

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: MICHAEL S. LEBRUN
GENERAL MANAGER

DATE: SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

AGENDA ITEM F

SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM

Standing report to your Honorable Board -- *Period covered by this report is August 7, 2015 through September 4, 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. Since deliveries began, approximately 92 acre-feet (30 million gallons) of supplemental water was delivered into the District's water system 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 (NCSO, 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*
- 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 August 2015, staff responded to 5 reports of water waste.
- In August, staff proactively hung 12 door hangers on accounts where the billing meter read showed irregularly high water usage.
- In August, there were no leak adjustments.
- On July 1st, the District's updated miscellaneous fee schedule became effective. During the first six months of the new fees, customers are allowed a one-time opportunity to have a single fee waived upon signing a form that confirms knowledge of the new fee schedule. During August, 24 waivers were granted with a total value of \$1,728. While the number of second notices for August was similar to the previous billing for this customer set, the amount of late fees collected jumped by over \$7,000. The number of 48-hour

shut off notice door hangers dropped from 242 to 116 for this customer set and for the first time, \$2,320 in fees were collected from customers who required a shut off notice.

- On August 27, the District mailed letters to customers who had volunteered to participate in required lead and copper monitoring to confirm our ability to sample at their homes during the week of September 14.
- As required of all public water systems, the District paid \$500 (annual fee) and enrolled in the State Water Resource Control Board permit program that regulates discharge of potable water to surface waters.

Safety Program

- On August 12, the District received President's Special Acknowledgement Award (Attached) from Special District Risk Management Authority recognizing the District for five consecutive years of no worker's compensation claims.
- On August 20, District Safety Officer Peter Sevcik conducted quarterly safety training for all staff.
- No incidents or accidents to report

Public Outreach

- The following Public Outreach Program materials are attached:
 - A summary of 2014-2015 Outreach Program Accomplishments and Programs
 - A summary of recent outreach and education activities
 - District related advertising and news coverage
 - Press release log and press release
 - Social media traffic summary and Website Statistics – *District website and social media traffic is steadily increasing.*

Other Items and News of Interest

The following are included as attachments to this Report:

- SLO County Summary of Sustainable Groundwater Act Compliance Status
- Comparison of water rates on Central Coast provided by Atascadero Mutual Water Company
- Cambria CSD water project and financial news
- Agricultural Waste Water Regulation Ruling
- Olde Towne Nipomo Association Luau Announcement

Supplemental Water Capacity Accounting

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

- See table on next page -

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 \$3.2 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.

August fire hydrant use was not available.

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	JUL-15	AUG-15
Water Connections (Total)	4325	4325	4325	4325	4326	4329	4332	4332
Sewer Connections (Total)	3112	3112	3112	3112	3114	3118	3119	3119
Meters turned off (Non-payment)	13	34	13	21	15	17	11	24
Meters off (Vacant)	44	39	42	41	41	41	43	40
Sewer Connections off (Vacant)	15	11	14	12	12	12	14	10
New Water Connections	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	0
New Sewer Connection	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	0
Galaxy & PSHH at Orchard and Division Sewer Connections billed to the County	468	468	468	468	468	468	469	469

Meetings

Meetings Attended (telephonically or in person):

- August 10, NMMA Technical Group
- August 12, Regular Board Meeting
- August 13, SLO County Chapter CSDA
- August 17, County Public Works
- August 18, Director of Engineering and Operations
- August 18, SLO County Public Works
- August 19, Staff Annual Performance Review
- August 19, Rate Consultant with Finance and Audit members
- August 20, Quarterly All Staff Safety
- August 20 and 27, Management Staff
- August 21, NMMA Purveyors
- August 21, SLO County Special District General Managers
- August 25, SLO County Board of Supervisors
- August 25, SLO County Energy Watch
- August 26, Staff Annual Performance Evaluation

- *August 27, General Counsel*
- *August 31, Property Negotiator*
- *August 31, Board Officers*
- *August 31, Media Interviews*
- *September 1, Media Interview*
- *September 1, Outreach Consultant*
- *September 2, Media Interview*

Meetings Scheduled:

- *September 8, Media Interview*
- *September 9, Regular Board Meeting, Supplemental Water Ribbon Cutting*
- *September 10, Management Staff*
- *September 11, Customer Service/Maintenance Worker Interviews*

RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks direction and input from your Honorable Board

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ATTACHMENTS

- A. SDRMA Acknowledgement
- B. 2014-2015 Public Information Program Summary
- C. Outreach Program Summary Packet
- D. SLO County SGMA Status
- E. Central Coast Area Water Rate Comparison
- F. Cambria CSD News
- G. Water Regulation News
- H. Olde Towne Luau Flyer

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ATTACHMENT A

August 12, 2015

Mr. Craig Armstrong
Board President
Nipomo Community Services District
Post Office Box 326
Nipomo, California 93444-0326



Re: President's Special Acknowledgement Award - Workers' Compensation Program

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

This letter is to formally acknowledge the dedicated efforts of the Nipomo Community Services District's Governing Body, management and staff towards proactive loss prevention and workplace safety for earning the President's Special Acknowledgement Award! The Award is to recognize members with no "paid" claims during the prior **five consecutive program years** in either the Property/Liability or Workers' Compensation Programs.

A "paid" claim for the purposes of this recognition represents the first payment on an open claim during the prior program year. Your agency's efforts have resulted in no "paid" workers' compensation claims for the prior 5 consecutive program years including 2014-15. This is an outstanding accomplishment that serves as an example for all SDRMA members!

It is through the efforts of members such as Nipomo Community Services District that SDRMA has been able to continue providing affordable workers' compensation coverage to over 415 public agencies throughout California. While 271 members or 65% in the workers' compensation program had no "paid" claims in program year 2014-15, 123 members or 30% had no paid claims for the prior 5 consecutive years.

In addition to this annual recognition, members with no "paid" claims during 2014-15 earn 2 credit incentive points (CIPs) reducing their annual contribution amount and members with no "paid" claims for the prior 5 consecutive program years will earn 3 additional bonus CIPs. Also, members without claims receive a lower "experience modification factor" (EMOD) which also reduces their annual contribution amount.

On behalf of the SDRMA Board of Directors and staff, it is my privilege to congratulate the Governing Body, management and staff of Nipomo Community Services District for their commitment to proactive loss prevention and safety in the workplace.

Sincerely,
Special District Risk Management Authority

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Aranda".

David Aranda, President
Board of Directors



President's Special Acknowledgement Award

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
HEREBY GIVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO

Nipomo Community Services District

The President's Special Acknowledgement Award is to recognize members with no "paid" claims during the prior five consecutive program years in the Workers' Compensation Program. A "paid" claim for the purposes of this recognition represents the first payment on an open claim during that same period. Congratulations on your excellent claims record!

David Aranda, SDRMA Board President

August 12, 2015
Date

September 9, 2015

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ATTACHMENT B

Public Information Program

2014 - 2015 Summary

- **Press/Media Relations**

- 35 press releases were sent out to media (48 in 2014)
- 128 news articles about or pertaining to the District (95 in 2014)
- Period: August – July

- **Outreach**

- 2 Conservation campaigns
 - Reduce Your Use, July – September 2014
 - Brown is the New Green, May – September 2015
- 1 Supplemental Water Arrival campaign
 - Period: May – July 2015
- 12 Manager's Columns in the Adobe Press (12 in 2014)
 - Period: August - July
- 39 ads in the Adobe Press (32 in 2014)
 - Period: August - July
- 54 ads in Chamber weekly updates and Chamber monthly newsletters (26 in 2014)
 - Period: August – July
- 1 ad and editorial in Chamber Directory (0 in 2014)
- 4 traditional banners posted around Nipomo and rotated periodically (4 in 2014)
 - Period: August – July
- 2 large format signs
 - Period: July – August 2015
- 12 posters for placement within community
 - Period: June – August 2015
- Truck Wraps
 - Period: November 2014 - ongoing

- **Conservation Education**

- 2 new Spanish education materials
 - Reading the Water Meter
 - Toilet Leak Detection tabs
- 16 Science Discovery class presentations (16 in 2014)
 - 2 elementary schools
 - Period: August - June
- 45 total Poster/Video Contest participants
 - 2 elementary schools; 1 high school
 - Period: November 2014
- Chloramine and Fluoride Fact Sheets
- Water Shortage FAQ/Fact Sheet

Public Information Program

2014 - 2015 Summary

- Conservation Materials/Giveaways (water saver magnets, tote bags, outdoor conservation materials, Sunset Magazine “Easy Waterwise Landscaping”)
- **Direct Mail**
 - 13 publications including newsletters, bill inserts, and a Consumer Confidence Report were sent out (9 in 2014)
 - Period: August – July
 - 1 Supplemental Water Rates 218 Notice
 - Period: October - November
 - 311 Letters to Single Family Residents and Commercial Properties regarding Water Use
 - Period: July 2015
 - 4 Letters to Conservation “Stars”
 - Period: April - July 2015
 - 1 E-newsletter
 - Period: July 2015
- **Outreach/Press Events**
 - 4 Town Hall Meetings
 - September 4th, Blacklake and NCS D Board Room; apx 100 total attendance
 - June 23rd, Blacklake and NCS D Board Room; apx 70 total attendance
 - 2 District Events
 - Southland Wastewater Treatment Facility Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, September 11th (invitations, programs, etc.)
 - 50th Anniversary Celebration/Open House, January 28th (invitations, programs, etc.)
 - 2 Community Events
 - Nipomo Octoberfest booth, apx 100 booth visits; 71 email addresses collected
 - St. Joseph Church Festival booth, apx 50 booth visits; 17 email addresses collected
 - 2 Charter TV Interviews; November 6th and July 8th
- **Website/Email/Social Media**
 - Website
 - 16,062 visits to the website; 9,217 unique visitors; 33,238 page views (incomplete data for 2014)
 - Period: August - July
 - Email Contact Platform
 - 273 Current email subscribers (229 in 2014)
 - 45 Email “blasts” sent (32 in 2014)
 - 29.68% Average email open rate (32.15% in 2014)
 - Period: August – July

Public Information Program

2014 - 2015 Summary

- Facebook and Twitter accounts launched October 2014
 - 47 Facebook followers
 - 100 Twitter followers
 - 573 total District posts
 - 17,307 total “impressions” (post views)
 - Period: October – July

- **Board of Directors/Clerk**
 - 22 Board Meetings/Minutes
 - 13 Legal Notices in Newspapers
 - 6 Exemptions Filed
 - 4 Notices of Completion Filed
 - 6 County Clerk Filings
 - Board of Directors Wall in Lobby
 - Period: September - July

- **Administrative**
 - 1 Employment Recruitment brochure
 - 1 Employment Recruitment ad
 - 1 50th-Year District logo
 - 1 50th-Year Sign for Board Room
 - 50th-Year Car Decals/Stickers
 - Awards Wall in Board Room
 - Chamber of Commerce Grant Fund Proposals/Requests

- **Misc**
 - 1 Sign for regular system maintenance to be displayed in community
 - 2 sets of Lead & Copper Survey Postcards
 - 2 Conference Calls for CSDA Public Affairs Working Group
 - 5 CSDA Webinars
 - Information on 2 bulletin boards and office lobby
 - Recognition of Staff Birthdays
 - New Lettering for Public Display Boards

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ATTACHMENT C

**NCSO Outreach Summary
September 2015**

Date Started	Outreach	Description	Status	Date Completed
8/4/2015	Supplemental Water Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	Planning; order giveaways for event	Complete	8/10/2015
8/10/2015	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	8/10/2015
8/10/2015	Ad	Conservation ad in 8/14 Adobe	Complete	8/10/2015
7/14/2015	Supplemental Water Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	Invitations for 9/9/15 event	Complete	8/14/2015
8/7/2015	Brown is the New Green Campaign	E-newsletter for 8/17	Complete	8/17/2015
8/17/2015	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	8/17/2015
8/17/2015	Ad	Conservation ad in 8/21 Adobe	Complete	8/17/2015
8/3/2015	District Newsletter	2015 3rd quarter newsletter for August distribution	Complete	8/18/2015
7/13/2015	Supplemental Water Arrival	Letters to customers regarding change in disinfection	Complete	8/19/2015
8/18/2015	Notice	Publishing of Ordinance 2015-122 in Legal section of local newspapers	Complete	8/21/2015
8/20/2015	Press Release	New Water is Even Better – Change in Disinfection to Begin in September	Complete	8/21/2015
8/21/2015	Manager's Column	Article for Manager's Column in Adobe Press, pub date 8/28	Complete	8/21/2015
8/21/2015	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	8/21/2015
8/21/2015	Ad	Conservation ad in 8/28 Adobe	Complete	8/21/2015
8/31/2015	Press Release	Additional Information about the District Change in its Treatment Process to Use Chloramines Instead of Chlorine	Complete	8/31/2015
9/1/2015	Ad	Conservation ad in 9/4 Adobe	Complete	9/1/2015
8/7/2015	Social Media	Content posting	Complete; Ongoing	9/3/2015

**NCSO Outreach Summary
September 2015**

Date Started	Outreach	Description	Status	Date Completed
8/7/2015	Website Updates	Home page; minutes; packets; supplemental water project page; chloramine info page; press releases; etc	Complete; Ongoing	9/3/2015
8/31/2015	Supplemental Water Arrival	Education materials regarding disinfection with chloramines	Complete; Ongoing	9/3/2015
8/31/2015	Press	Materials for Director Eby's Charter California Edition interview	Complete	9/3/2015
9/3/2015	Chamber Newsletter	Conservation ad for Chamber of Commerce September newsletter	Complete	9/3/2015
7/9/2015	Bill Insert	Bill insert for solid Waste discount in Oct/Nov trash bills	In Progress	
7/29/2015	Conservation Education	Coordination of conservation education in elementary schools with Science Discovery	In Progress	
8/3/2015	218 Notice	218 Notice for proposed Town Sewer Rate Increase	In Draft	
8/10/2015	Community Outreach	Preparation for District participation in Nipomo Octoberfest 10/10/15	In Progress	
8/21/2015	Supplemental Water Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	Programs/materials for 9/9/15 event	In Progress	
9/1/2015	Handout	One-sheet additional FAQ handout on SW disinfection change	In Progress	

NIPOMO NEWS

PET OF THE WEEK



CONTINUED PHOTO

Sherlock

Meet Sherlock. He's one of a number of homeless kittens and adult cats currently at the San Luis Obispo County Animal Services shelter that are looking for forever homes.

Sherlock is a 4-month-old male kitten who is extremely friendly and nothing short of adorable. His identification number at the shelter is 207117.

For anyone who has room for a cat or kitten in their life, now is a great time to adopt a furry

feline from the Animal Services shelter, according to volunteers.

All dogs and cats are altered, vaccinated and microchipped prior to adoption. Adoption fees include a collar and tag. Cat adoptions include a catboard carrier.

Fees are \$80 for cats and \$130 for dogs, which includes an annual license fee. Animal Services is located at 585 Kansas Ave., off Highway 1 north of San Luis Obispo. For more information, call the shelter at 781-4413.

BRIEFS

New exhibit opens at Dana Adobe

A new exhibit titled "Rancho Life" at the Dana Adobe showcases the Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos' education programs, said Michelle Beck, technical writer for the DANA Cultural Center.

Last year, 1,400 children from local school districts participated in DANA's active learning programs, and "Rancho Life" illustrates the docent-led learning stations that comprise the

Cultural Tour and Nature Walk programs.

The exhibit features pictures taken of the field trips, handwritten thank-you letters from students and artifacts used for educational demonstrations, Beck said.

The Dana Adobe is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays as well as by appointment.

The suggested donation for admission is \$5. For more information, visit www.danaadobe.org.

New exhibit examines railway

Line was instrumental in founding of Nipomo

STAFF REPORT

The Pacific Coast Railway that helped drive the county's late 19th century economy and played a pivotal role in the founding of Nipomo is the focus of a new exhibit at the History Center of San Luis Obispo County.

"Why a Railroad to Avila?" is the title of the exhibit opening with a reception from 6 to 9 p.m. today, Aug. 7, during Art After Dark festivities at downtown San Luis Obispo galleries and exhibit spaces.

Visitors can see rare photographs of the narrow-gauge railway and learn about its importance to the South County in the exhibit presented by the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum.

The rail line initially connected San Luis



CONTRIBUTOR PHOTO: SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Passengers pack the cars of a Pacific Coast Railway train — even sitting atop the engine and tender — as it chugs toward the warehouse on the end of Harford Pier at Port San Luis in this undated photograph.

Obispo to Harford Pier at Port San Luis in 1875, but it gradually expanded south through Arroyo Grande and Rancho Nipomo.

It later went on to serve Santa Maria, Orcutt, Los

Alamos and Los Olivos.

In 1881, Capt. William G. Dana's widow, Maria Josefa Dana, granted the Pacific Coast Railway a 60-foot by 10-mile right of way across Rancho Nipomo in exchange for

free train rides for the rest of her life. She died in 1883. But when the railroad established a depot about a mile north of the Dana Adobe, the company laid out a gridwork of streets around it that eventually became Old Towne Nipomo.

The railway served the two-county area until 1942. Historical markers indicate where the depots were located in Old Towne Nipomo and the Village of Arroyo Grande.

To find out more about the railway, attend the opening reception tonight or visit the exhibit at the History Center, 698 Monterey St., near Mission Plaza during regular museum hours.

Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

For more information, call the center at 543-0638 or visit <http://historycenterlsio.org>.

Hot Harley raffle will benefit youth

Santa Maria, Harley-Davidson will sponsor its first motorcycle raffle fundraiser for the Rotary Clubs of Arroyo Grande and San Luis Obispo de Tolosa on Saturday, Aug. 22.

The event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harley-Davidson dealership at 2022 Preisser Lane in Santa Maria will be highlighted by a drawing for a 2015 Harley-Davidson Road Glide Special.

Raffle tickets are \$20 each, but there's no charge to attend the event that will include food, beverage, apparel and bike accessory vendors. For more information, visit www.rotaryharleyraffle.com.



Our Nipomo
Toni Weitzel

Aug. 15, at Mother's Tavern, 725 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo.

Tickets are \$30. For tickets, contact Sharon at 801-8323. For more information visit <http://aloonoorfoundation.org>.

Free music Remember, Unfinished Business will return to perform at the Blackhawk Free Summer Concert coming up Wednesday, Aug. 12, outside the Blackhawk Golf Resort Clubhouse at 1490 Golf Course Lane.

These will be many people attending this concert, so come early for a good seat. Bring your own lawn chairs for seating.

