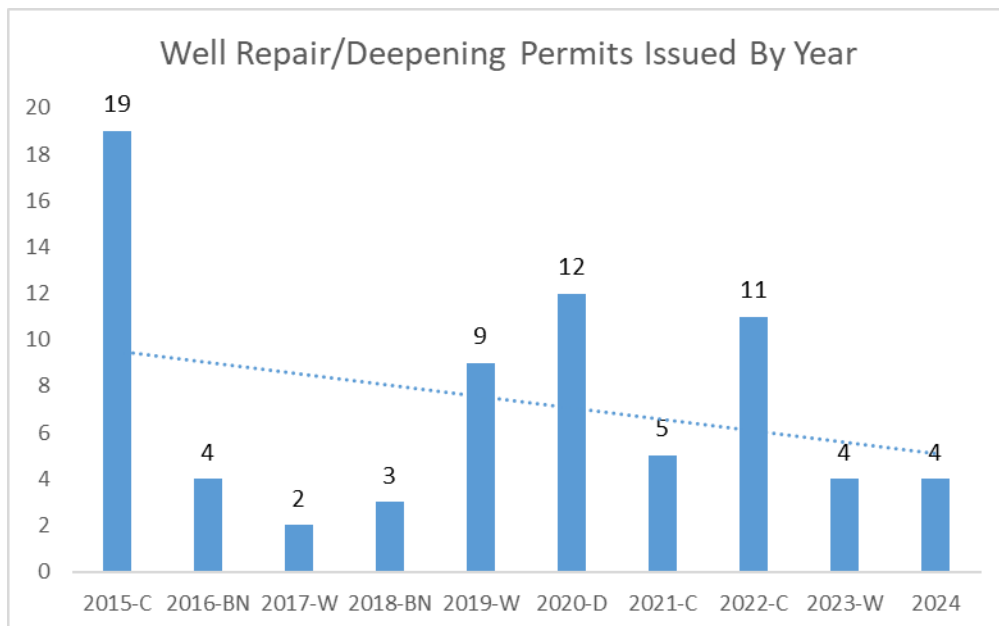
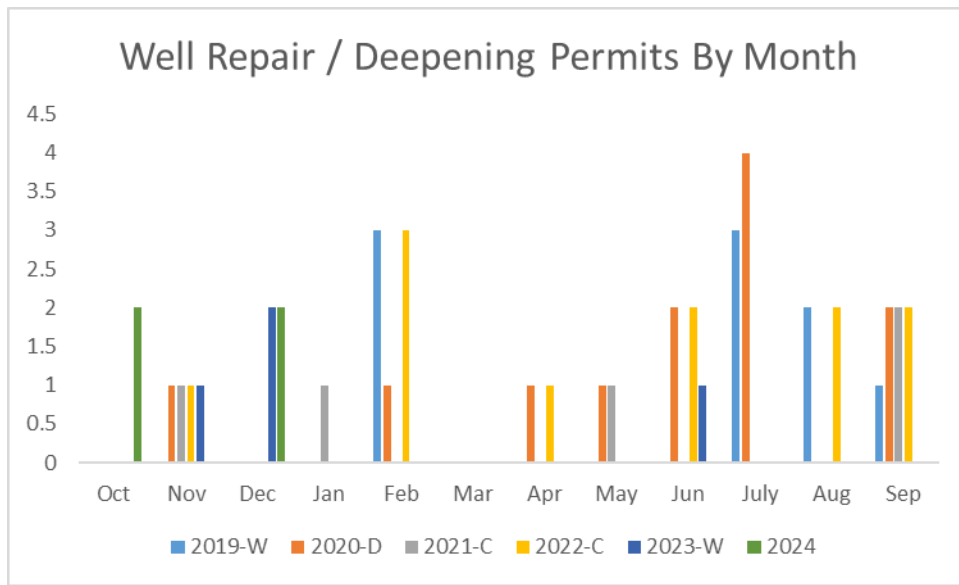


