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Our Website Has Resources for You

CONSERVATION TIPS

The District's website provides tips on how to reduce water use at home. Visit www.ncsd.ca.gov and click on the "Conservation" quick link in the upper right of the home page.

SIGN UP FOR NEWS AND ALERTS

Sign up on our website to receive meeting, news, and emergency notifications from the District.

YOU CAN ALSO CALL OR EMAIL ANY TIME

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, we want to hear from you. Feel free to contact us at info@ncsd.ca.gov or at 805-929-1133.

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Tell Us What You Think

Please let us know how we are doing so we can serve you better.

Take the survey online at
www.ncsd.ca.gov

Paper copies are available at the District office.

Survey open until December 15, 2016.

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Important Information from Nipomo Community Services District ... Issue 16

Nearing the Finish Line

Plans to complete Final Phases of the Nipomo Supplemental Water Project

In September staff presented the design and construction cost estimates for the final phases of the Nipomo Supplemental Water Project ("NSWP") to the District's Board of Directors. The NSWP connects the City of Santa Maria's water system with NCS D's. The completion of the NSWP will fulfill NCS D's obligation to build pipes and pumps to bring import water onto the Nipomo Mesa. Thanks to the first deliveries of water in July 2015 the NSWP is now bolstering water security and reliability for the residents and commercial enterprises of Nipomo as well as others who rely on the underlying groundwater basin for their water supply.

The finish line is in sight. Two projects estimated at \$4.8 million are left to fund and construct from the original \$33.7 million dollar NSWP project list. The final projected cost of the NSWP is 10% less than the estimated cost of the project. Once the last two phases are completed the District will have the ability to bring the Court-ordered 2,500 acre feet per year ("AFY") of import water onto the Mesa. The District has a financial plan and a target date of 2022 to secure the project funding needs. Conservatively, the final two projects would take 16 to 20 months to construct. By 2025, NCS D is contractually obligated to start taking or paying for a minimum of 2,500 AFY from the City of Santa Maria – an achievable goal. However, if the groundwater basin remains at historically critical levels, NCS D may need to compress this schedule.

Pictured below is the NSWP's Joshua Road Pump Station Reservoir which is nearing completion.



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District Meeting Community Demands

Water Reclamation Facility Receives Much-Needed Work

In November the Board awarded a construction contract to Cushman Contracting Corporation in the amount of \$185,865 for the rehabilitation of the Blacklake Water Reclamation Facility headworks. The headworks is the first stage of the treatment process. The project involves the rehabilitation of existing facilities and will not increase capacity. Construction is scheduled to begin in January 2017 with completion in March 2017.



The Blacklake Wastewater Collection, Treatment and Reclamation system was initially constructed in 1984 and expanded thereafter by private developers to serve the Blacklake Specific Plan Area. The system was initially operated by the County of San Luis Obispo. The District annexed the Area and assumed operation of the sewer system in 1993. Today the system includes the treatment and reclamation facility, approximately 7-miles of collection piping and three sewer lift-stations. The treated plant effluent is delivered to the golf course for blending and irrigation. Due to the age of the system, staff identified some needed repairs. One of the high priority areas is the headworks of the treatment facility.

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Rate Study

In October the District's Board of Directors awarded a contract for a water rate study to Clayton Tuckfield and Associates (Tuckfield & Associates).

The rate study will be conducted over the next several months and include a number of public meetings. Rate studies are conducted to assess the current and projected financial 'fitness' of the District's various independent funds. In this case, the water fund, which all District water customers support through rates, will be evaluated.

Watch for more information in the coming months on how you can be involved.



Cook.



Eat.



Dispose.

Holiday fats, oils and grease clog pipes. Dispose of in the trash.



A Look Ahead at Upcoming Projects

Knollwood Well Repair



In November the Board authorized a contract for repair of the Knollwood Well. The well has been offline since October due to pump and motor failure. Repair of this well is critical since it is used to help maintain distribution system water quality. Repairs are scheduled to be completed in January 2017.

Palms Lift Station Rehabilitation



The District is planning rehabilitation of the Palms Lift Station which services single and multi-family residential and some commercial wastewater (sewer) needs. The lift station is over 30 years old and the most active in the District's system. It is nearing the end of its useful life and needs to be replaced to ensure station reliability. The Board is scheduled to review Requests for Proposals at a January meeting.

Branch Street Water Main Repairs

The District is planning to make water system upgrades in the Branch Street area of Olde Towne Nipomo. The existing water main has reached its useful life and these upgrades will help prevent water main failures which could lead to water service interruptions. Affected customers were notified in September of the upcoming project. Bid documents are expected to be completed Spring 2017 with construction beginning late 2017.

Steady Conservation Overall

The District's conservation efforts are steady overall. In October the District produced 95 acre feet or about 31 Million gallons of water to meet customer demand. This equates to a 30.6% reduction in overall production compared to October 2013.

Thanks to the arrival of supplemental water in July 2015, groundwater pumping during October was 46.9% lower than the 5-year average for October!

The District is close to meeting its 50% reduction goal set when the Board declared Stage IV water shortage conditions in July. The Board is scheduled to review pumping levels at a January meeting. If the 50% groundwater reduction goal is not met, the Board may decide to implement some or all Stage IV conservation measures. Keep up the good work!

For more conservation information and tips, visit the District's website at www.ncsd.ca.gov or Facebook and Twitter at NipomoCSD.

Shut Off Irrigation for the Next Few Months

Cooler temperatures and moisture in the air mean less water is needed for your landscape. Shutting off outdoor irrigation through spring will:

- ... Help conserve our precious water resources
- ... Save some money on your water bill
- ... Protect landscapes from overwatering