

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: MARIO IGLESIAS
GENERAL MANAGER
DATE: October 21, 2016

**AGENDA ITEM
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OCTOBER 26, 2016**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM

Standing report to your Honorable Board -- *Period covered by this report is September 24, 2016 through October 21, 2016.*

DISTRICT BUSINESS

Administrative

The District encourages residents to provide reports of any observed water waste. Staff follows up each report with phone calls and written notice to customers when warranted.

Office Activities

	<u>Sept-16</u>	<u>Jul/Sept-16</u>
Reports of water waste followed up on	1	2
Leak Adjustments	2	6
Leak Adjustment Amount	\$82	\$1,988

Water Resources

1) Total Production (AF)

	<u>Sep-16</u>	<u>Year to date July-Sept</u>
Groundwater Production	113.9	373.1
Supplemental Water Imported	<u>70.7</u>	<u>211.6</u>
Total Production	<u>184.6</u>	<u>584.7</u>

In September 2016, NCSD imported 70.7 AF of water. For the three months, July through September, the District imported 211.6 AF of supplemental water. NCSD is 10 AF over the minimum scheduled take of 201 AF for this time period. For Fiscal Year 2017, NCSD is obligated to take or pay for a minimum of 800 AF from the City of Santa Maria ("CSM"). To import this amount of water, NCSD must average 66.7 AF per month from CSM.

2) Production vs. State Reduction Target for 2016 (AF)

	Year-to-Date July-Sept	
Sept-16 Production	184.6	584.7
Sept-13 Production	<u>264.0</u>	<u>820.8</u>
Reduction	<u>-79.4</u>	<u>-236.1</u>
Percentage Reduction	30.1%	28.8%
State Reduction Mandate	<u>28.0%</u>	<u>28.0%</u>
Difference in Percent Reduction vs. Targeted Reduction	<u>2.1%</u>	<u>0.8%</u>

For September 2016, the community met the month-to-month State-mandated reduction. The cumulative State-mandated reduction was also met; 28.8% reduced consumption from 2013 consumption levels.

The District's State-mandated reduction goal is currently 28% month to month and cumulative based on a comparison of Calendar Year 2013 water demand. The State has allowed water purveyors to self-certify their level of water conservation based on a three year projection of available water. NCSD provided the State with the necessary application to comply with the self-certification program, concluding that 24% water conservation efforts were more in-line with the available water supply. As of September, the State has not processed the District's application. The District will continue to target 28% reduction levels until the State processes our application.

3) Production versus NMMA Reduction Target for the Period

	Sep-16	July-Sept
Total GW Production (Annual Running Average)	113.9	373.1
Average GW Production for 2009-2013	<u>264.7</u>	<u>840.6</u>
Reduction	<u>-150.8</u>	<u>-467.5</u>
GW Reduction Percentage	57.0%	55.6%
Target Reduction per NMMA	<u>50.0%</u>	<u>50.0%</u>
Difference in Percent Reduction vs. Targeted Reduction	<u>7.0%</u>	<u>5.6%</u>

Table 3 does not include the 33.3% purveyor credit. Refer to Table 4 for the calculated groundwater pumping reduction NCSD claims for this time period.

4) NCSW GW Reduction

(NCSW GW Well Production adding Purveyor Credit)

	Sept-16	July-Sept
NCSW GW Well Production	113.9	373.1
Purveyor Customer Credit (33.3% of Import Water)	<u>23.6</u>	<u>70.5</u>
NCSW Total Calculated GW Production	137.5	443.6
Average GW Production for 2009-2013	<u>264.7</u>	<u>840.6</u>
NCSW Percentage of GW Reduction	48.1%	47.2%

The District's purveyor customers, GSWC and WMWC, each claim 16.66% (cumulatively 33.33%) of the imported water NCSW brings onto the basin through the NSWSP. Of the 800 AF planned to be imported from CSM, 266.6 acft will be credited to these two customers. This amount must be added to the District's groundwater pumping total to reflect the groundwater pumped by these customers in-lieu of taking wet water from the District.

The District reduced groundwater pumping by 48% for the month of September. Cumulative groundwater pumping for the first three months of fiscal year 2017 was 47%. July's reduction was 45.9%, August was 47.8% and with September's conservation level reaching 48.1%, a clear trend leading towards the conservation objective of 50% groundwater reduction visible. It is anticipated that by January 2017, as the addition of increased import water through the Supplemental Water Project continues, the community's groundwater dependency will be limited to 50% of demand.

Rainfall Gauge

Rainfall Summary (Reported in inches)	Nipomo East (Dana Hills Reservoirs)	Nipomo South (Southland Plant)
September 2016 Total	0.00	0.00
July-2016 through September-2016 (Seasonal Total)	0.00	0.00
Average Year	18	16

The rainfall gauge readings are from San Luis Obispo County's two rain gauges in the NCSW area.

Safety Program

- No accidents or incidents to report.

Public Outreach

- The following Public Outreach Program materials are attached:
 - A summary of recent outreach and education activities
 - District related outreach, advertising and news coverage
 - Press release log
 - Social media traffic summary and website statistics

Other Items and News of Interest

1. Letter to GSWC, WMWC, and SLO County recommending they take actions to institute a water service connection moratorium.[Attachment B]
2. 6 New Water Laws [Attachment C]

Supplemental Water Capacity Accounting

The District is not currently accepting applications for new water service. No change from the previous report.

Supplemental Water Available for Allocation	500 AFY
Supplemental Water Reserved (Will Serve Letter Issued)	-5.8 AFY
Subtotal Net Supplemental Water Available for Allocation	494.2 AFY
Supplemental Water Assigned (Intent-to-Serve Issued)	-206.3 AFY
Total Remaining Supplemental Water Available for Allocation	287.9 AFY

NOTE: 206.3 AFY of water reservations represents approximately \$3.2 million in potential Supplemental Water Capacity Charges.

Connection Report

NCS D Water and Sewer Connections	JUL-16	AUG-16	SEP-16
Water Connections (Total)	4350	4353	4363
Sewer Connections (Total)	3137	3139	3149
Sewer Connections off (Vacant)	8	8	7
New Water Connections	0	3	10
New Sewer Connection	0	2	10
Galaxy & PSHH at Orchard and Division Sewer Connections billed to the County	468	468	468

Meetings (September 24 through October 21)

Meetings Attended (telephonically or in person):

- *Sept 27, Public Information Program Director*
- *Sept 28, Todd Amspoker – Special Counsel*
- *Sept 28, Rotary*
- *Sept 28, Dana Adobe – USDA Review*
- *Sept 29, Monthly Administrative Staff*
- *Sept 29, NMMA – Conf.*
- *Sept 30, NCSO Org Assessment Presentation*
- *Sept 30, General Counsel Seitz*
- *Sept 30, Document Clean-up (admin/corp yard)*
- *Oct 4, Public Information Program Director*
- *Oct 5, Rotary*
- *Oct 5, Groundwater Eval. & Management Seminar*
- *Oct 5, City of Santa Maria – Mr. Sweet*
- *Oct 5, IRWMMG*
- *Oct 5, Rotary Committee*
- *Oct 6, Rate Study Consultant*
- *Oct 7, SLO County Planning – S. Oakglen Constraints*
- *Oct 11, Public Information Program Director*
- *Oct 12, Rotary*
- *Oct 12, Sanitation Agencies Managers' Association (SAMA)*
- *Oct 12, Management Team*
- *Oct 13, Vacation Day*
- *Oct 14, Vacation Day*
- *Oct 17, WaterSmart – Customer Engagement Software*
- *Oct 17, 2016 Audit Review*
- *Oct 17, Board Officers*
- *Oct 18, Public Information Program Director*
- *Oct 18, NMMA/NCMA Managers*
- *Oct 19, Rotary*
- *Oct 19, CSD Managers*
- *Oct 20, NMMA Purveyor Managers*
- *Oct 20, Management Team*
- *Oct 21, NMMA – TG*
- *Oct 21, Board Member Site Review – JRPS Reservoir*