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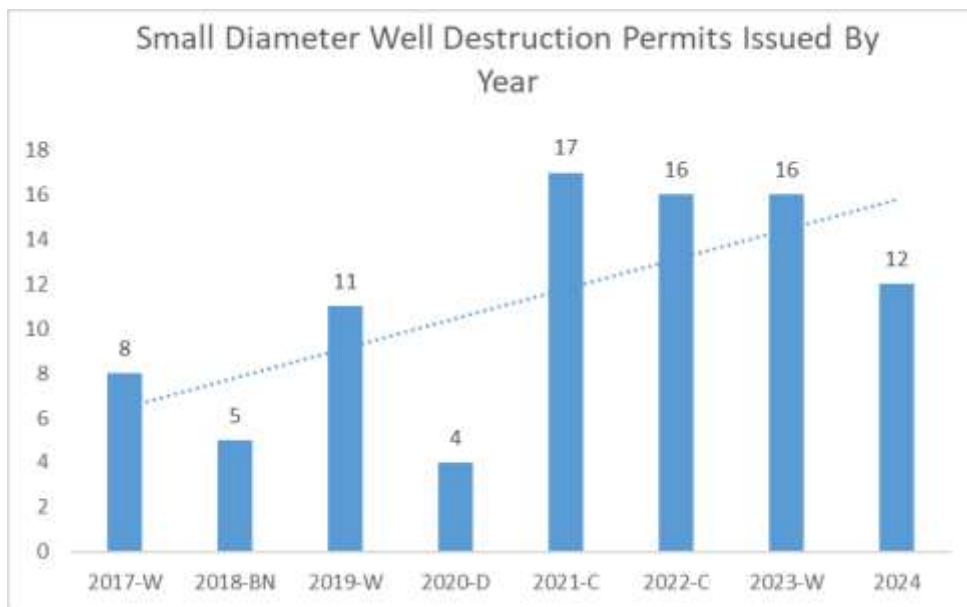
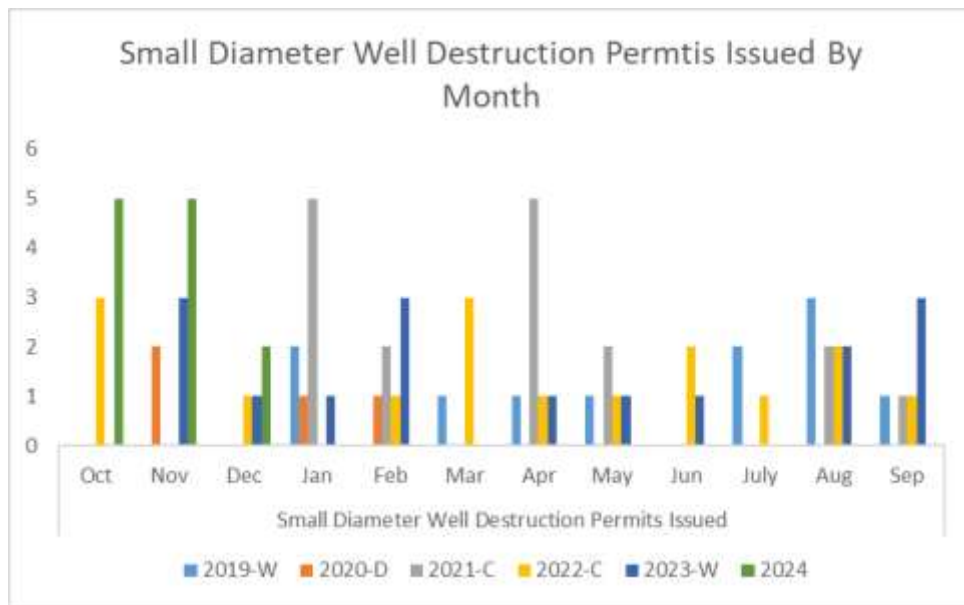
## Well Repair and Deepening Data

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Total
2015-C	1	0	1	0	1	3	2	1	1	3	4	2	19
2016-BN	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	4
2017-W	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
2018-BN	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
2019-W	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	2	9
2020-D	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	4	0	12
2021-C	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
2022-C	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	2	2	11
2023-W	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
2024	2	0	2										4



