

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: MICHAEL S. LEBRUN *MSL*
GENERAL MANAGER
DATE: JULY 17, 2015

AGENDA ITEM
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JULY 22, 2015

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM

Standing report to your Honorable Board -- *Period covered by this report is June 20, 2015 through July 17, 2015.*

DISTRICT BUSINESS

Administrative

- On July 2, 2015, supplemental water deliveries from the City of Santa Maria commenced via the Nipomo-Santa Maria Intertie pipeline. Approximately 0.5 million gallons of water are being delivered into the District's water system daily and directly offsetting groundwater pumping.
- On May 20th, the Nipomo Mesa Management Area (NMMA) Technical Group reported the Spring 2015 Key Wells Index is in Severe Shortage conditions. As a result, NMMA public water purveyors (NCSD, Golden State WC, and Woodlands Mutual WC) are required to reduce groundwater production by 30%.
- On May 21st, the District enacted Stage III Shortage conditions requesting all customers to:
 - ✓ *Take direct control of automated irrigation systems*
 - ✓ *Provide minimum necessary water to preserve trees and shrubs*
 - ✓ *Do not drain or fill swimming pools or spas*
 - ✓ *Do not use water for dust control or construction*
 - ✓ *Do not wash cars or equipment*
 - ✓ *Drain ornamental water features*
- District groundwater production during June 2015 was **32.5% lower** than in June 2013. (Graph Attached)
- On July 15, staff provided the required monthly drought report to State Water Board (report summary attached).
- A 30% increase in water rates went into effect on July 1. The increase revenue will pay for supplemental water.
- All customers are encouraged to allow turf/lawn areas to 'brown-out' this summer in an effort to meet and better the District goal of a 30% reduction in water use district-wide.
- 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. During June 2015, staff responded to 12 reports of water waste.

- During June and July staff made three public presentations covering water shortage, rates, and supplemental supply. The presentations were attended by nearly 100 members of the public. (Presentation slides attached with outreach materials)
- On June 25, staff sent letter to commercial properties fronting Tefft and Frontage roads requesting turf and lawn areas be allowed to brown out to provide a clear reminder to members of the community of the water shortage situation. (Attached)
- On June 26, staff sent letters a 'Call for Conservation' letter to the 200 residential properties with the highest water use during the past twelve month. (Attached)
- In June, staff proactively hung 25 door hangers on accounts who's billing meter read showed irregularly high water usage.
- In June, staff approved 7 leak adjustments with a cumulative value of \$2,913.05. During the first six months of 2015, there were 17 leak adjustments, with a cumulative value of \$7,114.85.
- On July 16, the San Luis Obispo Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers recognized the District with two awards. Director of Engineering and Operations, Peter Sevcik, received honors as the 2014 Outstanding Civil Engineer in the Public Sector and the District's Southland Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project was recognized as the 2014 Environmental Engineering Project of the Year.
- The State reimbursed the District for compliance with open meeting/Brown Act as follows: Fiscal 2002/2003 (\$3,043), Fiscal 2003/2004 (\$3,474).
- Staff settled a minor claim against the District (<\$300.00).

Safety Program

- No incidents or accidents to report

Public Outreach

- The following Public Outreach Program materials are attached:
 - A summary of outreach and education activities
 - June 23 Water Resources and Rates Presentation
 - District related advertising and news coverage
 - Press release log and press release
 - Social media traffic summary and Website Statistics

Other Items and News of Interest

The following are included as attachments to this Report:

- On June 30, the Nipomo Mesa Management Area Technical Group (NMMA TG) provided written comments to the Northern Cities Management Area Technical Group regarding the Group's 2014 Annual report. The NMMA TG also provided written comments to the County of San Luis Obispo regarding groundwater modelling in South County.
- On July 9, the Cities of Pismo Beach, Grover Beach, and Arroyo Grande filed a notice of intention to file a motion seeking 'some parties' comply with Judgement and Stipulation.
- July 21, SLO County Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda

- Senator Bill Monning Summer Newsletter

Supplemental Water Capacity Accounting

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

NOTE: 206.3 AFY of water reservations represents approximately \$2.9 million in potential Supplemental Water Capacity Charges.

Fire Hydrant Metered Use

Fire Hydrant Sales were suspended at the end of May with the exception of construction water for the supplemental water project and limited street sweeping.

During June, 134 billing units of water were sold with 126 of those units (94%) going to Spiess Construction in support of supplemental water pipeline construction. Eight units of water were utilized at the common hydrant meter for County projects, including street sweeping.

Connection Report

Nipomo Community Services District
 Water and Sewer Connections

END OF MONTH REPORT

	JAN-15	FEB-15	MAR-15	APR-15	MAY-15	JUN-15
Water Connections (Total)	4325	4325	4325	4325	4326	4329
Sewer Connections (Total)	3112	3112	3112	3112	3114	3118
Meters turned off (Non-payment)	13	34	13	21	15	17
Meters off (Vacant)	44	39	42	41	41	41
Sewer Connections off (Vacant)	15	11	14	12	12	12
New Water Connections	0	0	0	0	1	3
New Sewer Connection	0	0	0	0	2	4
Galaxy & PSHH at Orchard and Division Sewer Connections billed to the County	468	468	468	468	468	468

Over the past ten years, the District has averaged nearly 35 water and 39 sewer connections annually.

Meetings

Meetings Attended (telephonically or in person):

- June 23, Director of Engineering and Operations
- June 23, Public Water Information Presentations
- June 24, Regular Board Meeting
- June 25, Rate Consultant
- June 26, Sewer Rate Consultant

- *June 29, Board Officers*
- *July 1, NMMA Purveyors*
- *July 1, Public Information Director*
- *July 7, KCOY Interview*
- *July 8, Charter Cable Interview*
- *July 9 and 16, Management Coordination*
- *July 10, NMMA Purveyors*
- *July 13, KSBY Interview*
- *July 14, Board Officers*
- *July 15, Knollwood HOA*
- *July 16, ASCE Awards Luncheon*
- *July 17, NMMA Purveyors*

Meetings Scheduled:

- *July 20, Groundwater Sustainability Act Webinar*
- *July 21, Director of Engineering and Operations*
- *July 22, Regular Board Meeting*
- *July 23, Chamber Lunch – Presenter*
- *July 23 and 30, Management Coordination*
- *July 30, Planning Commission*

RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks direction and input from your Honorable Board

ATTACHMENTS

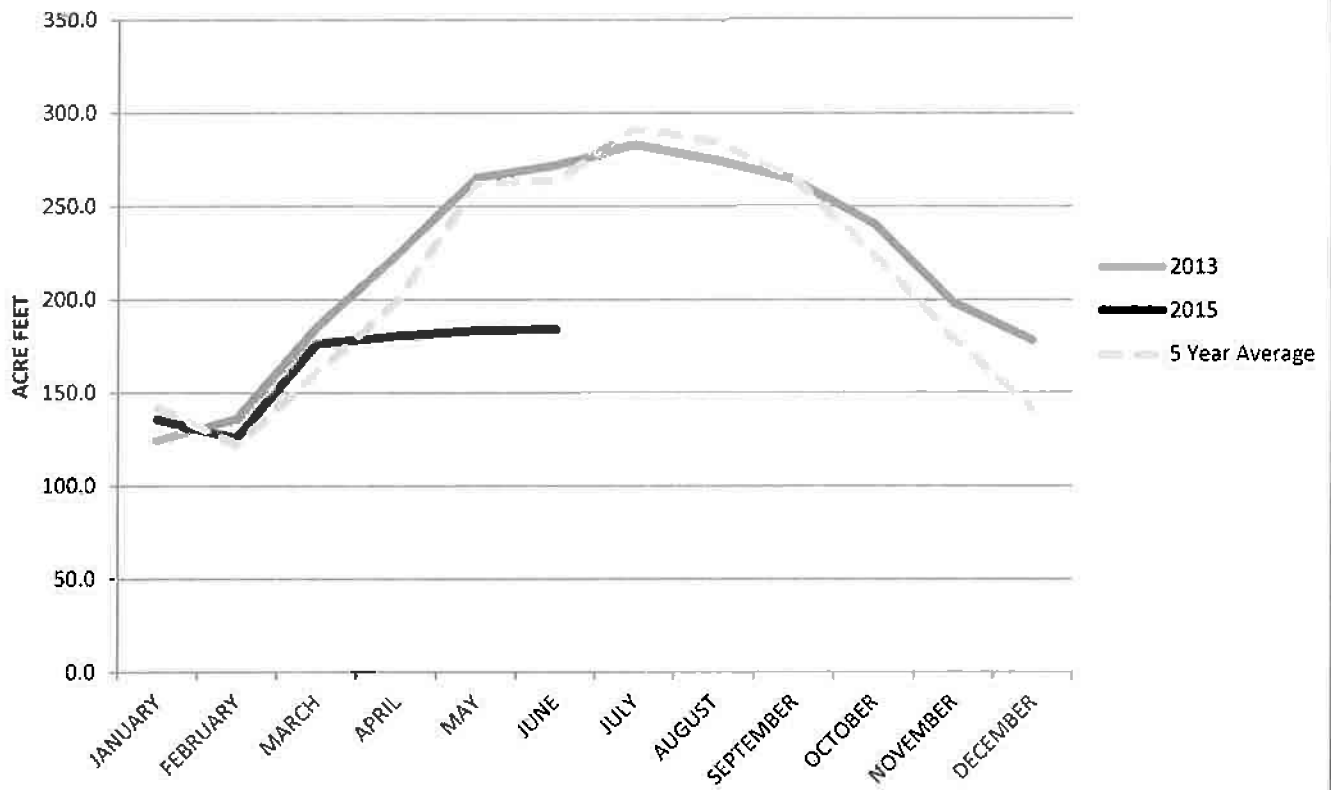
- A. NCS D Monthly Water Production Graph
- B. Monthly Drought Report
- C. District Letter to Commercial Customer
- D. District Letter to high volume Residential Customers
- E. Public Outreach Materials
- F. NMMA TG Comment Letter To NCMA
- G. NMMA TG Comment Letter To County
- H. July 9, Court Filing
- I. July 21, SLO CO Supervisors Agenda
- J. Senator Monning Newsletter

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ATTACHMENT A

NCS D Monthly Water Production



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ATTACHMENT B

Michael LeBrun

From: SWRCB Office Research, Planning & Performance <drinc@waterboards.ca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 12:06 PM
To: Michael LeBrun
Subject: Monitoring Report Acknowledgement for 0615

Hello Michael LeBrun,

Thank you for your Monitoring Report. Below is the information you have submitted for the month of 0615. If this information is incorrect, please re-submit your report for the month with the corrected information. We use your most recently submitted monthly report in our calculations.

Reporter	Michael LeBrun
Urban Water Supplier/Number	Nipomo Community Services District (406)
Reporting Month	0615
Stage/Mandatory	3 Yes
Days Outside Irrigation	2
Number Complaints	12
Number Follow-ups	12
Number Warnings	9
Number Penalties	0
Enforcement Actions	Enforcement
Total Potable Water Production	183.6 AF
2013 Same Month Production	272.1 AF
CII Water	31.2 AF
Commercial Agricultural Water	AF
Commercial Agricultural Water 2013	AF
Non-revenue Water	AF
Residential Use Percentage	84 %
Qualification	production numbers are actual delivery numbers are estimates based on 2014-15 use
Population	12512
Estimated R-GPCD	133.9
Implementation Comments	
Recycled Water	AF

Office of Research, Planning & Performance



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Celebrating 50 Years of Service to the Community, 1965 - 2015

148 SOUTH WILSON STREET POST OFFICE BOX 326 NIPOMO, CA 93444 - 0326
(805) 929-1133 FAX (805) 929-1932 Website address: ncsd.ca.gov

June xx, xxxx

Address 1
Address 2
Address 3

Dear Tefft Street Business Owner at [service address]:

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO LIMIT IRRIGATION WATER

Our local groundwater supply is in trouble. In the past twenty years a great deal of new demand has been added as our community has grown. This growth in demand coupled with the current drought has pushed area groundwater levels to their lowest on record.

On May 21, 2015, the Nipomo Community Services District Board of Directors declared Stage III Water Shortage Conditions and set a goal to reduce District-wide water use by 30%.

Your property at [service address] is located along one of the main traffic corridors in town and as such offers an opportunity for visual display of our community's commitment to saving water. We are asking all District customers to allow turf/lawn areas to go brown this summer and we are hoping business leaders along the Tefft Street and Frontage Road corridors will provide an example by leading the way.

Many landscapes can survive with a fraction of the water they typically receive. Please consider dialing back irrigation to your turf/lawn areas to a point where it yellows and then just providing enough water to keep it alive until winter rains return.

Please call me at 805.929.1133 or email me at mlebrun@ncsd.ca.gov with your thoughts and inputs. Let me know how the District can assist you in saving water.

Sincerely,

NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Michael S. LeBrun
General Manager

July 22, 2015

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June 26, 2015

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Dear Resident/Owner of [service address]:

SUBJECT: HIGH WATER USE – WATER SHORTAGE STAGE III – CALL FOR REDUCTION

On May 22, 2015, the District's Board of Directors declared Stage III Water Shortage Conditions in response to the prolonged drought which has caused severely low levels in area groundwater. The Board set a goal to reduce District-wide groundwater use by 30%.

Over the past 12 months, the District delivered [insert annual total BU] or [BU X 748] gallons of water to your residence. This puts your property in the top 2% of residential water users. In other words, of the nearly 3,800 residential properties the District serves, 98% of them use less water than your property. The average annual use by District residential properties is 184 billing units or 138,000 gallons.

The number one factor between high and low use customers is landscape water. In order to meet our district-wider conservation goals, high water users must reduce watering to landscapes. We encourage you to save water this summer by reducing your irrigation to the bare minimum to keep plants alive. Allow turf areas to brown-out until winter rains return.

At your water use level, significant water savings are possible and this means significant money savings are possible as well. **District water rates are increasing by 30% on July 1**, however your water bill may go down if you take action now to reduce your water use.

Contact the District directly or visit our website for more information to help you save water.

Sincerely,

NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Michael S. LeBrun'.

Michael S. LeBrun
General Manager

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**NCS D Outreach Summary
July 2015**

Date Started	Outreach	Description	Status	Date Completed
5/18/2015	CCR	2014 Consumer Confidence Report	Complete	6/22/2015
6/19/2015	Manager's Column	Article for Manager's Column in Adobe Press, pub date 6/26	Complete	6/22/2015
6/22/2015	Ad	Conservation 1/4 page ad in 6/26 Adobe	Complete	6/22/2015
6/22/2015	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	6/22/2015
6/10/2015	Public Information Session	Presentation for public information session on 6/23	Complete	6/23/2015
6/23/2015	Public Information Session	Public information sessions at Blacklake and the NCS D regarding the arrival of supplemental water and the drought; 6/23	Complete	6/23/2015
6/29/2015	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	6/29/2015
6/29/2015	Ad	Public Info Session ad in 7/3 Adobe	Complete	6/29/2015
6/29/2015	Chamber Newsletter	Conservation ad for Chamber of Commerce July newsletter	Complete	6/29/2015
5/28/2015	Brown is the New Green Campaign	Letters for top water users	Complete	6/30/2015
6/3/2015	Brown is the New Green Campaign	Purchase of outdoor water saving giveaways	Complete	6/30/2015
6/29/2015	Supplemental Water Arrival	Bill insert regarding supplemental water rates in Jul/Aug bills	Complete	6/30/2015
7/6/2015	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	7/6/2015
7/6/2015	Press	Materials for Charter California Edition interview	Complete	7/8/2015
7/8/2015	Press Release	Nipomo Community Services District Achieves 32.5% Conservation!	Complete	7/9/2015

**NCSD Outreach Summary
July 2015**

Date Started	Outreach	Description	Status	Date Completed
6/5/2015	Brown is the New Green Campaign	Create e-newsletter template; send out first e-newsletter 7/10	Complete	7/10/2015
7/9/2015	Press Release	Supplemental Water Has Arrived in Nipomo	Complete	7/10/2015
7/13/2015	Ad	Conservation ad in 7/17 Adobe	Complete	7/13/2015
7/13/2015	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	7/13/2015
7/15/2015	Public Information Session	Materials for Knollwood presentation	Complete	7/15/2015
6/19/2015	Social Media	Content posting	Complete; Ongoing	7/16/2015
6/19/2015	Website Updates	Home page; minutes; press releases; supplemental water project page; photos; etc	Complete; Ongoing	7/16/2015
7/2/2015	Brown is the New Green Campaign	Foam board conservation signs	Complete	7/16/2015
7/9/2015	Bill Insert	Bill insert for solid Waste discount in Oct/Nov trash bills	In Progress	
7/13/2015	Supplemental Water Arrival	Letters to customers regarding change in disinfection	In Progress	
7/13/2015	Supplemental Water Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	Planning for 9/9 event; create save-the-date email/card	In Progress	
7/14/2015	Brown is the New Green Campaign	July billing data collection for top water users	In Progress	



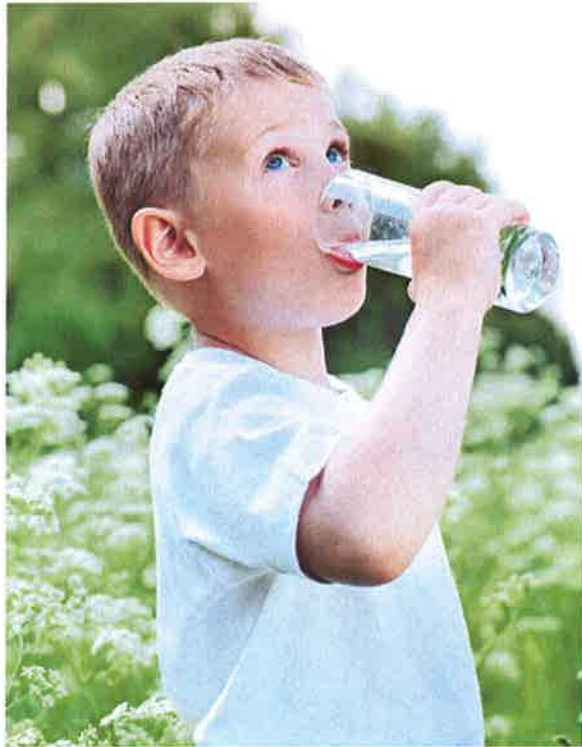
Nipomo Community Services District

2014 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Annual Tests Show Nipomo's Water Meets Quality Standards

This report provides information regarding the quality of water for the Nipomo Community Services District during 2014.

Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State and Federal standards. The District routinely checks water quality from its wells and distribution system that provide your drinking water--From the source right to your home. We are committed to providing you this information and keeping you informed about your water supply.



High Quality Water that Tastes Good Too

The water for the Nipomo Community Services District comes from the Santa Maria Valley Groundwater Basin. Currently, this is the District's (and entire Nipomo Mesa area's) *ONLY* source of water. In July, the District will be bringing in a supplemental water source from Santa Maria that will be a blend of groundwater and surface water.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.



NCS D Elected Board of Directors: Craig Armstrong, President | Dan A. Gaddis, Vice President
Bob Blair, Director | Ed Eby, Director | Dan Woodson, Director

District General Manager: Michael S. LeBrun

Our Water Quality Professionals Provide Around-the-Clock Service

Our water quality professionals maintain, treat, and test the water system ensuring quality water is delivered to your home or business. On-call personnel are available after hours 7 days a week.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, spring, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in any source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural or livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources: agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, agricultural application and septic systems.