Meetings Scheduled (October 24 through October 30):

- *Oct 24, WaterSmart – Customer Engagement Software*
- *Oct 25, Public Information Program Director*
- *Oct 26, Rotary*
- *Oct 26, Regular Board Meeting*
- *Oct 27, Chamber of Commerce*
- *Oct 27, Management Team*
- *Oct 28, Blacklake Facilities Committee*
- *Oct 28, General Counsel Seitz*

Water Resource Meetings

- *NMMA-TG: October 21st @ 10:00 AM, NCSD Office(next meeting not yet scheduled)*
- *RWMG: November 2nd @ 10:00 AM, SLO Library*
- *WRAC: November 2nd @ 1:30 PM, SLO Library*

RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks direction and input from your Honorable Board

ATTACHMENTS

- A. NCSD Outreach Summary
- B. NCSD Letter to GSWC, WMWC, SLO County
- C. 6 New Water Laws

October 26, 2016

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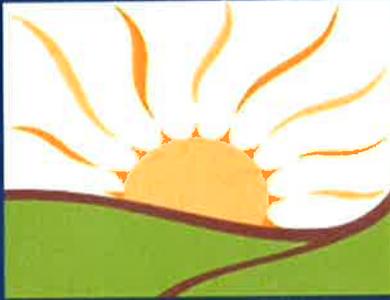
ATTACHMENT A

**NCS D Outreach Summary
October 2016**

Date Started	Outreach	Description	Status	Date Completed
* 9/26/2016	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	9/26/2016
* 9/26/2016	Ad	Conservation ad in 9/30 Adobe	Complete	9/26/2016
* 6/29/2016	Customer Survey	Customer Satisfaction Survey; Closes 12/15/16	Complete	9/28/2016
8/8/2016	Branch Street Mainline Replacement	Coordination of questionnaires for customers affected by upcoming mainline replacement	Complete	9/30/2016
* 10/3/2016	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	10/3/2016
10/3/2016	Chamber Newsletter	Conservation ad for Chamber of Commerce October newsletter	Complete	10/3/2016
* 9/22/2016	Bill Stuffer	Bill Stuffer for Oct/Nov Bills announcing customer satisfaction survey	Complete	10/5/2016
* 10/10/2016	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	10/10/2016
* 10/10/2016	Ad	Conservation ad in 10/14 Adobe	Complete	10/10/2016
* 10/11/2016	District E-newsletter	October E-newsletter	Complete	10/13/2016
10/13/2016	Community Outreach	District presence/networking at New Tech High School Political Salon Night	Complete	10/13/2016
* 10/15/2016	Community Outreach	District booth at Octoberfest event 10/15	Complete	10/15/2016
* 9/20/2016	Adopt-a-Highway	NCS D logo on Cal Trans Adopt-a-Highway sign	Complete	10/17/2016
* 10/17/2016	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	10/17/2016
9/23/2016	Social Media	Content posting	Complete	10/20/2016
9/23/2016	Website Updates	Home page; minutes; packets; newsletter, articles, survey; etc	Complete	10/20/2016
2/2/2016	Blacklake Outreach	Outreach plan for Blacklake Master Plan	In Progress	
10/20/2016	Manager's Column	Article for Manager's Column in Adobe Press, pub date 10/28	In Progress	

Jessica Matson

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Nipomo Community Services District

Julia's Juice Bar grew out of healing

Contributing writer

You might say Julia's Juice Bar came about organically.

First, there were the unexpected job losses and a vehicle accident. There was the loss of a home and truck, the move to rural property and the rediscovery of gardening skills, and finally, a serious ailment which led to a search for healing foods.

"We lost everything," said Julia Gomez, founder and co-owner of the juice bar.

Her husband, Javier Magaña, began tinkering with growing a few vegetables at their new place in Huama Valley while he recovered from his injuries.

"It started as a hobby, growing something fun for us," Gomez said.

Magaña, quick with a laugh, is known more commonly among the farmers market crowd as "Suave Jefe." He's still baffled about the path that led him from a youth spent on a Mexican farm, to U.S. kitchens, and back to farming.

"When I was little, I hated it. I'd go with my father to take care of our cows or the corn. I'd scream that I wanted to go home. Now, I really love it. It's my passion," Magaña said.

While Gomez worked printing presses, Magaña spent 25 years working in kitchens before he and

his wife partnered in a landscaping business for another decade. He began selling fruit at farmers markets out of farms in Fresno, but lost his job after a major traffic accident on the freeway.

They were down and certainly out when they landed in Huama, where the property owner allowed Magaña to begin exploring a little gardening, intended initially to provide fresh fruits and vegetables for the family.

"I started growing my tomatoes and my lettuce. I thought, 'This is nice! I like it!' So I started farming that way, without sprays, with a lot of work by hand," Magaña said. Doctors discovered Magaña had a liver problem, and in an effort to help him heal, Gomez began juicing a variety of home-grown produce.

"A year later, I went for a check-up and the liver problem had disappeared. The doctor said, 'Whatever you're doing, keep doing it because you're fine.' That's when I decided to start farming, growing good stuff for people. If it could change my life, we could do that for other people," Magaña said.

His own medical issues, which included regular back spasms, also improved.

So Red Farm Farm was born. Rotated crops have included red and golden beets, carrots, turnips,



PETER ELIEN PHOTOS, CONTRIBUTOR

With her husband, Javier Magaña, Julia Gomez grows her own produce to juice for herself, her family, farmers markets and, for the past two years, their storefront in Grover Beach. They are the one-stop-shop for single-source, farm-to-table juice products here on the Central Coast.

radishes, red Russian, supreme and dino kale, spinach, cilantro, parsley, spring lettuce, raw garlic, peas and tomatoes.

A visit with family in Illinois provided Gomez a stark contrast between fresh-picked fruit and fruit picked green for packaging and travel.

"It's a huge difference in flavor.

"We see these people who come in, cancer survivors, people in chemo, and when I see these people coming, and they say 'thank you,' yes, it's well worth it. That's the reason we keep going." - Julia Gomez, founder and co-owner of the juice bar

They had these beautiful peaches with no flavor. It was like eating cardboard. I hold my sister. 'There are the ones we throw away in California.' They think it's delicious. We are very spoiled," Gomez said.

Using produce grown by Magaña and local farming friends, Gomez juices blends of fruit and vegetables harvested no more than a day prior to sale.

"I really like the way things come out, the combinations we make. I fall in love with everything," Gomez said.

About five years ago, Gomez and Magaña began hawkling their wares at Vandenberg's farmers market. Today, they sell at markets as far north as Trimpston and Cambria.