Critter Corner

All our critters are doing OK, although Mama Raccoon was missing one of her babies and the baby sitter when we last saw them.

We also have a new very young coyote to keep an eye on. He has been spotted on the golf course playing with acorns.

Toni Weitzel is the owner of the Best of Everything, featuring unique gifts and gift baskets, and a former president of the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce. Nonprofit and other community organizations may submit items for this column by contacting her at 343-0785 or toniweitzel@charter.net.

JOIN US

Central Coast HOSPICE

Four Part Training Series
Wednesdays: 9:30am-3:30pm
August 19th, 26th, September 2nd, 9th

New Life Community Church
990 James Way - Pismo Beach
Lunch provided | Pre-registration required

Volunteers provide companionship, emotional support, practical assistance and respite care to patients and families.

For more information or to register please call Central Coast Hospice at (805) 540-6020

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

Obey the State water restrictions.

Conservation is your responsibility.

REDUCE YOUR USE!

www.ncsd.ca.gov

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Nipomo Community Services District

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Nipomo
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

THE CHAT August 2015

The mission of the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce is to promote the civic, economic, agricultural, educational, & social welfare of Nipomo.



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Amber Wilson
Executive Director

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There are many things happening in the Nipomo Business Community and here are a few. We'd like to welcome Beck and Cale Physical Therapy to their new location on Mary Avenue as well Corbin Real Estate at their new location on West Tefft. Local developers are moving forward with two major projects—A proposed Hilton Extended Stay Hotel on Hill Street as well the Adult Extended Care Facility at the corner of Mary and Juniper. Expect to start receiving your new Chamber Business Directories starting the 2nd week of August. Our Board of Directors and Ambassador team will be out and about checking in and dropping them off in the coming weeks. If you can't wait please feel free to stop by the Chamber and pick up a few or 50 for your businesses. Finally the Nipomo Chamber has endorsed the Laetitia Reserve Agriculture Cluster project based on the projected economic gains not only for Nipomo but for the County as a whole.

Respectfully,
Richard Malvarose

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of Nipomo



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Community Health Centers
Healthcare For Life



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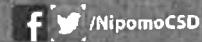
It's time for a new look!
Grass guzzles water, 'brown out' your lawn.



SEVERE WATER SHORTAGE!

Brown is the new green.

Learn more at www.ncsd.ca.gov or



Nipomo Community Services District

Save the Date



Wednesday, September 9th, 2015

for the

**Nipomo Supplemental Water Project
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

More information and invitation to follow



805 929-1133 | info@ncsd.ca.gov

OPINION

Assistance League store helps clothe students

With school soon to resume, the Assistance League is getting ready to provide new school-appropriate clothing to children in need through its Operation School Bell.

For the past 20 years, the all-volunteer organization has raised money to take hundreds of children shopping at Kohl's or Old Navy each year and provide them with money and guidance to buy the new clothes and shoes they need to start school.

Last year, the organization expanded its programs and now provides clothes for students from kindergarten to 11th grade.

The league will provide clothing to another 1,500 students between August and November and as needed throughout the coming school year.

This year, the bulk of the fundraising will occur through the league's new thrift store that opened four months ago on Marsh Street near Highway 101 in downtown San Luis Obispo.

The store is nicely designed with a boutique atmosphere but thrif



Bits and Pieces of Nipomo
Jacqueline Vitti Frederick

store prices, and feedback from the community has been great.

Anyone who wants to support the organization is invited to drop off any gently used items and, of course, shop there for donated designer clothes, handbags, gift and household items and home furnishings.

For more information, visit www.alslocounty.org.

The Latino Outreach Council is planning its annual Fiestas Patrias, the Mexican Independence Day celebration, for Thursday, Sept. 17, in

San Luis Obispo Mission Plaza, where there will be such wonderful entertainment as folklorico dances, mariachis and more.

If you would like to be a sponsor or have a booth at the event, contact me at 929-1120 or jvflaw@aol.com.

For our local farming families, save Saturday, Sept. 19, for the 93rd annual San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau dinner and installation of officers from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Turri Ranch Barn.

The Dig for Delaney Alumni Game will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, in the Johnson Gym at Nipomo High School.

All proceeds will go to Spirit of Sport Scholarship, created to honor 2008 varsity player Delaney Lemus, to be awarded to graduating varsity girls volleyball players who exemplify the spirit of sportsmanship on and off the court.

All varsity alumni players are encouraged to play against the Nipomo High School varsity girls volleyball team, coached by Andrea Ragan, a former teammate and childhood friend of Lemus.

Admission is a donation of only \$5 — or more, if you would like — and baked goods will be available for purchase.

Nipomo Cowboys Youth Football League is getting ready for the coming season.

The equipment for the boys is quite expensive, and to ensure that all children are provided the opportunity to participate, the league will hold a fundraising dinner and auction from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, 298 S. Thompson Ave.

Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 for two. To buy tickets, contact Rebecca Barks at 896-2674.

Jacqueline Frederick is a lawyer and farmer in Nipomo and president of the Latino Outreach Council. She can be reached at jvflaw@aol.com or 929-1120.

KRANKY



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not that bad a guy, really

I see all of the hostile news in the paper over Donald Trump. As an admirer of his, I would like to give my 2 cent worth.

First, he is a very successful businessman. And this country in the hands of our current government is selling us down the tubes, giving away American jobs to overseas.

Businesses are moving to countries like Mexico to get out from under our oppressive taxes and controls. We need a businessman who knows how to hire and fire.

He is so successful he is worth billions. He wouldn't have to take money from anybody or any other country. When he gets in office, he will be free to do what is best for this country and not for those who buy politicians.

Trump should get the information from our prisons on the percentage of Latino convicts and what they were convicted of.

There are a whole lot of people who get here legally and stay to work and better themselves and their families. Good, hard-working people.

Why do they come here and now want to turn us into Alta California?

They don't learn our language and then want to turn this country into Mexico or Colombia or some other place they left because it was so bad.

Dorothy Hall
NIPOMO

We must control population boom

In nature, all population explosions are followed by a population collapse — e.g., lemmings, rabbits, deer.

Our species reached its first billion about 1800, our second about 1925. Since then, we have exploded to almost 8 billion.

Sex education and contraceptive availability are desperately needed. Support Planned Parenthood.

Bill Denonen
NIPOMO

Left manipulating gas, water prices

California's liberal left is manipulating two of life's most necessary fluids, oil and water.

Oil and gas have a carbon tax placed on the production side of fuel distribution. When that

tax is passed on to the consumer, it raises fuel prices and electric utility rates. Gasoline in California is \$1.45 or more a gallon than in other parts of the nation.

The recent Santa Barbara County oil spill was a tragic occurrence, but the left is using it as an excuse to shut down oil and gas production in California.

As a result, we have the highest gasoline prices in the nation, which raises the cost of everything you buy.

Those of us fortunate to own diesel cars and trucks are only paying \$2.99 per gallon.

These people would prefer we purchase crude oil from the Islamic State and our enemies instead of from American sources.

Many parts of the state have real water problems, but Santa Maria is sitting on a 2.5-million-acre-foot underground lake.

The state has made lots of new rules and regulations but to date has neither found nor looked for any new sources of water.

How high do your utility bills and fuel costs have to go before you send these liberals down the road?

Bob Blair
RURAL ARRIDO GRANDE

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Where is your safe place?
Several years ago, I attended a writer's retreat in L.A. Our retreat leader, who led our evening meditations, invited me to get normally quiet and to allow our mind's eye to take us to a place of safety and serenity. I immediately went to the back porch of my childhood home. My father, now deceased, was sitting there in his rocking chair, watching the hummingbirds feed. I felt so safe. I felt again the comfort of our faith: that love never fails and that we will spend eternity together when the time is ripe. It is not that back porch that is my safe place. It is not even my father's love that keeps me in safety. It is God in eternal love that makes all places home. If you need a safe place, join us! I'm Eugenia Gemble. I'm the pastor and I'd love to meet you!

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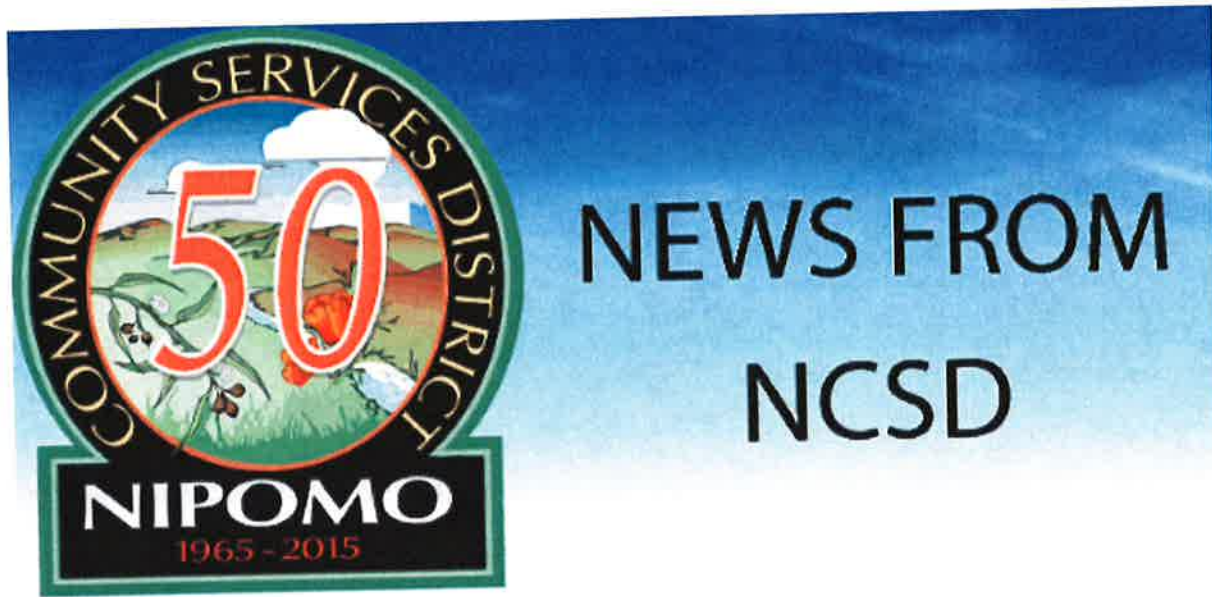
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New State Rebates

State announces \$30 Million in rebates to help replace old toilets and turf.

California's Department of Water Resources (DWR) recently announced rebates to help replace old toilets and water-guzzling landscapes.

According to the DWR, "The "turf and toilet" rebate program is financed by the Proposition 1 water bond approved by voters in 2014. The program will help carry out Governor Brown's [April 1 Executive Order on drought](#) to further reduce water use in homes by replacing more than 10 million square-feet of lawn and upgrading more than 60,000 water-wasting toilets."

These rebates are not handled by the NCSD. Residents can apply for the rebates on the State's website at www.saveourwaterrebates.com



Customers Do Their Part and More!

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The District is thanking customers for the collective conservation effort. Summer months have historically been high production months for the District due to irrigation demands of its customers. 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 water bills proving that water conservation is its own reward!

Keep up the good work and continue to cut back outdoor water use. If everyone does their part we will remain in compliance.

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

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Keeping Nipomo Clean

The District Board of Directors recently approved additional funding for the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce's Cal Trans Adopt-a-Highway Program which provides cleanup along Hwy 101 one mile north and one mile south of Tefft Street.

The District also funds a clean-up program for the Nipomo community common areas. The Nipomo Chamber of Commerce contracts with Achievement House, who employs developmentally delayed adults, to provide the physical labor. The highly successful program was initiated three years ago and continues to be a success. The Chamber administers the program and any clean-up requests can be made by calling the Chamber at (805) 929-1583.



REMINDER

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.

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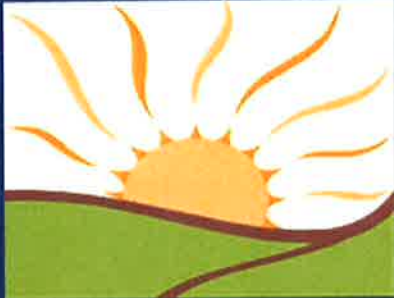
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NIPOMO NEWS

USS Edith's impact on Rancho Nipomo topic of Sunday talk

■ Dana salvaged ship after it ran aground near Lompoc
STAFF REPORT

One of the most talked about events 150 years ago at Rancho Nipomo will once again be the topic of discussion when the Sunday Speaker Series continues Aug. 23 at the DANA Cultural Center.

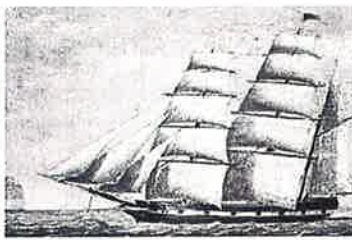
The wreck of the USS Edith will be the focus for Susan Gray, a Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos board member and volunteer, when she speaks at 2 p.m. on the veranda of the Dana Adobe, 671 S. Oaklawn Ave.

The USS Edith was a three-masted, 120-foot-long "screw steamer" with a displacement of 406 tons and a crew of 25. Driven by a coal-fired boiler when under steam power, the ship's propeller could be raised to reduce drag and increase speed when she was under sail.

After being used in the Mexican American War, the Edith was transferred to the U.S. Navy by the War Department in March 1849 and berthed at San Francisco.

She was placed under the temporary command of Lt. James McCormick, who was ordered to pick up delegates to the 1849 California Constitutional Convention and transport them to Monterey by Sept. 1.

The vessel left Sausalito for San Diego on Aug. 23 and encountered dense fog, which made accurate observations impossible and navigation difficult, according to naval histories.



A painting of the USS Edith shows the three-masted steamer under full sail for a calm sea. Although alleged to be commemorated in the California seal, that image depicts a two-masted vessel.

Thinking he had passed Point Conception, McCormick turned east for Santa Barbara on the morning of Aug. 24.

But his reckoning was faulty, and the ship ran aground near the mouth of San Antonio Creek, south of Lompoc on what is now Vandenberg Air Force Base.

Although everything was offloaded to lighten the ship, she could not be refloated even at high tide and was written off as a total loss.

However, all the food, clothing, bedding and furniture that had been unloaded was left on the beach for the locals to help themselves.

Much of her timber became lumber for the Dana Adobe's outbuildings, and her smokestack was used on the rancho's blacksmith forge.

A heavy, round dining table salvaged from the Edith still sits in the sala of the adobe.

USS Edith's connection to California was immortalized when her image was allegedly incorporated into the design of the state seal, although there is debate over whether the steam ship in the seal is the Edith or another vessel.

Gray will delve deeper into the ship's importance to Rancho Nipomo and California in her presentation Sunday afternoon.

Admission is free, although a donation of \$5 is suggested. Refreshments will be served. For more information call the DANA office at 929-5679 or visit www.danaadobe.org.

Seniors seeking sheets for shelters

The Nipomo Area Senior Center is looking for old sheets and towels that they donate to local animal shelters to provide beds for the dogs and cats as well as materials to dry them off after their baths.

If you have some to contribute, you can drop them off at the Senior Center, 200 E Dana St., or call 929-1615 to make other arrangements to provide them.

While you are at the center, look around the facility. You might want to join the group in all the fun things the members do.



Our Nipomo
Toni Weitzel

Sealing the deal

Friends of the Elephant Seal will hold its first one-day training on Saturday, Sept. 12, followed by a three-day in-depth educational program Oct. 10, 17 and 24 to prepare docents at San Simeon.

The organization not only offers training but also flexible hours and the opportunity to meet people from around the world, to say nothing of the chance to take in breathtaking ocean views.

The deadline to submit applications is Tuesday, Sept. 1. For more information, call 924-1628, visit www.elephantseal.org or email fes@elephantseal.org.

Get Crispy

Blacklake Golf Resort will feature The Crisptones in a free concert at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, on the grass outside the clubhouse.

Food and drink will be available for purchase, so you may not bring your own.

Make house a home

The Home, Garden & Gourmet Expo will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, at the Paso Robles Event Center.

There will be cooking demonstrations, home improvement

ideas, garden ideas, gourmet food tasting, wine tasting and more.

Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 772-4600 or visit inspiredexpos.com.

Green and gold

The Avocado and Margarita Festival will take place Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12 and 13, at 714 Embarradero in Morro Bay.

Oh, my, how much yumminer can it get? And there is music from five or more bands as well.

You can get more information at avomargarita.com, where tickets are on sale now.

Newcomers picnic

Nipomo Newcomers Club will hold its annual picnic from noon to 4 p.m., with lunch served at 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 13, in the Monterey Picnic Area at Nipomo Community Park.

If you're interested in joining this great, very active club, contact Diane Jankowski, past president, at 343-9059. She can fill you in on the club's activities and what is coming up in the near future.

Toni Weitzel is the owner of the Best of Everything, featuring unique gifts and gift baskets, and a former president of the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce. Nonprofit and other community organizations may submit items for this column by contacting her at 343-0283 or toniweitzel@charter.net.

Tickets on sale for Dana Fiesta

■ Fundraiser will feature music by Louie Ortega
STAFF REPORT

Tickets are now on sale for the Dana Fiesta featuring the music of Louie Ortega from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, at the DANA Cultural Center, 671 S. Oaklawn Ave.

Food prepared by the Nipomo Rotary Club and drinks will be available for purchase at the fundraiser for the educational programs presented by the Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos.

A longtime San Luis Obispo resident, Ortega got his start in 1969 as the frontman for Louie and the Lovers, which recorded on the Columbia and Atlantic labels.

He later toured Europe with friend Doug Sahm, and their albums on Sweden's Sonnet Records included Ortega's songs "Little George Baker" and "County Line."

He toured with the Texas Tornados from 1989 to 1996, and his translation and performance of "Soy de San Luis" on the group's first album helped earn a Grammy Award in 1990.

The group's 1996 CD "Four Aces" includes two of his songs, "Amor de mi Vida" and "Mi Morientia."



Longtime San Luis Obispo singer, songwriter and guitarist Louie Ortega (formerly with the Texas Tornados) will perform Sept. 18 at the Dana Fiesta at Nipomo. CONTINUED PHOTO

He also has released two solo CDs, "You & I" and "In My Heart." Most recently, he has performed and recorded with the

newly revitalized Sir Douglas Quintet on Elektra Records. Tickets at \$25 are available online at www.danaadobe.org and by calling 929-5679.

PET OF THE WEEK

Some dogs are saddled with names that are not as good as the dog, which is the case with Blakely, a wonderful, 7-year-old wire-haired — already neutered — Chihuahua mix who's searching for his forever home.