ENSURING WATER SAFETY

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the USEPA and the California State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water (DDW) prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. DDW regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care provider. USEPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline: (800-426-4791).

YOUR NCSD WATER

Area groundwater is the District's only source of water supply. Seven wells with a combined pumping capacity of about 3,300 gallons per minute pump water from the local groundwater basin. The water is disinfected and introduced to the District water distribution system.

The District's water distribution system includes over ninety miles of piping and 5 storage tanks with 4 million gallons of combined capacity. Ground elevation relative to the tanks controls the water pressure throughout the system.

WATER SOURCE ASSESSMENT AND SECURITY

A source water assessment of the District wells was completed in 2001. Our water resources are considered most vulnerable to the following activities: historic gas stations, low and high density septic systems and wastewater treatment plants. A copy of the complete assessment may be viewed at the District office.

The District has implemented security systems to protect the distribution and storage of the drinking water. These measures are part of our ongoing operation and ensure the safe treatment and delivery of your drinking water.

QUESTIONS

For more information about this report, or for any questions relating to your drinking water, please call (805) 929-1133 and ask for General Manager, Michael LeBrun, or visit our website at www.ncsd.ca.gov.

Results of 2014 Drinking Water Quality Tests

The tables below and on the next page list all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected during the most recent sampling. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. State and Federal regulations require us to monitor for certain contaminants less frequently than once per year because the concentrations of those contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year.

TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS REPORT

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Public Health Goal (PHG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Primary Drinking Water Standards (PDWS): MCLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements, and water treatment requirements.

Secondary Drinking Water Standards (SDWS): MCLs for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWSs do not affect the health at the MCL levels.

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminate in drinking water.

Regulatory Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

ND: not detectable at testing limit

ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter (µg/L)

pCi/l: picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)

TABLE 1 - SAMPLING RESULTS FOR LEAD AND COPPER

Lead and Copper (complete if lead or copper detected in last sample set)	Sample Date	90th Percentile Level	No. Site Exceeding AL	AL	PHG	Typical Sources of Contaminant
Copper (ppm)	2012	0.31	0	1.3	.3	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
*Lead (ppb)	2012	ND	0	15	.2	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.

*Lead: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with the service lines and home plumbing. Nipomo Community Services District is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

TABLE 2 - SAMPLING RESULTS FOR SODIUM AND HARDNESS

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL (MRDL)	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Sources of Contaminant
Sodium (ppm)	2014	59	45 - 71	none	none	Salt present in the water; generally naturally occurring.
Hardness (ppm)	2011-2014	314	164 - 459	none	none	Sum of polyvalent cations present in the water, generally magnesium and calcium. Usually naturally occurring.

TABLE 3 - PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARDS - HEALTH RELATED STANDARDS

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL (MRDL)	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Sources of Contaminant
*Arsenic (ppb)	2011-2014	5	2 - 9	10	0.004	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards, glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium (ppm)	2014	ND	ND - 0.11	1	2	Discharge from oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
Cadmium (ppb)	2011	ND	ND - 4.1	5.0	0.04	Internal corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from electroplating and industrial chemical factories; and from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and deposits.
Hexavalent Chromium (ppb)	2014	1.1	ND - 2.1	10	0.02	Discharge from electroplating factories, leather tanneries, wood preservation, chemical synthesis, refractory production, and textile manufacturing facilities; erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride (ppm)	2014	ND	ND - 0.2	2.0	1	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive that promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer, aluminum factories.
*Nitrate (ppm)	2014	10.2	4.2 - 33.6	45	45	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
Selenium (ppb)	2014	ND	ND - 7	50	30	Discharge from petroleum, glass, and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines and chemical manufacturers; runoff from livestock lots (feed additive).
Thallium (ppb)	2014	ND	ND - 1	2	.1	Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories.
Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	2006-2014	ND	ND - 5.3	15	(0)	Erosion of natural deposits.
Uranium (pCi/L)	2008-2014	3.0	2.52 - 4.54	20	0.43	Erosion of natural deposits

***Arsenic:** Arsenic (10 ppb) is based on a running 1-year average. While your drinking water meets the federal and state standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. The arsenic standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

***Nitrate:** Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 45 mg/L is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. Such nitrate levels in drinking water can interfere with the capacity of the infant's blood to carry oxygen, resulting in a serious illness; symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Nitrate levels above 45 mg/L may also affect the ability of the blood to carry oxygen in other individuals, such as pregnant women and those with certain specific enzyme deficiencies. If you are caring for an infant, or you are pregnant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

TABLE 4 - SECONDARY DRINKING WATER STANDARDS - AESTHETIC STANDARDS

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Sources of Contaminant
Chloride (ppm)	2014	58	43 - 81	500	n/a	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence.
Color (Units)	2014	1	ND - 9	15	n/a	Naturally-occurring organic materials.
*Iron (ppb)	2014	ND	ND - 1880	300	n/a	Leaching from natural deposits; Industrial wastes.
*Manganese (ppb)	2014	21.5	ND - 860	50	n/a	Leaching from natural deposits.
*Odor Threshold at 60°C (TON)	2014	ND	ND - 4	3	n/a	Naturally-occurring organic materials.
Specific Conductance (umhos/cm)	2014	857	627 - 1050	1600	n/a	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence.
Sulfate (ppm)	2014	203	56.5 - 335	500	n/a	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes.
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	2014	592	410 - 760	1000	n/a	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits.
*Turbidity (NTU)	2014	0.7	ND - 11.5	5	n/a	Soil runoff.

***About our Iron:** Iron was found at levels that exceed the secondary MCL. The Iron MCL was set to protect you against unpleasant aesthetic affects such as color, taste, odor and the staining of plumbing fixtures (e.g., tubs and sinks), and clothing while washing. Exceeding this MCL does not pose a risk to public health.

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***About Our Odor Threshold at 60 °C:** Odor was found at levels that exceed the secondary MCL. The Odor MCL was set to protect you against unpleasant aesthetic affects such as color, taste, odor and the staining of plumbing fixtures (e.g., tubs and sinks), and clothing while washing. Exceeding this MCL does not pose a risk to public health.

***About our Turbidity:** Turbidity is Secondary Drinking Water Standards and has found no health effects. However, high levels of turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

TABLE 5 - UNREGULATED PARAMETERS

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Notification Level	Typical Sources of Contaminant
Boron (ppm)	2014	N D	ND - 0.2	1	Babies of some pregnant women who drink water containing boron in excess of the notification level may have an increased risk of developmental effects, based on studies in lab animals.
Vanadium (ppm)	2014	0.009	0.006- .011	0.05	Babies of some pregnant women who drink water containing boron in excess of the notification level may have an increased risk of developmental effects, based on studies in lab animals.

TABLE 6 - DISINFECTANT/DISINFECTANT BYPRODUCT RULE

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL (MRDL)	PHG (MRDLG)	Typical Sources of Contaminant
Chlorine (ppm)	2014	1.2	1.0 - 1.4	(4.0)	(4)	Drinking water disinfectant.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)(ppb)	2014	8.1	2.8 - 12.0	80	n/a	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Haloacetic Acids (five) (ppb)	2014	1	ND - 1	60	n/a	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

SEVERE WATER SHORTAGE: 30% Water Use Reduction Required

Reduce water use by 'browning out' lawns this summer

State regulations require the District to reduce water use or face significant daily fines. Additionally, the District's Board of Directors recently declared Stage III Water Shortage Conditions. District customers are strongly urged to make necessary water cutbacks to achieve a 30% reduction in District groundwater pumping by making the following changes:

- ◆ Take manual and direct control of irrigation.
- ◆ Provide minimum necessary irrigation to preserve trees and high-value landscape. (*Let turf areas 'brown-out' this summer and recover when winter rains return*)
- ◆ Do not drain or fill swimming pools or spas.
- ◆ Do not use water for dust control or construction.
- ◆ Do not use hoses to wash cars or equipment. (*Wash vehicles only when necessary for safety or maintenance*)
- ◆ Turn off and drain ornamental fountains and water features.



**Supplemental Water is
Scheduled to Arrive in July!**

Visit our website at ncsd.ca.gov to learn:

More information on the change in water disinfection methods and fluoride.

Information on supplemental water rates.



STAY CONNECTED

NCSD Regular Board meetings are open to the public. Meetings take place every second and fourth Wednesday at 9:00 AM in the NCSD Board Room, 148 S Wilson St, Nipomo.

If you have questions regarding anything in this report or Nipomo's water shortage, please call the District at 929-1133 Monday - Friday 8AM - 4:30PM or email info@ncsd.ca.gov



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Inside NCSD: When will we run out of water?

11 HOURS AGO

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Additionally, in accordance with the Stage 3 response, the district is not accepting applications for new water service at this time.

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If drought continues next winter and the basin's health is further diminished, NCSD will take next steps.

The Stage 4 shortage response actions include a 50-percent reduction goal, the discontinuance of outdoor water uses and suspended processing of any active development projects.

The Stage 5 response calls for a 60-percent reduction in water use districtwide.

The ultimate goal of the district's water shortage response plan is to preserve water resources for human health, welfare and safety, with particular regard to domestic use, sanitation and fire protection.

If it comes to it, humans can easily survive — drink, cook, bathe and dispose of human waste — on 10 gallons of water a day.

For the approximately 12,500 residents served by NCSD water, that equates to less than 150 acre-feet of water annually.

An acre-foot is equal to about 326,000 gallons, or enough to meet the average yearly water needs of six to 10 people in most urban settings.

The district currently delivers more than 2,000 acre-feet of water annually and nearly 200 acre-feet in a peak midsummer month when irrigation demands are highest.

We will get past this drought. In the meantime, we are strengthening our future water resource by diversifying our supply and shifting away from water-hungry landscapes.

Many NCSD customers are doing their part to conserve water; many customers can and must do more. If your two-month water use is more than 40 billing units — nearly 30,000 gallons — you can do more.

Focus conservation efforts in the yard. Beautiful landscapes do not need to be water-hungry landscapes.

Contact us for more information on how you can save water and save money. Property owners also can receive a record of their water use.

Water is precious and money is hard-earned; let's do all we can to save all we can.

What have you done to conserve? If you have cut your water use, NCSD wants to hear from you.

Also, if you have converted your landscape to native, drought-tolerant plants, the district want to hear from you. You could be featured in upcoming district communications.

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KRANKY



Learn about cultural center at 'Sip and See'

The Dana Cultural Center will host special "Sip and See" events July 26, Aug. 30 and Sept. 27 to showcase the center and preview the plans for development of the natural history park.

The Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos will break ground on the new facility in the fall and is looking for community input.

Currently, the center is featuring an exhibit titled "Rancho Life," which explores DANA's dynamic child education programs. Additionally, the center is open weekends and by special appointment for docent-led tours.

The center at 671 S. Chisgen Ave. is a gem for Nipomo and a historical highlight for the state.

For more information contact Marina Washburn, executive director, at 929-5679 or marina@danaadobe.org.

Jack's Helping Hand has helped more than 109 families in the month of May, filling 50 assistance requests totaling more than \$11,000 for medically fragile families.

Those included transportation, food and lodging for appointments, surgery



Bits and Pieces of Nipomo
Jacqueline Vittl Frederick

and chemotherapy out of the area for 37 families; foot orthotics for a family that could not afford them; and assisting more than 10 families with cancer children and five families with children battling a heart condition.

The first motorcycle rally fundraiser hosted by the Rotary Clubs of San Luis Obispo de Tolosa and Arroyo Grande and Santa Maria Harley-Davidson is set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Harley-Davidson dealership, 2022 Preisker Lane. For a \$20 donation, you

can purchase a ticket to win a 2015 Harley-Davidson V-Rod Black Road Glide Special, with the California sales tax and registration fees included.

For rules and ticket purchase options, visit www.rotaryharleyraffle.com.

The ousted music director who led the San Luis Obispo Symphony for 31 years will present a concert to help the community heal.

Michael Nowak will conduct about 60 of the symphony's 76 musicians, performing as the New Hope Symphony, at the Concert for Harmony set for 4 p.m. Sunday, June 28, in the Clark Center for the Performing Arts in Arroyo Grande.

The concert is being presented by the San Luis Obispo Vocal Arts Ensemble.

Admission is \$25. For more information, call 441-6688, email ZetteHarbour@gmail.com or visit www.clarkcenter.org or www.concertforharmony.us.

Jacqueline Frederick is a lawyer and former in Nipomo and can be reached at jpf@ncsl.com or 929-1120.

RUBES



"He calls it whale-watching. I call it an obsessive in frustration."

630 RAABER WAY, SANTA MARIA. Great investment Triplex property in good condition. Triplex consist of 2-1/2 bdrm end units with attached 2 car garage. Middle unit is a 2 bdrm 1 bath. All units have laundry connections in garage. Big flooring, large rooms with walk in closets. All tenants have lived in property 8 plus years. Live in one and rent the other two possibilities. \$539,000

Yolanda Perez
(805) 748-7514
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Century 21
1011 Bush Brassey
Santa Maria CA 93454

Come Listen, Come Enjoy

The Russians are coming... To sing Rachmaninoff All Night Vigil (Opus 37) by Sergai Rachmaninoff And Russian Folk Songs St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble June 19 @ 7PM in the Sanctuary

Nipomo Community Presbyterian Church
1333 Thompson Rd @ Hwy 101
471-5627

Featuring Beautiful Col-de-sac location, Remodeled 4 Bedrooms, 2 Bath (in Home), 1133 sq ft over 114 sqm 2 car attached garage, PLUS 8000sq detached permitted garage, 572 sq ft featuring 112 bath, extensive built-in storage, separate room for office or hobby.

40 year old new 16 years old \$189,000

Wonderful Location! Single Story Townhome in Scotchdale, very close to Forest, all shopping, and Hwy 101 This home features 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car attached garage, 2 petio, and approximately 1083 sq ft. Low HOA fee, grounds are beautifully maintained.

Large swimming pool & lounge area. \$223,000

Desirable Southpoint Estates-Gated Community! Wonderful col-de-sac home: 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, tile spacious left approximately 1744 sq ft and lot size 11,000 sq ft with plenty of room for children, pets, and entertainment. American fixtures, new carpeting, stainless steel appliances, newer garage door. Home offers walk-in closet, dual sinks, separate shower, lots of light in the home. Delightful property! \$363,000

Diane Adams
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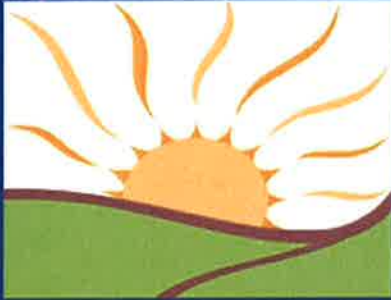
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Richard Malvarose
Chamber President
Nipomo Properties

Monday News

June 22, 2015

Nipomo Chamber of Commerce
June Luncheon

Please RSVP with menu selection

***Turkey sub with bacon, avocado, lettuce, tomato
red onion, Swiss cheese with a lemon caper aioli***

OR

***Cobb salad; ham, chicken, bacon, blue cheese,
avocado, egg, tomato on mixed greens - dressing
on the side***

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You are Invited to a Public Information Session

Tuesday, June 23rd

3:00 PM

Blacklake Club House
1490 Golf Course Lane, Nipomo

6:00 PM

Nipomo CSD Board Room
148 South Wilson Street, Nipomo

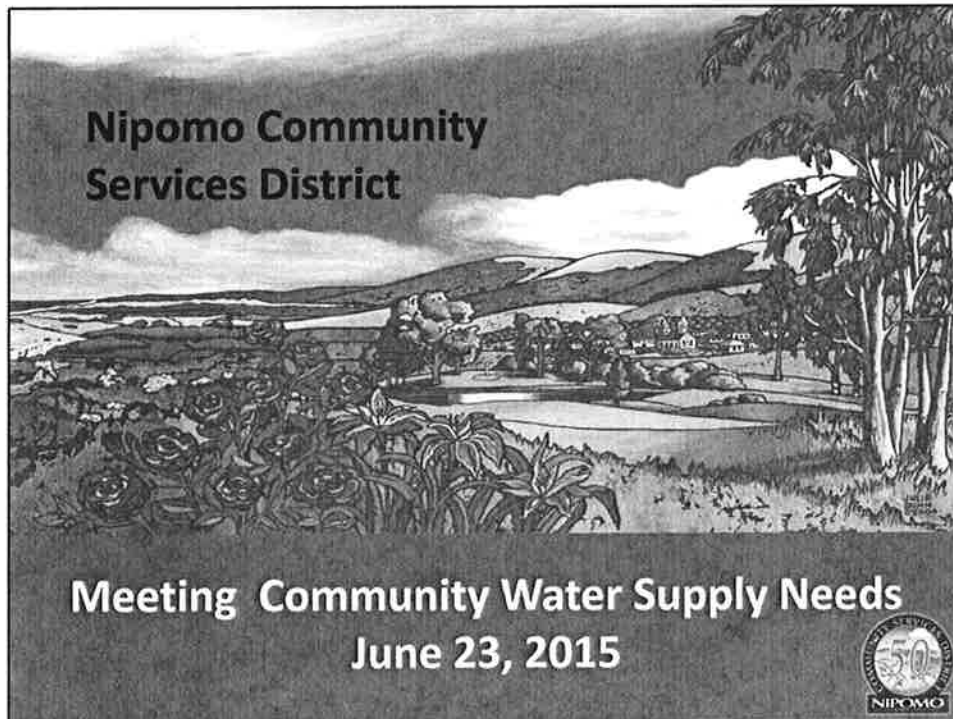
Learn more about:

- Arrival of supplemental water
- Change in disinfection method
- District's drought response




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**Nipomo Community
Services District**


**Meeting Community Water Supply Needs
June 23, 2015**



Today's Agenda

- **Water Supply Background**
- **Assuring Adequate Water Supplies – Supplemental Water Arrival**
- **New Water Disinfection is Safer and Better**
- **The District's Water Shortage Response**
- **Brown is the New Green – 'Brown Out' Lawns**
- **Saving Water Saves Money – Rate Talk**
- **Q&A**

