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**Board Decides not to Enforce Additional Stage IV Conservation Measures  
Further Review to Take Place in the Spring**

At its January 25<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting the District’s Board of Directors heard the final presentation in a series on the current status of groundwater levels, the District’s Water Shortage Response and Management Plan, and active Intent-to-Serve (ITS) letters.

At its December 14<sup>th</sup> and January 11<sup>th</sup> meetings, the Board reviewed the list of ITS letters and the potential water service obligations should the projects be completed. It has also monitored water demand from the community and been briefed by the District’s geohydrologist on the condition of the groundwater basin.

Staff reviewed the Nipomo Mesa Management Area Technical Group’s criteria and the District’s current Stage IV water shortage conditions. Thanks to supplemental water and the conservation efforts of the community, the District is estimating that groundwater pumping will be reduced by 51.2% for the Jul 2016 – Jan 2017 period, exceeding the target reduction goal of 50%. January alone is estimated to experience a 68.1% reduction in groundwater pumping based on the first 20 days of the month.

Board President Gaddis stated, “We have met our target. We do not need to take further actions until we review the Key Wells Index in the spring.”

After discussion and hearing public comment, the Board unanimously agreed that keeping current actions in place and deferring additional actions until well readings are received in the spring best serves the community’s interests. Allowing some outdoor irrigation for high-valued landscaping and processing of ITS letters will continue until further review late spring/early summer.

General Manager Iglesias stated, “The drought is not over yet, but the recent rains have given the community hope and the Board an opportunity to defer imposing additional water use restrictions.”

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 9AM, District Jon S. Seitz Board Room, 148 South Wilson, Nipomo.

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