A constant stream of regular customers asked regularly where their store was.

"They were disappointed we didn't have a storefront, plus it was a lot of hassle to use other people's (commercial) kitchens, so it made sense to build our own place. Once we had the kitchen, we figured we might as well open

to the public," Gomez said. On Aug. 8, 2014, they opened the door to Julia's Juices, 960 W. Grand Ave. in Grover Beach.

"The fact that we grow all of our own produce sets our business apart. Everything we put in our juices we pick the same day, or the day before. We never have anything old or frozen. It makes a huge difference in flavor, color and taste," Gomez said.

They supplement their own product with fruits and vegetables from farmers throughout the Central Coast, with tropicals sourced fresh from out of the area.

"I like to do whatever's in season at the moment. We make it up as we go along," Gomez said.

One of her personal favorites is a carrot-pineapple blend, followed closely by a tropical kale-kivi-pear blend featuring "Kiwi Bob" Griswold's Mallard Lake Ranch & Kiwi Farm in Nilpomo.

"People love the way we do our juices because it's always a different flavor. People look forward to whatever's in season," she said.



LEW WOOD, STAFF
A plane dumps fire retardant Friday on the Oak Canyon fire, the third fire that has ignited at Vandenberg Air Force Base recently.

All three Vandenberg fires 100 percent contained

Blasts scorched nearly 13,000 acres on North, South Base

STAFF REPORT

Three fires that charred nearly 13,000 acres on Vandenberg Air Force Base are 100 percent contained, base officials announced Saturday evening, but hot spots are expected to continue smoldering in the burned area for several days.

Full containment of the Canyon, Washington and Oak Canyon fires was announced just before 7 p.m. Saturday by base officials, who noted firefighters will continue to conduct mop-up operations on the fires that burned on North and South

Vandenberg. The Canyon fire, which broke out Saturday, Sept. 17, in a remote canyon on South Base, was finally halted at 12,518 acres.

So far, officials have not pinpointed an exact cause, but the fire led to base officials to postpone a satellite launch and indirectly led to the death of a Ventura County fireman.

Ryan Oiler was killed and firefighter Adam Price was injured when the water truck they were in overturned Wednesday as they were heading to the fire.

Although the fire did not pose an immediate threat to the base's launch complexes, officials postponed the launch of an Atlas 5 rocket planned for Sept. 18. Base officials said the Wash-

ington fire, which was believed to be caused by a downed power line Thursday afternoon on North Base, was contained at 215 acres, base officials said.

The Oak Canyon fire, which started early Friday afternoon north of the Lompoc Correctional Complex, was contained at about 30 acres, base officials said.

Employees returning to work on the base Monday were being advised to remain on sidewalks and paved roads and stay out of burned areas, where hot spots and unstable ground pose a danger.

This report was compiled by Associate Editor Mike Hodgson. He can be reached at mhodgson@teecentralcoastnews.com.

AT THE FARMERS MARKET Farmers market takes a break, will return Oct. 9

Well, let's get the bad news out of the way first. There will not be a farmers market this weekend. Instead there is going to be great big car show out at Trilogi, and they want all the parking spaces for that event.

We've spent the last couple of weeks informing our customers about this and hopefully they all got the message. We will be returning on Oct. 9 at the usual time and place.

For me a little break from the farmers market will give me more time in the field. October is the month in which I plant my garlic crop for next year. So a little extra time to work in the field will be appreciated. I'm also thinking about expanding my winter vegetable selection, so again the extra time will be nice to have. Under normal circumstances I prefer not to lose a market day, but I'll put the time to use.

I've spent some of that time looking at the 2015 Organic Survey conducted by the US Department of Agriculture. The organic sector is growing by leaps and bounds. Sales increased by 13 percent between 2014 and 2013, from \$5.5 billion to \$6.2 billion. The population of the country is growing only at the rate of 2 percent a year. I think we can safely say there is demand for organic foods.

Locally, we do not see as much organic produce at the farmers markets as I would like. Most of the organic acreage in northern Santa Barbara county

and southern San Luis Obispo county is under the control of large corporate farms. These operations tend to sell their produce in the wholesale market places. And those who do participate in farmers market tend to drive to Los Angeles and do the markets down there. Me, I like the slower pace up here, and have no intention of going elsewhere.

So when we come back on the 9th what will you see? Well Robert says that he will be coming back for a couple of weeks before the fruits run out. This last week there were grapes, peaches, and nectarines. Be sure to stock up while you can. The figs are also starting to taper off, and will be gone by the middle of the month. The watermelons were also missing last week, but that was just an apparition, they will be back this week.

Meanwhile the cantaloupes are a melon that is still in season, and going strong. There is a large selection of greens, from lettuce, to spinach, and chard. The nightshade family is very well represented by several different tomato varieties, peppers, and eggplant. If you need citrus we have lemons, limes, and oranges to pick from.

So take a break this week, but be sure to reschedule the Nipomo Farmers Market starting Oct. 9. We are as always, located in the parking lot at Monarch Dunes, and are open between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Come on down.

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2016 Customer Satisfaction Survey



**Thank you for participating in the survey. Your feedback is important to us.
This survey is open until December 15th and results will be published early 2017.**

* 1. I have either contacted or interacted with a Water/Wastewater employee in the last 12 months?

- Yes
- No

* 2. Please rate the overall job you think the District is doing.

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

* 3. How would you rate the District's efforts in making sure we have the water supply we need?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

* 4. Would you like to continue the survey?

- Yes
- No

**Online link to survey:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016NCSD**

2016 Customer Satisfaction Survey



5. If you contacted the District in the last 12 months, what was it about?

- Billing
- Water Quality
- Development
- Conservation
- I did not contact the District within the last 12 months

Other (please specify)

6. Were you satisfied with the outcome?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Somewhat unsatisfied
- Unsatisfied

7. How concerned are you about each of the following problems in the Nipomo community today?

	Very serious problem	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not a serious problem
Having water for present and future needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Growth and development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contamination of drinking water by salt water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. Looking ahead to the next ten years or so, would you say the NCSD service area is likely to face:

- Severe water shortages
- Some water shortages but not severe
- There is enough water available to avoid shortages

2016 Customer Satisfaction Survey



9. Most of the water for our community is pumped from underground water basins called aquifers. How much have you seen or heard about these underground aquifers being depleted by overuse?

- A great deal
- Some
- Only a little
- Not at all

10. Do you believe the District is working effectively to provide a reliable, long-term water supply to the community?

- A great deal
- Some
- Only a little
- Not at all

11. Are you aware that you pay a supplemental water charge to pay for the new water supply?

- Yes
- No

12. Are you aware installing pipes to bring in additional water will increase rates?

- Yes
- No

13. Please rate the quality of your home tap water.

- Excellent
- Acceptable
- Fair
- Poor
- Concerning

2016 Customer Satisfaction Survey



14. Does your household have or use filtered or bottled water?

- Yes
 No

If yes, why?

(convenience, taste/odor, health/safety, cold water, other)

15. NCSD does a good job setting fair water rates.

- Strongly agree
 Somewhat agree
 Somewhat disagree
 Strongly disagree

16. How would you rate us when it comes to giving customers the tips and tools they need to use water more efficiently?



Why do you rate us at that level?