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Our Water Problem

**The Nipomo Mesa has
only ONE source of water . . .**

**. . . the groundwater pumped from
beneath us.**

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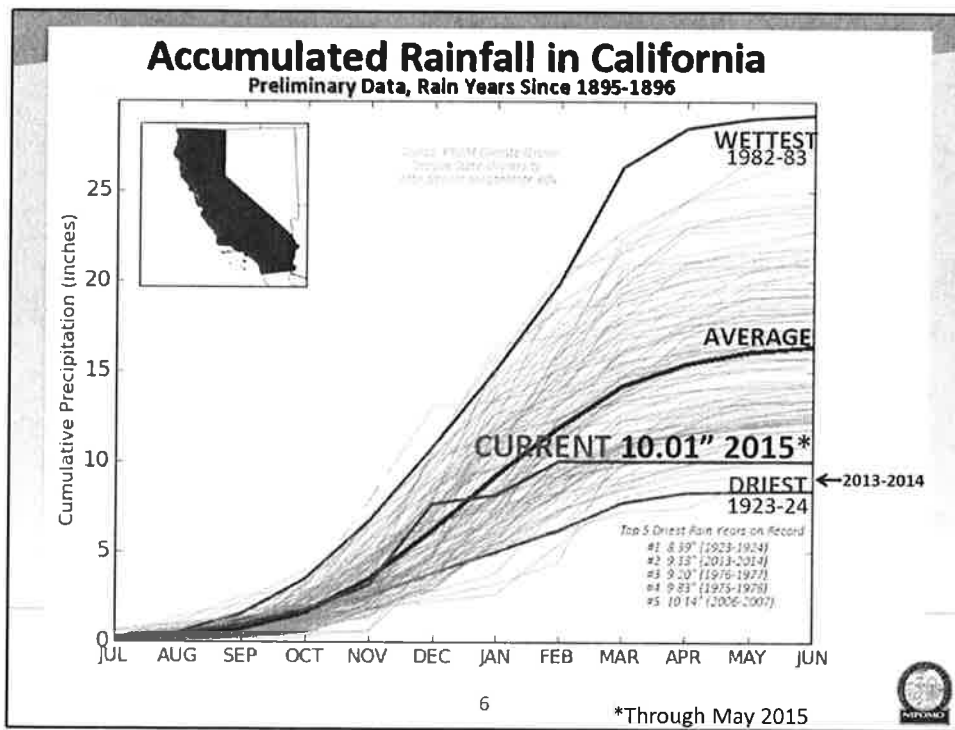
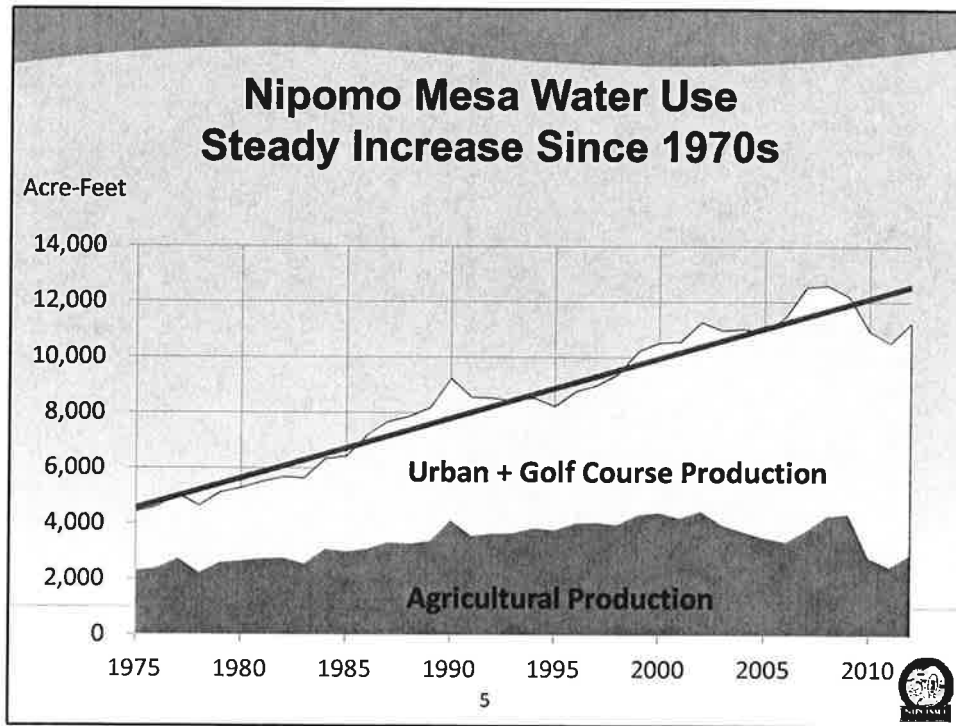


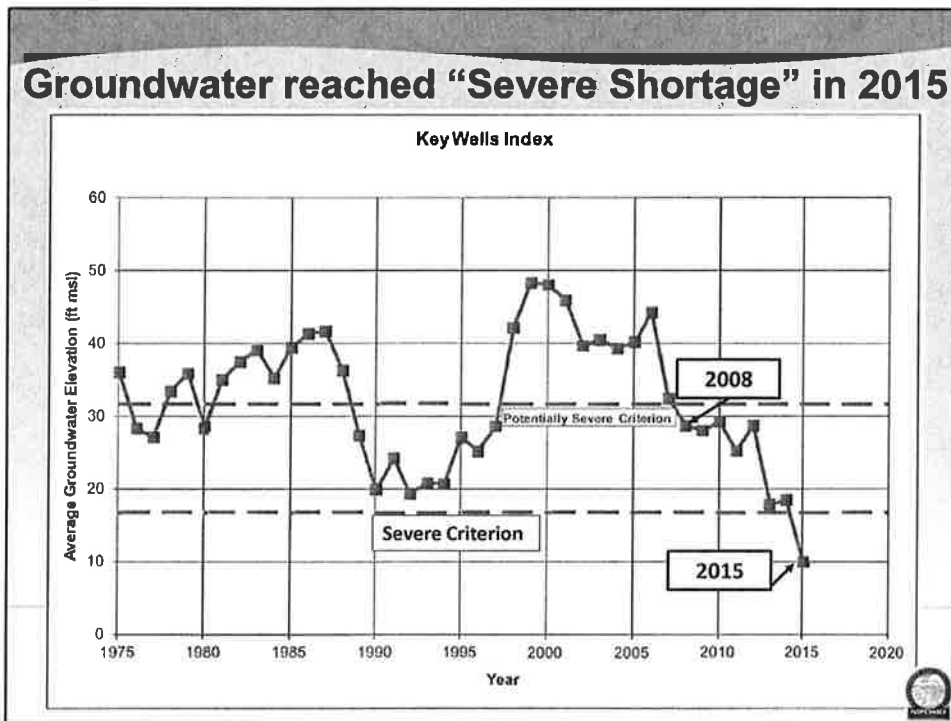
**Groundwater Levels Are At a
Historic Low.**

Here's Why...

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Our Aquifer is Next to the Pacific Ocean

When fresh water table stays above sea level...
Seawater stays offshore.

Over pumping causes the fresh water table to fall below sea level...
Creating opportunity for seawater intrusion.

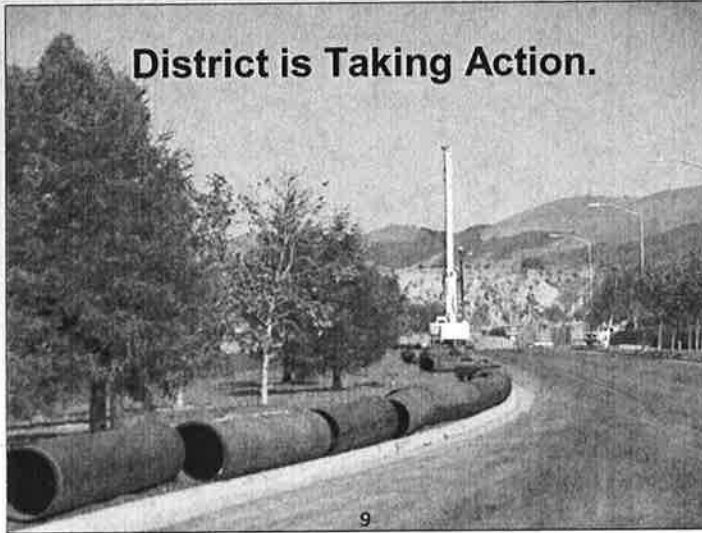
Seawater Intrusion Would Contaminate our Groundwater

Bedrock

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Assuring Adequate Water Supplies

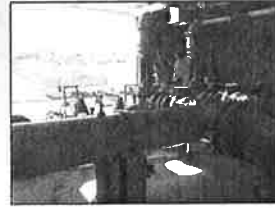
District is Taking Action.



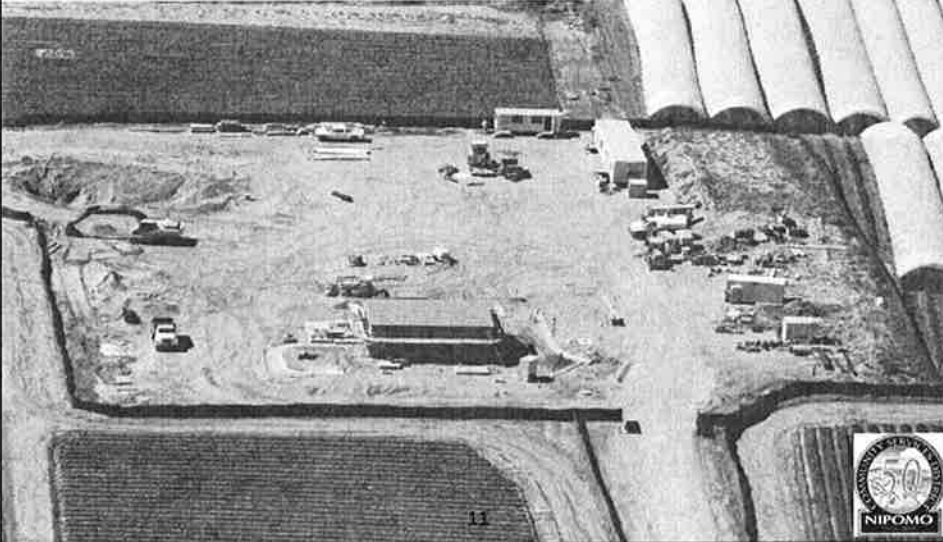
Assuring Adequate Water Supplies Nipomo Supplemental Water Project


650 acre-feet of
new water supply
will be available
NEXT MONTH.

3,000 acre-feet of
new water to our
community in
future years.




Assuring Adequate Water Supplies Supplemental Water is Coming!






New Water Disinfection is Safer and Better



With delivery of supplemental water this summer, the disinfectant in the District's water supply will be switched from chlorine to chloramine.

The District is making this change to ensure system compatibility with the new water received from Santa Maria.

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New Water Disinfection is Safer and Better



Chloramines

- Quick, effective, safe, regulated by State
- Reduce the potential of disinfection byproducts
- Can affect kidney dialysis patients and those with aquariums; consult a professional

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Fluoridation



The District does not add fluoride to its water supply.


The City of Santa Maria adds safe and approved amounts of fluoride.

District water will contain fluoride at levels equal to or less than found in the City's water.

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Fluoridation



Fluoride

- Fluoride in community water systems is recognized by the Center for Disease Control ("CDC") as a healthy way to effectively prevent tooth decay




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District Water Shortage Response

The District is currently in a Stage III Water Shortage

Stage	Trigger	Response
1	All Times	Conservation Education
2	Potentially Severe Water Shortage	More Intensive Education
3	Severe Water Shortage	30% Reduction in Groundwater
4	Severe Water Shortage More Than 1 Year or is Triggered by Both Key Wells Index and Coastal Criterion	50% Reduction in Groundwater
5	Severe Water Shortage More Than 2 Years with Both Key Wells Index and Coastal Criterion Triggered	60% Reduction in Groundwater




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District Water Shortage Response

Also Following State Mandated Water Waste Prohibitions

District customers and *all users of our groundwater basin* are strongly encouraged to:


- Take direct control of automated irrigation systems and allow turf/lawn areas to 'Brown Out'
- Provide min. necessary irrigation to preserve trees and shrubs
- Do not drain/fill swimming pools or spas
- Do not use water to clean buildings or exterior surfaces
- Do not wash cars or equipment unnecessarily
- Turn off and drain ornamental fountains and water features



There ought to be a law...and there is!

Obey the State water restrictions.


Report water waste at 929-1133 or info@ncsd.ca.gov



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Brown is the New Green

'Brown out' Lawns this Summer




BROWN is the new GREEN.

REDUCE YOUR USE!

Our water supply is threatened.

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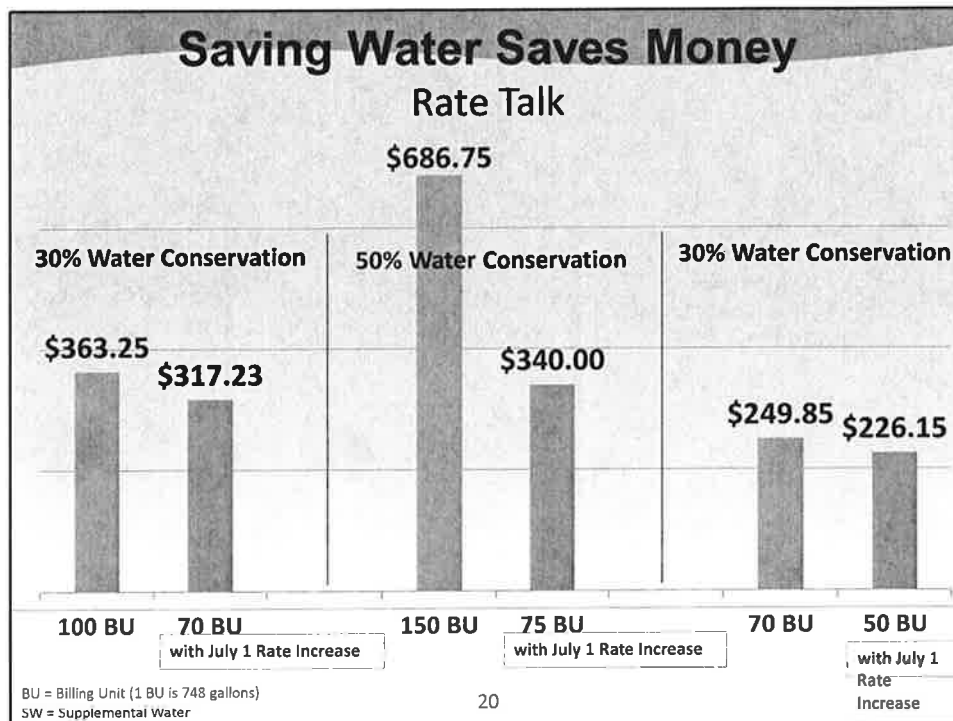
Saving Water Saves Money

Rate Talk

NCS D has a 4-tiered rate structure

The rate structure rewards conservation and penalizes waste

Rates are going up when supplemental water arrives but your bill does not have to



Saving Water Saves Money Rate Talk

THE DISTRICT'S SCHEDULE OF MISCELLANEOUS FEES WILL BE UPDATED AND EXPANDED EFFECTIVE JULY 1.

- These 'Cost of Service' fees apply only to customers who specifically request and/or require additional services.
 - Eg; Late Fee, Shut Off Notice, Tampering Fee, Copying Charges, after-hours call outs.
- The fees are being adjusted or newly added to better capture the cost incurred by the District for providing the service.
- Changes to most common service charges:
 - Late Fee will change from \$5.00 to the higher of \$10 or 10% of bill
 - 48- Hour Shut Off Notice (for non payment), a fee of \$20 will be assessed if Door Hanger is required.

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Questions?

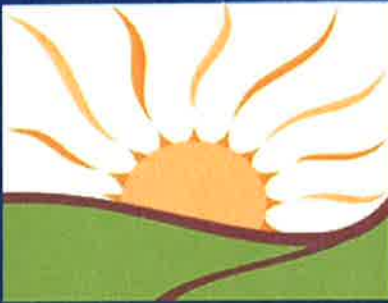


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PRESENTS**
Saturday July 11th
St Joseph's Church
11 - 4 pm





**BEER, BEANS and
BLUEGRASS**

Entertainment Schedule
11:30-12:30 - Blue Moonshine
1-2 The Roustabouts
2:30-3:30 Turkey Buzzards

**\$25 per person entry includes complimentary
beans and entertainment. Bring your lawn chair.**

**Heavenly Hot Dog food cart and beer
available for additional purchase**

For additional information and ticketing contact:
Helen Miller at 805.929.1213 / milljet26@gmail.com
Amber Wilson at 805.929.1583 / amber@nipomopchamber.org


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OPINION

Get ready for the real heat

Here's a challenge. We'll list some words, and you figure out how they relate: Grapefruit, Triangle, Cook, Corrine, Parkhill, Lake, Sky, Mesa.

Do you know what they represent? Here's a clue: It's definitely not a game.

Those are the names of just a handful of the wildfires burning in California within the past two weeks. Every year about this time, Californians are confronted by the very real need to think ahead and prepare for wildfires. Not doing so could cost you a lot, including your life.

Of the list above, the Lake Fire still burning in the San Bernardino National Forest is the largest at more than 31,000 acres. As of Monday, it was only 60 percent contained.

Like many wildfires that ravage California wilderness areas, the Lake Fire has posed little risk to man-made structures — so far. But if firefighters don't completely contain it soon and the winds shift, who knows? All the

In Our POINT OF VIEW

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communities surrounding Big Bear Lake could quickly go up in smoke.

Wildfires often seem to have a life of their own. The Painted Cave Fire that threatened Santa Barbara area communities in 1990 burned down from the Painted Cave enclosures below San Marcos Pass at the rate of an acre a minute.

It consumed 5,000 acres, destroyed more than 400 homes, 28 apartment complexes and 30 other buildings and killed one person.

As big and frightening as it was for the folks living in its path, the Las Pitas Fire of 1955 terrified residents from Arroyo Grande to San Luis Obispo.

Starting on a dry, baking-hot July 1 not far

from where the 1,800-acre Parkhill Fire ignited just one week ago, the Las Pitas Fire was driven by fierce winds as it raged away from Santa Margarita Lake, roared down toward Lopez Lake, then burned virtually to the San Luis Obispo city limits.

Although it charred 75,000 acres, it only destroyed 10 homes, but it also burned up \$6.3 million — in 1955 dollars — in firefighting costs and property damage.

Still, it was a dwarf compared to some of the state's historic fires, including the Zaca Fire, which started on a ranch outside of Buellton on a hot July 4.

It burned all the way through summer and into September, in the process destroying a quarter-million acres of wilderness, before it was finally extinguished.

Anyone who's lived in California for any length of time learns the lore of wildfires — and, therefore, should also learn that forethought and preparation are a must.

Once a fire becomes a monster, you must be ready to move quickly. That means knowing evacuation and escape routes, having a coordinated plan for family members and preparing a travel kit filled with basic necessities that you can just grab and go.

With summer upon us in the fourth year of a drought, everyone must think about and prepare for wildfires.

And this holiday weekend, we urge you to be careful with the things that can cause them — hot exhausts, power tools, barbecues, cigarettes and, especially, fireworks. (Notice how so many devastating blazes have started on or around July 4?)

Don't let Fourth of July 2015 earn a place in the history books as the weekend another disastrous wildfire ignited on the Central Coast.

RUBES



"I really don't feel I deserve this, as there are so many people who have suffered more than me... But there you go."

KRANKY



Beer, Beans, Bluegrass will support OTNA

If you love the changes made to Old Towne Nipomo in recent years you have the members of Old Towne Nipomo Association to thank.

Your opportunity to thank them and see even more wonderful things occur is by attending the Beer, Beans and Bluegrass festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 11, at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

The event will feature entertainment by the bands Blue Moonshine, The Roustabouts and the Turkey Buzzards.

The \$25 entry also includes complimentary beans. The Heavenly Hot Dog cart and beer will be available for purchase.

For tickets, contact Helen Miller at 929-1213 or Amber Wilson at 929-1583 or amber@nipomochamber.org.

Arroyo Grande Community Hospital has launched a campaign to raise money for expanding and improving the Emergency Room Department.

The current Community Board chairman for the hospital and Marian Regional Medical Center, Terry Fiblich, has been hosting tours of the hospital to show off the many wonderful changes there.



Bits and Pieces of Nipomo Jacqueline Vitti Frederick

acclaimed cowboy entertainer.

