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### **Board Declares Stage IV Water Shortage Conditions**

At its July 27<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting, District Board of Directors declared a Stage IV Water Shortage in accordance with its Water Shortage Response and Management Plan (WSRMP). The Board directed staff to continue enforcing Stage III actions of the WSRMP, but not impose additional Stage IV possible actions until further review of the community's conservation efforts at a January 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

The Water Shortage Response and Management Plan is based on five escalating stages of drought. In Stages III through V, there are targeted reductions in water use designed to protect long-term groundwater supplies. Stage IV represents Severe Water Shortage Conditions and sets a goal of reducing District-wide water use by 50%.

Thanks to customers' conservation efforts and the arrival of supplemental water last July, the District has seen a 46% reduction in groundwater pumping to date. With the current reduction rate, the Board is confident the District, through the communities continued conservation effort, can achieve the 50% reduction goal thus holding off further action.

General Manager Mario Iglesias stated, "The Board's pathway through five years of drought was clearly laid out to the public at today's Board Meeting when it declared a Stage IV water shortage condition. With the conservation objective of a 50% reduction in groundwater pumping nearly met, the Board did not impose optional actions to increase conservation efforts at this time. Taking measured steps to meet needs as they arise is a common sense approach and one the Board chose in this instance."

The District's WSRMP is designed to manage water supplies during the current drought. Supplemental water supplies are part of a long-term solution to balance water supply and demand and sustain groundwater basin health.

The District is working with neighboring water agencies and County agencies to coordinate conservation efforts across the Nipomo Mesa.

For more information about the drought, conservation programs and other water related issues, please contact the Nipomo Community Services District at 929-1133, [info@ncsd.ca.gov](mailto:info@ncsd.ca.gov), or visit [www.ncsd.ca.gov](http://www.ncsd.ca.gov).

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