(enough or not enough messaging, know or don't know where to get information, other)

17. Compared to previous years, would you say you cut your water use:

- More this year
 About the same this year
 Less this year

18. How should the District encourage more water conservation?

- More education (ads, articles, banners, etc.)
 Develop drought rates for people who use excessive amounts of water
 More community involvement (events, conservation workshops, etc.)
 Other (please specify)

2016 Customer Satisfaction Survey



19. Please rate the overall quality and safety of wastewater (sewer) services provided by NCSD.

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- I don't know

20. Are you confident in the District's ability to provide utility services after an emergency?

- Yes
- No

21. Do you believe NCSD controls growth and development in Nipomo?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

22. NCSD keeps me well-informed about water and wastewater (sewer) issues and the drought.

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly Disagree

23. What is your preferred method for receiving District communications?

- Newspaper
- Direct Mail
- Email
- Bill (bill stuffer)
- Other (please specify)

2016 Customer Satisfaction Survey



24. I believe that my water services are provided at a reasonable cost.

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

25. NCSD wastewater (sewer) service is a good value.

- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

26. Please provide any comments/suggestions so we may improve your level of satisfaction with our services.

27. If you would like to receive important information from the District via email, please provide your email address.

28. If you would like to be contacted by the District regarding your comments/suggestions, please provide your name, phone number and/or email address.

Name

Phone Number

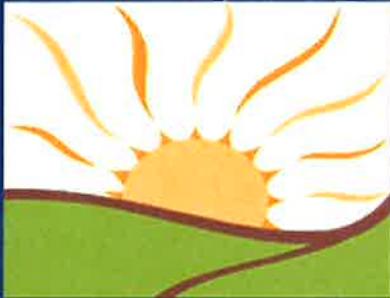
Email Address

Thank you for participating in the survey.

**You may return this to the office, drop it in the drop box outside,
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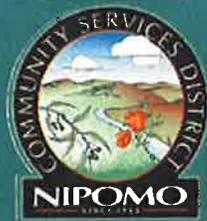
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Online Survey link:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016NCSD

**Paper copies of the survey are
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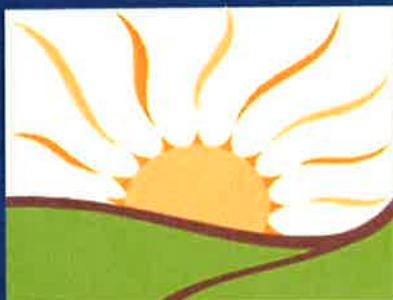


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Adventure Passes no longer valid at some campgrounds

Adventure Passes will no longer be valid at seven campgrounds in the Santa Lucia Ranger District as well as 13 sites in the Santa Barbara Ranger District of the Los Padres National Forest after the operations of those facilities is turned over to a private company. However, 50-percent discounts will be available to Interagency Access and Senior Pass holders at single-family sites, and a new cost structure will be posted to the Los Padres National Forest website.

Adventure Passes also will not be valid at 32 other sites throughout the Los Padres Forest once the company takes over, a U.S. Forest Service spokesman said. There was no indication of when that transition will take place. Forest officials plan to issue a special use permit to

Parks Management Co. to operate and maintain a total of 53 government-owned recreation facilities on all five of the Los Padres ranger districts. Campgrounds that will be affected in the Santa Lucia District include Cerro Alto, Davy Brown, Figueroa, Nira, La Panza, Turkey Flat and Navajo Flat as well as its off-highway vehicle staging area. In the Santa Barbara

Ranger District, affected campgrounds will be Fremont, Los Prietos, Paradise, Sage Hill Group and Upper Oso. Day use areas affected in the Santa Barbara District are Falls, First Crossing, Live Oak, Lower Oso, Red Rock, Sandstone and White Rock as well as the Red Rock Trailhead. For more information, visit the Los Padres website at www.fs.usda.gov/lpf.

Phillips 66

from A1

Several hundred people

spoke during the previous public hearing on the project, with most of those voicing opposition to the plans, citing potential risks

associated with hauling crude oil via tank. Fees centered on details. R's expected Phillips 66 will appeal the Planning

Commission's decision to the Board of Supervisors. April Charlton writes for Lee Central Coast Newspapers.

Gnos

from A1

Community Foundation Executive Director Rick Cohen said the foundation has done a variety of public outreach during the past, always asking community members what's missing in Avila Beach that could make their lives even better.

"What we heard every time is that we're really lacking public art," Cohen said.

Artists were given a choice of several locations and surfaces from which to choose for their proposal, and Gnos, who likes big when it comes to painting, selected the lifeguard towers on either side of the pier.

"It's something I have always, always wanted to do since I moved back to the area," she said about being commissioned for a public art project.

"I had ideas about a life-size sculpture with a diver," Gnos added. "My mind is all



PHILIP KLEIN, CONTRIBUTOR

Shell Beach artist Colleen Gnos explains how her newest project, a series of 26 aluminum panels that she's transforming into life-size murals depicting the old and new Avila Beach, will line up when the panels are complete and attached to the lifeguard towers on either side of Avila Beach Pier.

ways churning. I think I'm a good choice. My family connection to it, and I do have a lot of personal history there. I get a little choked up."

Gnos' husband, Che Miller, crafted giant easels for his wife to place the panels on so they are easier to paint. He also cut all of the aluminum, rounded the edges of the panels and will install all the pieces when Gnos is finished painting them. "I wouldn't be able to do

any of this without him," she said. "He's done the troubleshooting for that portion (of the project)."

When completed, Gnos' murals will showcase a historical tapestry from Avila's past, including a fishing village spilling over with abundance and local myrtle beds on Tower 1, as well its future as a scenic eco-tourist destination on Tower 2, bridging the gap between the old and new Avila Beach.

She's drawing on her childhood memories of Avila Beach for the murals, which will include town icons such as the Custom

House, Buster Blue the bird, Avila Grocery and the old schoolhouse, as well as information she has learned about the town through her own research for the project.

"I could write a thesis on the history of Avila," Gnos said. "I had no idea."

The process of selecting an artist for the public art project, which comes with a \$20,000 price tag, was very competitive, and Gnos was chosen from a field of six to seven finalists that were narrowed down from 15 applicants, Cohen said.

"We left it to their imagination what they wanted to apply for," Cohen said. "Colleen was the only artist who chose the lifeguard towers. She nailed it on all threads."

Because the Community Foundation is small and only has limited funding, Cohen said the organization is relying on the success of Gnos' work and this first project to generate interest for donations for future public art in Avila Beach.

The project was co-sponsored by Chevron, Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and the Sara Horne Art Fund.

Voting

from A1

In San Luis Obispo County, call the elections office at 781-5080 or visit <http://elk.slocounty.ca.gov/pollingplace/>.

Key races

Key races in northern Santa Barbara County include the following, as well as the candidates running for the respective offices and their heret set against two challengers, Tony Ramirez and Martin Margala.

Voters in the county's third supervisorial district, which includes the Santa Ynez Valley, will choose between Joan Hartmann and Bruce Porter to represent them on the Board of Supervisors for the next four years in the run-off race.