It will also include a performance by local bluegrass band Daisy Special, a barbecued dinner, a no-hot whiskey, beer and wine bar, a silent auction and a raffle.

Get at the Dana Adobe, 671 S. Oak Glen Ave., will open at 2:30 p.m., and the music will start at 4 p.m. Tickets at only \$50 can be purchased by calling 929-5679 or visiting www.danaadobe.org.

The San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau will hold hunter safety classes on July 7, 9 and 10 from 9 to 9:30 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Community Room, 875 Morabito Place, San Luis Obispo.

The July course is free to SLO County Farm Bureau members and families and \$10 for non-members.

Sign up by contacting the Rural Health and Safety Committee at info@slofarmbureau.org. Happy Fourth of July, and remember to appreciate this wonderful country that is truly like no other in the world.

Jacqueline Vitti Frederick is a lawyer and farmer in Nipomo and can be reached at jvitti@aol.com or 929-1120.

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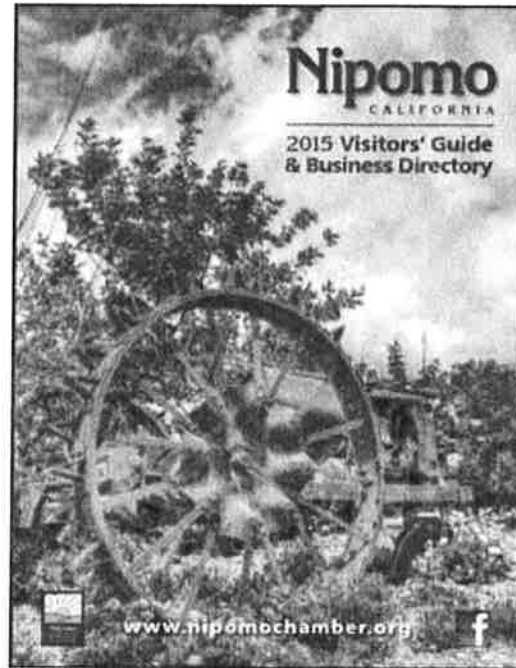
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After months of hard work, phone calls, hundreds if not thousands of emails back and forth the Nipomo 2015 Visitor's Guide and Business Directory is nearing completion. Thank you to our sponsors, advertisers, ad copy sales reps and anyone else involved in this endeavor. I'm excited



about our improved format and the number of not only businesses but also individual Chamber Members that thought it important enough to lay down their hard earned cash to be included in what is the only publication of its kind here in the unincorporated portion of Southern San Luis Obispo County.

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We are in our fourth year of serious drought, and local groundwater levels are at a historic low. So, when are we going to run out of water?

The short answer: It's unlikely we will run out of water. I'll explain how I came to that answer.

We are in a Stage 3 shortage response now, and Nipomo Community Services District is asking all residents to turn back sprinklers and let residential lawns and turf go brown.

The district's goal is a 30-percent reduction in overall use month to month compared to 2013. Limiting irrigation will get us there.

NCS D is still allowing limited residential landscape irrigation, and the district is working with the Lucia Mar Unified School District and San Luis Obispo County Parks Department to maintain practice fields and turf where our community recreates and our children learn valuable lessons of teamwork.

Additionally, in accordance with the Stage 3 response, the district is not accepting applications for new water service at this time.

Supplemental water will start flowing next month, and if average or above-average rains return next year, our groundwater basin will recover, and the district's shortage response stages will be relaxed.



If drought continues next winter and the basin's health is further diminished, NCS D will take next steps.

The Stage 4 shortage response actions include a 50-percent reduction goal, the discontinuance of outdoor water uses and suspended processing of any active development projects.

The Stage 5 response calls for a 60-percent reduction in water use districtwide.

The ultimate goal of the district's water shortage response plan is to preserve water resources for human health, welfare and safety, with particular regard to domestic use, sanitation and fire protection.

If it comes to it, humans can easily survive — drink, cook, bathe and dispose of human waste — on 10 gallons of water a day.

For the approximately 12,500 residents served by NCS D water, that equates to less than 150 acre-feet of water annually.

An acre-foot is equal to about 326,000 gallons, or enough to meet the average yearly water needs of six to 10 people in most urban settings.

The district currently delivers more than 2,000 acre-feet of water annually and nearly 200 acre-feet in a peak midsummer month when irrigation demands are highest.

We will get past this drought. In the meantime, we are strengthening our future water resource by diversifying our supply and shifting away from water-hungry landscapes.

Many NCS D customers are doing their part to conserve water; many customers can and must do more. If your two-month water use is more than 40 billing units — nearly 30,000 gallons — you can do more.

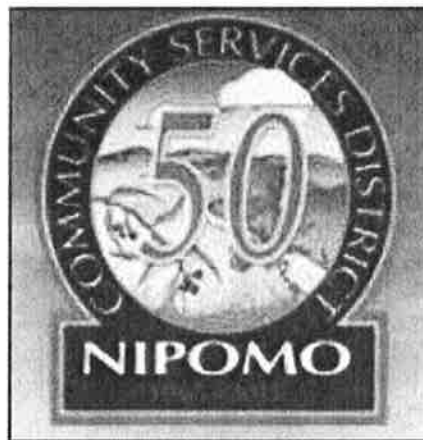
Focus conservation efforts in the yard. Beautiful landscapes do not need to be water-hungry landscapes.

Contact us for more information on how you can save water and save money. Property owners also can receive a record of their water use.

Water is precious and money is hard-earned; let's do all we can to save all we can.

What have you done to conserve? If you have cut your water use, NCS D wants to hear from you.

Also, if you have converted your landscape to native, drought-tolerant plants,

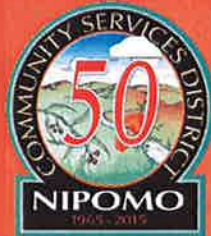


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Supplemental Water Rates

Supplemental water is here! You can expect to see your rates go up approximately 30% on your next bill to pay for the water. Save water now and you'll save money on your bill. See below for a breakdown of the rate increase.

Bi-Monthly Meter Charge for Supplemental Water			
Meter Size	Bi-monthly Fixed Charge		
	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2016	July 1, 2017
1 inch and less	\$13.20	\$13.20	\$13.20
1 1/2 inch	39.60	39.60	39.60
2 inch	63.36	63.36	63.36
3 inch	118.80	118.80	118.80
4 inch	198.00	198.00	198.00
6 inch	\$396.00	\$396.00	\$396.00

Supplemental Water Volume Charge			
Volume Charge (\$/Ccf)	Volume Charge		
	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2016	July 1, 2017
Volume Charge (\$/Ccf)	\$0.774	\$1.003	\$1.041

Example Single-family Residential Bi-Monthly Bills					
Description	Ccf Used	Increase	Previously Approved	Increase	Increase
		July 1, 2015	Nov 1, 2015	July 1, 2016	July 1, 2017
Very Low	10	\$77.79	\$83.24	\$85.53	\$85.91
Low	20	\$107.13	\$114.68	\$119.26	\$120.02
Median	22	\$113.00	\$120.97	\$126.01	\$126.84
Average	36	\$160.43	\$171.94	\$180.19	\$181.56
High	80	\$356.45	\$383.40	\$401.72	\$404.76
Very High	120	\$592.41	\$638.76	\$666.24	\$670.80



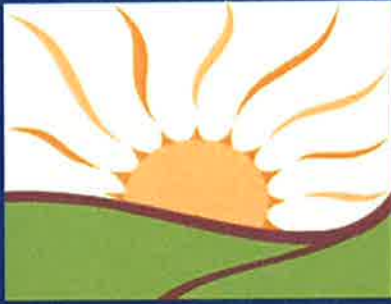
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July 14, 2015

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Water Update***

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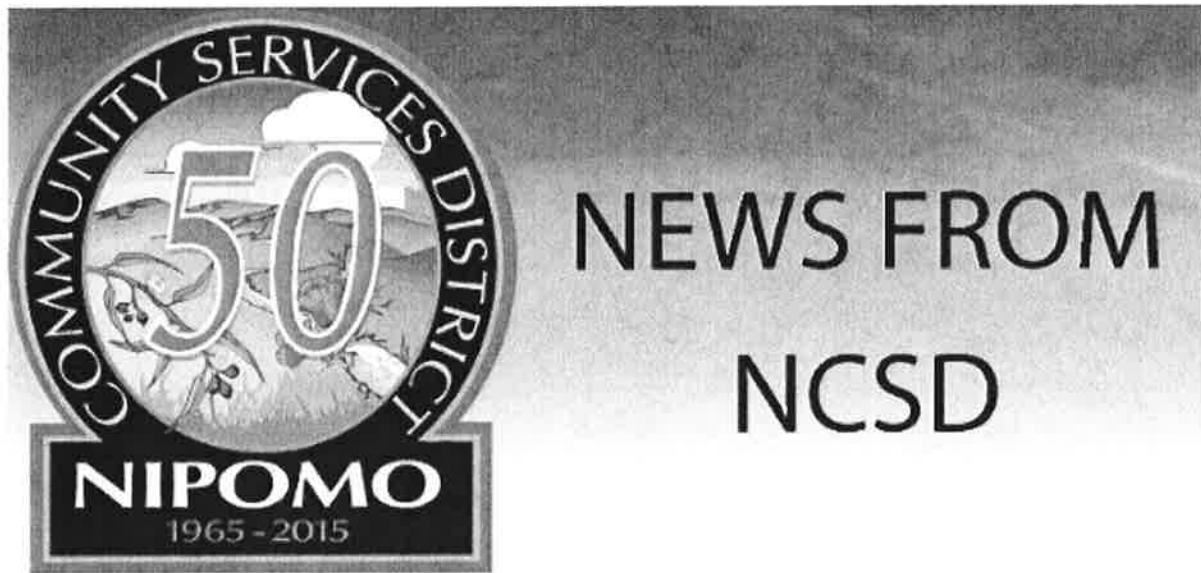
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A public ribbon cutting ceremony for the new facilities is being planned for early September. A complete project history and monthly construction reports are available

on the District's [website](#).



Piping on Blosser Road
in Santa Maria -
October 2014



Project progress at the
Santa Maria River -
October 2014



Supplemental water
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June 2015

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Significant Decrease in Pumping in June!

The District saw a significant reduction in pumping in June and brown lawns throughout the community tell the story. In June, the District produced 183 acre feet or about 60 Million gallons of groundwater to meet customer demand compared to 272 acre feet or about 89 Million gallons in June 2013. This equates to a 32.5% reduction.

Nipomo CSD is thanking their customers for the collective conservation effort.

The District urges customers to keep up the good work and continue to cut back outdoor water use. If everyone does their part we will remain in compliance with State-mandated reductions.

For conservation tips, visit the District's website at www.ncsd.ca.gov or on social media.



Effective July 1st

Late Fee: A late fee of \$10 or 10%, whichever is greater, will be added to customer accounts for payments not received by 4:30 PM on the due date.

Shut-Off Door Hanger Fee: A \$20 processing fee will be added to customer accounts for which a discontinuance (shut-off) door hanger is processed.

Supplemental Water Rates

Rates will go up approximately 30% to pay for the new water. Customers can expect to see the new rates on their September/October bill. To view the approved rates, visit the District's website at www.ncsd.ca.gov or stop by the office.

Thank you for reading the first edition of our E-Newsletter!

We welcome feedback and comments. Reach out to us using one of the links below and feel free to share with others.



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The water has arrived just in time as we are now in peak demand season.

Planning for the project began in the early 90’s. Phase I of project construction commenced in July of 2013 and is final stages of completion. Current project capacity is 650 Acre-feet per year (AFY) and plans are already underway to take the project to its full 3,000 AFY capacity.

“This is truly a monumental accomplishment for the District. This project will increase District water supply reliability for generations to come,” said District General Manager, Michael LeBrun.

Later this month the disinfectant in the District’s water supply will be switched from chlorine to chloramine. The District is making this change to ensure system compatibility with the new water received from Santa Maria. Customers will be directly notified (by postcard mailer) when this change occurs.

Customers will also see an increase on their September/October bill in order to pay for the water from Santa Maria. However, the District wants to encourage customers that even with the rate increase, they can save on their water bill by simply cutting back outdoor watering.

A public ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for early September. A complete project history and construction reports are available on the District’s website.

For more information, contact the District at (805) 929-1133, info@ncsd.ca.gov or visit our website at www.ncsd.ca.gov.

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Nipomo Community Services District Achieves 32.5% Conservation!

The District saw a significant reduction in pumping in June and brown lawns throughout the community tell the story. In June, the District produced 183 acre feet or about 60 Million gallons of groundwater to meet customer demand. This equates to a 32.5% reduction compared to June 2013.

On May 21st, the District’s Board of Directors declared a Stage III water shortage and launched the ‘Brown is the New Green’ conservation campaign urging all customers to cut their water use with the goal of achieving 30% water conservation District-wide. Recent State mandates also require the District to reduce pumping by 28% or face fines up to \$10,000 per day.

General Manager, Michael LeBrun, states “Meeting and bettering both our goals is outstanding. This is a solid start to the ‘Conservation Season’. We congratulate our customers on their hard work and encourage everyone to maintain this conservation until we see our winter rains return. ‘THANK YOU’”

Nipomo CSD is thanking their customers for the collective conservation effort. Summer months have historically been high production months for the District due to irrigation demands of its customers. The District customers are doing their part during this State-wide drought and this decrease in District pumping shows that. As customers save water, they are also seeing smaller bills as conservation is its own reward.

The District urges customers to keep up the good work and continue to cut back outdoor water use. If everyone does their part we will remain in compliance.

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Nipomo CSD to hold talks about drought, Santa Maria pipeline

BY CYNTHIA LAMBERT

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The Nipomo Community Services District is hosting two public information sessions Tuesday for residents to learn more about the district's response to the drought and the upcoming arrival of additional water into the community from Santa Maria.

The first meeting starts at 3 p.m. at the Blacklake Golf Resort's club house, 1490 Golf Course Lane; followed by another session at 6 p.m. at the Nipomo Community Services District's board room, 148 S. Wilson St.

Supplemental water from the long-awaited Santa Maria pipeline is set to begin flowing into Nipomo on July 1, and customers can expect a corresponding jump in their water bills as the district begins to charge its next tier of conservation rates.

In a previous Tribune interview, General Manager Michael LeBrun said the district would begin testing the pipeline in June, and the first of the supplemental water will be delivered to customers soon after.

The pipeline is being built in phases, with about 650 acre-feet of water delivered annually in the first phase and 3,000 acre-feet per year at build-out. Nipomo district customers' water bills will jump by about 30 percent when water starts flowing in July, LeBrun said.

He was not available for additional comment Monday morning.

The \$17.5 million pipeline project gives Nipomo a second source of water beyond its reliance on the groundwater basin.

At the same time, Nipomo is required by the state to cut its water use by 28 percent compared with 2013 use.

In April, the community cut water use 20 percent compared with April 2013, with residents using 131.3 gallons of water per person per day, according to the State Water Resources Control Board.

For more information, go to <http://ncsd.ca.gov/>.



Nipomo Community Services District board President James Harrison introduces Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian in October 2013 as the board celebrated the first phase of water pipeline construction from Santa Maria to Nipomo.

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Nipomo Supplemental Water About to Flow

NCS D rates going up as water from Santa Maria begins July 1

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NIPOMO, Calif. -

Customers of the Nipomo Community Services District will begin receiving supplemental water from the City of Santa Maria via pipeline on July 1.

The long-planned supplemental water project will provide more than 600 acre-feet of water initially, or about a quarter of what the district uses, and the additional water will be reflected in water bills going out later this summer.

NCS D water rates are going up by about 30 percent per customer on average.

"Continue to assure that we have adequate supplies now, off into the future and for generations to come", said NCS D General Manager Michael LeBrun who hosted two informational meetings Tuesday about the supplemental water program and the increase in rates, "customers who use very little water can expect to see their bills go up by about 15 to 20 dollars a month."

LeBrun said supplemental water is not only needed to meet rising demand but also to help prevent seawater intrusion from the ocean on the Nipomo Mesa.

Under "brown is the new green" banner, LeBrun is urging residential customers to reduce landscape irrigation as part of a mandatory 30% water use reduction under the district's Stage 3 emergency drought declaration.

"The demand on the groundwater basin has increased significantly, as has the population, the number of holes of golf, and those types of things across the Mesa", LeBrun said, "and combined, we've got a problem."

The NCS D is urging customers to immediately report any water waste they see.

Customer fees for late payment or water service interruption for lack of payment are also going up significantly.

"I was really was surprised that there weren't more people here because this is an issue", said NCS D customer Jeanne Taylor who was among about a dozen people who attended the evening meeting at the NCS D offices, "pay attention, wake up, its going to be around for awhile, its not going away."

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BLMA Update Newsletter

Editor: Dorothy De Santis



BLMA Complies With County Recommendation

Citing Governor Brown's executive order of April 1, 2015 that prohibits irrigation of ornamental turf on medians with potable water, the County Department of Public Works contacted the BLMA and asked for compliance of the median at Black Lake Canyon Road and Willow Road. They recommended removal of turf and replacing it with drought tolerant alternatives. Failure to comply would result in the County replacing the area with hardscape (undefined), as it is county property.

At the June 11th special Board meeting, the Landscape Committee Chair, Jim Appel, was authorized by the BLMA Board to proceed with plans as designed by Anne Kunzig. (See computer rendition above.) Turf removal has already been accomplished at the main entrance.

The Landscape Committee was granted a fund of \$60,000 through a proactive resolution approved at the May 12th BLMA board meeting to achieve State mandates, initiate water savings measures as requested by NCS D, and for landscape rehabilitation. \$40,000 of that fund was derived from unused BLMA approved funds for the recent fire prevention project. All landscape expenses from this fund for these projects must be preapproved by the Board.

Other areas that the Landscape Committee are considering are:

- The circle at the entrance to the golf course parking lot on Golf Course Lane.
- The monuments areas at the main entrance to Black Lake Village at Willow Road.
- The grass area surrounding the Community Room at Augusta.
- The large grass area above the Community Room on Colonial.
- Removal of 50% of turf at the BLMA owned park in the Oaks on Redberry.
- The monument area at the entrance to Crown Point on Golf Course Lane.

The Committee will present additional design plans for approval at the scheduled July 21st BLMA Board meeting.

Presentations Given by Master Gardener

Master Gardener programs are volunteer programs to advise and educate the public on gardening and horticulture. The program consists of 50+ hours of classes consisting of lectures and demonstrations conducted by experts in their fields. First year Master Gardeners must complete at least 50 hours of volunteer service to the community. To retain their certification, MGs must complete at least 25 hours of volunteer service to the community and participate in at least 12 hours of continuing education each year.

Our resident Master Gardener, **Anne Kunzig**, completed her course work in 2005 at Fullerton College in Anaheim and then worked at Armstrong Garden Centers as a landscape designer. She earned her certification from the California Association of Nursery and Garden Centers. This is a second career for Anne who spent her previous years as an attorney.

At two well attended presentations, Anne showed a self-produced video of drought tolerant landscape designs, noting their color and beauty even with the absence of turf. Plant variety examples were given as well as methods for turf removal, irrigation options, and estimated costs. Through computer modeling, she also gave examples from our neighborhood properties of before and after possibilities. Anne is currently working on the Master Association projects for the Landscape Committee.