Blakely is a distinctive-looking boy who has an Einstein-inspired coat that's accented with black-spotted white front feet and chest.

He's a social boy who wags well on a leash and adores lap time, being petted and giving love. He also gets along well with the other small dogs he's met at the San Luis Obispo County Animal Services shelter.

Blakely is a quiet and affectionate boy — with a one-of-a-kind coat — who will make someone a wonderful companion, according to shelter volunteers.

His identification number at the shelter is 206918. All shelter dogs and cats are altered, vaccinated and



microchipped prior to adoption.

Adoption fees include a collar and tag. Cat adoptions include a cardboard carrier. Fees are \$80 for cats and \$130 for dogs, which includes an annual license fee.

The Animal Services shelter is located at 885 Kansas Ave., off Highway 1 north of San Luis Obispo. For more information, call the shelter at 781-4413.

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More Cash for Your Wallet!

District customers will see a one-time 50% discount on their October/November trash bills.

The District holds a Franchise Agreement with South County Sanitation for providing solid waste collection services within the District. The Agreement generates a fee paid to the District as a proportion of the fees collected by the Sanitation Company from customers within NCS.

The District uses franchise fees to fund community wide cleanup efforts. However, solid waste reserves have grown over the years. In August, the District's Board of Directors approved the discount for a second time.

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Supplemental Water is Here!

Public Ribbon Cutting Ceremony set for September.



The long-awaited supplemental water from Santa Maria is now being delivered to Nipomo. Planning for the project began in the early 90's. Phase I of project construction commenced in July of 2013. The Phase I Supplemental Water Project is now complete and water deliveries began July 2, 2015. To date, over 23 million gallons of water have been delivered – which also means 23 million gallons LESS water has been pumped from the troubled groundwater basin underlying the Nipomo Mesa.

The public is invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 9th at 11 AM. See more information about the event inside and on the District's website.

The District will be changing the method of disinfection used for our water system. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

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A Reliable Water Source for Our Community | Nipomo Supplemental Water Project

New Water, New Rates

With delivery of supplemental water, rates have gone up to pay for the water from Santa Maria. Supplemental Water rates became effective July 1st and customers will see the new rates beginning with their September/October bills. There will be two additional charges on the bi-monthly bill as outlined below.

Supplemental Water Fixed Charge

This additional line on the bill is to pay for the building and facilities required to bring the water to Nipomo. The chart below shows the fixed charge based on meter size. Most single family residences have a 1 inch or less meter and will see a \$13.20 charge on this line. This rate is not scheduled to increase in coming years.

Meter Size	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

This additional line on the bill is to pay for the water purchased from Santa Maria and the District's operation and maintenance costs to deliver the water. The volume charge is \$0.774 per unit (Ccf) of water used. For example, if a customer uses 10 units of water during the billing cycle, they will see a \$7.74 charge on this additional line (10 units x \$0.774). This rate will increase each year for two years as shown in the chart below.

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

Note: 1 billing unit = 1 Ccf = 748 gallons

Please note: In order to make room for the new charges, the tiered rate structure information was removed from the bill. This information can be found on the District's website under Customer Services and can be obtained at the District office.



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District Customers Do Their Part and More!

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Keep up the good work and continue to cut back outdoor water use. If everyone does their part we will remain in compliance.

Water Saver 'Stars' - The Daurios

Thank you to those who have contacted the District regarding your water-saving efforts. For this news-letter issue, we want to feature Al and Helen Daurio on Sweet Donna Place.

The Daurios live on a one-acre lot which was previously covered in green grass. In 2009 they converted their water-guzzling landscape to native, water-wise plants. This change resulted in a dramatic reduction in water usage from 52 units to 8 units during summer months. This equates to approximately \$130 in savings on their bi-monthly water bill. To the right are some before and after photos of their landscape.



Though converting landscapes saves in the long-run, many can see significant savings now by simply cutting back irrigation. Landscapes are very often over-watered. See the District's website for more tips or stop by the office.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions



Does the District offer rebates for converting landscapes? The District does not currently offer a "cash for grass" program. However, the State recently announced funding for turf conversions. For more information and/or to apply, visit the State's website at www.saveourwaterrebates.com

How can I report water waste? The public is encouraged to contact the District if they see water waste. District staff will follow up on all reports to help customers save water and save money. To report a concern, contact the District at info@ncsd.ca.gov or (805) 929-1133.

What are the new late fees? Bills are due by 4:30 PM on the 5th. After 4:30 PM a late charge of 10% or \$10, whichever is greater, will be added to the account. Accounts that remain unpaid will receive a \$20 door hanger processing fee and be at risk of turn-off.

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August 19, 2015

TO: Water Customer of the Nipomo Community Services District
SUBJECT: Change in Treatment

The Nipomo Community Services District is preparing to change its method of disinfection in the water supply you are receiving. Beginning on September 1st, the secondary disinfectant in the District's water supply will be switched from chlorine to chloramine. This is being done to reduce the potential for formation of regulated disinfection byproducts in the District water supply and to maintain consistency with the supplemental water received from the City of Santa Maria.

Chloramines have been used for disinfection purposes for more than 90 years. Chloramines do not pose a health hazard to the general population. However, they can be a serious concern to individuals with kidney disease undergoing dialysis treatment on artificial kidney machines unless the chloramines are reduced to acceptable levels. We have been working with State and County Health Departments to ensure that everyone involved with the treatment of dialysis patients is alerted and that proper precautions are taken. If you are a dialysis patient receiving dialysis treatment in your home, please contact your dialysis facility.

Chloramines are toxic to fish and aquatic life. Before utilizing NCSD water for pet fish or aquatic life, local pet or fish shops should be contacted to determine that best measures to remove chloramines. Boiling or holding the water for a period of time is not a reliable procedure for reducing chloramines, which are able to persist much longer than chlorine.

The attached Chloramines Fact Sheet provides some additional information. If you have any questions on this change in our water treatment, please contact the District at (805) 929-1133 or info@ncsd.ca.gov.



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Supplemental Water – Chloramine Facts

With delivery of supplemental water, 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.

What are "chloramines"?

Chloramines are a type of drinking water disinfectant that are formed when chlorine is combined with a small amount of ammonia.

Chlorine and chloramines -- what's the difference between these disinfectants?

Chlorine is most commonly used because it's quick, effective, safe, and the least expensive method of water disinfection. However, chlorine can also form regulated chemical compounds called "disinfection byproducts" when it mixes with naturally occurring organic compounds found in surface water. **Chloramines are safe and effective** and they reduce the formation of disinfection byproducts in potable water supplies that include surface water sources - like our new supplemental water supply.

Are chloramines safe?

Yes. Chloramines have been used for disinfection purposes for more than 90 years and are approved by state water quality regulators.

Are there special considerations for chloramines?

Yes, the following can be impacted by chloramines:

- kidney dialysis
- aquariums

Kidney Dialysis

Medical centers that perform dialysis are responsible for purifying the water that enters the dialysis machines to ensure they don't have chlorine, chloramines or other substances. Persons with home dialysis machines should check with their physician or equipment supplier to ensure purification techniques will remove chloramines. Please contact your doctor and dialysis equipment provider for more information.

Aquariums

Chlorine and ammonia are toxic to all fish. Chloramines can stay in the water for several weeks, so a dechlorinating agent must be added to remove them. This includes the water for both freshwater and saltwater aquariums. Check with your local pet or fish store.



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How much of a dechloraminating agent, or what type of filter should be used?

Pet stores should have a product that will quickly neutralize both the chlorine and ammonia molecules. Also, ask your pet supplier about types of filtration equipment that can be used.

Will reverse osmosis systems remove chloramines?

No. Salts can be caught by the reverse osmosis systems, but chloramines pass through easily.

Can persons with kidney ailments, diabetes, or on low-sodium diets drink chloraminated water?

Yes. People with medical conditions should consult their doctor, but in general, chloraminated water can be used to drink, bathe, and clean with. It can be used for any other purpose except for dialysis treatment.

What about people who are sensitive to chemicals?

The amount of chloramines will be extremely small – typically 1.5 parts per million and no more than 4 parts per million can be expected in the District water supply. The ratio will be approximately five parts chlorine to one part ammonia to form monochloramine. If you are concerned that this small amount of ammonia could cause problems for you, consult your physician. Additionally, Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) filters on your home's water supply, if properly maintained, can remove the chloramines.

Do home water softeners remove chloramines?

Softeners that have a Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) filter may be effective at removing chloramines.

Will chloramines harm plants?

No. It is safe to water plants of any type, including ornamentals, vegetables, fruit and nut trees.

Are chloramines new?

No. Many counties and cities in the U.S. have used chloramines for decades. Chloramines have been approved by the US EPA for use as a municipal drinking water disinfectant for decades.

Will chloramination affect routine household water uses?

No. Chloramination will not affect routine water uses such as food preparation, household laundering and dishwashing, watering plants, etc.

When will the conversion to chloramines occur?

The District plans to begin using chloramines for disinfection September 1st, 2015.



ORDINANCE NO. 2015-122

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
REPEALING SECTIONS 3.24 OF THE DISTRICT CODE, WATER CONSERVATION AND EMERGENCY WATER
SHORTAGE REGULATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Nipomo Community Services District Board of Directors, at its Regular Meeting of July 22, 2015, introduced the above titled Ordinance, and at its Regular meeting of August 12, 2015, conducted a public hearing to obtain public testimony, and adopted the above titled Ordinance, upon a motion by Director Blair, second by Director Armstrong, and on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Blair, Armstrong, Eby, Woodson, and Gaddis

NOES: None

Ordinance No. 2015-122 – This is a District Ordinance repealing District Code Sections 3.24, Water Conservation and Emergency Water Shortage Regulation. The Nipomo Community Services District (“District”) provides water service within the District’s water service area pursuant to §61100(a) of the Community Services District Law, and Chapter 3.24, Water Conservation and Emergency Water Shortage Regulations, of the District Code has been superseded by the adoption of the Water Shortage Response and Management Plan by the Board of Directors on April 23, 2014, Resolution 2014-1336. The current water conservation and emergency water shortage regulation ordinance is no longer applicable.

A full and complete copy of the aforementioned Ordinance is available for inspection and copy at the District’s office, located at 148 South Wilson Street, Nipomo, California, or you may call (805) 929-1133 for more information.

Manager's Column

Adobe Press; Inside the NCSD

August 2015 Issue

I HOPE 'THEY' ARE RIGHT, BUT LET'S REMAIN DILIGENT IN CASE THEY ARE NOT!

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

Many a weather forecaster is predicting a 'monster' of a wet winter for 2015-2016. I recall similarly hopeful predictions last fall, and while December 2014 was wet, the year as a whole ended up being one of the driest on record.

District customers are doing an OUTSTANDING job conserving water. Our water production in July was 37% lower than in July 2013. Thanks to the importation of supplemental water, our groundwater production in July was 56% lower than our five year average for the month.

Customers must remain diligent on conservation until we are sure this current drought is behind us. Once winter rains begin in earnest (hopefully they will), turn all outdoor irrigation off completely. Next spring, regardless the amount of winter rains, initiate irrigation with conservation in mind and at minimum levels. By June 2016, we will get our first reading on groundwater basin health.

If we do get a nice, wet winter it will be a perfect time to convert water-loving turf/lawn area to drought tolerant plants. The State has recently made \$30 million dollars in rebates available to offset residents cost of replacing old toilets and turf. The rebate program is being administered by the State. Visit www.SaveOurWaterRebates.com for more information and to apply for a rebate.

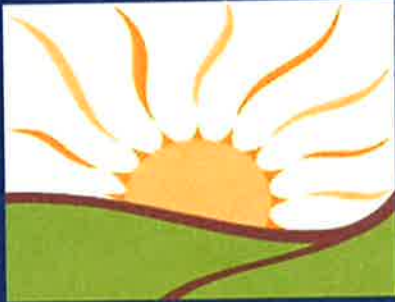
What have YOU DONE to conserve? If you have cut your water use, we want to hear from you! Additionally, if you have converted your landscape to native, drought-tolerant plants, we want to hear from you. You may be featured in upcoming District communications. Contact the District at info@ncsd.ca.gov.

Until next time... Michael S. LeBrun, General Manager, info@ncsd.ca.gov

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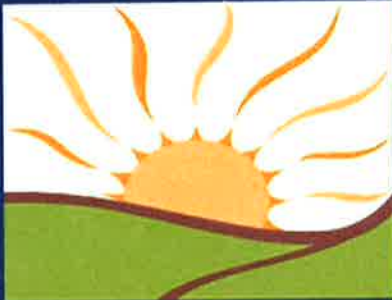
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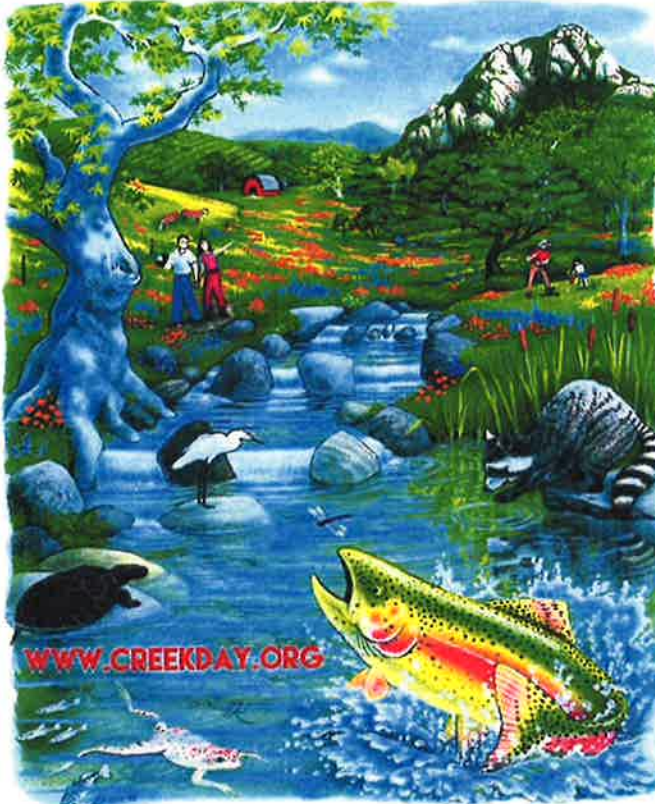
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: August 21, 2015
Contact: Michael S. LeBrun, General Manager
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New Water is Even Better – Change in Disinfection to Begin in September

Supplemental Water arrived in Nipomo from the City of Santa Maria on July 2nd. Beginning on September 1st, the disinfectant in the District's water supply will be switched from chlorine to chloramine – a quick, effective, and safe method of water disinfection. This is being done to reduce the potential for formation of regulated disinfection byproducts in the District water supply and to maintain consistency with the supplemental water received from the City of Santa Maria.

Chloramines have been used for disinfection purposes for more than 90 years. Chloramines do not pose a health hazard to the general population. However, they can be a serious concern to individuals with kidney disease undergoing dialysis treatment on artificial kidney machines unless the chloramines are reduced to acceptable levels. The District has been working with State and County Health Departments to ensure that everyone involved with the treatment of dialysis patients is alerted and that proper precautions are taken. Anyone receiving in-home dialysis treatment should contact their healthcare professional.

Additionally, chloramines, like chlorine, are toxic to fish and aquatic life. Before utilizing District water for pet fish or aquatic life, local pet or fish shops should be contacted to determine the best measures to remove chloramines. Boiling or holding the water for a period of time is not a reliable procedure for reducing chloramines, which are able to persist much longer than chlorine.

District customers will receive direct notification of this disinfection change in the coming days.

For more information on the project and the change in disinfection, the public is encouraged to visit the District's website at www.ncsd.ca.gov or contact the District at 929-1133 or info@ncsd.ca.gov.

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**Additional Information about the District Change in its Treatment Process
to Use Chloramines Instead of Chlorine**

In response to recent articles regarding the District's change in disinfection method, Nipomo CSD wants to assure its customers that they will continue to have safe and reliable drinking water.

Why we are making this change in the treatment process from chlorine to chloramine. Supplemental Water arrived in Nipomo from the City of Santa Maria on July 2nd. This supply includes both groundwater and surface water from rivers and lakes. Santa Maria and public water supply systems throughout the USA and world that use surface water often use chloramine to disinfect their water because it is safer and is needed to meet water quality requirements. Because we are receiving water that has been disinfected by the City of Santa Maria with Chloramine, health standards require the District to use the same type of disinfection throughout our system.

Your water will continue to be safe. Chloramine is safe for public use and is a widely accepted disinfection practice for maintaining a healthy water supply. In the U.S., chloramine has been used by water utilities for about 90 years, and its use is closely regulated. More than one in five Americans uses drinking water treated with chloramine. Santa Maria has safely used chloramine for about a decade, and prominent cities like Philadelphia, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Tampa Bay, and Washington, D.C all use chloramine.

Your Water Undergoes intensive water quality testing and monitoring around the clock. Your water quality is overseen 24/7 by state certified water quality professionals. They test the water at each well and pipeline that we receive it from, within the pipelines as we distribute it, and even in some homes. They conduct thousands of tests: some hourly, and others daily, weekly, and yearly.

Special populations need to take precautions. Although it is safe for dialysis patients to drink water containing chlorine or chloramine, it is not safe to have it directly enter their bloodstream through the dialysis process. Individuals with kidney disease undergoing in-home dialysis treatment on artificial kidney machines should contact their healthcare professional. Additionally, chloramines, like chlorine, are toxic to fish and aquatic life. Before utilizing District water for pet fish or aquatic life, local pet or fish shops should be contacted to determine the best measures to remove chloramines.

Nipomo's water supply is more reliable. The Nipomo Supplemental Water Project is the largest and most important in the District's 50-year history and provides a supplemental source of water to the Nipomo area. Since the arrival of supplemental water, Nipomo's pumping of area groundwater is 56% lower than the five-year average. This is truly a monumental accomplishment for the District and this project will increase District water supply reliability for generations to come.

The District remains committed to providing its customers with reliable, quality, and cost-effective services now and in the future. For more information on the project and the change in disinfection, the public is encouraged to visit the District's website at www.ncsd.ca.gov or contact the District at 929-1133 or info@ncsd.ca.gov .

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Nipomo Community Services District

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History of MCSD - Serving the Community for 50 Years

After four confirmed cases of typhoid fever in the early 1960s, the San Luis Obispo County Health Department tested private wells in the community and found high concentrations of nitrate and chlorides in the water. Coliform was also found in some of the private water wells in Nipomo. It was determined that wastewater was seeping into the water supply. The County Health Department established a direct relationship between the occurrence of infant methemoglobinemia (Blue Babies) in the community and the presence of nitrates in the drinking water.