In Santa Maria, voters will choose between incumbent Mayor Alice Patino and challenger Will Smith to lead the council, while voting for two individuals among a field of six candidates to fill two, four-year seats on the City Council. Those candidates include incumbent Councilwoman Theri Zampag and challengers Hector Sanchez, Michael Mosts, John Childers, Jr., Ed Hernandez and Mike Cordero.

Lompoc voters will also vote for a mayor, with incumbent Mayor Bob Ling seeking to retain his seat against challengers John Linn, who formerly served as mayor from 2010 to 2014.

There are three individuals running for two open seats on the City Council, including incumbent Councilman DeWayne Holmdahl and James Kinby, who was appointed to his seat in December 2014, and political newcomer Jenelle Osborne. Voters in Lompoc will cast ballots for three members to sit on the Lompoc Uni-

ted School District Board of Education. Incumbent board member Henry Gallina will face challengers Richard King, Jeff Czuchovsky and Rick (Dick) Barrett in the election.

Guadalupe Mayor John Lizalde is running unopposed so there will be no election for mayor in the city; however, voters will cast ballots for two open four-year seats on the City Council. Incumbent Gina Rubalcaba will look to retain her seat against two challengers, Tony Ramirez and Martin Margala.

Voters will also cast ballots for three representatives from a field of four candidates for three, four-year open seats on the Santa Maria-Bonita School District. The candidates include incumbents Linda Cordero, John Hollinshead and Jo Ann Oliver, who are being challenged by Raymond Acosta.

On the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District of Education, there are two open seats and four candidates looking to fill those. Incumbents Jack Garvin and Amy Lopez are being challenged by Gabriel Morales and Rosa Ballesteros.

In neighboring San Luis Obispo County, voters in that area's third supervisorial district will decide whether to re-elect incumbent 3rd District Supervisor Adam Hill or elect challenger Dan Carpenter.

Voters in both counties will also cast ballots in the 24th Congressional District race between political newcomer Justin Fareed and current Santa Barbara County Supervisor Sakit Carbay.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4, and the last day to register to vote for the upcoming election is Monday, Oct. 24.

Are You Content?

The Bible words we translate into English as "content" or "contentment" mean "to be sufficient, to be enough for a thing, to be satisfied or sufficient within oneself." I don't see an awful lot of contentment out and about these days, do you? Frankly, I am often a stranger to the thing myself. Our economy, to a large degree, is based on our discontent. Ads encourage us to feel less than whole without this or that new car, food or pill.

I can't remember an ad that said, "Just relax, breathe, you don't need a thing. All you have in this moment is enough." The Bible is full of just that advice from long ago believers who somehow by the power of the Holy Spirit, learned that all they needed, they already had. If you are feeling restless, join us as we learn the lessons of contentment. I'm Eugenia Gamble. I'm the pastor and I'd love to meet you.

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Finish Line in Sight

A message from the General Manager



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We want to hear from you! [Tell us](#) how we are doing so we can better serve you.

The survey is anonymous and will be open until December 15th with results published early 2017. Paper copies are also available at the District office.

September Conservation Update

The District's conservation efforts remain steady and meet the State's mandated 28% reduction.

In September, the District produced 185 acre feet or about 60 Million gallons of water to meet customer demand. This equates to a 30% reduction in overall production compared to September 2013. Additionally, thanks to the arrival of supplemental water in July 2015, groundwater pumping during September was 48.1% lower than the 5-year

average for September!

With the [Board's declaration](#) of Stage IV water shortage conditions in July, the District continues to encourage customers to conserve as they have. There are no specific mandated restrictions added to Stage III requirements. The Board directed staff to keep [Stage III conservation measures](#) in place (see below) until further review of pumping levels at a January 2017 Regular Board meeting. If the 50% groundwater reduction goal is not met, the Board may decide to implement Stage IV conservation measures.

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With the continued drought and lack of rain, conservation remains very important. As always, [saving water saves money!](#)



The District will have a booth at the [Nipomo Oktoberfest](#) on Saturday, October 15th. Come by and visit us and pick up some free conservation items!

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District Receives Special Acknowledgement

In September, the District received the "President's Special Acknowledgement Award" from the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) to formally acknowledge

the dedicated efforts of the District towards proactive loss prevention and workplace safety.

The Award is to recognize members with no "paid" worker's compensations claims during the **five consecutive program years**.

In addition to this recognition, the District earned Credit Incentive Points reducing the annual contribution amount.

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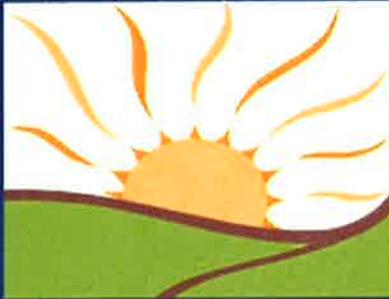
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Nipomo Chamber receives grant funds for solid waste removal

Contributed Oct 5, 2016

At its Sept. 14 regular meeting the Nipomo Community Services District board of directors awarded the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce grant funds in the amount of \$1,980 for continued solid waste removal with the Cal Trans Adopt-a-Highway program.

The Nipomo Chamber requested the grant funds to continue cleanup along Highway 101 one mile north of the Santa Maria Bridge and one mile south of Tefft Street. The grant will fund the program for 12 months.

Chamber Executive Director, Amber Wilson, stated "the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce has been working with the NCSD for over three years now to partner in the removal of solid waste from the streets of our community. The NCSD's generous grant has created a considerable difference in the beautification of our town."

The board agreed these were funds well spent, producing multilayered community benefit.

For more information please contact the Nipomo Community Services District at 929-1133, info@ncsd.ca.gov or visit www.ncsd.ca.gov.

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INSIDE THE NCSD

Finish line in sight for supplemental water project

Updated Sep 28, 2016

The mission of the Nipomo Community Services District is to provide its customers with reliable, quality, and cost-effective services now and in the future.

At the Sept. 14 Nipomo Community Services District ("NCSD") Board Meeting, staff presented the design and construction cost estimates for the final phases of the Nipomo Supplemental Water Project ("NSWP").

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The NSWP and the security that comes with it, comes at a price. Some may claim the cost is too high and not all who benefit are paying their fair share. But in these years of drought and unpredictable weather patterns, the community's investment in itself is paying dividends.

In 1997, the Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation Agency filed a lawsuit against the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin water users. For nearly 20 years and millions of dollars in litigation costs, representatives from the many individuals and communities on the Nipomo Mesa named in the lawsuit sought a balance between actions and arguments. As a result, the NCSD is nearing the completion of an action that was extensively debated – a physical solution to the water problem.

The finish line is in sight. Two projects estimated at \$4 million are all that is left to fund and construct from the \$33.7 million dollar NSWP project list. The final 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, NCSD 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, NCSD may need to compress this schedule.

The residents of Nipomo have demonstrated their resolve by meeting the challenges of our current water shortage condition. Residents know this is not the last drought California will experience.

Water conservation practices help sustain the water we have today. Courageous planning for future water needs is critical. The communities on the Nipomo Mesa argued constructively in the Courts and NCSD has taken action to build the NSWP – a solution that secures a reliable water supply to the Nipomo Mesa. As perfect or imperfect the NSWP is in resolving our water woes – sentiments ranging from folly to fortuitous – I believe a mild sense of relief will begin to overtake the community as it reflects on its achievement and utilizes the dividends that flow from the NSWP.

Great job Nipomo!