For a good source of ideas in drought tolerant landscaping, go to: www.slowaterwiselandscaping.com

IMPORTANT DATES

Association Board Meetings:

Legends	Tues	07/07	3:00pm
Fairways	Tues	07/14	2:00pm
Estates	Tues	07/21	10:00am
BLMA	Tues	07/21	2:00pm
Crown Pt	Thurs	07/23	7:00pm
Tourney Hill	Sat	08/01	9:30am

All meetings will be held at the Community Room

BLMA Update Newsletter

Editor: Dorothy De Santis

Water Rates to Increase July 1st

Supplemental water from NCSD's Santa Maria pipeline begins flowing this month which will bring 645 acre feet of water for our thirsty city. That's over 210,000,000 gallons per year. With a maximum pipe capacity of 3,000 acre feet, there is the potential for 1 billion gallons per year which is scheduled over the next 11 years, if funded. But with the water comes rate increases, not only to pay for the purchase of the water but for the construction of the pipe and facilities.

Here is an example of the increases for a typical Black Lake Village residence using 22 units bi-monthly:

	Current	July 1, 2015	Nov 1, 2015	July 1, 2016
Fixed items*:				
(1) Sewer	\$145.51	\$145.51	\$145.51	\$145.51
(2) Water Service	41.57	54.77	58.12	58.12
(3) Sewer Surcharge	9.69	9.69	9.69	9.69
(4) Water Surcharge	<u>8.44</u>	<u>8.44</u>	<u>8.44</u>	<u>8.44</u>
Sub-Total	\$205.21	\$218.41	\$221.76	\$221.76
Water Usage-Tier 1	<u>47.52</u>	<u>64.55</u>	<u>81.93</u>	<u>86.97</u>
Total	\$252.73	\$282.96	\$303.69	\$308.73
% Increase over current		12%	20%	22%

But the tiered water usage structure could cost much more for those who exceed the first tier of 24 units. A unit equals 748 gallons.

Description of line items:

(1) *Sewer charges* are for the water recycling plant parallel to Willow Road. The plant processes our sewage into effluent water sanitized enough to irrigate a portion of the golf course. Repairs and maintenance of the plant are at the sole expense of Black Lake Village residents. Michael LeBrun, General Manager of NCSD www.NCSD.ca.gov, has stated that a rate analysis of the fee will be conducted most likely in the next 12 to 18 months and would result in a significant increase due to the plant's age. He did not quantify the increase.

(2) *Water service* is dependent upon the size of your connection pipe. Our homes usually require a 1" pipe/meter. The current charge is \$35.25, but imbedded in the charge is \$6.32 for litigation regarding a dispute with 5 Cities which is ongoing.

An additional \$13.20 will be added as of July 1st to this item for the construction of the pipeline and \$3.35 Nov 1st.

(3) The sewer surcharge is for a 2009 emergency pond liner repair of the water recycling plant. Owners had the option of paying upfront (\$489) or over 10 years with interest. The fee will end in 2019.

(4) The *water surcharge* is for the cost to merge our water system with the Nipomo town system. Again, owners had the option of paying upfront (\$437) or over 10 years with interest. The fee will end in 2019.

***Items 1-4 are considered fixed costs. No matter how much water you utilize, these amounts will not change. For a typical customer, they represent over \$205 of the total bill-- before the first increases.**

Water usage rates will increase per the follow schedule for tier 1 (0-24 units):

Current	July 1, 2015	Nov 1, 2015	July 1, 2016	July 1, 2017
\$2.16	\$2.93	\$3.72	\$3.95	\$3.99

New Community Room Coordinator

Patti Kloss was hired by Goetz Manderley to become the new Community Room Coordinator at Black Lake Village. Her hours will be Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm @ 498 Colonial Place. communityroom@blacklakevillage.com

Welcome aboard Patti!



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As well levels bottom out, Nipomo cuts back on water



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With a population just over 16,700 people, the Nipomo area has been tasked with the highest water-reduction goal in the area when groundwater levels in the area are at an all-time low.

Nipomo is a largely agricultural community serviced by four different water providers, though only two have enough water connections to be required to comply with new state mandates.

Land as far as the eye can see, but no water

In April, Gov. Jerry Brown issued an order for California to reduce its water usage by 25 percent. That order resulted in cities having different reduction goals depending on their water usage levels.

Customers served by the Golden State Water Service area in Nipomo now have to reduce water usage by 36 percent compared to 2013 levels in response to the order. This is noticeably higher than surrounding cities with higher populations and more booming tourism. Santa Barbara and Santa Maria both have to reduce water usage by 16 percent. Residents in Orcutt come closest to Nipomo, at a 32-percent reduction goal.

Not all water reductions in the Nipomo area are equal, however. Customers served by the Nipomo Community Service District will reduce by 30 percent. According to Toby Moore, water resources manager and chief hydrogeologist for Golden State Water, higher water reduction for his company is based on the recent severe water shortage declaration in Nipomo, along with the state water mandates.

The NCSO operates one water system and two sewer systems; one serving the Town Division and one serving the Blacklake Division. They serve about 12,512 people with residential accounts. Golden State Water Company has about 13,400 customers in the Lake Marie, Nipomo, Orcutt, Sisquoc and Tanglewood areas. Golden State Water currently serves 1,489 water connections in Nipomo, alone.

These high water-reduction goals come at a time when Nipomo is literally trying not to let the well run dry. The Nipomo Mesa Management Area Technical Group recently reported that groundwater levels were at an all-time low since 1975, which is so low that Nipomo is now considered to be in a severe water shortage condition. In 2015, the Key Well Index value was at 10 feet mean sea level. At 16.5 feet mean sea level, the severe water shortage condition level

is hit. Just last year, the KWI value was at 18.5 feet mean sea level.

While water reduction goals are higher in Nipomo, other cities can take note as the cause behind them is a water culprit across California.

No green lawn with that white picket fence

Michael LeBrun, manager for the NCSD, said what's sucking up all the water in Nipomo is the same as everywhere else: land. It just happens that in Nipomo many homes sit on 1/2- and 1-acre lots. And when you have a bigger yard, it tends to get filled up with more plants that require more water.

"Interior water use can be pretty comparable from different-sized residences," LeBrun said. "But exterior watering is where I think folks can conserve the most. Let the lawn go brown."

LeBrun said that normally, 50 percent of landscapes are overwatered and that many plants can get by on less than people think.

A garden of choices

Rick Tibben, of Nipomo, has about 60 fruit trees that sit on his 1-acre residence. He also has a vegetable garden, berries and a rose garden. His water bill is sometimes more than \$500. He typically donates about a ton of produce every year to the Nipomo Food Basket. This year, his garden is feeling the effects of the drought and he'll probably only end up with enough produce to donate about half of what he normally does.

Tibben has a mostly brown lawn, but the garden is still going. His property gets water from Golden State Water Company. Tibben cut back by 38 percent in May, 2 percent more than what is required. He uses drip irrigation in some of the garden and fruit trees get hand-watered so not a drop is wasted. He also converted his lion head water fountain into a planter for drought-resistant succulents. Some of his trees, like the avocado tree, have gone a year without being watered and are still producing fruit.

Still Tibben said he's not sure he'll be able to keep up this level of water reduction. He's being pulled in two directions by rising water bills and the declining health of some of his plants and crops.

"If they don't have this kind of property, it would be easy to conserve," Tibben said. "I've had a number of plants die because I can't water them as much as I should."

In a normal year, Tibben said his handful of plum trees would sire 200 pounds of plums. This year he only got three individual plums out of them. Tibben is also known in the community for growing giant pumpkins, some as big as 600 pounds, for the the Great Pumpkin Contest in October in San Luis Obispo. But giant pumpkins require a giant amount of water, so Tibben said he likely won't be growing them for next year.

Larry Versaw, president of the Mesa Community Alliance in Nipomo, said he and his wife, Arlene, have gone a step beyond letting their lawn go brown. They ripped their lawn out and replaced it with drought-tolerant plants. He said they also do things like collect water in the shower to be used for flushing the toilet and watering plants.

Versaw said they're doing as much as they can, but it's not enough as development, in the form of residence and agricultural fields, continues to expand in Nipomo.

"We're doing all we can," Versaw said. "We can't save enough water as long as they keep sticking more straws in our aquifer."

Like Tibben, LeBrun said others in Nipomo will have to make choices on where to use their water. He also said most people are getting the message that the drought is a big problem. Throughout Nipomo he said he sees brown lawns and dirty cars. In May, customers in the NCSD reduced their water usage by 30 percent compared to May 2013. But the first set of numbers to count under Brown's order will be from this June. That information was not available as of press time.

Golden State Water Company's residential customers in Nipomo reduced their water usage in May by 42 percent compared to the same month in 2013, Moore said. That equates to roughly 17,300,492 gallons saved just in the month of May.

"No one wants to get drought shamed," LeBrun said. "We're just at the front end of this thing. We're keeping full pressure and asking folks to stick with it."



Supplemental water in pipes in Nipomo

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Supplemental water has begun flowing into Nipomo, with more than 4 million gallons of the wet stuff delivered to the water-strapped community since the beginning of the month.

"This is a truly monumental accomplishment for the district," said Michael LeBrun, Nipomo Community Services District general manager. "This project will increase district water supply reliability for generations to come."

NCSD has contracted with Santa Maria to buy the city's excess state water, providing a supplemental source for the community that has relied solely on groundwater to supply district customers in the past.

Area demands have exceeded supply, requiring the district to find supplemental water through a mandate issued by the court in the settlement of a lawsuit over groundwater rights.

Planning for the \$17-million public works project -- which LeBrun said is the largest and most important in the district's 50-year history -- started in the early 1990s.

The first phase of constructing a supplemental water pipeline from Santa Maria to Nipomo involved boring under the Santa Maria River, pulling a pipeline through the bore and connecting that to the city system.

It also required building a pump station and storage reservoir on the Mesa, connecting that to the district lines and switching NCSD's disinfectant system to the same as that used by the city.

That work is now in its final stages, and the supplemental water began flowing right on schedule.

"The water has arrived just in time, as we are now in peak demand season," LeBrun said.

The current project capacity is 650 acre-feet a year, and plans are underway to eventually take it to its full capacity of 3,000 acre-feet a year.

An acre-foot is about 326,000 gallons, or the amount of water generally considered necessary to supply the annual needs of four to 10 people in an urban environment.

Water deliveries from Santa Maria started July 2 and consist of the same blend of state water and groundwater that's being delivered to city customers.

NCSD is the lead agency on the supplemental water project, but the three other Nipomo Mesa water purveyors will also benefit from the flow.

District customers will pay the majority of the cost for the project and the water that's delivered.

The other three purveyors — Golden State Water Co., Woodlands Mutual Water Co. and Rural Water Co. — that serve fewer customers will pay lesser shares.

Santa Clara County Superior Court, where the lawsuit was adjudicated, in a stipulated agreement ordered the purveyors to bring in supplemental water to reduce the amount being pumped from the Nipomo Mesa Management Area of the Santa Maria Valley Groundwater Basin.

The basin extends from southeast of Santa Maria north to Pismo Beach and includes the Northern Cities Management Area in the Five Cities area.

Pumping on the Mesa has led to localized "pumping depressions" where the level of the groundwater has fallen below sea level.

Those depressions have expanded in recent years, fueling fears of saltwater intrusion that could make the basin's water, or at least portions of it, unusable for drinking.

The stipulated agreement settled litigation that began in 1997 when the Santa Maria Water Conservation District sued several public purveyors, fearing the importation of state water and the growing consumption of city residents would erode the traditionally superior water rights of farmers and ranchers.

The city of Santa Maria filed a cross-complaint, and the case eventually ballooned to include other cities, private companies and landowners from Pismo Beach to Orcutt, at one point involving more than 1,000 parties.

About 750 parties agreed to the settlement, which gave the city and private water companies the a right to use the groundwater basin to temporarily store and recapture state water.

All the appeals filed by those who didn't join the settlement have been rejected.



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North County exceeds water conservation goals



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As the June water use numbers trickle in across California, it's become clear that northern Santa Barbara County has made more than a drop in the bucket when it comes to conserving water.

In fact, North County communities filled the bucket with all the water they saved last month.

June marked the first month the State Water Resources Control Board watched and graded

different cities' water use numbers, and North County cities exceeded their water-usage goals.

Back in April, Gov. Jerry Brown issued an order for California to reduce its water usage by 25 percent compared to 2013. Since then, different cities and water districts were given different water reduction targets based on their 2013 residential water usage.

Water purveyors who fail to meet the mark can be hit with fines of up to \$10,000.

Making do with less

Across the region, different cities hit their water-use goals and then some for June.

One of the biggest reductions in the area came from Golden State Water Company customers in Nipomo, where water usage was reduced by 42 percent in June as compared to June 2013. That section of Nipomo was only required to hit a 36-percent reduction. Customers in the Nipomo Community Services District reduced water usage by 32.5 percent in June, while their goal was 30 percent.

While reductions are high in Nipomo, it's because they have to be. The Nipomo Mesa Management Area Technical Group recently reported that groundwater levels were at an all-time low since 1975, which is so low that Nipomo is now considered to be in a severe water shortage condition. In 2015, the Key Well Index (KWI) value was at 10 feet mean sea level. At 16.5 feet mean sea level, the severe water shortage condition level is hit. Just last year, the KWI value was at 18.5 feet mean sea level.

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Toby Moore, water resources manager and chief hydrologist for Golden State Water, said he was pleased with the progress in his company's coverage area so far.

"We've seen a really good response," Moore said. "We're getting the message out. Folks are aware of the issue and they're responding."

Moore said the company has held community meetings to make customers aware of drought requirements. That, combined with the outreach being done at the state level, has resulted in high water-use reduction numbers for June.

As the statewide reduction goals are cumulative for the year, Moore said it's critical to reduce water to a greater degree in the summer, since that's when people tend to use more for outdoor watering. In the winter months, water usage is limited to mostly indoors. Moore said Golden State Water would continue to shoot for water-use reductions well above their goals through September.

The city of Santa Maria, which was given a goal of reducing water usage by 16 percent, managed to reduce by 18 percent in June. Utilities Director Shad Springer said the city is trying to do the brunt of the work meeting Santa Maria's mandate without passing extra regulations on to its customers, though its citizens are pulling their weight, too. This includes a big effort to reduce water use by the city's Recreation and Parks Department.

Lompoc also saw high water-use reduction numbers in June, more than doubling its goal of a 12-percent reduction, with a 33-percent reduction last month.

"Without everybody having awareness and the sensitivity to adjust their behavior, we wouldn't have achieved the savings that we are seeing," Lompoc City Administrator Patrick Wiemiller said. "It all boils down to the people of the community."

Every last drop counts

Water purveyors with less than 3,000 water connections weren't given a state-mandated water reduction but, instead, were simply required to limit outdoor watering to twice a week. However, water-use reductions were still seen in these areas. Golden State Water customers in Sisquoc reduced water usage by 54 percent in June. In Lake Marie, customers reduced by 32 percent and in Tanglewood they reduced by 21 percent. In the city of Solvang, water usage was reduced by 35 percent in June, and for the same month, Guadalupe reduced by 15 percent and Buellton by 30 percent.

While Solvang didn't have a state-mandated reduction, City Manager Brad Vidro said the city's water usage was reduced significantly due to one thing: penalties.

Solvang instituted a tiered-rate structure penalizing customers using more than others in November 2014.

"People started to see the increase in their bill potential," Vidro said.

Vidro also credits the reduction to increased irrigation during the summer months when many customers watered their lawns three or four days a week in the early stages of the drought.

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1 has not yet reviewed their meter readings for June; however, in May the water agency's 6,700 customers nearly cut their use in half. Domestic users reduced their use by 20 percent, while rural and agricultural customers used 24-percent less water, ID No. 1 General Manager Chris Dahlstrom said.

Living like it won't rain

While June water-use numbers that continue to flow in ahead of the state's July 15 reporting deadline look promising, the battle to conserve water has only just begun.

Golden State Water recently established a plan for water rationing and fees in response to the drought.

The company's plan for water rationing and fees has five stages and the first stage is currently in effect. The first stage assigns customers two specific days per week for outdoor irrigation, based on their addresses. Additionally, all outdoor irrigation would have to take place between 7 p.m. and 8 a.m.

In Stage Two, customers would be allocated a certain amount of water and charged an additional fee if they exceed that amount. The allocations will be based on customers' 2013 water usage. So customers in Nipomo will have to use 36-percent less water each compared to how much they used in 2013. Customers who go over their allocated amount will be charged \$2.50 per cubic centum foot for additional water. (One ccf equals 748 gallons of water.) In Stage Three, that amount goes up to \$5 and up to \$10 in Stage Four.

Moore said that if the necessary numbers aren't reached or if the state requires stricter regulations, it could be necessary for the company to move up to a higher stage on the plan.

"We can't rule that out," Moore said. "We might have to be more restrictive as we go forward."

Tom Fayram, deputy director of water resources for the county of Santa Barbara, said he expects to see similarly high water-usage reduction numbers across the entire county.

"I think people realize how important it is to conserve," Fayram said. "It's going to rain again at some point and we'll have a fresh water supply, but we don't know when that's going to be."

Eight basic regulations for California water suppliers

1. Reduce potable urban water usage statewide by 25 percent as compared to 2013.
2. Prohibit irrigation with potable water of ornamental turf or public street medians.
3. Prohibit irrigation with potable water outside of newly constructed homes or buildings.
4. Develop rate structures and other pricing mechanisms that encourage and facilitate the adoption of rate structures that promote water conservation.
5. Provide monthly information regarding water usage, conservation and enforcement to the State Water Resources Control Board.
6. Prohibit application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during or within 48 hours after measurable rainfall.

- 7. Provide prompt notice to a customer whenever the supplier suspects that a leak exists within the customer's control.
- 8. Report water usage to the the State Water Resources Control Board

-- Source: Santa Maria city staff

June water-use numbers

City	June Water Use Reduction	Water Use Reduction Goal
Santa Maria	18 percent	16 percent
Lompoc	33 percent	23 percent
Orcutt	38 percent	32 percent
Nipomo GS	42 percent	36 percent
Nipomo CSD	32.5 percent	30 percent

-- Source: city of Santa Maria, city of Lompoc, Golden State Water Company and Nipomo Community Services District

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Water begins flowing from new Nipomo pipeline

Water rates in Nipomo have jumped because of a new project designed to boost the town's water supply.

That water is now arriving via a pipeline from Santa Maria.



Nipomo Community Services District officials said local development led to a boost in water use and the drought meant the Nipomo groundwater supply was about to be exhausted.

The new pipeline is designed to transport one-billion gallons of water a year.

"Now I think folks are understanding, our customers are better understanding why we need to diversify our sources of water so that we're ready for really whatever the future brings," said Michael LeBrun, Nipomo Community Services District General Manager.

Santa Maria and Nipomo have an 85-year contract for the pipeline.

Nipomo residents' brown lawns help CSD exceed water-conservation targets

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Brown is the new green in Nipomo, where many residents have chosen to let their lawns die in light of the state's historic drought.

The collective decision to not water lawns has the Nipomo Community Services District celebrating. Last week the district announced that, because of increased conservation efforts by residents, it pumped 32.5 percent less water this June than it had in June 2013 — meeting and exceeding both the district's and the state's water reduction targets.

In April, the State Water Resources Board gave the Nipomo CSD, which serves roughly 4,089 residential water connections, a 28 percent target reduction over its 2013 water use, or it would face fines of up to \$10,000 a day.