On June 4, 1964, County Hydraulic Engineer Bob Born issued a report to the County Board of Supervisors on the water and sanitary problems in Nipomo. Born's report concluded with the recommendation that a public entity be formed to address the water and sewer problems in Nipomo.

On Jan. 28, 1965, Nipomo Community Services District was formed under the Community Services District Law of California Government Code Section 61000. The first elected Board Members were William C. Black, Cecil E. (Gene) Davis, James A. Kitchen, Oren W. (Jim) Miller and John R. Mylan. The Board of Directors immediately pursued the construction of the District's first public water system. A bond election was held on Feb. 15, 1966, and the property owners whose land was covered by the new District approved a property tax measure to support the sale of bonds worth \$650,000. These funds paid for the acquisition, construction and installation of the District's first water system. Construction began in June 1966, and was completed in November 1966, at which time water began to flow. This 25-year bond issue was paid off June 15,



1991. Today, the District serves our growing community with over 4,000 water system connections and 90-miles of buried water lines. The District operates eight wells to produce water and holds over 4 million gallons of water in storage for system reliability and emergency (fire) response. In 2007, the District water system was valued at over \$90,000,000.

Abilities, Powers, and Jurisdiction of MCSD

Nipomo Community Services District is a nonprofit, customer-owned public utility formed under California Community Services District Law. A five-member Board of Directors is elected by and from the District's registered voter-customers. The elected Board is responsible for establishing District policy and hiring a General Manager.

The current Board is comprised of: Board President Craig Armstrong (serving on the Board since 2012, current term ends 2016), Vice-president Dan A. Gaddis (serving since 2010, current term ends 2018), Ed Eby (served 8 years previously, currently serving since 2014 and term ends 2018), Robert (Bob) Blair (serving 10 years previously, currently serving since 2012, term ends 2016), and Dan Woodson (serving since 2014, term ends 2018). Michael S. Lebrun has served as the District's General Manager since 2009.

The District's main services are potable water production, treatment, and distribution, and wastewater collection, treatment, and reclamation. The District also provides solid waste services through a franchise agreement. The District provides lighting, landscape management, and

History of the Project

In 1992, District water customers voted against participating in the State Water project as it was being planned and constructed through the area. In 2004, the District reached an agreement to purchase water (state water and groundwater blend) from the City of Santa Maria. In May 2012, a property tax measure to fund the large-capacity (3,000 acre-foot per year) pipeline project failed. Following the failed water project funding vote, District leaders halted the processing of applications for new water service citing concerns over groundwater supply health and uncertainty of a firm timeline for the delivery of supplemental water to the area. The Board of Directors formed a citizens committee to review previous District supply studies and all available information regarding options for supplemental water supplies. The Citizens Committee reported to the Board of Directors in February 2013 and the Board approved a funding plan for a scaled down \$17.8 million project including the sale of up to \$9.5 million in municipal bonds.

The District went to bid in March 2013 and in June awarded three project construction contracts. Construction on the project

began July 2013 with the majority of the pipeline successfully crossing under the Santa Maria River bed in November 2013. The project is within budget and on schedule to begin water deliveries in July 2015. ■

drainage services within limited areas of its services boundary. The District and the entire Nipomo Mesa area rely on the County for fire, planning, roads, development approval and police services.

The District's 2014-2015 Budget includes over \$6 million in approved operating expenditures and over \$1.3 million in approved capital expenditures. Independent audits of the District's finances have been conducted annually for over 20 years.

Nipomo Supplemental Water Project

During its 50-year history, the District's sole source of water has been wells on the Nipomo mesa. A second source will be added this summer when the supplemental water pipeline to Santa Maria is completed. This new supply represents a long-term solution that will help balance our groundwater basin and secure our long term water resources. The pipeline will initially provide 650 acre feet of water per year. Additional improvements to our water distribution system which will allow deliveries to be increased to 3,000 acre feet per year will be completed as additional funding becomes available.

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Nipomo services district looks to change water service policy

BY KAYTLYN LESLIE

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In light of months of delays at the county level for a proposal to build a 120-room hotel and up to 100 new homes at Blacklake Golf Resort, the Nipomo Community Services District is pursuing changes to its water service policy that would lengthen the amount of time applicants have to complete their project applications with the county before their intent-to-serve letters expire.

Intent-to-serve letters are issued by the district and essentially say that the district agrees to provide water and/or sewage services to the project applicant, usually with some conditions.

Currently, the district has a "soft deadline" of 240 calendar days from the date the intent-to-serve letter is issued, general manager Michael LeBrun said at the district Board of Director's meeting Wednesday. In that time, the applicant has to prove that the county has deemed the project application complete, or the letters are terminated.

This has caused some problems for applicants that are held up at the county level for longer than the 240 days, though LeBrun said the district hasn't strictly enforced the rule in the past.

"Projects that do go to 'deemed complete' — it could take a week, it could take a month, it could take a year," LeBrun said. "It depends as much on the applicant and the complexity of the project as the process. It leaves the district and district staff in a bit of a quandary in regard to this and in regard to our policies."

The board ultimately decided to have staff draft a new policy that would increase the amount of time applicants have before their letters expire, though how much longer was not specified, as well as adding a new appeal process that would allow applicants to contact the board before their letters expire and prove that progress has been made on the application.

"These people have time and money invested, and whatever they complete is going to be a benefit to our community," director Bob Blair said Wednesday. "To no fault of these people, they get tied up in the county or whatever."

The board directed staff to bring the amended ordinance before it for approval at a later meeting.

The issue was raised with the district because of the pending application to the county to authorize specific plan, general plan and land-use ordinance amendments for the 515-acre



Blacklake Golf Resort is located on the Nipomo Mesa. Rob Rossi bought the resort in 2001.
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Blacklake Golf Resort and residential development. The plans call for ripping up about 23 acres of turf on the 58-acre golf course and reconfiguring the course around new housing units and a hotel.

The district approved five intent-to-serve letters for parcels on the Blacklake property at its Oct. 22 meeting last year, but county approval for the amendments has been delayed several times since it was first scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors in March. On Tuesday, the board delayed the issue to Jan. 12, at the request of developer Rob Rossi, though several supervisors specified that they would not be amenable to any more delays.

"If we don't have something solidified on this project by January, I will be inclined to turn this project down," supervisor Frank Mecham said at the meeting. "This needs to get done, and it just keeps dragging on and dragging on."

In the meantime, the project's intent-to-serve letters have passed the 240-day deadline (June 19), and opponents of the project contacted the district calling for the letters to be terminated, LeBrun said Wednesday.

After some discussion, the board decided to agendaize the topic for its meeting Jan. 13, following the Board of Supervisors hearing. If the supervisors deny Rossi's request, district board president Craig Armstrong said the intent-to-serve letters would be terminated. If the project is approved or delayed again, Armstrong said the board would determine the appropriate course of action at that time.

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As the last days of summer drag out, residents in northern Santa Barbara County are continuing to cut back on their water usage amid a state-wide drought and high temperatures.

July marked the second month that the State Water Resources Control Board watched and graded different cities' water use numbers, and North County cities again exceeded their water-usage goals, with many areas saving even more water than they did in June.

The cutbacks follow an order issued by Gov. Jerry Brown in April for California to reduce its water usage by 25 percent over 2013. 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.

In Santa Maria, water usage was reduced by 21 percent in July, up 3 percent from June, and the city's target reduction goal was only 16 percent.

Shad Springer, director of utilities for the city of Santa Maria, said that the additional savings in July could be contributed to several factors.

"It's a long, hot summer," Springer said. "People are more aware of it. We did have an unusual rain storm in July so a lot of people might have turned their sprinkles off and a few days of no sprinklers could swing it a few percentage points."

Unincorporated areas of northern Santa Barbara County, such as Orcutt, also continued to reduce water usage. Golden State Water Company customers in Orcutt reduced by 42 percent in July, up 2 percent from June, and their savings goal was 32 percent.

Golden State Water customers in Nipomo, in southern San Luis Obispo County, reduced by 44 percent, up by 2 percent from last month and their goal was 36 percent. And customers in the Nipomo Community Services District area reduced water by 37 percent, up about 5 percent from last month and exceeding their goal of a 30 percent water savings.

In Grover Beach water usage was reduced by about 31 percent last month compared to a 38 percent savings in June. But the city was still far above its goal of 8 percent. In Pismo Beach, water usage was reduced by 29 percent in July, up 5 percent from June. In Arroyo Grande, water usage was reduced by 41 percent in July, up 8 percent from June's savings and well above its state-mandated goal of a 28 percent reduction.

Toby Moore, water resources manager and chief hydrologist for Golden State Water, said that while June saw record high temperatures, July was a cooler month which helped with using

even less water. However he said there's still a ways to go.

"Our biggest opportunity to save water is in the summer months because that's when we do more outdoor watering," Moore said. "It will be much more challenging to cut back as we go into the winter. Some people will have to cut back on indoor water use."

While the city of Lompoc saved less water in July than June, with an 18 percent savings last month compared to a 33 percent reduction in June, they still exceeded their goal of a 12 percent savings.

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, reductions in water use were still seen in these areas.

Golden State Water customers in Sisquoc reduced water usage by 36 percent in July. In Lake Marie, customers reduced by 37 percent and in Tanglewood they reduced by 27 percent. In the city of Solvang, water usage was reduced by 25 percent last month. In Buellton, it was down by 28 percent.

In unincorporated regions of the Santa Ynez Valley, water customers nearly cut their use in half last month compared to July 2013.

Domestic users cut their use by 47 percent, while rural residential users slashed water use by 48 percent, said Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1 General Manager Chris Dahlstrom.

"This far exceeds the state's mandate ... This shows the awareness of ID No. 1's customers regarding the drought and cutback in use of their outside landscape watering," Dahlstrom said.

In June the state as a whole saw a water usage reduction of 27.3 percent, beating the 25 percent mandated cutback. The State Water Resources Control Board will release July water use data for the state and individual water districts later this month.



Nipomo Water System Gets An Update

After A Generous Donation From Santa Maria

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NIPOMO, Calif. -

The city of Santa Maria were good neighbors to the nearby town of Nipomo—they delivered supplemental water to the city on July 2 to support the city's transition from using a chlorine water disinfection system to a chloramine system on September 1.

The reason for the switch is to reduce potentially harmful byproducts that can be produced in some disinfection systems. Officials say chloramine is quicker, more effective and safer method of water disinfection.

Health officials say that chloramines do not pose a health hazard to the general population, but there are some risks that come with the system switch. Dialysis patients using artificial kidney machines. The water district has been working with local health departments to notify those that could potentially be affected.

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They also warn that chloramines are toxic to fish and aquatic life and advise anyone utilizing tap water for aquatic life to contact the department to determine the best measures of chloramine removal.

For more information, visit the water district's website at www.ncsd.ca.gov, place a call at 805-929-1133 or submit an email to info@ncsd.ca.gov.

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Central Coast cities help state meet water goals for second month



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For a second consecutive month, cities in northern Santa Barbara County have chipped in to help California exceed mandated water savings.

Statewide water savings in July of 31.3 percent exceeded the state mandate of 25 percent, officials announced Thursday, and the amount saved in June by about 4 percent. For June and July, the cumulative statewide savings is 29.5

percent. Since the drought-related mandate was issued by Gov. Jerry Brown in April, different cities and water districts were given varying water reduction targets based on their 2013 urban water usage.

Cities across the Central Coast exceeded their July water-use goals, according to the State Water Resources Control Board monthly report on urban water suppliers and water conservation efforts.

Felicia Marcus, board chair, said that saving water in the hot summer months is critical to meeting the state's overall 25 percent savings goal through February 2016, as the summer is when the greatest amount of water is traditionally used, particularly on outdoor ornamental landscapes.

"Conservation rates are even better than last month and that's exactly what we need in the summer, when we use the lion's share of water," Marcus said. "We're very happy that Californians are showing they have what it takes to meet our water savings goal during a drought that might not end this summer. We need to hope for as much rain as we can handle, but it might not save us."

Santa Barbara was given a reduction goal of 12 percent, but reduced water usage by 36 percent. The city of Santa Maria, which was given a goal of reducing water usage by 16 percent, managed to reduce by 21 percent in July. Lompoc also surpassed its goal of a 12 percent reduction, reducing water usage by 18 percent in July.

Golden State Water Company customers in Nipomo cut back on water usage by 44 percent in July as compared to July 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 37 percent in July, while their goal was 30 percent.

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In San Luis Obispo, the city had a goal of 12 percent, but reduced water usage by 26 percent. And Arroyo Grande residents reduced their consumption by 41 percent in July, surpassing the state's target of 28 percent for the city.

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While the state as a whole met its goal for July, some of the individual water districts fell a few drops short. Water purveyors who fail to meet the mark can be hit with fines of up to \$10,000.

There were only four suppliers in July, out of 290, reporting that they were more than 15 percent away from meeting their conservation standard. The number is a 75 percent drop in the number of suppliers reporting that they were that far away in June.

According to officials, conservation orders are being issued to those water suppliers that are far behind and do not have the programs in place to meet their standard.

NCSD changing water disinfection from chlorine to chloramines

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Supplemental water purchased from Santa Maria arrived in Nipomo Community Services District's system July 2, and on Tuesday the district will change the disinfectant used to treat the water supply.

NCSD will switch the disinfecting agent from chlorine to chloramines, in part to maintain consistency with the water received from Santa Maria, said Michael LeBrun, district general manger.

"Chloramines have been used for disinfection purposes for more than 90 years," LeBrun said, noting they are "a quick, effective and safe method" for killing such disease-causing organisms as bacteria, viruses and protozoa.

Because chloramines are more chemically stable and last longer in water delivery systems, they are useful for killing such organisms as Legionella, the bacterium that causes Legionnaire's disease, which are often found in pipes, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Switching to chloramines also will reduce the potential for regulated disinfection byproducts to form in the water supply, LeBrun said.

The EPA says chloramines are less likely than chlorine to react with organic compounds and form trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, chlorite and bromate, which have been associated with cancer, anemia and liver, kidney, central nervous system and reproductive problems.

While chloramines do not pose a health hazard to the general population, LeBrun noted they can be a serious concern to individuals with kidney disease who are undergoing dialysis on artificial kidney machines unless chloramines are reduced to acceptable levels.

He said the district has been working with state and county health departments to ensure that everyone involved with treating dialysis patients is alerted and that proper precautions are taken.

However, anyone receiving in-home dialysis treatment should contact their healthcare professional about the switch in disinfectants.

Chloramines, like chlorine, are also toxic to fish and aquatic life, LeBrun said

So before using district water for pet fish or other aquatic life, NCSD customers should contact local pet or fish shops to determine the best methods for removing chloramines.

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NCSD changing water disinfection from chlorine to chloramines

“Boiling or holding the water for a period of time is not a reliable procedure for reducing chloramines, which are able to persist much longer than chlorine,” LeBrun said.

NCSD customers are scheduled to receive direct notification of the change in disinfection prior to the switch.

For more information, visit www.ncsd.ca.gov or contact the district office at 929-1133 or info@ncsd.ca.gov.



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Chloramine to be used to disinfect Nipomo water

By KSBY Staff

Supplemental water for Nipomo has arrived and the Community Services District wants everyone to be aware of how they are disinfecting the water starting next month.



This comes after a pipeline was installed to help boost Nipomo's water supply by pumping water from Santa Maria.

Starting September 1, instead of using chlorine to disinfect the water, they will be using chloramine.

Officials say chloramine is a quicker and more effective way to disinfect the water.

It does not pose a threat to the general public, but it can be of concern for those with kidney disease or those undergoing dialysis. The CSD says it is working with state and county health departments to ensure that all dialysis patients are alerted and proper precautions are taken.

Chloramine can also be toxic to fish and aquatic life. People with fish are encouraged to contact their local pet or fish stores to determine the best way to remove chloramines.

Officials say boiling or holding the water for a period of time is not a reliable procedure for reducing chloramines.

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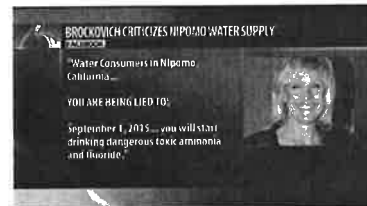


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Erin Brockovich speaks out against adding chloramine to Nipomo's water supply

By Olivia DeGennaro

A well-known environmental activist is taking to Facebook to speak out against chemicals being added to Nipomo's water supply. Erin Brockovich shared her opinions about chloramine in a post on Friday.



A new pipeline is pumping water from Santa Maria to Nipomo. Officials are warning people in the community that they will be disinfecting the water supply, starting Tuesday.

Instead of using chlorine, they will be using chloramine to treat the water. Officials say it doesn't pose a threat to the general public, but chloramine can pose concern for people with kidney disease or those undergoing dialysis. Health officials also say chloramine can be toxic to fish and aquatic life.

Erin Brockovich disagrees with the safety claims of local health officials. She says Nipomo residents will be drinking ammonia and fluoride.

Brockovich claims chloramine leaves behind ammonia, which can cause bacteria to grow in the pipelines.

"Now you will be exposed to toxins potentially 10,000 times more toxic than the byproducts formed by chlorine alone," Brockovich writes.

Erin Brockovich is best-known for a movie that shares her name. It chronicles her 1993 lawsuit against PG&E, about a contaminant in the town of Hinkley's drinking water.

The case was settled in 1996 for \$333 million. That's the largest settlement ever paid in a direct-action lawsuit in United States history.

Here's Brockovich's full post Facebook post:

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TRUTH... Chloramine is a slower and much weaker disinfectant. Further...the chlorine breaks down but the ammonia does not... it becomes food for the biofilm and bacteria in the water pipes, your water heaters and your homes.

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They are adding the ammonia to the drinking water to sequester the chemical reactions that form toxic disinfection byproducts and comply with drinking water regulations... not for any other reason. The USEPA told them to clean the water to reduce the precursor organics... but instead they chose to go cheap...rather than clean the water they add the ammonia.

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Nipomo says water supply is safe as Erin Brockovich criticizes chloramine use

By Charlie Misra

Starting Tuesday, the community of Nipomo will start using a chemical called chloramine to disinfect the water supply.

That decision has caught the attention of well-known environmental activist Erin Brockovich, who spoke out against the use of the chemical in a Facebook post on Friday.



The EPA says chloramine is safe, has been used by water utilities for almost 90 years, and its use is closely regulated.

Nipomo Community Services District general manager Michael LeBrun says the district is moving from one "tried-and-true" method of disinfecting water to another by using chloramine instead of chlorine to destroy bacteria.

