

## New property manager pledges to restore gas, hot water at Fresno's Summerset apartments

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The central Fresno apartment complex where residents have been without gas for heating or hot water for three weeks is now under the supervision of a property management company that pledges to restore gas service and correct a raft of city code violations.

The out-of-town owner of Summerset Village Apartments, Chris Henry of Santa Barbara, contracted with Regency Property Management to coordinate the repairs and renovations to the 220-unit complex at Fresno Street and Weldon Avenue.

Regency Property Management president Brad Hardie said Henry hired his company to take over the task of bringing in contractors to repair the main gas line into the complex and complete long-neglected renovations for most of the individual units.

“The specific timelines that (Hardie) is prepared to meet are much faster and much more aggressive than what we were hearing from the property owner just a few days ago,” Mayor Ashley Swearengin said at a news conference Thursday. “His commitment is to (complete) these gas line repairs no later than within the next two weeks.”