The district board of directors upped its conservation goal to 30 percent over the next five years and simultaneously launched its "Brown is the New Green" conservation campaign.

The campaign and increased public awareness for the drought seems to have helped with conservation, district General Manager Michael LeBrun said.

In June, the district pumped 183.6 acre-feet of water — approximately 59.8 million gallons — compared with 272.1 acre-feet in June 2013, LeBrun said. Most of those savings are from residential customers reducing or turning off their outside irrigation.

"It is odd out here to see a lush green lawn now," he said. "Most of them are yellowing or brown, or just plain dead. I think nobody wants to get drought-shamed."

Nipomo resident Darla Budge said the number of lawns on her block that have turned brown has increased significantly in the past three



Several homes in Nipomo have brown lawns, like these at the intersection of Tanis Place and Elvira Way. The Nipomo Community Services District is reporting a 32.5 percent reduction in water use for June compared with 2013.

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OTHER NIPOMO RESIDENTS CUT WATER USE, TOO

A spokesman from Golden State Water Co., which serves roughly 1,489 residential connections in the southern portion of Nipomo, said its local customers also reduced their water use significantly compared to 2013.

Customers used approximately 73.3 acre feet of water — 23.8 million gallons — in June, compared with 127.3 acre feet of water — 41.5 million gallons — in the same month in 2013. This represented a 42 percent reduction in water use, compared with the 36 percent goal the water provider asked its customers to achieve.

months.

"We're going brown over here — brown is the new green, you know," she said. "Some have just let them go, but we have about five on our block that have gone completely what I call 'the desert look.' It's all rocks and bark, like (when) you drive through the suburbs in Vegas."

Budge said she decreased the number of times she waters her lawn each week from four to once a week. Because she rents the home, she said she felt obligated to keep watering the lawn slightly.

"I do miss the green," she said, noting that because of the water situation, she has also decided against filling up a kiddie pool she bought for her grandson this summer.

Another Nipomo resident, Denise Santoyo, said she decided to stop watering her 4,000-square-foot lawn entirely because of increasing water bills. But after a few weeks of brown grass in her yard, Santoyo said she became so depressed by the dying grass that she sought out a service that would dye it green.

"It's just wonderful to see," she said of her once-again verdant lawn. "I've told a bunch of friends about it, and there were two of my neighbors that I suggested it to as well. So far I'm just really, really happy with it."

Though many homeowners have reduced their water usage by letting their lawns go like Budge and Santoyo, LeBrun cautioned the work isn't over.

"We need to keep on this thing — wait it out — and when the winter rains come, then we'll figure out what we want to do with those brown lawns," he said. "And who knows, some people might decide they want to spend \$200 on something other than green grass."

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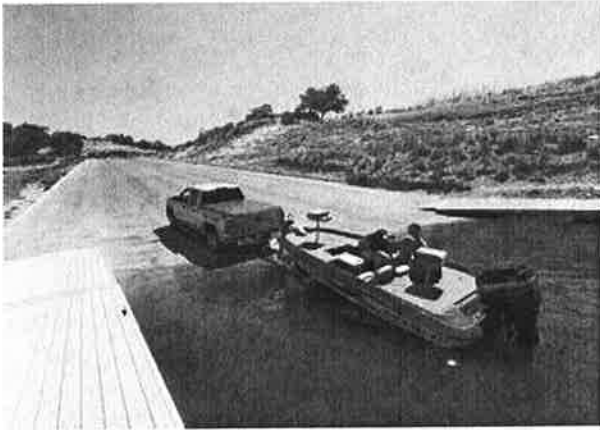
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South SLO County surpassing water-conservation goals



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Heading into the dog days of summer, south San Luis Obispo County residents are cutting their water consumption and meeting targets set by newly imposed water reductions.

Arroyo Grande residents reduced their consumption by 33 percent in June, surpassing the state's target of 28 percent for the city, Public Works Director Geoff English said.

"This is great news," English said. "We are

exceeding the state mandate by 5 percent."

June was the first month Gov. Jerry Brown's mandatory water cutbacks officially took effect and were measured by the state since he imposed the emergency restrictions in early April.

At that time, Brown issued an executive order requiring Californians to reduce their water usage by 25 percent. Since then, cities and water suppliers across the state have been given different reduction targets based on their 2013 residential usage. The order remains in effect through February 2016.

The drought has caused dwindling water supplies, especially for cities such as Arroyo Grande, which recently enacted a Stage 1 water shortage emergency to help further conserve there.

Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach rely solely on groundwater and water from Lopez Lake to supply its residents and business owners with the wet stuff. The lake is at its lowest levels in years -- it was hovering at just over 35 percent this week -- because of ongoing drought conditions.

Nipomo also draws from South County's depleted groundwater supply to put water in the town's pipes, and the biggest reductions in the area came from Golden State Water Company customers in Nipomo, where water usage was reduced by 42 percent last month. That section of Nipomo was only required to hit a 36-percent reduction.

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Customers in the Nipomo Community Services District, which began purchasing supplemental water from Santa Maria, reduced water usage by 32.5 percent in June. The district's goal was 30 percent.

Michael LeBrun, NCSD general manager, hopes to see high water usage reduction numbers continue throughout the summer.

"People don't want to stand out," LeBrun said. "If you've got a a clean car and a green lawn these days, you're standing out. I think we can do it."

To help save water in Grover Beach, city leaders declared a Stage 3 water shortage last year, requiring mandatory conservation measures and setting a goal of a 10-percent reduction in usage or fines for all 4,000 of its water customers, which are helping the city surpass the state-mandated conservation goal of 8 percent.

Grover Beach has seen a 26.6-percent reduction in water usage when comparing June 2014 and this past month and a 38-percent reduction from June 2013, said City Engineer/Public Works Director Greg Ray.

"The conservation program is yielding significant reductions in water use. The average is about a 23-percent reduction compared to last year," Ray said, adding the city has already exceeded the reduction required by the state.

In Pismo Beach, residents can pat themselves on the back for helping the city achieve its goal of a 24-percent reduction for June. The city's water consumption was down 24.46 percent last month, compared to June 2013.

"We hit our target," City Engineer/Public Works Director Ben Fine said, adding he believes Pismo Beach will be able to meet its water-conservation goals as the year progresses.

The city will continue offering residents and business owners incentives to curtail their water use, with programs such as "Cash for Grass," which provides rebates to individuals that replace their grassy landscapes with artificial turf, while adding new rebate programs such as one for waterless urinals, Fine said.

One thing Pismo Beach isn't considering to save water, though, is turning off the sand showers near pier plaza.

"It's such a small percentage of our usage, and we're doing so much more to save water," Fine said, "with the public benefit they provide, we decided to leave them on."

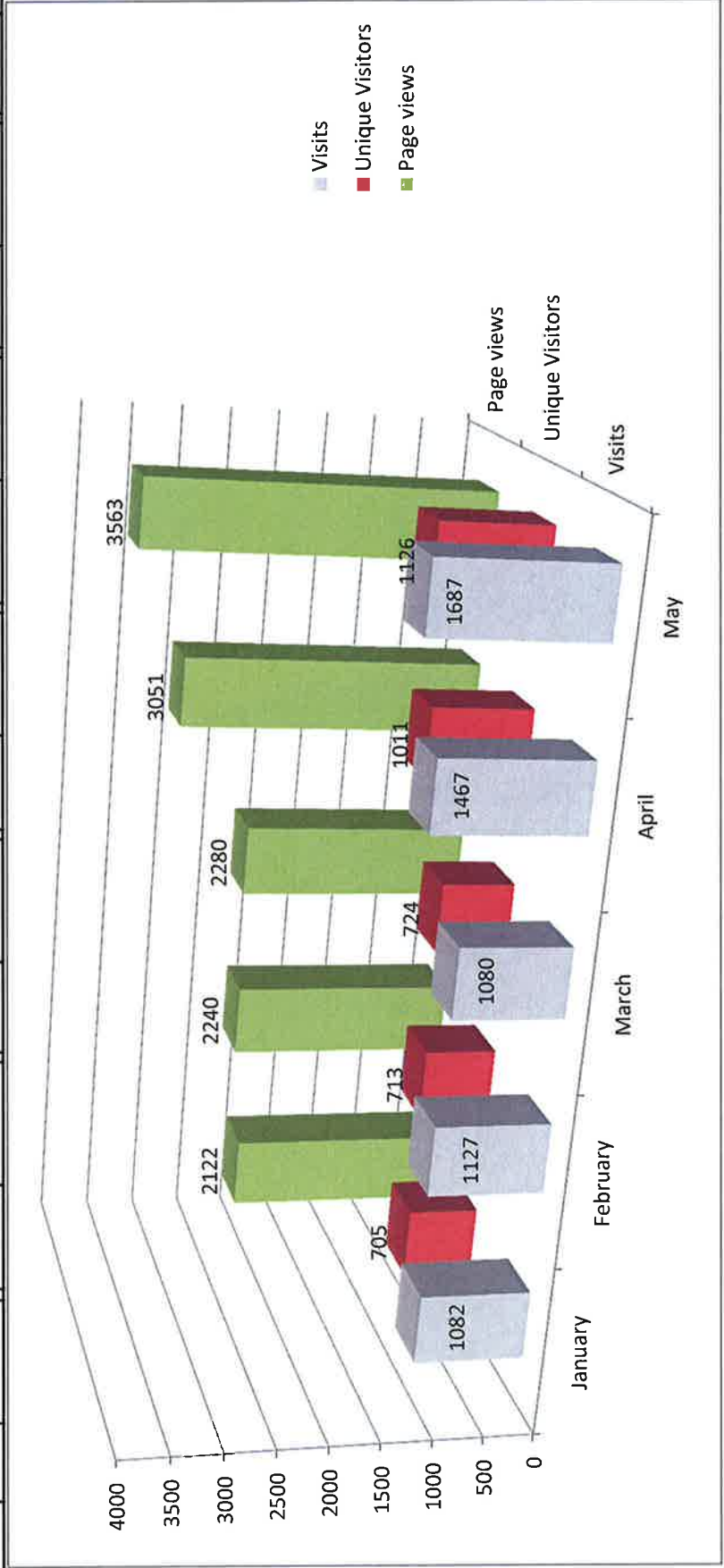
State officials plan to verify the water data that's due today during the next few weeks, announcing statewide conservation figures sometime in early August. Water suppliers failing to meet their mandated conservation goals over the next several months could face fines as high as \$10,000 per day.

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5/18/15 - 5/24/15	460	325	955	2.08	0:02:20	58.48%	49.35%	Wed 5/20	Special Meeting announcement
5/25/15 - 5/31/15	384	299	776	2.02	0:02:00	52.08%	57.29%	Tue 5/26	
6/1/15 - 6/7/15	435	337	900	2.07	0:02:00	55.86%	57.01%	Mon 6/1	
6/8/15 - 6/14/15	313	251	602	1.92	0:02:03	57.19%	59.42%	Thu 6/11	
6/15/15 - 6/21/15	322	261	673	2.09	0:01:49	59.94%	61.18%	Fri 6/19	
6/22/15 - 6/28/15	327	250	751	2.3	0:02:05	58.10%	53.82%	Mon 6/22	
6/29/15 - 7/5/15	423	325	901	2.13	0:01:56	46.57%	59.10%	Tue 6/30	
7/6/15 - 7/12/15	461	357	876	1.9	0:01:42	48.81%	61.82%	Tue 7/7	

Website Traffic Summary

2014	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	1082		705		2122		1.96		0:01:35		54.34%		52.77%	
February	1127	4.16%	713	1.13%	2240	5.56%	1.99	1.53%	0:01:35	0.00%	55.37%	1.90%	49.42%	-6.35%
March	1080	-4.17%	724	1.54%	2280	1.79%	2.11	6.03%	0:01:37	2.11%	54.35%	-1.84%	54.63%	10.54%
April	1467	35.83%	1011	39.64%	3051	33.82%	2.08	-1.42%	0:01:41	4.12%	55.96%	2.96%	58.01%	6.19%
May	1687	15.00%	1126	11.37%	3563	16.78%	2.11	1.44%	0:02:06	24.75%	53.11%	-5.09%	55.25%	-4.76%
June	1529	-9.37%	1085	-3.64%	3241	-9.04%	2.12	0.47%	0:02:01	-3.97%	56.70%	6.76%	57.36%	3.82%
July														
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October														
November														
December														



2015 Facebook Summary

FACEBOOK

Week	New Users	Comment Likes	Comment Shares	User Posts	*Content Views	Most Popular Post
2014	19					
12/5/14 - 1/8/15	4	2	0	0	NA	
1/9/15 - 2/5/15	2	4	0	0	NA	
2/6/15 - 2/19/15	2	2	0	0	NA	
2/20/15 - 3/5/15	3	4	0	0	NA	
3/6/15 - 4/2/15	2	6	0	0	NA	Funny video, serious issue. What are your water priorities? #CADrought #savewater #everydropcounts (157 views)
4/3/15 - 4/16/15						Hopefully we receive the forecasted rain tomorrow. If we do, make sure to turn off your irrigation! Governor Brown's recent order calls for no watering for 48 hours after rain. #CADrought #savewater (144 views)
4/17/15 - 5/7/15	4	2	0	2	494	What do you know about H2O? #drinkingwaterweek (42 views)
5/8/15 - 5/21/15	0	4	0	0	228	
5/8/15 - 5/21/15	2	1	0	0	122	Waterwise vegetable gardens! #CADrought #waterwisegardening #savewater (19 views)
5/22/15 - 6/4/15	3	1	0	3	180	Brown out' this summer. Our water supply depends on it. #Nipomo #savewater #brownisthenewgreen (43 views)
6/5/15 - 6/18/15	0	2	0	0	164	Supplemental Water is coming! The first delivery of water is scheduled for July. Here's pictures of the crew finishing the pump house which will bring water from Santa Maria to Nipomo. #Nipomo #NSWP #SupplementalWater (20 views)

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Week	New Users	Comment Likes	Comment Shares	User Posts	* Content Views	Most Popular Post
6/19/15 - 7/16/15	4	18	0	4	819	Supplemental Water has arrived in #Nipomo! "This is truly a monumental accomplishment for the District. This project will increase District water supply reliability for generations to come." www.ncsd.ca.gov (210 views)

*data will be available after 30 users

2015 Twitter Summary

TWITTER

Week	New Followers	Re-tweets (shared)	Mentions/ Favorites (comments)	Link Visits (visits to links)	Content Views (Impressions)	Most Popular Post
4/3/15 - 4/16/15 (14 day period)	9	2	2	5	705	Saving water is increasingly important. Share what you are doing to conserve. #CADrought #EveryDropCounts #savewater http://fb.me/3YFdOISC (182 views)
4/17/15 - 5/7/15 (21 day period)	6	2	6	11	1,200	"We need to stop pretending we have lots of water." A humorous look at our serious drought. #CADrought #savewater http://fb.me/3esmPdh59 (88 views) Its South County Sanitary's clean-up week. Check out the flyer for more information. #cleanupweek #hipomo... http://fb.me/3icMkQIPS (82 views)
5/8/15 - 5/21/15 (14 day period)	6	6	7	9	1,100	Remember, State regulations prohibit watering 2 days following rain. Turn off those sprinklers! #savewater #Cadrought (270 views) New Press Release: Technical Group Releases Spring 2015 Index; Groundwater in Severe Shortage Condition; Meeting Thur http://ncsd.ca.gov (109 views)
5/22/15 - 6/4/15 (14 days)	4	3	1	4	1,600	New NCSD Press Release: Board Declares Stage III Water Shortage Conditions and Moves Forward with Response Plan... http://fb.me/4qYklvlgw (172 views)
6/5/15 - 6/18/15 (14 days)	3	2	3	8	986	Is it raining at your house? We see some sprinkles here at the District office! Remember to turn off those irrigation systems. (111 views)

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Week	New Followers	Re-tweets (shared)	Mentions/ Favorites (comments)	Link Visits (visits to links)	Content Views (Impressions)	Most Popular Post
6/19/15 - 7/16/15 (28 days)	10	1	5	24	2,600	Two opportunities tomorrow to hear more about the arrival of supplemental water and our drought response. #Nipomo pic.twitter.com/N57zwMtZXw (277 views)

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June 30, 2015

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Dear Daniel:

The Nipomo Mesa Management Area Technical Group (NMMA TG) is writing in response to the most recent Northern Cities Management Area Technical Group (NCMA TG) annual report for the NCMA. The report is dated April 2015, for NCMA conditions during calendar year 2014.

The 2005 stipulation explains the required purposes of individual management area annual reports and our comments here were developed principally in the context of the technical data and analysis presented in the NCMA report as it pertains to such requirements and associated annual reporting. These comments are restricted to the NCMA report for calendar year 2014 conditions, but that does not imply a lack of concern regarding findings and statements in previous NCMA annual reports.

We present the attached table of comments addressing a wide range of NCMA report topics that warrant revision or correction. The items presented are not a comprehensive list of NMMA TG concerns but are important examples. We encourage particular focus on comments relating to the report's assertion of overdraft conditions in the NMMA, its analysis of NCMA coastal water quality, and its discussion of "safe yield."

The NMMA TG recommends that future NCMA annual reports address the technical items described in the attached table. We are open to discussion of these concerns, particularly with regard to discrepancies between County monitoring data and NCMA-reported groundwater elevations in the NMMA-NCMA boundary area.

Sincerely,

Nipomo Mesa Management Area Technical Group

corresponding address:

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1	ES-1, and p. 21, § 4.1.3.1, ¶ 3	Significant digits are greatly overstated for all irrigation and rural water use (given to the 0.01 acre-foot decimal place). Unless flowmeters are calibrated at very high accuracy, accuracy is likely overstated for other categories as well. The statement "...groundwater pumping accounted for approximately 4,020.18 AF" is not "approximate," and is definitely not known this precisely.
2	ES-2, third bullet point	The third bulleted finding does not consider the overall groundwater budget items and should explicitly state that.
3	ES-2, third bullet point; and p. 20, § 4.1.3, ¶ 1	"Overdraft" has a specific meaning that is not appropriate to the current level of technical understanding of NMMA water budget and groundwater storage. The NCMA report's citation of a recent NMMA annual report (2013) as describing "ongoing overdraft in the NMMA" is a misrepresentation of the discussion provided in the NMMA report.
4	General	The residual impact of the 2013 drought year inflow/outflow is an omission in the evaluation of causes for lowered groundwater levels (rainfall was 27% of average as reported in the NCMA report for 2013 conditions).
5	General	The facts presented related to rainfall (61% of long term average and 39% during the wet season) indicate a significant reduction in recharge should be expected from all inflow sources. 2014 groundwater production in the NCMA is reported to be 95% of 2013 production; this reduction in pumping would not be sufficient to offset the precipitation-related reduction in recharge.
6	General	Considerable attention is given to reductions of inflow from the Nipomo Mesa without providing any estimate of inflow to the NCMA at that intra-basin boundary. In light of the current drought conditions, a significant reduction of inflow at this intra-basin boundary should be expected, as at the other intra-basin boundaries.
7	ES-3, second bullet point; and p. 5, end of 3.2.1 and first paragraph of 3.2.2	It may be true that low rainfall resulted in limited groundwater recharge, but <u>monthly</u> precipitation and evaporation is much too coarse a time step to determine that.
8	General	There is a Santa Maria groundwater basin, and there are three court-established management areas including the NCMA. There is no "Northern Cities groundwater basin" (e.g., top of p. 10)
9	p. 1, § 2, ¶ 2-3; p. 10, § 4.1.1.3, ¶ 2 p. 10, § 4.1.1.4, ¶ 2	Please explain any differences of these terms used in the NCMA annual report: "2002 Management Agreement," "2002 Groundwater Management Agreement," "2002 Settlement Agreement," "2005 Settlement Stipulation," "Management Agreement," and "Settlement Agreement."
10	p. 1, § 2, ¶ 3	If the 2002 Settlement Agreement was generally affirmed and not completely affirmed, please explain what was not affirmed.
11	p. 2, § 2, ¶ 1	Figure 2 should show the service area of each agency
12	p. 3, § 2.2.2, ¶ 2	SMGBMAs have been collaborating and meeting since 2009
13	p. 4, § 3.2, ¶ 1; and Figure 3; and p. 5, § 3.2.1, ¶ 3 & 4	Figure 4: CIMIS 202 instruments are oversprayed by irrigation regularly and therefore ET and precipitation data from this station are in error and unreliable for use. Figure 3 contains CIMIS 202 data. Slightly above average in summer is irrigation overspray on CIMIS 202 and not actual rainfall.