"The water supply remains safe and drinkable," LeBrun said.

The EPA says chloramines are formed when ammonia is added to chlorine to treat drinking water. Chloramines are used to protect water quality as it moves through pipes.

"We treat it," LeBrun said. "And then we disinfect it before we put it in our pipelines that run 70 miles under our roads and throughout our community to make sure that the water supply remains safe through the distribution and delivery to our customers."

On Friday, national consumer advocate Erin Brockovich disagreed with the safety claims of local officials. Here's Brockovich's full post Facebook post:

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Nipomo CSD officials say chloramines do not threaten the health of the general population but they can be a serious concern for people with kidney disease or those undergoing dialysis. Chloramines are toxic to fish.

Officials say the district has been working with state and county health departments to ensure that everyone involved with the treatment of dialysis patients is alerted and that proper precautions are taken. They say anyone receiving in-home dialysis treatment should contact their healthcare professional.

"It is used at a level that's considered proven, safe for potable drinking water systems," LeBrun said. "And in fact, it's something that is keeping our systems safe. It's not rendering it unsafe by any stretch of the imagination."

Arroyo Grande and Santa Maria both use chloramines to disinfect their water supply.

Jeff Densmore, a district engineer for the State Water Resources Control Board, said two-thirds of the combined population of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties receive water that is disinfected with chloramines.

The EPA says more than one in five Americans use drinking water treated with chloramines.

For more information from the EPA on chloramines, [click here](#).

To read a statement from Nipomo CSD for information on chloramines, [click here](#).

For Erin Brockovich's Facebook page, [click here](#).

Erin Brockovich protests Nipomo's switch in disinfectants for drinking water

Celebrity environmental activist decries district's switch from chlorine to chloramine to clean water, even though officials say it is safe to use

BY KAYTLYN LESLIE

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Starting Tuesday, the Nipomo Community Services District will switch from using chlorine to chloramine to disinfect its water — a move that district officials say is safe but that prompted outcry from celebrity environmental activist Erin Brockovich, who claimed the water would be more toxic.

The disinfectant is already used by about one-third of water providers in San Luis Obispo County, and both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and State Water Resources Control Board say water treated with chloramine, a mixture of chlorine and ammonia, is safe for general use when monitored correctly.

Chloramine is typically used to disinfect water with more organic compounds in it — such as surface water from lakes and rivers — because it is less likely to form disinfection byproducts that are potentially harmful, Nipomo services district General Manager Michael LeBrun said Monday.

Chloramines have been in use in this country for more than 90 years, he added.

LeBrun said the district decided to switch to chloramine to maintain consistency in the water supply received from the city of Santa Maria through the district's new supplemental water pipeline, which began delivering water in July.

The switch in disinfectants in Nipomo caught the eye of Brockovich, who took to Facebook over the weekend to denounce the change.

"YOU ARE BEING LIED TO!" she wrote in a widely circulated Facebook post on Friday. "TRUTH... Chloramine is a slower and much weaker disinfectant. Further ... the chlorine breaks down but the ammonia does not. ... It becomes food for the biofilm and bacteria in the water pipes, your water heaters and your homes. I could go on and on ... when will they just stop lying?"

Brockovich went on to claim that adding ammonia to the water makes it more dangerous.

Erin Brockovich is seen after testifying before the Senate Health and Human Services Committee at the Capitol in Sacramento, Calif., in 2001.

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Since then, Brockovich has become an outspoken environmental activist, especially regarding water pollution.

"Now you will be exposed to toxins potentially 10,000 times more toxic than the byproducts formed by chlorine alone," she wrote in Friday's Facebook post. "And as for the fluoride ... do your own research. ... What a ridiculous waste and frankly ... damn shame."

As of Monday afternoon, the post had been shared more than 1,500 times, with more than 1,020 likes. Requests for comment from Brockovich on her website and social media pages were not returned Monday.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, more than one in five Americans uses drinking water treated with chloramines. The disinfectant is both approved and regulated by the EPA for use in creating safe drinking water.

In San Luis Obispo County, about a third of water providers treat their water with chloramine, said Jeff Densmore, District 6 supervisor for the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water Programs. District 6 encompasses San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

Densmore said most residents in the Five Cities area receive chloraminated water through the Lopez Water project, as do residents in Morro Bay and agencies that receive state water.

Though it can be of concern to people undergoing at-home dialysis treatments because the water comes in direct contact with the blood, and it is toxic to fish and aquatic life because it blocks their gills, Densmore said chloraminated water is safe for general use, provided that it is

monitored correctly.

The state Division of Drinking Water Programs monitors disinfection methods used throughout California, and water providers are required to send in monthly reports showing they are correctly monitoring the disinfection process.

Densmore said that when using chloramines, there is a risk of nitrification when ammonia does not correctly bond with the chlorine and remains in the water to oxidize. This can increase the amount of bacteria in the water, he said, though in most cases it is not a public health risk.

"This water is also filtered and disinfected at treatment facilities before the chloramines, or residual disinfectants, are added, so the public health concern is low," he said.

With correct monitoring, water treatment agencies can identify the "early signs" of nitrification and take action to stop it before there is a risk to the public, Densmore said.

In Nipomo's case, LeBrun asserted that chloramine is a safe method of disinfecting water, with fewer byproducts than just using chlorine.

As of Monday morning, he said, the district had received about a dozen calls regarding Brockovich's Facebook post.

"I'm a bit discouraged that this misinformation has put fear in any of our customers that this method is not safe, and put a damper on what should be a very exciting time for our community," he said. "This is the first time in 50 years that we are bringing in outside water into the community, and it's disheartening that some people are now afraid."

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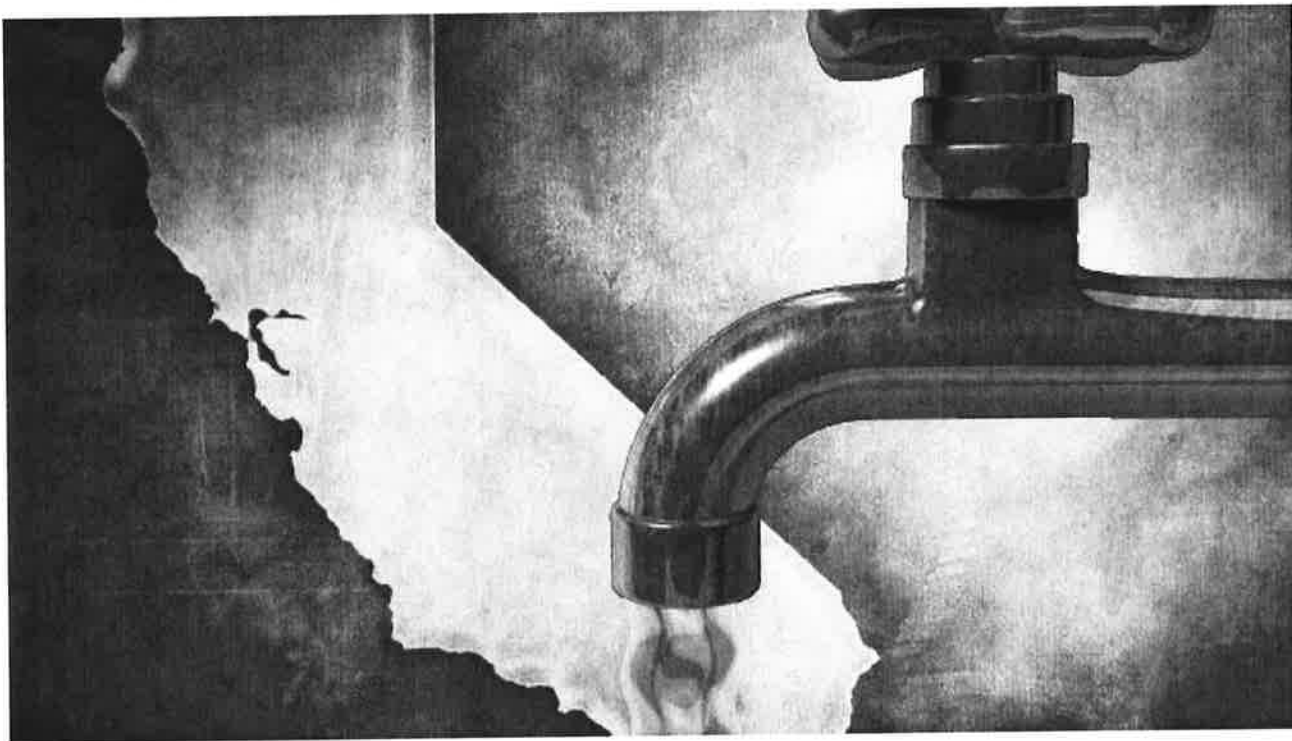


Erin Brockovich Speaks Out Against Nipomo's Water Transition to a Chloramine System

Well-known environmental activist says chloramine is more harmful than a chlorine system

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NIPOMO, Calif. -

Comments posted by well-known environmental activist Erin Brockovich on her Facebook account has created a storm of controversy, and caught the attention of Nipomo residents regarding the City's decision to transition from using a chlorine water disinfection system to a chloramine system.

Brockovich posted the following statement on [Facebook](#):

"Water Consumers in Nipomo, California...YOU ARE BEING LIED TO! September 1, 2015... you will start drinking dangerous toxic ammonia and fluoride. WHY?"

"Nipomo Community Services District Manager Michael LeBrun is telling you lies because he doesn't know what he is talking about. "Chlorine is more volatile, and so you'll get a taste or odor if you have a chlorinated water supply," lied LeBrun. What you taste and smell are disinfection byproducts... chloroform, bromoform, bromodichloromethane, and dibromochloromethane...NOT CHLORINE!!!"

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Nipomo Community Services District issued the following statement regarding this matter:

"Santa Maria and public water supply systems throughout the USA and world that use surface water often use chloramine to disinfect their water because it is safer and is needed to meet water quality requirements. Because we are receiving water that has been disinfected by the City of Santa Maria with Chloramine, health standards require the District to use the same type of disinfection throughout our system."

"Your water will continue to be safe. Chloramine is safe for public use and is a widely accepted disinfection practice for maintaining a healthy water supply. In the U.S., chloramine has been used by water utilities for about 90 years, and its use is closely regulated."

"More than one in five Americans uses drinking water treated with chloramine. Santa Maria has safely used chloramine for about a decade, and prominent cities like Philadelphia, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Tampa Bay, and Washington, D.C all use chloramine."

"Your Water Undergoes intensive water quality testing and monitoring around the clock. Your water quality is overseen 24/7 by state certified water quality professionals. They test the water at each well and pipeline that we receive it from, within the pipelines as we distribute it, and even in some homes. They conduct thousands of tests: some hourly, and others daily, weekly, and yearly."

The CSD does note in the statement that certain populations need to take extra precautions when drinking water treated with either chlorine or chloramine:

"Although it is safe for dialysis patients to drink water containing chlorine or chloramine, it is not safe to have it directly enter their bloodstream through the dialysis process. Individuals with kidney disease undergoing in-home dialysis treatment on artificial kidney machines should contact their healthcare professional."

"Additionally, chloramines, like chlorine, are toxic to fish and aquatic life. Before utilizing District water for pet fish or aquatic life, local pet or fish shops should be contacted to determine the best measures to remove chloramines."

The water district has been working with local health departments to notify those that could potentially be affected.

BROCKOVICH ISSUES CHALLENGE TO NIPOMO WATER DISTRICT

Brockovich is challenging the Nipomo Community Service District to a transparent town hall meeting with area residents to discuss the new chloramine water system which took effect on Tuesday, September 1.

Brockovich issued the following:

"Here is my challenge...in the next few weeks...I'll grab my water guy, and let's have the Nipomo Community Services District get their best expert...and let's have a public meeting and openly talk about the pros and cons concerning the use of Chloramine as a disinfectant... heck bring the Santa Maria water guys and the gang from the Central Coast Water Authority. Heck, maybe the Division of Drinking Water might want to come out. I am all about transparency...it's all on the table... it will be the public's meeting to ask all the questions and get all the answers provided by both sides of the issue."

We of course, will continue to follow this story very closely, and bring you the latest details and updates.

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Nipomo fire hydrants flushed due to water disinfectant switch

By Amanda Starrantino

Nipomo is in the process of switching from chlorine to chloramines to disinfect the water supply. Water officials say chloramines are quicker and more effective.

But Community Services District officials say the switch requires flushing water already in some of the pipes. Crews must pump out the water in place or the new disinfected water would throw off the mix and the water's taste and odor would be affected.

At a time when water is scarce, draining any water becomes a concern. Water pouring down Nipomo neighborhood streets in the middle of the night Tuesday was an unsettling sight to some residents during this historic drought.

"We do not consider it waste because it is a necessary function to keep our potable water system safe for human consumption," says Michael LeBrun, NCS D General Manager. "So part of the process is to control the time you have both disinfectants together and freely mixing."

Although it is safe to mix both disinfectants, LeBrun says it defeats the whole purpose of the new mix. He says flushing the system at night is meant to keep as much water as possible flowing into the drains.

"At night time there is low evaporation. The water is going to hit the street wherever we are putting it down and it will find it's natural drainage course," says LeBrun. "It is getting back down to the groundwater table. Water that gets to the native ground percolates quickly and it basically goes back to our local aquifer that is available to us again."

During normal circumstances, the NCS D says it only flushes the hydrants for mandatory water maintenance.

To report odor or a strange taste in your water, contact the Nipomo Community Services District at (805) 929-1133.



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Crews are expected to be out flushing hydrants in Nipomo on Wednesday and Thursday nights starting at 9:00 p.m.



NCSD works to counter activist's charges

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Just days away from a ribbon cutting to celebrate completion of a supplemental water pipeline, Nipomo Community Services District officials this week found themselves fielding customers' questions stemming from a nationally known activist's blog attacking part of the project.

Last week, NCSD announced that on Sept. 1 it would switch its water disinfectant method from chlorine to chloramine, a blend of chlorine and ammonia, to match the method used by the city of Santa Maria on the water being purchased by the district.

On Friday, the move came under fire from celebrity activist Erin Brockovich, who charged the district was making their water more toxic and lying to them by saying it is safe.

In a post addressed to water consumers in Nipomo, Brockovich claimed that as of Sept. 1, when the change was made, "you will start drinking dangerous toxic ammonia and fluoride."

"They are adding the ammonia to the drinking water to sequester the chemical reactions that form toxic disinfection byproducts and comply with drinking water regulations ... not for any other reason," Brockovich wrote.

"The (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) told them to clean the water to reduce the precursor organics ... but instead they chose to go cheap ... rather than (sic) clean the water they add the ammonia.

"Now you will be exposed to toxins potentially 10,000 times more toxic than the byproducts formed by chlorine alone," wrote Brockovich, best known for her 1993 efforts to build a case alleging Pacific Gas and Electric Co. leaked toxic chemicals into the Hinkley groundwater.

Her work, which used her body almost as much as her brains, was made famous in the movie "Erin Brockovich" starring Julia Roberts in the title role.

After her posts went public, NCSD was flooded with almost three dozen phone calls and more than a dozen emails from customers questioning the change.

"Frankly, it's a huge stress on our agencies resources," Michael LeBrun, NCSD general manager, said Tuesday. "It's certainly not beneficial to our customers to have me spend two days on the phone talking about a nontopic.

"This is not our science," he added, referring the process of using chloramine. "We're not developing this. This is something that's been used safely for 90 years."

He said the engineer for the California Department of Health's three-county district told him more than two-thirds of the population in Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties are already receiving water treated with chloramines.

In fact, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says compared to chlorine, chloramines is less likely to react with organic compounds and form trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, chlorite and bromate, which have been associated with cancer, anemia and liver, kidney, central nervous system and reproductive problems.

The EPA also says because chloramines is more chemically stable and lasts longer in water delivery systems, it is useful for killing such organisms as Legionella, the bacterium that causes Legionnaire's disease, which are often found in pipes.

LeBrun said state regulators gave the district a number of options for disinfecting the water being purchased from Santa Maria, which includes "surface water" — from lakes, streams and reservoirs — the city receives through the State Water Project.

Those options included using chloramines or, as Brockovich contends should be done, stripping the chloramine from the water, removing the organic compounds and then treating the water with chlorine.

LeBrun said it is costing the district about \$1.5 million to install the chloramine system at its five well heads and at the pumping station. The system Brockovich advocates would likely cost tens of millions of dollars more.

"I can't even guess at what it would cost for a water treatment plant and infrastructure, which we would have to build and then operate," LeBrun said.

While chloramine does not pose a health hazard to the general population, LeBrun noted it can be a serious concern to individuals with kidney disease who are undergoing dialysis unless the chloramine is reduced to acceptable levels.

A state-of-the-art disinfecting and water quality monitoring system will make sure that's always the case.

LeBrun said the district has a continuous in-stream monitoring program that checks the chloramine level of water coming into the pump station from Santa Maria, exiting the pump station into NCSD's system and coming out of each district well — a total of 100 stations.

District operators can monitor the water levels 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and sensors will notify on-call operators if the chloramine level even begins creeping away from normal.

"It's a little hard to understand why a world-renowned environmental activist has chosen to take on little Nipomo," LeBrun said. "It's clouding an event, a great day of celebration, with pretty groundless accusations."

LeBrun said he hopes the public will turn out for the ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Attend the ribbon cutting

Nipomo Community Services District will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony of the

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supplemental water project at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9.

The event will take place at the pump station located off Joshua Street, between Orchard and Hutton roads, on an access road marked by balloons.

Light refreshments and a pump house tour will follow the ceremony.

Central-Valley-Sterra

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West Side cities slapped for cancer-causing agent in tap water

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Steelhead mascot visits board of supervisors meeting for watershed awareness

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media campaigns and provided detailed information on local outreach programs and strategies this week to the State Water Resources Control Board.



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Environmental conspiracy

As if Nipomo didn't have enough water drama, **Erin Brockovich** had to bring her two cents to the Facebook table, which received attention from several media outlets: including the SLO *Tribune*, *Cal Coast News*, and KSBY. And, I guess, you can now add the *Sun* to that list.

Damn bandwagons.

Brockovich protested against the Nipomo Community Service District's (NCSD) switch in water treatment chemicals, which was announced on May 11—by the way. She started her Aug. 28 post by saying, "Water consumers in Nipomo, California ... YOU ARE BEING LIED TO." What are you Nipomoans being lied to about? Chloramine, which Brockovich protests the safety of.