Mario Iglesias is the General Manager for NCSD.

Currents



The life of a Mexico City rain harvester, in 17 photos



Six frequently-asked questions about state election laws



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Arroyo Grande moving forward with new water restrictions



BY KAYTLYN LESLIE
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More water restrictions seem to be on the way for Arroyo Grande residents — but likely not until sometime next year.

The Arroyo Grande City Council drafted a new set of “triggers” for water shortage emergencies at its meeting Tuesday night that would require residents to conserve an additional 5 percent more water than their current targets, as well as instate a building moratorium and other restrictions. The restrictions would be triggered by low lake levels, groundwater levels or other disruptions in the city’s water supply.

The drafted restrictions and triggers will have to come back before the council at a later meeting for final approval.

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The city has been in a declared phase 1 water shortage emergency since May 2015. Under that emergency, all city residents were required to reduce their water consumption by a certain percentage depending on historic water use, or face fines. Offenders were

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a city staff report.

Even as residents have conserved more, water levels at both Lopez Lake and in the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin have continued to fall, prompting citywide concerns about the future of the water supply. Some estimates have said the city has enough water to adequately supply its demand for the next three years, while others say the situation is more dire.

As of Thursday, Lopez Lake was only 23.5 percent full, with 11,595 acre-feet of water (one acre-foot is equal to 325,851 gallons, or enough to generally supply one household for a year).



This is how dry Lopez Lake has gotten this summer

Take a look around Lopez Lake, and it's clear why the boat launch ramp was closed. As of Monday, July 25, 2016, the Arroyo Grande lake was 26.5 percent full.

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At its meeting Tuesday night, the City Council voted 3-2, with Mayor Jim Hill and Councilman Tim Brown dissenting, to add new triggers to the existing phase 1 water shortage emergency that would essentially create a sub-phase with additional water-use restrictions.

“Tonight, we are talking about short-term,” Councilman Jim Guthrie said. “What we are talking about tonight are measures to get us through a drought. There is a separate discussion that could be had about the long-term implications of whatever the new reality is.”

The new water restrictions would be:

- A required 5 percent increase in water conservation for all residents.
- A building moratorium that would allow processing of existing project applications but not the issuance of building permits unless the project has already been deemed complete or been issued a vesting map.
- A prohibition on private vehicle washing.
- A reduction in overall irrigation of city-owned non-sports field turf areas to 25 percent of the 2015 use.

These restrictions would be instated if one of three things happen: if local water deliveries are interrupted in some way; if Lopez Lake water levels are at or below 10,000 acre-feet; or if well water level readings in the basin are below the deep-well index trigger level of 7.5 feet plus the Lopez water supply falls by 20 percent or indications of sea water intrusion are detected.

City staff said Tuesday night that the city could theoretically reach the 10,000-foot trigger by January.

Hill and Brown voted against the motion because they supported instating the additional restrictions immediately, and not waiting for the proposed triggers.

“I don’t think there is any benefit in waiting to the 10,000-foot trigger,” Brown said. “It’s inevitable. We’re going to get there in January. We should start now.”

Hill additionally called the triggers the “fatal flaw” in Tuesday night’s discussions.

“I don’t know that triggers that’ll kick the can down the road would necessarily make much sense,” he said.

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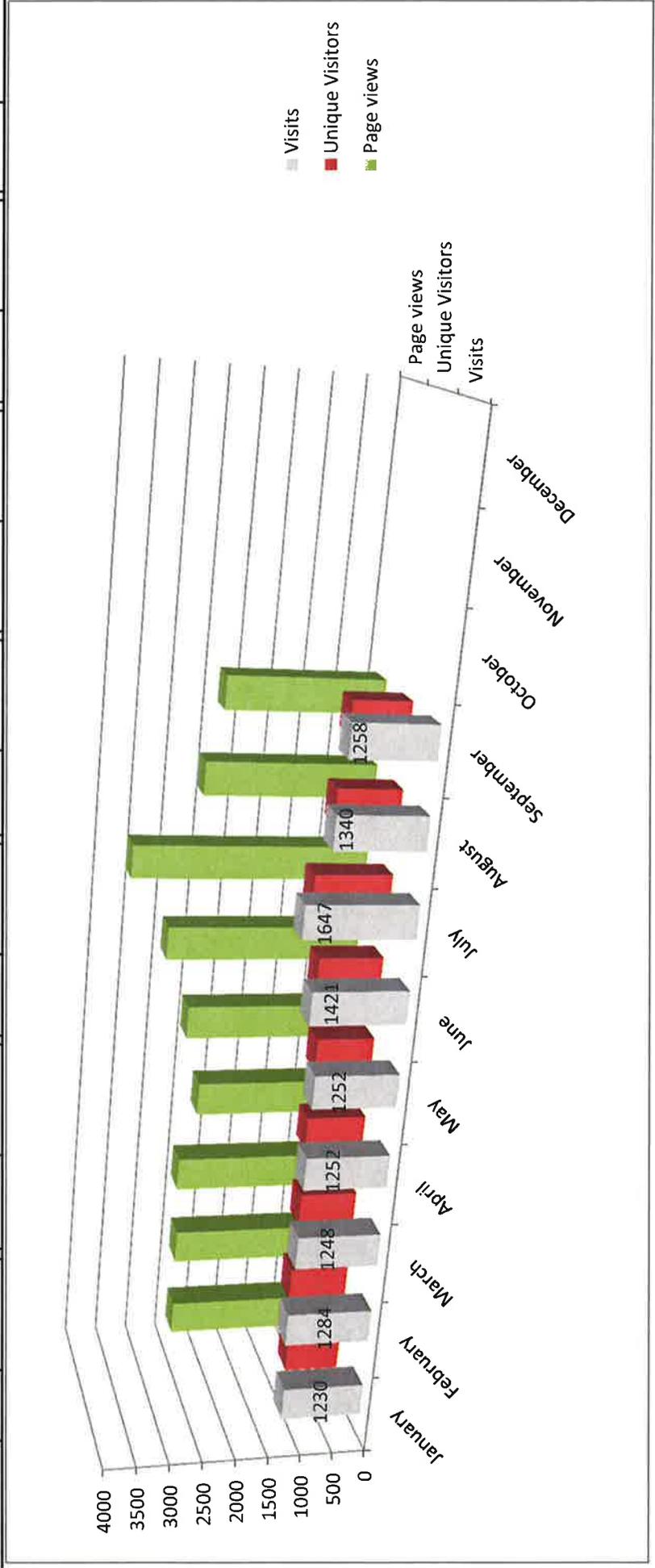
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2016 Website Traffic Summary