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14	p. 4, § 3.1, ¶ 2	DWR did not refer to a groundwater divide as a source of recharge to NCMA. In addition, a groundwater divide is technically not a source of recharge in the way that, say, percolation of rainfall is.
15	p. 5, § 3.2.1, ¶ 2	Rainfall data should be weighted by area before an average is computed
16	p. 6, § 4.1.1.1., ¶ 1	p. 18, § 4.1.2.3, ¶ 1 lists Meadow Creek as a source of recharge, so it's not clear why there is no reference to groundwater recharge from Meadow Creek in § 4.1.1., similar to the reference to groundwater recharge from Arroyo Grande. Please clarify.
17	p. 10, § 4.1.1.4, ¶ 1	The list of Developed Water return flow sources, including Lake Lopez water and SWP water, should be expanded to include return flow from water imported into, and not consumptively used in, the NCMA from groundwater pumping outside of the NCMA, as described in § 4.1.1.5, including water potentially pumped from the NMMA.
18	p. 10, § 4.1.1.4, ¶ 2	The reference to a "resultant increase in groundwater recharge" in the third sentence may not be appropriate without context. For example, the increase needs to be relative to some baseline amount of recharge from rainfall and it's not clear that such a baseline value is presented. In addition, increased recharge from storm water capture presumes that the captured storm water would otherwise not percolate into aquifers if left to migrate downgradient, which needs to be established. Suggest revising this discussion.
19	p. 10, § 4.1.1.3, ¶ 2; and p. 13, § 4.1.1.5, ¶ 1; and p. 21, § 4.1.3.1, ¶ 2 & 3; and p. 23, § 4.1.3.4, ¶ 1	The presentation of 9,500 afy "safe yield" for NCMA does not appear to be technically supported in the literature cited; please explain the technical basis for this value. There are citations of DWR-estimated yield (2002) for NMMA discussion sections, but DWR's estimate of NCMA yield from the report is not used or discussed in the NCMA Annual Report. The DWR (2002) estimate for NCMA is 4,000 - 5,600 afy.
20	p. 30, § 6.1.1, ¶ 1 of "Discussion"	Incorrect or incomplete citation. Assumed 9,500 afy NCMA yield is not "defined by DWR." DWR's most recent (2002) yield estimate for NCMA is 4,000 to 5,600 afy.
21	General	The "safe yield" value should be discussed in more detail. The safe yield value is an average estimate of production and year to year variations do occur. The DWR 2002 report Table 29 presents the estimated the dependable yield of the Tri-Cities Mesa-Arroyo Grande Plain (which includes a significant amount of area that is within the NMMA) at 4,000 acre-feet for the Base Period (1984-1995). The 2002 DWR report states that the dependable yield estimate can be improved with improvements in the estimates of items of water supply and use.
22	p. 13, § 4.1.1.5, ¶ 1	Safe yield is not necessarily a static number, but in fact changes with land use and other state variables. Any use of historical safe yield estimates should be updated to reflect current conditions.
23	p. 10, § 4.1.1.4, ¶ 1	Implies Lopez Lake water is groundwater.
24	p. 10, § 4.1.1.4, ¶ 1	Annual estimates of return flow are required by Judgment
25	p. 11, § 4.1.1.5, ¶ 3	Where applicable, charts displayed in Figure 5, as well as the chart in Figure 6, should include a series representing Other Supplies (e.g., Table 12 indicates the City of Arroyo Grande used 69.3 acre-feet of Other Supplies in 2014).
26	p. 11, § 4.1.1.5, ¶ 1	Are agricultural irrigation credits offset by reduced applied irrigation to agricultural land?

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27	p. 11, § 4.1.1.5, ¶ 3; and p. 13, § 4.1.1.5, ¶ 2	This section omits discussion of 2009 sea water intrusion and the municipal response of groundwater pumping reduction, allowing groundwater levels to rise. Please present information regarding agricultural response to sea water intrusion. Groundwater pumping declined in 2009-2010 in response to sea water intrusion
28	p. 12, § 4.1.1.5, Table 8	9,500 AF is not the sum of the column
29	p. 13, § 4.1.1.5, ¶ 1	Much of the text in this paragraph is repetitive when compared to text on p. 21, § 4.1.3.1, ¶ 3, and is not consistent with the rest of the discussion in § 4.1.1.5. Suggest deleting this paragraph and moving relevant text to § 4.1.3.1.
30	p. 13, § 4.1.1.5, ¶ 1	The last sentence leaves out the important component of agricultural production. Suggest revision, for example, "However, with declining water levels throughout most of the NCMA portion of the basin, increased agricultural groundwater production to offset the drought conditions, and reduced municipal groundwater production, the conditions likely illustrate a significant reduced volume of natural recharge and reduced subsurface inflow to the basin from the east."
31	p. 14, § 4.1.2.2, ¶ 2	Text should be included to let the reader know that some of the values plotted on Figures 9 and 10 are apparently not measured values. For example, the value of 3.2 feet amsl associated with well cluster 32S/12E-24 does not seem to be present in the tables in Appendix A, suggesting that it is not a value from an individual well, but may be some calculated value, perhaps from more than one monitoring interval. If there are calculated values, these should not be used in these figures in their current form.
32	p. 15, § 4.1.2.2, ¶ 2 & 3 of "Basinwide Water Elevations"	Discussion of groundwater elevations should include discussion of changes in pumping rates after 2007-2009 low levels.
33	p. 15, § 4.1.2.2, ¶ 3 of "Basinwide Water Elevations"	" ... the last two years of very low rainfall... " and increased pumping ...
34	p. 16, § 4.1.2.2, ¶ 1	While 24B03 is the deepest of the cluster, it is not as representative of the aquifer interval where most pumping occurs, and its hydrograph is dissimilar to the rest of the wells. 24B02 is the correct well to include.
35	p. 16, § 4.1.2.2, ¶ 1	Of the sentry wells, 24B2, 30N2, 36L1, OCSD Blue are the most representative wells for the primary production aquifer.
36	p. 16, and p. 31, § 6.1.1, ¶ 1	Average elevations are good to characterize regional areas, but not good for a specific place. Sentry wells should be individually evaluated for conditions of sea water intrusion. Low groundwater levels in an individual aquifer unit that has the potential for seawater intrusion can produce aquifer contamination even if a multi-well average water level is above a threshold value.
37	p. 16, § 4.1.2.2	No figure of 24B2 hydrograph
38	p. 16-17, § 4.1.2.2	This section should include discussion of increased pumping since 2013.
39	p. 17, § 4.1.2.3, ¶ 2	To the best of our knowledge, the cited ASTM standard compares sampling methods as opposed to listing step-by-step procedures for a sampling method, which is what the text seems to imply. Suggest revising this sentence if the standard does not provide sampling procedures.

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40	p. 18, § 4.1.2.2 & 4.1.2.3.	In addition to calling out Figures 19, 20, 22, 23, and 24, Figures 14 through 18 should be called out and discussed. In particular, the step-wise change in electrical conductivity in October 2014, as well as the uncharacteristic, gradual increases in temperature in wells 24B01, 30F03, and 32C03, should be explained to the reader to avoid one concluding that the sensors are not working properly or are not providing meaningful data.
41	p. 18, § 4.1.2.3, ¶ 4	The "GW Base" series is black in Figures 21 to 24, in contrast to blue, as described in the text. Please reconcile.
42	p. 18, § 4.1.2.3, ¶ 4	Starting a new well number format is confusing
43	p. 19, § 4.1.2.3, ¶ 1	No figure of 30N1
44	p. 19, § 4.1.2.3, ¶ 1	"indicate sea level intrusion" should it be sea water intrusion?
45	p. 19, § 4.1.2.3, ¶ 4	No figure of 32C3
46	p. 19, § 4.1.3, ¶ 1	Suggest revising text to let reader know that this section only evaluates threats to a subset of sources contributing to the NCMA water supply, as the section does not consider threats to Developed Water or Other Supplies.
47	p. 20, ¶ 1	It is incorrect to describe NMMA groundwater production as "excessive" or to suggest that NMMA expects "increasing water demand and groundwater use in the management area." At present, NMMA purveyors are engaged in an aggressive demand reduction process in response to the drought and groundwater level conditions, and have had conservation programs in place for years.
48	p. 20, § 4.1.3.1, ¶ 1	The second sentence should also include DWR's 1979 estimate of groundwater inflow to the NCMA from the NMMA of 500 AFY and acknowledge that these estimates may not be directly comparable.
49	p. 20, § 4.1.3.1, ¶ 1	Because there is, at the present time, no technical basis for isolating groundwater extraction as the sole cause of the enlargement of the pumping depression, the end of the second to last sentence in this paragraph should be revised to say, for example, "...as a result of outflow to the management area exceeding inflow."
50	p. 20, § 4.1.3.1, ¶ 2	Consistent terminology should be used to the degree practicable in the 2014 NCMA annual report. Otherwise, the distinction between the term perennial yield, used in this paragraph, and the term safe yield, used elsewhere, should be made.
51	p. 21, § 4.1.3.1, ¶ 2	Because there is, at the present time, no technical basis for isolating increased groundwater extraction as the sole cause for lowering of groundwater levels along the boundary between the NCMA and NMMA, the second sentence in this paragraph should be revised to say, for example, "increasing groundwater demand in the NMMA, absent increases in inflow components and changes in the other outflow components, may lower groundwater elevations..." Otherwise, please provide a basis for concluding that increased groundwater extraction is the sole cause.
52	p. 21, § 4.1.3.1, ¶ 2	County monitoring well #3 is referred to as well 32N03, but is referred to as well 32C03 on p. 19, § 4.1.2.3, ¶ 4. Please reconcile.
53	p. 21, § 4.1.3.1, ¶ 3	The 4,020.18 AF value includes the estimate of agricultural production, which as noted in other comments is subject to considerable potential error.

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54	p. 22, § 4.1.3.3	"NCMA ... alluvial materials slope gently offshore and extend for many miles under the ocean (DWR, 1970, 1975)." This is possible but uncertain and should include the potential for vertical conductivity or conduits.
55	p. 23, § 4.1.3.4, ¶ 2	The singular focus on the demand for water in the NMMA should be expanded to include other measures, to be consistent with the NCMA discussion in the preceding paragraph, which includes not just reducing demand, but also changing the location of pumping and securing additional water supplies.
56	p. 30, § 6.1.1, ¶ 1 of "Discussion"	The fifth sentence should be revised to say, for example, "The 2002 agreement provides that any increase..." because language relating to increases or decreases in the safe yield was not part of the 1983 agreement.
57	General	The facts presented related to rainfall (61% of long term average and 39% during the wet season) indicate a significant reduction in recharge should be expected from all inflow sources. The groundwater production from the NCMA is 95% of 2013 pump. (as reported in the previous annual report). The reduction in pump. would not be sufficient to offset this reduction in recharge.
58	p. 23, § 4.1.3.3, last bullet	...and increased pumping since April 2013, see also p. 16-17.
59	p. 24, § 4.2.1, Table 9	Applied Irrigation has increased 44% from 2205 to 2014. It's unclear what the cause of this would be, or why irrigation values are either 2,056 or 2,742 AF for all years 2005 to 2013.
60	p. 25, § 4.2.2, table 10	Overall, ITRC ETc is 1.43 ft/yr. ET is approx 3.7 ft/yr (Fig 4). This seems low unless there is significant crop fallowing.
61	p. 27, § 5, ¶ 2	Please refer to previous comments concerning needed technical basis for yield estimates and related analysis.
62	p. 27, § 5, ¶ 2	The subsurface flow requirement was shown to be closer to 3,000 AFY by Todd, 2007
63	p. 27, § 5, Table 12	Applied irrigation could be 2x higher based on realistic ITRC ETc values
64	p. 32, § 6.1.4, "Strategies"	Include 24B2, OCSD Blue
65	p. 34, § 6.1.4, "Discussion"	Include 24B2, OCSD Blue
66	Figure 4, 2014 monthly ET	2014 monthly ET values do not match CIMIS monthly records for reference ET ("ETo") and are not comparable to those CIMIS values in a consistent manner (e.g., a common scaling factor). Please explain the source/derivation of the 2014 monthly ET values presented for station 202.
67	Figure 4, 8-year average ET	8-year (2007-2014) average monthly ET values do not match CIMIS records for reference ET ("ETo") and are variously between 47% and 58% greater than monthly average CIMIS values for the 8-year averaging period. Please explain the source/derivation of the 8-year average ET values presented for station 202.
68	Figures 9 and 10	There are numerous discrepancies between groundwater elevation data in the NCMA and NMMA used for contouring. Recommend reconciliation of disparate data.
69	Figure 23	The groundwater basin series needs to be added to the chart legend.

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Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

The Nipomo Mesa Management Area Technical Group (NMMA TG) thanks SLO County FC&WCD and the Northern Cities Management Area Technical Group (NCMA TG) for hosting the April 17 discussion concerning basin characterization, potential groundwater modeling, response to California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act for "remnant" areas adjacent to the adjudicated basin, and related topics. We provide these initial comments, concerning both purpose and process of potential groundwater modeling.

With regard to potential future numerical groundwater flow modeling for the southern SLO County portion of the Santa Maria groundwater basin, we believe it makes most sense to have such an effort be principally coordinated and funded by the County. We assume the NMMA TG would play a central role in the project guidance and analysis, and we have a significant technical background in the area to contribute to corresponding project goals.

We recognize the administrative convenience of limiting the area of study to the SLO County portion of the groundwater basin but strongly encourage addressing the possibility of a joint Santa Barbara - San Luis Obispo County project that would include the complete basin. Basin-wide coverage and cooperation among the broader group of agencies and groundwater users might also allow greater grant funding capability for the project. For a model extent that is restricted to southern San Luis Obispo County, we assume the model would include the portion of the Santa Maria Valley Management Area (SMVMA) in SLO County, between the NMMA and the County line at the Santa Maria River.

The NMMA Technical Group has discussed several technical topics that could be associated with utilization of a completed groundwater model for the NMMA and surrounding areas of the basin.

- ◆ *Potential Project Evaluation.* A variety of groundwater conservation, reuse and importation projects are in progress or consideration for the SLO County portion of the Santa Maria groundwater basin. We concur with general statements that a groundwater model could be useful for some site selection, project comparison and project optimization related to such project possibilities. At present, specific modeling questions have not yet been developed by the NMMA TG; we anticipate that development of these essential questions will be best accomplished at the stakeholder level.

- ◆ *Resource Management.* It is also possible that basin-scale resource management could benefit from the ability to test hypothetical basin conditions and management options and the NMMA TG endorses this purpose as a general goal for groundwater modeling.

We encourage a rigorous technical approach for model development, initiated by the development of model questions and followed by the identification and resolution of data gaps, development of a conceptual model, parameter estimation and analysis, focused technical studies to quantify processes necessary for model input, model calibration, model documentation and related work. For example:

- ◆ *Data gap identification.* There are topics and subareas where data are sparse and will likely be problematic for conceptual model development and/or model calibration. We feel a critical, initial purpose of any modeling project should be identification and resolution of such topics and areas.
- ◆ *Focused Technical Studies.* Groundwater models typically require input data that are either collected from instruments or developed from technical studies. Such technical studies are critical for model performance and constraining the model to realistic calibration parameters.
- ◆ *Conceptual Model Development, Calibration and Historical Accuracy.* The geology of the SLO portion of the Santa Maria basin has discontinuous sedimentary features, faults with significant offset, and varying degrees of aquifer confinement throughout the area. The SLO County portion of the basin includes the NCMA, the NMMA and a portion of the SMVMA. Such conditions make conceptual model development and model calibration especially difficult and critical. The NMMA TG believes a high initial priority for any model development is the accurate model depiction of historical groundwater behavior.

We look forward to discussion about possible paths forward for numerical groundwater modeling of the NMMA and surrounding portions of the Santa Maria groundwater basin.

Sincerely,

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17 COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
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19 SANTA MARIA VALLEY WATER
20 CONSERVATION DISTRICT, a public
entity,

21 Plaintiff,

22 v.

23 CITY OF SANTA MARIA, et al.,

24 Defendants.

CASE NO. 197CV770214

[CONSOLIDATED ACTION]

**JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT
STATEMENT OF CITY OF PISMO
BEACH, CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE
AND CITY OF GROVER BEACH**

Date: July 24, 2015
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Dept.: 21

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26 AND RELATED CROSS-ACTIONS AND
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CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT OF CITY OF PISMO BEACH, CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE AND CITY
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**I.
INTRODUCTION**

Defendants and Cross-Complainants, CITY OF PISMO BEACH, CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE and CITY OF GROVER BEACH (the "Cities of Pismo Beach, Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach"), submit this Joint Case Management Statement in advance of the upcoming Case Management Conference on July 24, 2015. Since the last hearing, the law firm of Baker Manock & Jensen, PC has substituted in as counsel of record for the City of Arroyo Grande.

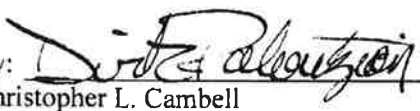
**II.
THE POSITION OF THE CITIES OF PISMO BEACH AND ARROYO GRANDE
RELEVANT TO THE TERMS OF THE JUDGMENT AND STIPULATION**

The Cities of Pismo Beach, Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach are concerned that some parties to the Judgment and Stipulation are not in compliance (and have not been in compliance) with its terms. Whether those terms are met by conservation measures, producing supplemental water, or ordering a party to stop pumping or place a moratorium on new connections, or some combination of the foregoing, is a matter that should be considered by the court. As the current drought appears to be entering its fourth year in California, the issue of strict compliance with the Judgment and Stipulation becomes more important as overtaxed supplies are not being replenished.

The Cities of Pismo Beach, Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach therefore intend to file a motion or motions to seek compliance with the Judgment and Stipulation. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference is a proposed Order for Briefing Schedule regarding the contemplated motion(s).

DATED: July 9, 2015

BAKER MANOCK & JENSEN, PC

By: 
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Attorneys for CITY OF PISMO BEACH and
CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE

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DATED: July 1, 2015

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CASE No. 197CV770214

[CONSOLIDATED ACTION]

**[PROPOSED] ORDER RE HEARING
AND BRIEFING SCHEDULE ON
MOTIONS TO ENFORCE JUDGMENT**

Judge: Hon. Joseph Huber

Date: July 24, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m.