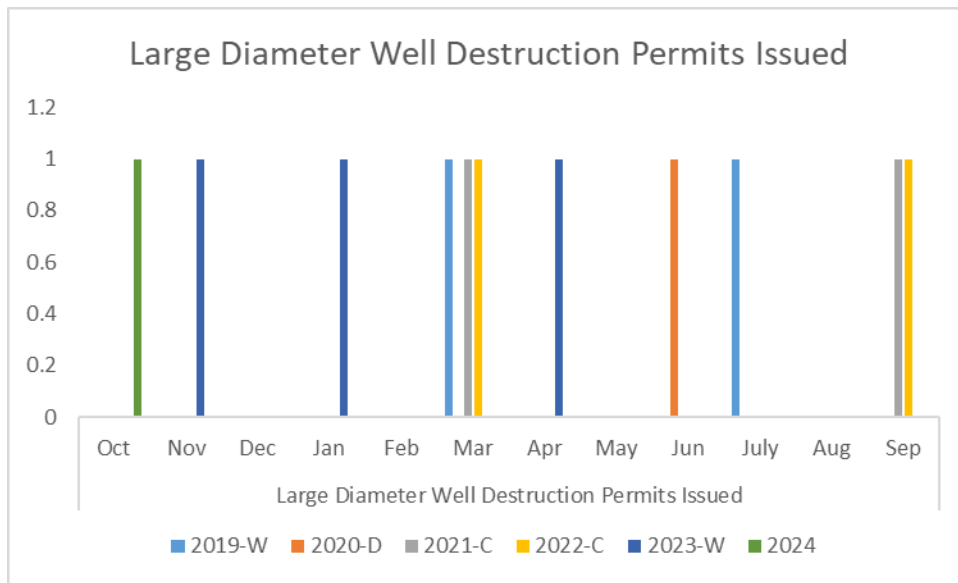
## Well Destruction Data – Small Diameter Wells

Water Year	Small Diameter Well Destruction Permits Issued												Total	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep		
2017-W	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	0	8
2018-BN	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5
2019-W	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	3	1	11
2020-D	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
2021-C	0	0	0	5	2	0	5	2	0	0	0	2	1	17
2022-C	3	0	1	0	1	3	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	16
2023-W	0	3	1	1	3	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	3	16
2024	5	5	2											12



## Well Destruction Data – Large Diameter Wells

Water Year	Large Diameter Well Destruction Permits Issued												Total
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	
2017-W	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
2018-BN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
2019-W	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
2020-D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
2021-C	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
2022-C	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
2023-W	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
2024	1	0	0										1



## Dry Well Data

Water Year	Dry Small Diameter Wells												Total	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep		
2021-C												11	7	18
2022-C	1	0		1	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	4	2	14
2023-W	2	2		0	0	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	12
2024	0	0		0										

Dry well data started being collected August 2021.

Water Year	Dry Large Diameter Wells												Total	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep		
2021-C												1	0	1
2022-C	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023-W	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	0	0		0										

Dry well data started being collected August 2021.

Dry Wells Reported to the Butte County Division of Environmental Health			
Water Year	Small Diameter wells ( 8" or smaller)	Diameter wells ( > 8")	Total
2021 (C)	18	1	19
2022 (C)	14	0	14
2023 (W)	12	0	12
2024	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>45</b>

Dry Well Reports to the Butte County Division of Environmental Health by Community						
	Water Year				Total	Average Depth of dry wells (feet)
	2021	2022	2023	2024		
Chico	15	5	3	0	23	109
Durham	4	6	1	0	11	--
Cohasset	1	0	1	0	2	121
Berry Creek	0	1	0	0	1	--
Oroville	0	1	3	0	4	95
Bangor	0	1	0	0	1	--
Forest Ranch	0	2	0	0	2	520
Palermo	0	1	0	0	1	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>	

## Executive Order N-7-22 Data

<b>Cumulative Number of Wells Under Executive Oder N-7-22</b>			
<b>By Subbasin</b>	<b>Small Diameter</b>	<b>Large Diameter</b>	<b>Totals</b>
BUTTE	0	20	20
VINA	4	10	14
WYANDOTTE	1	9	10
			<b>44</b>
<b>By GSA</b>	<b>Small Diameter</b>	<b>Large Diameter</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Biggs-West Gridley Water District	0	5	5
Butte County	0	5	5
Butte Water District	0	4	4
Richvale Irrigation District	0	2	2
Reclamation District No. 2106	0	2	2
Rock Creek Reclamation District	0	1	1
Vina	4	10	14
Western Canal	0	1	1
Wyandotte Creek	1	9	10
			<b>44</b>