Week	Visits	Unique Visitors	Pageviews	Pages/Visit	Avg. Visit Duration	Bounce Rate	% New Visits	Highest Traffic Day	Significant Actions During the Week Possibly Contributing to Traffic
11/30/15 - 12/6/15	326	247	584	1.79	0:01:16	62.58%	52.76%	Fri 12/4	
12/7/15 - 12/13/15	268	214	510	1.9	0:01:35	58.96%	54.48%	Thu 12/10	
12/14/15 - 12/20/15	308	250	752	2.44	0:01:32	68.18%	58.44%	Thu 12/17	
12/21/15 - 12/27/15	207	179	341	1.65	0:01:23	73.91%	65.70%	Mon 12/21	Low due to holiday
12/28/15 - 1/3/16	178	150	325	1.83	0:01:32	62.36%	66.29%	Tue 12/29	Low due to holiday
1/4/16 - 1/10/16	302	232	580	1.92	0:01:36	60.26%	55.63%	Tue 1/5	
1/11/16 - 1/17/16	264	202	526	1.99	0:01:21	57.95%	56.44%	Wed 1/13	
1/18/16 - 1/24/16	309	228	587	1.9	0:01:42	54.37%	49.19%	Mon 1/19	
1/25/16 - 1/31/16	304	231	650	2.14	0:01:25	56.25%	55.26%	Mon 1/25	
2/1/16 - 2/7/16	321	255	592	1.84	0:01:15	60.44%	58.88%	Fri 2/5	
2/8/16 - 2/14/16	297	228	604	2.03	0:01:23	54.21%	56.90%	Wed 2/10	
2/15/16 - 2/21/16	272	204	485	1.78	0:01:30	58.46%	54.04%	Fri 2/19	
2/22/16 - 2/28/16	323	253	622	1.93	0:01:13	56.97%	59.44%	Thu 2/25	
2/29/16 - 3/6/16	355	272	698	1.97	0:01:28	54.65%	54.37%	Mon 2/29	
3/7/16 - 3/13/16	311	242	604	1.94	0:01:24	56.91%	56.91%	Fri 3/11	
3/14/16 - 3/20/16	270	210	499	1.85	0:01:22	65.19%	59.26%	Tue 3/15	
3/21/16 - 3/27/16	234	176	429	1.83	0:01:33	61.11%	53.42%	Wed 3/23	
3/28/16 - 4/3/16	221	170	564	2.55	0:01:21	57.92%	56.11%	Thu 3/31	
4/4/16 - 4/10/16	304	239	559	1.84	0:01:35	58.88%	56.91%	Tue 4/5	
4/11/16 - 4/17/16	315	244	595	1.89	0:01:31	59.37%	60.95%	Tue 4/12	
4/18/16 - 4/24/16	305	242	515	1.69	0:00:59	63.28%	59.67%	Fri 4/22	
4/25/16 - 5/1/16	276	216	530	1.92	0:01:46	61.23%	60.51%	Mon 4/25	
5/2/16 - 5/8/16	275	208	541	1.97	0:01:59	57.09%	54.55%	Wed 5/4	
5/9/16 - 5/15/16	276	208	584	2.12	0:01:37	51.45%	60.51%	Tue 5/10	
5/16/16 - 5/22/16	322	244	696	2.16	0:01:33	54.04%	54.97%	Thu 5/19	
5/23/16 - 5/29/16	262	208	519	1.98	0:01:03	54.20%	57.25%	Mon 5/23	
5/30/16 - 6/5/16	357	299	662	1.85	0:01:38	59.10%	63.31%	Fri 6/3	
6/6/16 - 6/12/16	325	250	742	2.28	0:02:55	58.77%	56.31%	Tue 6/7	
6/13/16 - 6/19/16	333	245	751	2.26	0:02:23	55.56%	50.15%	Fri 6/17	
6/20/16 - 6/26/16	312	231	553	1.77	0:01:23	59.94%	55.45%	Thu 6/23	
6/27/16 - 7/3/16	402	321	886	2.2	0:01:30	38.06%	68.66%	Sun 7/3	NMIMA announcement

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2016	Visits	Chg from Prev Mo	Unique Visitors	Chg from Prev Mo	Page views	Chg from Prev Mo	Pages/ Visit	Chg from Prev Mo	Avg. Visit Duration	Chg from Prev Mo	Bounce Rate	Chg from Prev Mo	% New Visits	Chg from Prev Mo
January	1230		836		2426		1.97		0:01:31		57.48%		54.96%	
February	1284	4.39%	902	7.89%	2457	1.28%	1.91	-3.05%	0:01:20	-12.09%	57.09%	-0.68%	56.93%	3.58%
March	1248	-2.80%	871	-3.44%	2518	2.48%	2.02	5.76%	0:01:28	10.00%	59.21%	3.71%	56.25%	-1.19%
April	1252	0.32%	891	2.30%	2292	-8.98%	1.83	-9.41%	0:01:26	-2.27%	60.54%	2.25%	59.27%	5.37%
May	1252	0.00%	868	-2.58%	2556	11.52%	2.04	11.48%	0:01:30	4.65%	54.15%	-10.56%	57.67%	-2.70%
June	1421	13.50%	971	11.87%	2959	15.77%	2.08	1.96%	0:02:09	43.33%	57.99%	7.09%	55.31%	-4.09%
July	1647	15.90%	1167	20.19%	3588	21.26%	2.18	4.81%	0:01:56	-10.08%	49.61%	-14.45%	60.66%	9.67%
August	1340	-18.64%	965	-17.31%	2589	-27.84%	1.93	-11.47%	0:01:41	-12.93%	59.55%	20.04%	59.33%	-2.19%
September	1258	-6.12%	878	-9.02%	2379	-8.11%	1.89	-2.07%	0:01:27	-13.86%	58.11%	-2.42%	57.71%	-2.73%
October														
November														
December														



2016 Facebook Summary

Week	New Users	Comment Likes	Comment Shares	User Posts	*Content Views	Most Popular Post
7/22/16 - 8/4/16 (14 days)	0	3	0	0	265	Today the District's Board declared a Stage IV Water Shortage in accordance with it's Water Shortage Response and Management Plan. www.ncsd.ca.gov (166 views)
8/5/16 - 9/8/16 (35 days)	3	4	0	1	676	#waterwisewednesday #saveourwater (96 views)
9/9/16 - 9/22/16 (14 days)	2	1	0	1	270	This year's Creek Cleanup day for the #Nipomo area will take place Saturday, the 17th! https://creekday.org/ (55 views)
9/23/16 - 10/20/16 (28 days)	4	1	0	0	554	Central Coast New Tech High students were impressive at tonight's Political Salon. There are some future community leaders out there. Thank you for inviting us! (97 views)

2016 Facebook Summary

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2016 Twitter Summary

TWITTER

Week	List Growth (Followers)	Re-tweets (shared)	Mentions/Favorites (comments)	Link Visits (visits to links)	Content Views (Impressions)	Average Views/Day (Impressions)	Most Popular Post
4/8/16 - 4/21/16 (14 days)	3	5	3	4	1,300	93	Agenda and Board Packet for the April 13th Regular Board Meeting has been posted on the District's website.... http://fb.me/4BVQxFYau (188 views)
4/22/16 - 5/5/16 (14 days)	1	6	7	5	1,700	121	#Nipomo CSD Board Moves Forward with Completion of #Blacklake Sewer Master Plan. http://www.ncsd.ca.gov http://fb.me/11lhtxkf7 (232 views)
5/6/16 - 5/19/16 (14 days)	6	1	1	8	1,800	129	Agenda and Packet for the May 11th Regular Board Meeting has been posted on the District's website. http://ncsd.ca.gov (83 views)
5/20/16 - 6/2/16 (14 days)	2	0	0	2	1,700	121	Public Hearing for the #Nipomo CSD 2015 Urban Water Management Plan begins at 9 AM this morning. Presentation is... http://fb.me/4DAHCr93P (88 views)
6/3/16 - 6/16/16 (14 days)	4	2	4	0	1,600	114	Proper watering makes #conservation sense! Only water when necessary. #drought #savewater #savewatersavemoney http://fb.me/Dp4gUbqo (164 views)
6/17/16 - 7/1/16 (15 days)	2	0	4	1	1,700	113	The #Nipomo Supplemental Water Project received @ASCETweets #WaterProjectoftheYear and overall #ProjectoftheYear! pic.twitter.com/7IPsUQPOcY (120 views)