Why the switch? Well, Nipomo started getting deliveries of Santa Maria water in July through pipes that cost millions of dollars to build, because the NCSD was pulling an unsustainable amount of water out of a basin with water levels dropping low enough to warrant concerns about saltwater intrusion.

The project was years in the making and weathered lawsuits, money worries, and disgruntled citizens with loud voices. But despite all the hubbub and changing plans, Nipomo residents will now have a somewhat dependable water supply.

What does Santa Maria treat its water with? I'm so happy you asked! Chloramine, a compound formed when a small amount of ammonia is added to chlorine. Hence, Nipomo's decision to change over from chlorine, the NCSD's previous treatment compound. Talk about odor, by the way. Draw yourself a bird bath with that chlorinated water, and you'd feel like you just walked up to the public pool. Pew! It seriously made you think twice about actually drinking the water.

Brockovich specifically targets **Michael LeBrun** in her long, ranting post. He's the NCSD's director. Because of this Facebook post (Facebook! That's where news happens.), LeBrun was interviewed in a KSBY segment to address the NCSD's choice to switch to a compound that Santa Maria already uses, as well as Brockovich's accusation that he's "telling you lies because he doesn't know what he's talking about."

She sounds like a crazy person, not the consumer advocate her website, brockovich.com, claims her to be.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency states on its website: "The typical purpose of chloramines is to provide longer-lasting water treatment as the water moves through pipes to consumers. ... Chloramines have been used by water utilities for almost 90 years, and their use is closely regulated. More than one in five Americans uses drinking water treated with chloramines. Water that contains chloramines and meets EPA regulatory standards is safe to use for drinking, cooking, bathing, and other household uses."

A statement released by the NCSD on Aug. 31 responded to news reports caused by the Brockovich Facebook post. The release said cities like Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Diego, Tampa Bay, and Washington, D.C., all used chloramine. The release also admits that chloramine could have an effect on kidney dialysis patients as well as aquariums and the fish in them. Mind you, though, when the district first made the announcement in May, the NCSD explicitly stated that it could affect



those two things in particular, recommending that dialysis patients consult with their doctors and aquarium owners check with local pet stores.

It certainly doesn't seem like the NCSD or LeBrun were attempting to hide or lie about anything. But then again, maybe the EPA's lying, too.

And for the icing on the crazy-town cake—drum roll, please: “And as for the fluoride ... do your own research ... what a ridiculous waste and frankly ... damn shame,” is how she capped off her NCSD-lynching Facebook post. It was kind of a random way to end the rant, which didn't mention fluoride prior to the final statement.

Did you know American cities started putting fluoride in water supplies in the 1940s under the ruse that it helps prevent childhood tooth decay? Apparently, it was really a communist plot to undermine public health. Can you say “cuckoo, cuckoo, cuckoo?” Crazy.

But, I'm going to give Brockovich a little leeway and assume she's referring to the thought that too much fluoridation isn't good for teeth or bones. She could be on to something. I mean, European countries stopped adding it to their drinking water.

The EPA does admit that exposure to too much fluoride “may” lead to some adverse health effects, including a higher incidence of bone fractures in adults, but also puts out the caveat that “this health effects language is not intended to catalog all possible health effects for fluoride. Rather, it is intended to inform consumers of some of the possible health effects associated with fluoride in drinking water.”

What does that mean exactly? The EPA's not copping to anything actually being wrong with the amount of fluoride it says is OK to add to drinking water, which is 4 parts per million.

But really, I don't understand why she's so upset about the chloramine thing. It seems like she'd be more upset with the Santa Ynez Water Conservation District and its beat-around-the-bush insistence that the EPA's done residents a disservice by upping the standards for allowable chromium 6 in drinking water and not giving the district enough time to play catch-up.

We are in a drought, after all. The EPA now considers chromium 6 to be carcinogenic in amounts higher than 10 parts per billion. The standard used to be 50 parts per billion. Chromium 6 is mostly a naturally occurring compound, generated from soil, rocks, etc. The new regulation puts the Santa Ynez district in quite a bind. Basically, the district can no longer use half the wells it pulls water out of during a time where all its wells aren't usable in the first place and State Water Project water is in short supply.

But I guess the EPA could be lying about chromium 6, too, although I'm not sure why it would. It seems like they've got an eye on drinking water and human health, even if it causes small water districts and rural customers to wince a little at the dwindling water supply the new regulations left for them.

Then again, maybe Brockovich would see it as the government specifically targeting rural communities as a way to control them. Who knows? We could find out if she decides it's Facebook worthy.

The Canary doesn't need social media; she's got a whole column. Send comments to canary@santamariasun.com.

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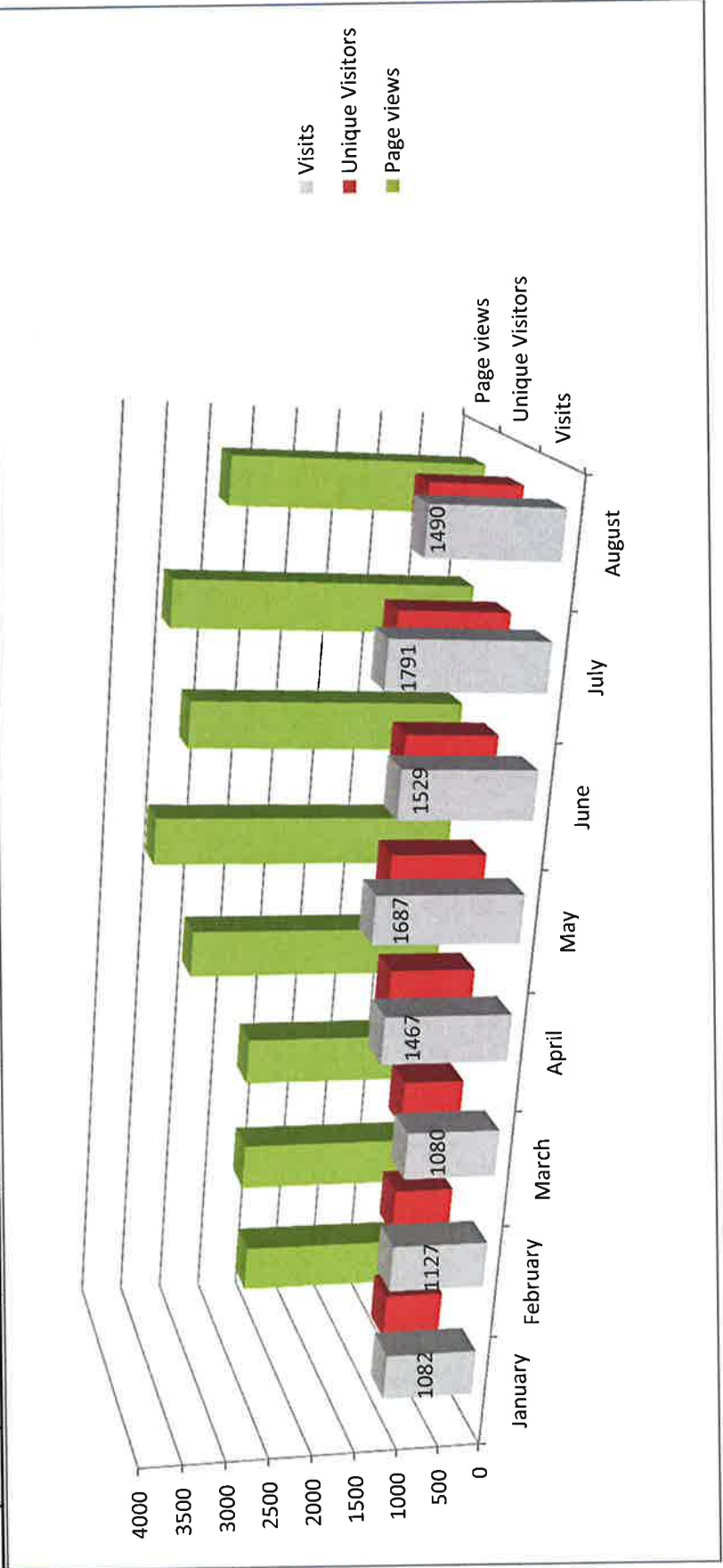
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1/5/15 - 1/11/15	303	211	604	1.99	0:01:31	56.77%	50.17%	Mon 1/5	
1/12/15 - 1/18/15	234	165	458	1.96	0:01:32	51.28%	50.85%	Tue 1/13	
1/19/15 - 1/25/15	249	190	450	1.81	0:01:40	58.23%	53.82%	Fri 1/23	
1/26/15 - 2/1/15	253	190	518	2.05	0:01:42	51.78%	56.92%	Wed 1/28	
2/2/15 - 2/8/15	296	213	599	2.02	0:01:36	59.46%	46.96%	Mon 2/2	
2/9/15 - 2/15/15	255	184	493	1.93	0:01:12	54.51%	52.55%	Mon 2/9	
2/16/15 - 2/22/15	316	225	595	1.88	0:01:34	57.28%	49.05%	Tue 2/17	
2/23/15 - 3/1/15	251	182	525	2.09	0:01:53	48.61%	49.80%	Tue 2/24	
3/2/15 - 3/8/15	250	180	469	1.88	0:01:08	53.60%	46.40%	Tue 3/3	
3/9/15 - 3/15/15	245	184	496	2.02	0:01:11	51.02%	53.47%	Mon 3/9	
3/16/15 - 3/22/15	236	185	455	1.93	0:01:39	60.59%	58.90%	Mon 3/16	
3/23/15 - 3/29/15	250	190	666	2.66	0:02:31	53.20%	58.40%	Mon 3/23	
3/30/15 - 4/5/15	318	245	642	2.02	0:01:20	53.77%	58.49%	Fri 4/3	Governor's drought regulation
4/6/15 - 4/12/15	358	266	780	2.18	0:01:38	52.79%	53.63%	Mon 4/6	Governor's drought regulation; press release
4/13/15 - 4/19/15	366	294	762	2.08	0:01:34	61.20%	58.47%	Tue 4/14	
4/20/15 - 4/26/15	335	271	708	2.11	0:02:01	55.82%	62.39%	Mon 4/20	
4/27/15 - 5/3/15	287	224	536	1.87	0:01:45	54.01%	57.84%	Fri 5/1	
5/4/15 - 5/10/15	374	283	798	2.13	0:01:56	50.27%	56.68%	Wed 5/6	
5/11/15 - 5/17/15	362	282	839	2.32	0:02:21	49.72%	57.73%	Th 5/14	
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	
7/13/15 - 7/19/15	411	347	790	1.92	0:01:44	51.34%	66.91%	Mon 7/13	
7/20/15 - 7/26/15	369	279	778	2.11	0:01:32	52.57%	58.81%	Mon 7/20	
7/27/15 - 8/2/15	305	246	561	1.84	0:01:07	60.00%	62.30%	Mon 7/27	

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8/3/15 - 8/9/15	330	259	684	2.07	0:01:50	55.15%	56.67%	Fri 8/7	
8/10/15 - 8/16/15	313	246	641	2.05	0:01:51	49.84%	56.23%	Tue 8/11	

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2015	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	1791	17.14%	1299	19.72%	3520	8.61%	1.97	-7.08%	0:01:37	-19.83%	51.20%	-9.70%	52.20%	-9.00%
August	1490	-16.81%	1076	-17.17%	2935	-16.62%	1.97	0.00%	0:01:48	11.34%	54.56%	6.56%	59.66%	14.29%
September														
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November														
December														



2015 Facebook Summary

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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	4	2	0	2	494	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	0	4	0	0	228	What do you know about H2O? #drinkingwaterweek (42 views)
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 #brownistheneewgreen (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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6/19/15 - 7/16/15 (28 days)	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)
7/17/15 - 8/6/15 (21 days)	2	12	0	3	390	California #drought: Inside a Home without Water Families are having to make tough choices in many California communities. #brownistheneewgreen (51 views) #Nipomo CSD received two prestigious awards from American Society of Civil Engineers (#ASCE)! @ASCETweets www.ncsd.ca.gov (49 views)
8/7/15 - 9/3/15 (28 days)	6	27	0	18	857	GOOD NEWS! The State has just announced \$30 Million in #rebates to help replace old toilets and turf! The rebates are for up to \$2,000 for turf replacement and \$100 for toilets. Read more and apply for your rebate here: http://www.saveourwaterrebates.com/ (109 views)

2015 Twitter Summary

TWITTER

Week	New Followers	Re-tweets (shared)	Mentions/ Favorites (comments)	Link Visits (visits to links)	Content Views (Impressions)	Most Popular Post
2014	30					
12/5/14 - 1/8/15 (28 day period)	7	4	0	8	1,100	Options for disposing of your tree... http://fb.me/1o4KKY5dO (97 views) We hope you are yours had a great Christmas! As a reminder, the office is closed today and will reopen Monday at 8 AM. (84 views)
1/9/15 - 2/5/15 (28 day period)	5	5	6	6	980	Your Monday tip has to do with MULCH! #savewatersavemoney #everydropcounts (68 views) ^A lot of works goes into making sure your water is safe. Here's a fun video of people drinking sewage water for... http://fb.me/7mORQQjUd (148 views)
2/6/15 - 2/19/15 (14 day period)	3	0	0	5	699	We'll take the rain but the storms did not provide us enough to ease drought symptoms. In January, District... http://fb.me/3ADhXuccdM (35 views)
2/20/15 - 3/5/15 (14 day period)	3	0	0	4	555	Ever wondered who your District's staff are? The friendly faces of NCSD (picture of staff) (31 views)
3/6/15 - 3/19/15 (14 day period)	2	1	0	6	577	Fix A Leak Week: Videos on how to check your home for leaks! #FixaLeak #everydropcounts #savewatersavemoney http://fb.me/6uttTDQnC (82 views)
3/20/15 - 4/2/15 (14 day period)	2	1	3	4	708	Defensible space tips from CAL FIRE. #calfire #springcleaning http://fb.me/3gZitywPR (99 views)

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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/3YFdOISCJ (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) It's South County Sanitary's clean-up week. Check out the flyer for more information. #cleanupweek #nipomo... http://fb.me/3icMkQjPS (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) <u> </u> 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/4qYkVlgw (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)
7/17/15 - 8/6/15 (21 days)	7	6	11	12	2,100	Thx @bradpomerance for hosting #Nipomo CSD GM Michael LeBrun on #CharterLocalEdition #watermanagement during #drought http://ow.ly/PUFhb (338 views)
8/7/15 - 9/3/15 (28 days)	9	10	6	15	2,300	The State has just announced \$30 Million in rebates for #turfreplacement and toilets! Apply for your rebate here: http://ow.ly/QSaIE (245 views)

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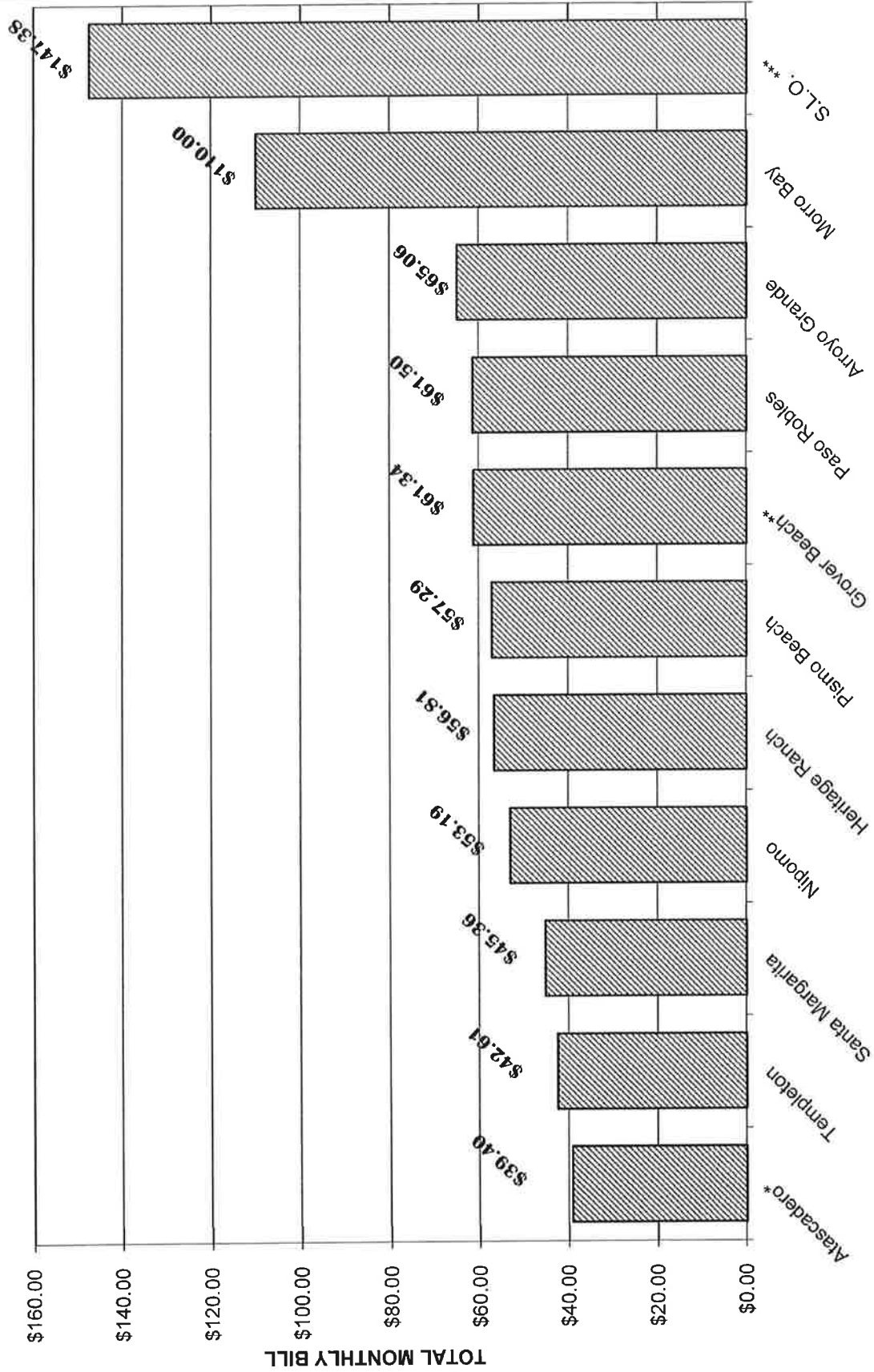
WORK PROGRAM PRIORITIES	DESCRIPTION / CURRENT STATUS (September 2, 2015)	SLOCFWCWD's NEXT ACTION
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT (Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA))		
San Luis Obispo/Edna Valley Groundwater Basin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preliminary conversations with applicable public agencies regarding Groundwater Sustainability Agency formation - Reviewing guidelines for Basin boundary change requests and available data to determine potential for boundary modification approval 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engage community stakeholders in discussion - Facilitate the development of agreements for GSA formation
Cuyama Groundwater Basin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preliminary conversations with applicable public agencies regarding Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) formation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support Santa Barbara County with Basin boundary revisions request - Participate in community stakeholder discussions - Participate in the development of agreements for GSA formation
Los Osos Groundwater Basin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potentially/ partially exempt from most of the Act. - Reviewing guidelines for Basin boundary change requests and available data to determine potential for boundary modification approval. - County is participating via involvement with the development of the Basin Management Plan, Wastewater Project implementation conditions and other litigation activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine lead for Basin boundary revision request should there be agreement to do so - Submit copy of governing final judgment or other judicial decree by April 1, 2016
Santa Maria Groundwater Basin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partially exempt from most of the Act - Reviewing guidelines for Basin boundary change requests and available data to determine potential for boundary modification approval. - Preliminary conversations with applicable public agencies regarding GSA formation in areas of the Basin outside of the adjudicated boundary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engage community stakeholders (in areas of the Basin outside of the adjudicated boundary) in discussion (include relationship to adjudicated area in the discussion) - Submit copy of governing final judgment or other judicial decree by April 1, 2016
Paso Robles Groundwater Basin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - County staff continues to work on an application to LAFCO to potentially form a Water District that would participate on the GSA for this Basin. - Reviewing guidelines for Basin boundary change requests and available data to determine potential for boundary modification approval 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depending on LAFCO decision at upcoming hearing(s): - Move forward with concurrent Water District formation vote and Board election process - Move forward with SGMA funding process - Engage with other eligible GSA agencies
State level coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representation on various State level advisory panels - Review of State documents/guidelines as available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider providing comments on Basin Boundary Revision Regulations by September 4, 2015; draft list of Critically Overdrafted Basins by September 25, 2015; draft SGWP grant guidelines by October 5, 2015 - Attend grant webcast/ Fresno meeting on September 29, 2015