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17 AND RELATED CROSS-ACTIONS AND
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21 Defendants and Cross-Complainants CITY OF PISMO BEACH, CITY OF
22 ARROYO GRANDE, and CITY OF GROVER BEACH (collectively "Defendants and Cross-
23 Complainants"), having appeared through their respective counsel before the Court at the July 24,
24 2015 Case Management Conference and indicated their intent to file a motion to seek compliance
25 with the Stipulation entered June 30, 2005 and the Amended Judgment of this Court issued on
26 April 17, 2014, the Court having duly considered the submissions and arguments of counsel, and
27 good cause appearing, the Court **HEREBY ORDERS THAT:**

- 28 1. A hearing on Defendants and Cross-Complainants' Motions to Enforce

1 Judgment (the "Motions") is hereby set for October 9, 2015, or as soon thereafter as is convenient
2 for the Court, in Department 21 of this Court, at 10:00 a.m.

3 2. Defendants and Cross-Complainants' Motions shall be filed and served by
4 no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 14, 2015;

5 3. Any opposition papers to the Motions shall be filed and served by no later
6 than 5:00 p.m. on September 14, 2015;

7 4. Any reply papers to such oppositions shall be filed and served on by no
8 later than 5:00 p.m. on October 2, 2015.

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10 DATED: July ____, 2015

Hon. Joseph Huber

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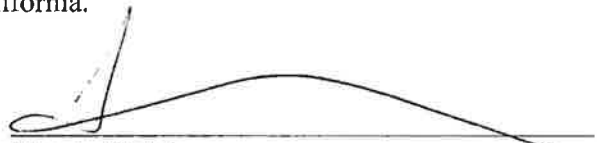
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At the time of service, I was over 18 years of age and **not a party to this action**. I am employed in the County of Fresno, State of California. My business address is 5260 North Palm Avenue, Fourth Floor, Fresno, CA 93704.

On July 9, 2015, at approximately 4:55 p.m. I posted the following document described as **JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT OF CITY OF PISMO BEACH, CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE AND CITY OF GROVER BEACH** to the Court's website pursuant to the Court's Order dated August 28, 2006.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 9, 2015, at Fresno, California.


Tina L. Webb

July 22, 2015

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ATTACHMENT I

AGENDA

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County Administrator



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Debbie Arnold, Chairperson, 5th District

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

CONSENT AGENDA

9:00 AM

REVIEW AND APPROVAL

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

BOARD BUSINESS

HEARINGS

CLOSED SESSION

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AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 PM

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

BOARD BUSINESS

HEARINGS

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5:00 PM

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- Please refer to the information brochure located in the back and outside of the Board Chambers for additional information regarding accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, supplemental correspondence, and general rules of procedure.

9:00 FLAG SALUTE

CONSENT AGENDA – REVIEW AND APPROVAL

The items listed on this portion of the agenda are scheduled for consideration as a group. The staff recommendations will be approved as outlined within the staff report. Any Supervisor may request an item be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda to permit discussion or change the recommended course of action for an item.

Items: Set for Hearing:

1. Introduction of an ordinance amending water service charges in San Luis Obispo County Service Area No. 23, Santa Margarita Water System, Santa Margarita. Hearing date set for September 15, 2015. District 5.
2. Introduction of amendments to Title 8 (Health and Sanitation Ordinance) and Title 19 (Building and Construction Ordinance) of the County Code, in order to implement the proposed Countywide Water Conservation Program related to the requirements for the offset of new water use at a ratio of 1:1, well permits, and regulation of wasteful use of water; and introduction of an amendment to Ordinance 3274 (County Fee Schedule), in order to establish new fees associated with the implementation of the proposed water offset requirements; the proposed Countywide Water Conservation Program and associated amendments would affect water use in both new and existing development, including all urban and rural land uses within the unincorporated areas of the county as well as agricultural operations. Hearing date set for August 11, 2015. All Districts.

Consent Agenda - Administrative Office Items:

3. Request to adopt recommended responses to the FY 2014-15 San Luis Obispo Grand Jury report titled "Energy Used, Time Lost, Results Missing" and forward these responses to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court by August 17, 2015. All Districts.
4. Request to approve a professional services contract with Regional Government Services Authority in the amount not to exceed \$125,000 for Marvin Rose to serve as the County's Interim Director of General Services. All Districts.

Consent Agenda - Board of Supervisors Items:

5. Request to approve three re-appointments and two new appointments to the Children and Families (First 5) Commission of San Luis Obispo County. All Districts.
6. Request to appoint Lynne B. Schmitz to the San Miguel Cemetery District Board. District 1.

Consent Agenda - County Fire Items:

7. Request to approve the FY 2015-16 renewal agreement (Clerk's File) for cooperative fire protection services with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) in the amount of \$17,016,934. All Districts.
8. Request to approve a contract with the City of Morro Bay totaling \$105,342 for County Fire to provide dispatch services for Morro Bay Fire and Harbor Departments. District 2.

Consent Agenda - General Services Items:

9. Submittal of a resolution to surplus, transfer ownership, and approve the sale of twenty-one (21), pier piles to the Port San Luis Harbor District; and authorize Purchasing Agent to complete the sale of these items of personal property; and request to reimburse the project, Parks – Cayucos – Restore Cayucos Pier, with the proceeds of the sale (estimated at \$23,436 plus tax). District 2.

Consent Agenda - Health Agency Items:

10. Request to: 1) approve a FY 2015-16 through FY 2017-18 agreement with the California Board of State and Community Corrections for a Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction grant award in the amount of \$950,000, to expand and enhance services for mentally ill offenders; 2) authorize a corresponding budget adjustment to increase appropriation for FY 2015-16 in Fund Center (FC) 166 – Behavioral Health in the amount of \$288,514; and 3) approve a related resolution amending the Position Allocation List for FC 166 to add 2.0 FTE Limited Term positions. All Districts.
11. Request to approve a FY 2015-16 renewal contract with the option to renew for two additional years with Silvia Ortiz, Ph.D. in an amount not to exceed \$73,000 to continue to provide bilingual, bicultural mental health services. All Districts.

Consent Agenda - Planning & Building Items:

12. Request to authorize the use of Alternative Publication Procedures for the Summer General Plan Amendment Cycle (Water Amendments), including amendments to the Agriculture Element, the Conservation and Open Space Element, Title 8, Title 22, and Title 19 of the County Code, and the County Fee Schedule. All Districts.

Consent Agenda - Public Works Items:

13. Submittal of a resolution approving the Posted Bridge Rehabilitation Project and adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA), and direct staff to proceed with associated project development activities. District 4.
14. Submittal of a resolution vacating the remaining portion of K Street between Margarita Avenue and Encina Avenue and the east half of the alley way in Block 154 (paper streets) by Summary Vacation, and finding that the project is exempt from Section 21000 et seq. of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA), in the unincorporated community of Santa Margarita. District 5.
15. Request to approve a contract for professional consulting services with Drake Haglan and Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$795,355.49; and authorize a budget adjustment, in the amount of \$524,018, to increase the appropriation and associated funding for the South Bay Boulevard at Los Osos Creek Bridge Replacement Project, Los Osos. District 2.
16. Submittal of a Mutual Assistance Agreement for the County of San Luis Obispo participation in the California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (CalWARN). All Districts.

Consent Agenda - Public Works Sitting as Flood Control District:

17. Request to approve the "Agreement for Construction, Shandon Turnout Project" between the Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) and the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) for construction observation of the County Service Area (CSA) 16 State Water Project Turnout and authorizing an estimated \$10,000 to be paid to CCWA. District 1.
18. Submittal of a Mutual Assistance Agreement for San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District participation in the California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (CalWARN). All Districts.

Consent Agenda - Social Services Items:

19. Request to approve two FY 2015-16 renewal service contracts (Clerk's File) for CalWORKs Expanded Subsidized Employment with: 1) Henkels and McCoy in the amount of \$567,606; and 2) Goodwill Central Coast in the amount of \$194,999. All Districts.
20. Submittal of the Commission on Aging Annual Report for FY 2014-15. All Districts.

Public Comment Period:

21. The general public comment period is intended to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's purview that are not scheduled on the current agenda. Individuals interested in speaking are asked to fill out a "Board Appearance Request Form" and submit it to the Clerk of the Board prior to the start of general public comment. When recognized by the Chair, each individual speaker may address the Board and is limited to a MAXIMUM of three (3) minutes or a reasonable period of time as determined by the Board Chairperson.

Board Business:

22. Request to approve the County's Calendar Year (CY) 2015/Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 Federal Legislative Agenda and Work Plan. All Districts.
23. Report from the Economic Vitality Corporation (EVC) regarding an update to the Countywide Economic Strategy. All Districts.

Hearings

24. Hearing to consider adoption of a resolution approving the issuance of tax-exempt bonds by the California Municipal Finance Authority (CMFA) for the Los Robles Terrace Affordable Housing Project. All Districts.
25. Hearing to consider a resolution approving the issuance of tax-exempt bonds by the California Municipal Finance Authority (CMFA) for the Ocean View Manor Affordable Housing Project. All Districts.

Closed Session Items:

26. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code, section 54956.9.) It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session concerning the following items: (1) Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: Two; (2) Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: Two.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PENDING LITIGATION (Government Code, section 54956.9.) It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session concerning the following items: Existing Litigation (Gov. Code, section 54956.9(a)). (Formally initiated.) (3) ARB, Inc. v. County of San Luis Obispo; (4) County of San Luis Obispo v. San Luis Obispo Government Attorneys' Union; (5) County of San Luis Obispo v. San Luis Obispo Deputy County Counsel Association; (6) County of San Luis Obispo County Deputy County Counsel's Association, et al. v. County of San Luis Obispo, et al.; (7) Los Osos Community Services District v. Golden State Water Company, et al.; (8) Wilton Webster and Helen Webster v. County of San Luis Obispo; (9) Save Adelaida, Wilton Webster and Helen Webster v. County of San Luis Obispo, et al.

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code, section 54957.6.) It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session to have a conference with its Labor Negotiator, Tami Douglas-Schatz, concerning the following employee organizations: (10) San Luis Obispo Government Attorney's Union (SLOGAU); (11) San Luis Obispo County Employees Association – Trades and Crafts (SLOCEA-T&C); (12) Deputy County Counsel's Association (DCCA); (13) Sheriffs' Management; (14) San Luis Obispo County Probation Peace Officers' Association (SLOCPPOA); (15) Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA); (16) District Attorney Investigators' Association (DAIA); (17) San Luis Obispo County Probation Managers' Peace Officers' Association (SLOCPMPOA); (18) San Luis Obispo County Employees Association – Public Services, Supervisors, Clerical (SLOCEA – PSSC); (19) Unrepresented Management and Confidential Employees; and (20) Association of San Luis Obispo County Deputy Sheriffs (ASLOCDS).

RECESS1:30 REPORT ON CLOSED SESSIONBoard Business:

27. Request to approve the plan for the FY 2015-16 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) formula funds budget totaling \$1,976,558 and submittal of a resolution 1) approving the WIOA subgrant agreement (Clerk's File) with the State of California for the receipt of Youth funds in the amount of \$721,509; and 2) delegating signatory authority for all WIOA administrative documents to the Social Services Director. All Districts.

Hearings:

28. Hearing to consider a resolution authorizing the levy and collection of annual assessments for Tract 1747 Streetlight Assessment District (Nipomo) for Fiscal Year 2015-16. Staff is recommending this item be continued until August 11, 2015. District 4.
29. Hearing to consider an appeal of the Templeton Area C Road Improvement fees by Pearce Services. District 1.
30. WEEKLY REPORT OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The purpose of the environmental review process is to provide information about the environmental effects of the actions and decisions made by the County, so that environmental considerations become a part of the decision making process. The following is a summary of the most recent determinations made by the County's Environmental Coordinator. The purpose of this listing is to notify the public of pending actions, which may affect the environment of San Luis Obispo County.

You are invited to participate in this process by reviewing and providing comments on the recommendations of the Environmental Coordinator. Your comments should be in writing and should be delivered to: Ellen Carroll, Environmental Coordinator, Department of Planning and Building, 976 Osos Street, Room 300, San Luis Obispo, Ca 93408-2040. For more information about the environmental review process, please write to the address above, call the Environmental Division of the Department of Planning and Building at (805) 781-5600, or review the environmental determination and other information on our website located at www.sloplanning.org.

Proposed Negative Declarations

A Negative Declaration is issued for projects that would not result in significant effects on the environment. In many cases, the project applicant has added mitigation measures to the project to reduce environmental impacts in order to qualify for a Negative Declaration. If you disagree with the issuance of a proposed Negative Declaration, you may provide comments or file a Request for Review (appeal) of the Negative Declaration. Requests for Review must be filed within two weeks of the date that the proposed Negative Declaration is posted and must address only environmental issues. There is a fee for the request. If you would like more information about this process, please contact the Environmental Coordinator.

For Week of July 9, 2015

Santa Margarita Area

A request by Santa Margarita Ranch, LLC for a Minor Use Permit (DRC2013-00111) to allow for Temporary Events within an existing 2,552 square-foot agricultural barn. The proposed event program would include 40 events annually with no more than 250 guests per event. No permanent alteration of the 544 acre site is proposed, and the project will utilize portions of the existing access driveways and infrastructure. There are 28 existing parking spaces, including 6 handicap spaces, adjacent to the existing barn. Additional parking for guests will be provided along the existing agricultural road for overflow

event parking. The proposed project is within the Agriculture land use category and is located on the south side of West Pozo Road (at 5995 West Pozo Road) approximately 3.5 miles southeast of the community of Santa Margarita, in the Salinas River Sub Planning Area of the North County Planning Area. 5995 West Pozo Rd, Santa Margarita, CA 93453. ED14-011 (DRC2013-00111)

July 22, 2015

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ATTACHMENT J

Michael LeBrun

From: Senator.Monning@outreach.senate.ca.gov
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 11:00 AM
Subject: Summer Newsletter 2015

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends:

Earlier this month the Legislature and Governor Brown agreed on a responsible and prudent budget that puts an unprecedented \$4.6 billion into the state's rainy day fund and reserve while dedicating more than \$1.9 billion to paying off debt. We were able to restore funding to early child care and K-12 education, invest in higher education, and restore the seven percent cut in hours and implement overtime payments for those who care for seniors through In-Home Supportive Services.

As the state deals with its fourth year of drought, the budget contains an additional \$2 billion to reduce its impacts by investing in water conservation, recycled water, and stormwater capture, as well as provide food and housing assistance in the most adversely impacted regions of California. The drought relief package will also speed up the approval of drought relief projects, consolidate local water agencies to achieve cheaper and more efficient water use, and increase water monitoring in order for the state to more accurately assess how much water is being used on farms and in urban areas.

There are some unresolved, larger policy issues that were not addressed in the budget and the Governor has called a special session to address funding shortfalls in health care, roads and infrastructure. I am optimistic that these issues will be discussed and resolved in the next few months, investing in the State of California and in Californians.

CAPITOL NEWS

SB 128: End of Life Options

Senate Bill (SB) 128, the bill I am co-authoring with Senator Wolk to enact the End of Life Options Act in the State of California, passed off of the Senate Floor on June 4, 2015. After a lengthy debate, the Senate voted 23-15 to support SB 128 and the bill is now in the Assembly.

Status: Assembly Committee on Health

SB 657: Diablo Canyon Units 1 and 2: enhanced seismic studies and review: independent peer review panel

The Independent Peer View Panel (IPRP), housed under the Public Utilities Commission, reviews seismic studies to ensure the infrastructure and safety of the last existing nuclear power plant in California, Diablo Canyon. Senate Bill (SB) 657 seeks to extend the IPRP until 2025 in order for the IPRP to continue to provide expertise about the seismic safety of Diablo Canyon.

Status: Senate Committee on Appropriations

DISTRICT NEWS

Gilroy Memorial Day Parade

I had the privilege of participating in the Gilroy Memorial Day Parade. The streets of Gilroy were filled with families paying tribute to veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country. Thank you to the City of Gilroy for hosting such a dignified event and thank you to the community for your tribute to our fallen veterans.

Small Business of the Year Award

Patti's Perfect Pantry has been serving South Santa Clara County since 2011 and it was my honor to recognize it as my 2015 Small Business of the Year. Owner Patti Tartaglia teaches people how to make gluten-free foods from scratch and offers pre-made allergy-free food choices. The Pantry is also a retail and wholesale establishment that sells to retail food outlets, restaurants, and catering businesses in Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito counties. Congratulations to Patti's Perfect Pantry!



Senator Monning with Patti Tartaglia, owner of Patti's Perfect Pantry, and her husband Joe Tartaglia

Watsonville Fourth Annual CalFresh Forum

In early May, I was the keynote speaker at the Second Harvest Food Bank's Fourth Annual CalFresh Forum. For those unfamiliar with CalFresh, it places healthy and nutritious food on the table by issuing monthly benefits electronically that can be used at markets and food stores. California has one of the lowest CalFresh participation rates in the nation and Santa Cruz County is home to thousands of people who are eligible to receive benefits but do not.

Close to 200 people attended the Forum where they were provided tools to help increase program enrollment and reduce hunger in Santa Cruz County. By working together, we can eliminate hunger in Santa Cruz County.



Senator Monning at the CalFresh Forum in Watsonville

Monterey County Business Council Membership Luncheon

I had the opportunity to provide a legislative update at the monthly Monterey County Business Council (MCBC) Membership luncheon. The MCBC is comprised of business executives and professionals that collaborate to help businesses, government, education, and the community with issues facing the county. It was great to connect with the local business community and hear firsthand about issues of interest specific to Monterey County.

San Clemente Dam

The final construction phase for the removal of the San Clemente Dam has begun. The project finalizes sediment stabilization, removes the San Clemente Dam and Old Carmel River Dam, reconstructs the flow passage, and restores native vegetation habitats. I am excited to see the restoration of this valuable riparian habitat when the construction of this multi-year project is finished next year.

San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce State of the State

It was an honor to participate on a discussion panel at the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce State of the State Luncheon. I was joined on the panel by Dr. Newsha Ajami, Director of Urban Water Policy with Stanford University's Water in the West and NSF-ReNUWI initiatives, and Chuck Reed, the former mayor of the City of San Jose. We engaged in a lively discussion about California's historic drought, bipartisanship in Sacramento, and the importance of addressing unfunded pension liabilities. Thank you to the San Luis Obispo Chamber for hosting this educational conversation.



Senator Monning with (from the left) Ermina Karim, President/CEO of the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce; Chuck Reed, Mayor Emeritus of the City of San Jose; Mary Verdin, CEO of Verdin Marketing; Dr. Newsha Ajami, Director of Urban Water Policy at Stanford University's Water in the West and NSF-ReNUWIt initiatives; and Charlene Rosales, San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce Director of Governmental Affairs

Senior Scam Stoppers Event in Cambria

I am hosting a Senior Scam Stoppers seminar with Assemblymember Katcho Achadjian and the Contractors State License Board on Friday, July 24, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Joslyn Recreation Center in Cambria.

Senior Scam Stoppers events provide information about fraudulent scams and how seniors can protect themselves. Sessions feature expert speakers from many local, state, and federal agencies, who present on topics including identity theft, auto repair, Medicare, foreign lotteries, and mail fraud.

Please RSVP by calling my San Luis Obispo District Office at (805) 549-3784.

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter.

Sincerely,

Bill Monning
 Senator, 17th District

California State Senator Bill Monning - 17th Senate District

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