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For the first half of 2017 our attorneys and experts worked very hard preparing reports, conducting depositions of Aquifer Science and Office of the State Engineer witnesses. Our own experts were also deposed by Aquifer Science. Bernalillo County also conducted depositions and prepared reports. It was a very labor intensive period with a lot of information to absorb and analyze.

Deep Well Protest also conducted a community meeting on Sunday May 7, 2017 from 2:00 - 3:30 PM at the Vista Grande Community Center to discuss the status of the Aquifer Science/Campbell Ranch Appeal and provide general well and water related information for the East Mountain community residents.

Over 200 people came out to hear what was going on!

For those of you who were unable to attend, Phillip Rust (prust@bernco.gov), Bernalillo County Water Resource Specialist, gave a great presentation on the Bernalillo County Water Level Monitoring program, which is open to all Bernalillo County residents. If you have a well, we hope you'll consider signing up (<http://www.bernco.gov/public-works/water-level-monitoring-project.aspx>). The data from the program is critical to understanding the water levels in the Sandia Basin aquifer now and well into the future.

The Deep Well Protest group presented the 8 year timeline from the beginning of Aquifer Science's 1500 acre foot water application to the present.

Our NM Environmental Law Center attorneys then discussed in great detail the ups and downs of this long road, which has spanned over 17 years since Campbell first introduced its master plan for 4000 new homes on the east side of Hwy 14. A number of those who attended had great questions that we hope were adequately answered.

Many people think this case ended in 2014 when the NM State Engineer denied the Aquifer Science application, but Aquifer Science appealed the decision to District Court.

Bernalillo County, Deep Well Protest and others continue fighting to save our water and the trial will begin on MARCH 6, 2018.

The meeting was sponsored by North 14 Forum, Inc. / Deep Well Protest, a local grassroots organization that has retained the NM Environmental Law Center to oppose Aquifer Science.

Deep Well Protest relies entirely on donations to pay legal and experts costs.

Contributions made to the Deep Well Protest through our fiscal agent, the 501(c)3 North 14 Forum, are **tax deductible**. Checks should be **made out to** NORTH 14 FORUM/DEEP WELL PROTEST, and mailed to Deep Well Protest, PO Box 311, Sandia Park, NM 87047. Or donate on-line via PayPal at www.deepwellprotest.org.