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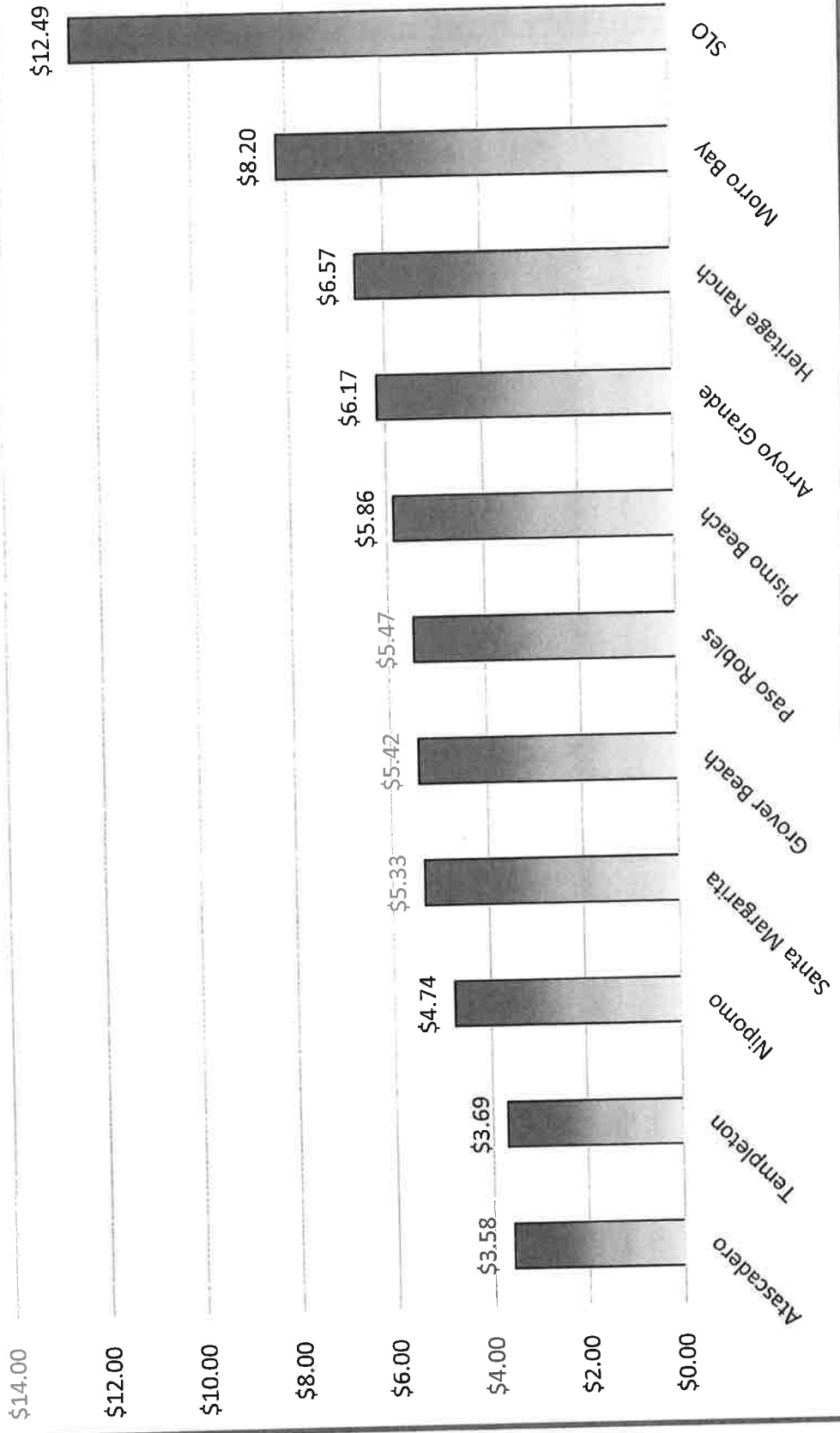
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**CENTRAL COAST AREA
COMPARABLE COST OF WATER
BASED ON 11,220 GALLONS/MONTH (1,500 CF/MONTH)
AS OF JULY 1, 2015**

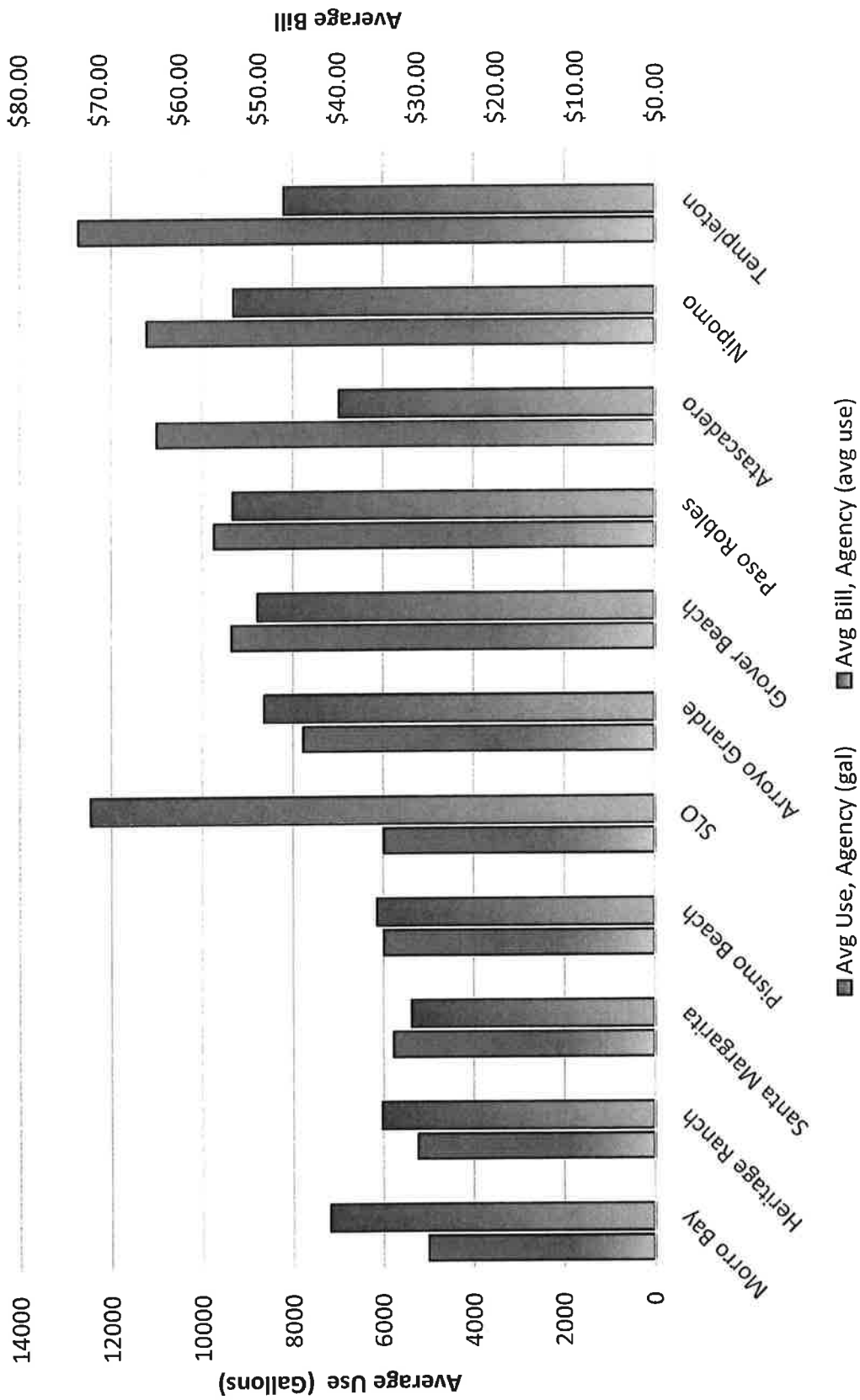


*Atascadero - Includes \$2.50/month NWP Surcharge
 **Grover Beach - Includes a 1% utility tax applied to the water portion of the bill
 ***SLO - Includes a 5% utility users tax applied to the water portion of the bill

**Average Cost/1,000 Gallons
(based on each agency's average monthly use)**



Average Use vs. Average Bill by Agency



Rate Survey Calculations
1500 cf = 11,220 Gallons

Arroyo Grande (per 100 CF)			
Avg. Monthly Residential Water Use (Gals):		7779	
Billed Bi-Monthly			
(Min Charge) 0 usage	27.52 /2		13.76
First 18	3.42	15	51.30
Next 18	3.76		
Over 36	5.02		
			65.06

Atascadero (per Gallons)			
Avg. Monthly Residential Water Use (Gals):		11000	
Billed Monthly			
up to 2,000	18.00		18.00
3,000 - 12,000	2.10	9	18.90
13,000 - 25,000	3.25		
26,000 - 50,000	5.25		
51,000-75,000	6.50		
76,000 & up	8.00		
Nacimiento Surcharge			2.50
			39.40

Grover Beach (per 100 CF)			
Avg. Monthly Residential Water Use (Gals):		9350	
Billed Bi-Monthly - (plus 1% utility tax)			
Meter Charge	20.12 /2		10.06
First 12 units	3.34	12	40.08
Next 8 units	3.53	3	10.59
Next 22 units	4.04		
Over 42 units	4.57		
Tax	1%		0.61
			61.34

Heritage Ranch (per 100 CF)			
Avg. Monthly Residential Water Use (Gals):		5236	
Billed Monthly			
(Base Rate) 0-2 units	20.41		20.41
3-21 units	2.80	13	36.40
22+ units	3.46		
			56.81

Morro Bay (per 100 CF)			
Avg. Monthly Residential Water Use (Gals):		5000	
Billed Monthly			
0-3 units	23.00	1	23.00
4-10 units	6.00	7	42.00
11-50 units	9.00	5	45.00
greater than 50 units	12.00		
			110.00

Nipomo (per 100 CF)			
Avg. Monthly Residential Water Use (Gals):		11220	
Billed Bi-Monthly			
(Min Charge) 0 usage	41.57 /2		20.79
0-24 units	2.16	15	32.40
25-40 units	2.69		
41-100 units	3.78		
greater than 100 units	6.47		
			53.19

Paso Robles (per 100 CF)			
Avg. Monthly Residential Water Use (Gals):		9737	
Billed Monthly			
Rate per unit	4.10	15	61.50
			61.50

Pismo Beach (per 100 CF)			
Avg. Monthly Residential Water Use (Gals):		5984	
Billed Bi-Monthly			
Bi-Monthly Meter Charge	26.57 /2		13.29
0 - 1000	2.72	10	27.20
1001 - 2000	3.36	5	16.80
2001 - 3500	3.97		
			57.29

San Luis Obispo (per 100 CF)			
Avg. Monthly Residential Water Use (Gals):		5984	
Billed Monthly - (plus 5% utility users tax)			
Base Fee	8.00		8.00
1 - 8 units	7.90	8	63.20
9+ units	9.88	7	69.16
Tax	5%		7.02
			147.38

Santa Margarita (per 100 CF)			
Avg. Monthly Residential Water Use (Gals):		5767	
Billed Bi-Monthly			
(Min Charge) 0 -10	61.41 /2		30.71
11-16	2.93	5	14.65
greater than 16	3.76		
Total			45.36

Templeton (per 100 CF)			
Avg. Monthly Residential Water Use (Gals):		12716	
Billed Monthly			
up to 300	17.05		17.05
301 - 2000	2.13	12	25.56
2001 - 4,000	2.84		
4,001 - 8,000	3.69		
greater than 8,000	4.83		
			42.61

ARROYO GRANDE

**RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES
JULY 2015**

(Prepared by Atascadero Mutual Water Company)

Population Served: 17,121 (CA Dept. of Finance 12/31/14)

Number of Services: 6,389

Average Monthly Residential Water Use: 10.4 CCF (7,779 Gallons)

Water Rates (eff. July 26, 2014):

Bi-Monthly Water Service Charges per 100 CF:
(based on 5/8" meter)

Minimum Charge:	\$27.52
First 18 units/bi-month	\$3.42
Next 18 units/bi-month	\$3.76
Over 36 units/bi-month	\$5.02

New Account Fee: \$30.00

Renter Deposit: \$180.00 can be paid in two \$90.00 payments. Owner can waive deposit if owner is responsible for closing bill.

Returned Check Charge: \$25.00

Delinquent Charge: 10% after 30 days

Late Charge: \$45.00 after 45 days (if shut off)

New Meter Charges: \$207.00 for 5/8" meter
\$997.00 Distribution Fee
\$2,250.00 Water Availability

Retrofit Requirements: None

ATASCADERO

**RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES
JULY 2015**

(Prepared by Atascadero Mutual Water Company)

Population Served: 28,310
Number of Services: 10,625
Average Monthly Residential Water Use: 11,000 Gallons
Water Rates (eff. June 15, 2015):

Monthly Water Service Charges:

Minimum Charge: \$18.00 (includes 2,000 gals.)

3,000 to 12,000 gals.:	\$2.10 per 1,000 gals.
13,000 to 25,000 gals.:	\$3.25 per 1,000 gals.
26,000 to 50,000 gals.:	\$5.25 per 1,000 gals.*
51,000 to 75,000 gals.:	\$6.50 per 1,000 gals.*
76,000 to 100,000 gals.:	\$8.00 per 1,000 gals.*
101,000 gals. and up:	\$10.00 per 1,000 gals.*

Homes in surcharge area pay an additional 15%

Nacimiento Water Surcharge \$2.50 per month**

**Drought rates*

***Per meter, except standby accounts*

New Account Fee:	None	
Renter Deposit:	None	owners are responsible for account
Returned Check Charge:	\$20.00	
Delinquent Charge:	\$50.00 \$100.00	(if shut off) (after-hours turn-on if shut off for non-payment)
Late Charge:	\$5.00	after 30 days
New Meter Charges:		
(3/4" meter)	\$1,670.00	Installation Fee (if installed by AMWC)
	\$19,600.00	Connection Fee

GROVER BEACH

**RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES
JULY 2015**

(Prepared by Atascadero Mutual Water Company)

Population Served: 13,432 (CA Dept. of Finance 1/1/2013)
Number of Services: 4,690
Average Monthly Residential Water Use: 12.5 Units (9,350 Gallons)

Water Rates (eff. July 1, 2015):

Bi-Monthly Water Service Charges per 100 CF Unit:
(plus 1% utility users tax)

Minimum Monthly Charge for 5/8" & 3/4" meter:	\$10.06/mo.
First 12 units	\$3.34
Next 8 units	\$3.53
Next 22 units	\$4.04
Over 42 units	\$4.57

New Account Fee:	\$90.00	
Tenant Deposit:	\$215.00	
Returned Check Charge:	\$25.00	
Delinquent Charge:	\$75.00	(business hours)
	\$273.00	(after-hours turn-on)
Late Charge:	10%	or \$10.00
Door Hanger Fee:	\$20.00	
New Meter Charges:		
(1" meter)	\$859.00	plus 25%
Retrofit Requirements:	\$2,775.00	permit fee – goes into fund to retrofit existing homes

HERITAGE RANCH

**RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES
July 2015**

(Prepared by Atascadero Mutual Water Company)

Population Served: 3,500

Number of Services: 1,821

Average Monthly Residential Water Use: 7 Units (5,236 gallons)

Water Rates effective July 1, 2015:

Monthly Water Service Charges:

Fixed meter fee for a 5/8" x 3/4" water service = \$20.41
(1 Unit = 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons)

0-2 units:	Included in fixed meter fee (base rate)
3-21 units	\$2.80 per unit
22 units and up:	\$3.46 per unit

New Account/Transfer Fee: \$ 25.00

Renter Deposit: Accounts must be held by property owner.
No deposit required.

