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GROUNDWATER SINKING IN GALENA

UTILITY LAYS OUT PLANS TO COMBAT WELL DEPLETION

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At a place in south Reno where groundwater levels have dropped for decades and protracted drought has significantly worsened the situation, big changes are coming.

Washoe County's primary water provider, which this year took over the water system serving the Mount Rose-Galena fan area on the Mount Rose Highway, is proceeding with a near \$30 million plan that when completed should give a rest to overused groundwater supplies and help end a problem that has had water levels dropping and wells going dry for years.

"We need to proceed and move on this problem," said Mark Foree, general manager of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority. "It's time to start helping

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One plan to provide water to the Galena area is the construction of an \$8.2 million plant to treat surface water drawn from Thomas Creek, seen here in November, and Whites Creek in the upper Galena area. PEGGY SANTORO/RGJ