



# Nipomo Community Services District

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## Information on Taste and Odor in Water

With delivery of supplemental water, the District's water supply now has a mix of water including State water. The Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) recently notified State water recipients that non-harmful algae compounds recently entered the State Water Project's water supply. The following are some questions and answers regarding the recent taste and odor:

### Why does my water smell and/or taste "bad"?

Algae compounds have recently entered into the State Water Project water supply. Nipomo now receives State water so customers are experiencing a different taste and odor.

### What are "algae compounds"?

The algae compounds are identified as Methyl Isoborneol and Geosmin which give off a musty or dirty taste and odor to water.

### Is the water safe?

The algae compounds do not affect safety of water for consumption. The District tests our water daily to ensure safety for use and drinking.

### What is the State doing to address the algae?

The CCWA is adjusting its method of treatment to reduce the concentration of algae in the State Water Project's water supply.

### How long will it last?

The State has informed water purveyors that this is a temporary issue though no timeframe has been given.

### What can I do to minimize the musty taste in the time being?

Customers may consider chilling and/or adding citrus to their water.

For further questions, contact the District office at 805 929-1133 or [info@ncsd.ca.gov](mailto:info@ncsd.ca.gov).