Returned Check Charge:

\$ 20.00	– 1 st returned check
\$ 35.00	– 2 nd returned check
\$ 35.00	– 3 rd returned check
\$ 40.00	– each subsequent returned check

Delinquent Charge:

\$ 40.00	during normal business hours (if shut off)
\$120.00	if shut off after hours

Late Charge: 10% of account balance after 30 days

New Meter Charges:

\$500.00	Installation
\$3,360.00	Connection Fee

(5/8" meter)

MORRO BAY

**RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES
JULY 2015**

(Prepared by Atascadero Mutual Water Company)

Population Served: 10,300 (CA Dept. of Finance 1/1/2013)

Number of Services: 5,400 (approx)

Average Monthly Residential Water Use: 5,000 Gallons

Water Rates (eff. July 1, 2015):

Monthly Water Service Charges per 100 CF Unit:

0-3 units (Minimum Charge)	\$23.00
4-10 units	\$ 6.00
11-50 units	\$ 9.00
Greater than 50 units	\$12.00

New Account Fee: \$26.00 application fee

Renter Deposit: \$100.00

Returned Check Charge: \$ 25.00 for first,
\$ 35.00 for all others

Delinquent Charges: \$ 56.00 posting fee
\$ 48.00 reconnect fee

Late Charge: 10% after 30 days

New Meter Charges: 1" – 1-1/2" \$2,415.00
3/4" – 5/8" \$1,423.00 (purchase, install, and tie-in to line)

NIPOMO

**RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES
JULY 2015**

(Prepared by Atascadero Mutual Water Company)

Population Served: 12,512
Number of Services: 4,285
Average Monthly Residential Water Use: 15 Units (11,220 gallons)
Water Rates (eff. November 1, 2014):

Bi-Monthly water service charges:

Flat Rate for 1" meter or less	\$ 41.57
0 – 24 units	\$ 2.16
25 – 40 units	\$ 2.69
41 – 100 units	\$ 3.78
Greater than 100 units	\$ 6.47

Bi-Monthly Supplemental Water Charges – effective July 1, 2015

Flat Rate for all meter sizes	\$ 13.20
Volume Charge	\$ 0.774 per ccf

New Account Fee: \$ 42.00
Renter Deposit: None - owners ultimately responsible
Returned Check Charge: \$ 28.00
Delinquent Charge: \$ 50.00
Late Charge: \$ 10.00 or 10%, whichever is greater
New Meter Charge: \$275.00 (5/8" meter)
Retrofit Requirements: SLO County requirement: toilet (1.2 gpf) & showerhead (2.5 gpm) at the time of sale or transfer of title to another entity.

PASO ROBLES

**RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES
JULY 2015**

(Prepared by Atascadero Mutual Water Company)

Population Served: 30,504 (CA Dept. of Finance 1/1/2013)

Number of Services: 10,664

Average Monthly Residential Water Use: 321 Gallons/Day (9,737 Gallons/Mo.)

Water Rates (eff. January 1, 2015):

Monthly Water Service Charges:

Rate per unit (per 100 CF): \$4.10

New Account Fee: \$44.00

Renter Deposit: \$96.00

Returned Check Charge: \$21.00

Delinquent Charge: 10%

Door Hanger Fee: \$34.00

No Payment Fee: \$96.00

Late Charge: 10% Applied on the 5th of each month

Other Charges (after-hours): \$384.00

New Meter Charges: \$179.00 Install meter only (3/4")

\$206.00 Meter and meter box

(Fee based on labor) Tie into water main

\$23,500.00 Connection Fee (3/4")

Retrofit Requirements: None

PISMO BEACH

**RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES
JULY 2015**

(Prepared by Atascadero Mutual Water Company)

Population Served: 7,705

Number of Services: 4,839

Average Monthly Residential Water Use: 8 HCF (5,984 Gallons)

Water Rates (eff. July 1, 2015):

Bi-Monthly Water Service Charges:

Meter Charge for 5/8": \$26.57

Charges for water usage:

0 - 1,000 CF:	\$2.72	per 100 CF
1,001 - 2,000 CF:	\$3.36	per 100 CF
2,001 - 3,500 CF:	\$3.97	per 100 CF
3,501 + CF:	\$5.43	per 100 CF

New Account Fee: \$60.00

Renter Deposit: \$180.00 owners are not responsible
for account balance

First Returned Check Charge: \$25.00

Subsequent Returned Check Charge: \$39.00

Delinquent Charge: \$80.00 (meter locked off)

Other Charges: \$180.94 per year special tax per
EDU for fixed costs for
State and County (Lopez)
water, included in yearly tax bill

New Meter Charges: \$397.00 for installation
(3/4") (owner provides connection
and meter box)

\$10,483.00 State Water Fee paid on
building application for SFR

Retrofit Requirements: None

SAN LUIS OBISPO

**RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES
JULY 2015**

(Prepared by Atascadero Mutual Water Company)

Population Served: 45,541 (CA Dept. of Finance 1/1/2013)
Number of Services: 14,500
Average Monthly Residential Water Use: 8 Units (5,984 Gallons)

Water Rates (eff. July 1, 2015):

Monthly Water Service Charges Per 100 CF Unit:
(plus 5% utility users tax)

	<u>Inside City</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
Base Fee	\$7.63	\$15.26
<i>Drought Surcharge</i>	\$.37	\$.74
1 – 8 units	\$6.92	\$13.84
<i>Drought Surcharge (per unit)</i>	\$.98	\$ 1.96
9+ units	\$8.65	\$17.30
<i>Drought Surcharge (per unit)</i>	\$1.23	\$ 2.46
Account Set-up Fee:	\$ 61.00	during business hours
	\$261.00	after hours/weekends
Deposit Required:	\$ 90.00	if customer refuses to furnish Social Security #; otherwise, no deposit required
Returned Check Charge:	\$ 25.00	
Delinquent Charge:	\$ 99.00	restoration fee plus \$90.00 refundable deposit
Late Charge:	\$15.00 or 1.5%	of outstanding balance, whichever is greater, after 30 days
New Meter Charge:	\$ 84.00	install (owner provides connection and meter box)
Water Impact Fee:	\$11,023.00	SFR Rate
Retrofit Requirements:	None	

SANTA MARGARITA

**RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES
JULY 2015**

(Prepared by Atascadero Mutual Water Company)

Population Served: 1,259

Number of Services: 542

Average Monthly Residential Water Use: 7.71 CCF (5,767 Gallons)

Water Rates (eff. August 26, 2014):

Bi-Monthly Water Service Charges:
(CCF = 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons)

0 - 10 CCF:	\$61.41 (minimum charge)
11 - 16 CCF:	\$2.93 per unit
Greater than 16 CCF and up:	\$3.76 per unit

New Account/Transfer Fee: None

Renter Deposit: \$40.00

Returned Check Charge: \$35.00

Reconnection of Water Service Charge: \$60.00

Late Charge: \$20.00

New Meter Charges:
(5/8" meter) \$1,500.00 Water Service Connection
\$350.00 Water Service Meter

TEMPLETON

**RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES
JULY 2015**

(Prepared by Atascadero Mutual Water Company)

Population Served: 7,000

Number of Services: 2,650

Average Monthly Residential Water Use: 17 HCF (12,716 Gallons)

Water Rates (eff. January 1, 2014):

Monthly water service charges:

Minimum Monthly charge (includes up to 300 CF)

(5/8" meter):	\$17.05
(1" meter):	\$26.85

301 – 2,000:	\$2.13/100 cu. ft.
2,001 – 4,000:	\$2.84/100 cu. ft.
4,001 – 8,000:	\$3.69/100 cu. ft.
8,001 +:	\$4.83/100 cu. ft.

Water service outside TCSD boundaries is at 120% of rates above.

New Account Fee: \$10.00

Renter Deposit: None owner ultimately responsible

Returned Check Charge: \$30.00*

Reconnection Charge: \$50.00*

Late Charge: 10% penalty after 20 days, plus 1% interest after 30 days*

New Meter Charge: \$24,478.00

**One penalty charge can be waived per 12 month period*

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ATTACHMENT F

Lawsuit, glitches could hold up state funds for CCSD water project

Developments could put the Cambria district in difficult position

By Kathe Tanner

ktanner@thetribunenews.com August 19, 2015

The Cambria Community Services District may be teetering on a financial precipice: According to General Manager Jerry Gruber's "worst case scenario," the district could run out of operating cash in about three months, thanks to an ongoing lawsuit and another set of glitches in the district receiving a promised \$4.3 million state grant.

"If we don't get the grant funding," he said in an Aug. 17 phone interview, "from a cash-flow perspective, it will be extremely challenging for the district."

The CCSD was to have received Proposition 84 grant money, part of a county application for Proposition 84 funds for drought-related projects, to help offset expenses for building and doing initial tests on a \$13 million emergency water supply project (EWS). That project received an emergency permit from the county, and the plant was constructed and test-operated for three months earlier this year.

But in the past few weeks, according to district and county representatives, state officials have raised several concerns about the district's grant, including the reported lack of a water management plan required by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and LandWatch of San Luis Obispo County's legal challenge to the project's environmental compliance and permitting.

Gruber was to have presented those topics during a special meeting Wednesday, Aug. 19, a session he and Board President Gail Robinette set less than a week earlier after learning about the problems. The meeting's agenda also includes some issues originally scheduled for the board's meeting the following day Thursday, Aug. 20.

(The earlier meeting was held after The Cambrian's press deadline; coverage of its results will be available online at www.thecambrian.com and in the paper's Aug. 27 issue.)

The Aug. 19 meeting agenda also includes a potential vote by directors on having Gruber "execute an indemnity agreement ... or provide the county with other assurances" that if the state were to demand repayment of the grant later, the district would assume that responsibility.

County Administrative Officer Dan Buckshi said Monday, Aug. 17, there are two pieces to the problematic puzzle: The lawsuit itself, and if the lawsuit is successful, the \$4.3 million in grant "funds would have to be repaid. And if CCSD would have to repay them, how would they do that?"

Gruber said Dean Florez, the district's lobbyist for the EWS project, had told him the state "is willing to release the funds. But it's my understanding that county counsel has recommended to (Supervisor Bruce) Gibson and Buckshi that those funds should not be released."

Gruber said the entire board of supervisors should consider the risk and make the decision, because that body supported CCSD's grant application.

“My desire is to continue to work closely with county,” Gruber added. “We’ve had a good working relationship on so many fronts. I don’t want this to be divisive; I don’t want to point fingers at anybody.”

Still, if the grant funding is withheld or substantially delayed while the glitches are ironed out, Gruber wrote in his report, “staff projects that the district will have slightly more than \$1 million in cash by the end of August, and cash-flow projections indicate that the CCSD has approximately three months of operating cash on hand.”

Immediate actions

Gruber has already told staff to take several steps to reduce current and future expenditures, including deferring all nonemergency projects, not filling current vacancies, postponing any East Ranch park improvements and capital improvement infrastructure projects, and working with vendors to allow deferral or relief from invoices.

Gruber said in the interview that among the latter requests could be asking the firm that built the emergency water-supply project to write off a \$560,000 retainer.

According to documents from Patrick O’Reilly, CCSD’s finance officer, the district already has spent or allocated \$12,321,256 toward the project, based on having received an \$8,939,000 loan, or “installment sale,” and anticipating receipt of the \$4.3 million grant funds approved by the state and allocated by the county late last year.

Project costs include: Planning, design, permitting and fees; environmental; construction; additions and modifications required so far by regulators; start-up and general costs; professional services (including \$122,561 in legal costs for the LandWatch lawsuit); and expenditures toward the regular coastal development permit, including for the environmental impact report and dechlorination and aeration processes. The total includes \$1 million for future mitigation measures, plus nearly \$40,000 for public outreach and more than \$97,000 worth of CSD staff labor.

The CSD board also was to consider on Aug. 19 approving a Bartle Wells proposal for water and wastewater financial plans and rate studies, which could lead to more rate increases as early as January.

Lawsuit costs and an offer

Meanwhile, Gruber estimates the district already has spent \$160,000 on legal fees and other expenses defending the lawsuit brought by Deborah Sivas of the Stanford Law Clinic, who filed on behalf of LandWatch of San Luis Obispo County. Gruber said the district’s eventual cost could be close to a quarter of a million dollars.

If the plaintiffs in the lawsuit should prevail, said district spokesman Tom Gray, “the worst case would be we couldn’t operate the EWS until the regular permit is granted. While that would be a negative impact, we wouldn’t have to tear up the plant and throw it out.”

Sivas said she has offered another option — to set aside and eventually withdraw the action — but to date that offer reportedly has drawn no response from the district or its outside attorney, Rob Bower of Rattan and Tucker in Orange County.

Sivas said Monday that the plaintiff never intended to stop the project, but simply wants CCSD “to do the environmental review, which the district says it’s going to do, and to get the proper coastal permit. ... We’re not asking for them to tear down the project or not use it during a true emergency situation.”

A project built in the coastal zone under an emergency permit must subsequently get a full coastal development permit.

Sivas also said she had told Bower that the plaintiff might be “willing to put all this on hold, not spending everybody’s time and money. ... We’d put the case in abeyance and (if the district meets the conditions it’s already said it plans to meet) potentially dismiss it.”

Sivas said, “I’m not interested in litigating if there’s no reason to do so ..., but I never heard back from them.”

The next court dates, according to CCSD Administrative Assistant Monique Madrid, are a case management conference Monday, Aug. 24, and a “motion for leave to amend” on Tuesday, Sept. 1. Each is to start at 9 a.m. in Superior Court Department 2 in Paso Robles.

The Cambrian asked Gruber and other CSD officials to comment on Sivas’ offer (and the reported lack of a water management plan), but received no reply by press deadline.

There also was no response to requests made of DWR officials.

Some optimism

Even with all that somber news, some local and regional officials remained cautiously upbeat.

Supervisor Gibson said Monday, Aug. 17, “We think we have part of it worked out with the Department of Water Resources. We’re going to try to get the CSD paid for their so-called ‘soft costs’ of about \$1 million. That will be progressing this week. We’re still discussing how to get them paid for their construction costs” as allocated in the original grant (about \$3.3 million of the grant).

He raised the issue of the groundwater management plan that was a requirement of the original grant process. Conversations are continuing with DWR, he said, about “that report not being immediately available and approved. It’s not clear when that (the report) is going to happen.”

Gibson seemed sympathetic to the district’s woes. “This is a big load for a little district. I know they’re working hard on it. We’re going to try to keep this moving forward. We’re just not at the finish line yet.”

CAO Buckshi said Monday that “it’s really up to the Department of Water Resources, what they’re able to accept. ... We’re seeking clarity from DWR why this is coming up now, when everybody’s been very up front about it being an emergency project” and that challenges certainly could be filed. “We’re trying to get the money from the state” while trying to determine “what kinds of new strings the state is attaching to these funds.”

The county coordinates the grant paperwork from various applicant agencies countywide, he said, “because the state wants to deal with a regional entity, not individual districts. We’re trying to help CCSD work this through so they can get their money without these previously unknown conditions.”

Buckshi said this situation “certainly seems like it’s a new interpretation of the grant.” If those conditions were included in the original requirements, “I don’t know that it was made clear anywhere that if a lawsuit was filed, it may jeopardize the grant funding.”

Gruber, too, expressed some optimism in his report and in an Aug. 17 phone interview. “I remain optimistic that we can resolve this matter with the county in a relatively short period of time,” he wrote.

Read more here: http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2015/08/19/3768745_lawsuit-ccsd-water-project-grant.html?rh=1#storylink=cpy

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State judge decides Central Coast wastewater rules are insufficient

BY SEAN MCNULTY

A state Superior Court judge has ruled that the Central Coast's Regional Water Quality Control Board is dragging its feet on curbing pollution in agricultural runoff. Judge Timothy A. Frawley found rules governing wastewater with fertilizer and pesticides produced by farms to be weak enough to violate state law.

He overturned the wastewater regulations, directing the board to implement more stringent rules to monitor and reel in the worst polluters, many of whom are located in the Santa Maria Valley.

A draft waiver rolled out in 2012 changed several wastewater rules from 2010. Notably, it pivoted away from holding farmers to certain hard standards on the levels of nitrates they could discharge—instead having the farmers “report progress towards” achieving certain “milestones.” It also shrank the number of farmers in Tier 3—the heavy polluters subject to the most stringent restrictions—from 11 percent to 3 percent.

A coalition of environmental advocacy groups sued, claiming that the waiver was so weak that it violated state law. The court agreed, overturning the 2012 draft waiver.

“What the judge is saying is that the Central Coast program doesn't comply with the state's water quality policy, and that it's not in the public interest that essentially sets the bar for other regions throughout the state,” said Ben Pitterle, watersheds director for Santa Barbara Channelkeeper, one of the petitioners in the case. “The state will have to develop a program that requires the agricultural industry to verify that it's protecting water quality, with real data to back it up, for the highest-risk areas and farms.”

A 2011 report by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board singled out the Salinas River and the lower Santa Maria watershed as some of most polluted in their regions. Santa Maria showed the highest concentrations of the pesticide class pyrethroid.

Enough pyrethroids were found in the sediment at a test site on the Bradley Channel that the water could be diluted 42 times and still kill off test organisms. That dirt was more toxic than any measured in the study. Chlorpyrifos, another pesticide class, were also found in toxic levels higher than anywhere else at that site on the Bradley Channel.

The report also declared that “we are not seeing widespread improvements in nitrate concentrations in areas that are heavily impacted, and in fact a number of sites in the lower Salinas and Santa Maria areas appear to be getting worse.” Twelve bodies of water in the Santa Maria Valley are listed as having beneficial drinking water uses impaired by nitrate pollution.

Nitrate pollution is a serious problem. Irrigated agriculture contributes about 80 percent of nitrate loading into groundwater, according to the text of the decision, and “hundreds of drinking water wells serving thousands of people through the region



NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Santa Maria has serious wastewater problems, and a California Superior Court judge says that the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board needs better rules to address that.

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have nitrate levels exceeding the drinking water standard.” Nitrates provide food for bacteria; they also cause health problems when ingested in excess—the scariest of which is ‘blue baby syndrome,’ where the blood of infants can’t properly carry oxygen.

“Fertilizer from irrigated agriculture is the largest source of nitrate pollution,” Pitterle said. “This isn’t just about fish. This is about protecting public health. There are communities in the Central Coast that have had their health impacted by water supplies.”

Concerns over what to do with wastewater date back to rules set by the board in 2004. According to Pitterle, those were focused on education, not monitoring. “It did not require that farms prove that their plan is working or that they’re implementing their plan,” he said. Monitoring sites under that 2004 framework were deliberately located downstream from several different farms, so that specific farms couldn’t be singled out as heavy polluters—a compromise Pitterle said was designed to get individual farmers to “buy in” to the wavier.

Frawley’s decision said much of the same—that “the 2004 agricultural order did not include conditions that allowed for determining individual compliance with water quality standards.”

Those 2004 rules were significant in that they were an early effort to regulate wastewater runoff. Looking to the Central Coast, other regional water quality boards around the state used them as a model. The Superior Court decision sets precedent calling for those boards to revise their rules, focusing not on education or self-reporting but on specific, verifiable plans that can hold individual polluters accountable.

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