2016 Twitter Summary

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Week	List Growth (Followers)	Re-tweets (shared)	Mentions/Favorites (comments)	Link Visits (visits to links)	Content Views (Impressions)	Average Views/Day (Impressions)	Most Popular Post
7/2/16 - 7/21/16 (21 days)	6	1	3	2	3,200	152	To save water & time, consider washing your face or brushing your teeth while in the shower http://ow.ly/3PX7E #waterwisewednesday (182 views)
7/22/16 - 8/4/16 (14 days)	0	1	4	3	1,100	79	Want to receive up-to-date District news? Sign-up on the District's website. http://fb.me/7fWNpOIVq (100 views)
8/5/16 - 9/8/16 (35 days)	0	5	4	6	4,200	120	The @DanaAdobe invites the public to a Groundbreaking Ceremony Aug 24th at 11AM for their new cultural center! pic.twitter.com/9Rr3WrVov8 (380 views)
9/9/16 - 9/22/16 (14 days)	2	9	8	5	2,200	157	#CreekCleanup day for the #Nipomo area will take place Saturday, the 17th! https://creekday.org/ pic.twitter.com/VvO1ug7wRI (337 views)
9/23/16 - 10/20/16 (28 days)	2	7	8	5	4,200	150	Reminder that #Nipomo Native Gardens Annual Fall Plant Sale is this Saturday, October 1st! #waterwiselandscaping pic.twitter.com/WL2V06qdII (270 views)

October 26, 2016

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ATTACHMENT B

NIPOMO COMMUNITY

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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: WATER SERVICE MORATORIUM

With the continued drought and a severe criterion condition persisting in the Nipomo Mesa groundwater basin, Nipomo Community Services District ("NCSD") is encouraging Nipomo Mesa water purveyors and the County of San Luis Obispo to consider imposing a moratorium on new water service connections on the Nipomo Mesa.

NCSD stopped taking new applications for water services on May 21, 2015, when the NCSD Board of Directors declared a Stage III Water Shortage Condition as defined in its Water Shortage Response and Management Plan ("WSRMP"). NCSD continues to provide water service connections to applicants with active Intent-to-Serve ("ITS") Letters. These are not new applications for water service; they are existing commitments for water service. Consistent with NCSD's 2015 Water Policy Statement, NCSD recognizes development within the Woodlands Specific Plan area served with supplemental water as existing commitments similar to the commitments of NCSD's ITS Letters and therefore not subject to this recommendation.

NCSD will continue its moratorium on new water service connections until the health of our shared groundwater basin has adequately recovered in a manner consistent with and defined in NCSD's WSRMP. NCSD believes this is the most prudent position to take in light of the near-term uncertainty before us.

If you have any questions, would like to discuss this issue outlined above, or need additional information regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Mario Iglesias
General Manager

c: NCSD Board of Directors

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ATTACHMENT C

Six New Laws that Impact Water in California

(1) Senate Bill 552: Help for Failing Water Agencies

The vast majority of California's water agencies deliver a safe and reliable supply of water, but some are failing to make the grade. SB552, written by Sen. Lois Wolk, allows the State Water Resources Control Board to bring in an outside contractor to help struggling water agencies meet water standards.

"This bill will allow the Board to order a water system which is consistently failing to provide safe, clean and affordable drinking water to accept a contract administrator who will be able to immediately implement a number of measures to help ratepayers, and also to create a long-term sustainability plan for the system," said attorney Deborah Ores of the Community Water Center.

Sponsored by the State Water Board, and is supported by groups including the California League of Conservation Voters, Clean Water Action, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, Sierra Club, and the Community Water Center.

(2) Senate Bill 1263: Banning Small Water Agencies

This bill by Sen. Bob Wieckowski is another intended to protect drinking water. But it takes a different approach. Smaller water agencies tend to be more likely, because of limited resources, not to meet reliability or quality regulations, so to protect public health SB1263 would ban the creation of new, small water districts.

"It aims to guarantee the safety and reliability of drinking water statewide by encouraging new developments to tie into existing water districts rather than create their own," Michael Levitin wrote for Water Deeply. "The measure would especially help low-income communities that cannot afford to pay for improved water quality, and could specifically impact Central Valley cities such as Merced, Bakersfield,

Fresno and the rural regions around them that have seen innumerable small water agencies sprout up in recent decades to keep pace with population growth.”

INTRODUCED BY Senators Wieckowski (D) and Pavley (D)

(3) Senate Bill 814: Curbing Excessive Water Use

Water guzzlers beware. SB 814, written by Sen. Jerry Hill, would require urban water agencies to define and discourage excessive water use during state-designated drought emergencies that require water restrictions. Agencies could use a rate structure or an excessive-use ordinance that would come with fines and possible drought-shaming.

“This legislation ensures that every urban retail water supplier has a tool to curb excessive water use by customers,” said Hill. “Households that guzzle water – while their neighbors and most other Californians abide by mandatory reductions – will no longer be able to hide and persist in their excess.”

(4) Assembly Bill 1755: Water Data

One of the biggest things to come out of California’s ongoing drought is a focus on better collection and sharing of water data. Assembly member Bill Dodd’s Assembly Bill 1755 takes a step in that direction with the creation of a platform to share water data.

According to the bill’s text, it would “create, operate and maintain a statewide integrated water data platform that, among other things, would integrate existing water and ecological data information from multiple databases and provide data on completed water transfers and exchanges.”

The integration of data would include information from the State Water Project and federal Central Valley project; streamflow conditions from the United States Geological Survey; fish abundance from California’s Department of Fish and Wildlife, as well as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Forest Service and the

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and information on water transfers and exchanges.

(5) Assembly Bill 935: Irrigation Water for Users Friant-Kern Canal

Assembly member Rudy Salas' bill, AB 935, may help move 15,000–30,000 acre-feet (18.5–37 million cubic meters) of water a year to nine irrigation districts that compose the South Valley Water Association in the San Joaquin Valley.

The bill “authorizes \$7 million in state money to build pumps to move water north to about Terra Bella via reverse flow pump-back facilities still to be built,” the Fresno Bee reported. “Water would be pumped out of the lower San Joaquin River and into the California Aqueduct on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley, transported south to the Cross Valley Canal, then east to the Friant-Kern Canal.”

It's not a done deal yet as money would need to be appropriated in next year's budget.

(6) Assembly B 2594: Capturing Stormwater

Assembly member Rich Gordon's AB 2594 helps move stormwater from nuisance to resource. The new law lets water agencies collect stormwater and then make the most of it – including reusing it, recharging groundwater with it, selling it or using it to boost water quality.

“For too long, clean, crisp storm water has been viewed as a problem. In reality, stormwater is a gift – a solution to drought,” said Gordon in a statement about his bill. “AB 2594 allows those that capture stormwater to use it.”

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