

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: MICHAEL S. LEBRUN 
GENERAL MANAGER

DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

AGENDA ITEM

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM

Standing report to your Honorable Board -- *Period covered by this report is September 4, 2015 through, September 25, 015.*

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 102 acre-feet (44 million gallons) of supplemental water has been 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 (NCSD, Golden State WC, and Woodlands Mutual WC) are required to reduce groundwater production by 30%.
- On May 21st, the District enacted Stage III Shortage conditions requesting all customers to:
 - ✓ *Take direct control of automated irrigation systems*
 - ✓ *Provide minimum necessary water to preserve trees and shrubs*
 - ✓ *Do not drain or fill swimming pools or spas*
 - ✓ *Do not use water for dust control or construction*
 - ✓ *Do not wash cars or equipment*
 - ✓ *Drain ornamental water features*
- Water production in August was **34% lower** than in August 2013, surpassing the State mandated conservation goal of 28% and District goal of 30%. Groundwater production in August 2013 was **56% lower** than the average for August 2009-2013. See production summary attached to this report.
- 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 one-time waivers were granted with a total value of \$1,728. While the number of second notices for September was similar to the previous billing for this customer set, the amount of late fees collected jumped by over \$3,000. The number of 48-hour shut off notice door hangers dropped from 113 to 58 and \$1,140 in new fees were collected from customers who required a shut off notice.

- Director of Engineering and Operations Peter Sevcik has been selected as American Society of Engineers, Los Angeles Section, Outstanding Civil Engineer in Public Sector. Mr. Sevcik will receive his recognition at a luncheon held by the ASCE LA Section on Saturday October 3. (See attached correspondence and LA Section Map). Mr. Sevcik will now represent the LA Section for consideration as ASCE's Region 9 (all of California) Outstanding Civil Engineer in Public Sector.

Safety Program

- No incidents or accidents to report
- On September 18, SDRMA conducted a safety review/inspection of District facilities. A report is pending and will be provided to the District.
- On September 22, Operation staff attended Traffic Control training
- On September 23, members of operations and administration staff attended First Aid/CPR training.

Public Outreach

- The following Public Outreach Program materials are attached:
 - 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

Other Items and News of Interest

The following are included as attachments to this Report:

- SLO County Press Release regarding Board of Supervisor schedule to review proposed Countywide Water Conservation Program.

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, limited street sweeping and public health related uses.

In August, 13 units (~10,000 gallons) of water was sold from the common hydrant for street sweeping and the CA Department of Food and Agriculture led pest eradication.

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):

- September 9, Regular Board Meeting, Supplemental Water Ribbon Cutting
- September 10, Management Staff
- September 11, Customer Service/Maintenance Worker Interviews
- September 21, Board Officers
- September 22, NMMA Technical Group
- September 22, Sheriff's Town Hall
- September 23, GSWC Rate Team
- September 24, Director of Engineering and Operations
- September 25, SLO County Public Works Director

Meetings Scheduled:

- September 28, Water Resources Consultant
- September 29, ASCE Chapter Lunch
- September 29, Director of Engineering and Operations
- September 30, Regular Board Meeting
- October 1 and 8, Management Coordination
- October 2, SLO County Public Works Director and South County Public Water System Managers
- October 5, Board Officers

RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks direction and input from your Honorable Board

ATTACHMENTS

- A. August Water Production
- B. ASCE Announcement and Section Map
- C. Summary of Outreach Program
- D. SLO County Press Release

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ATTACHMENT A

**NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
WATER PRODUCTION SUMMARY**

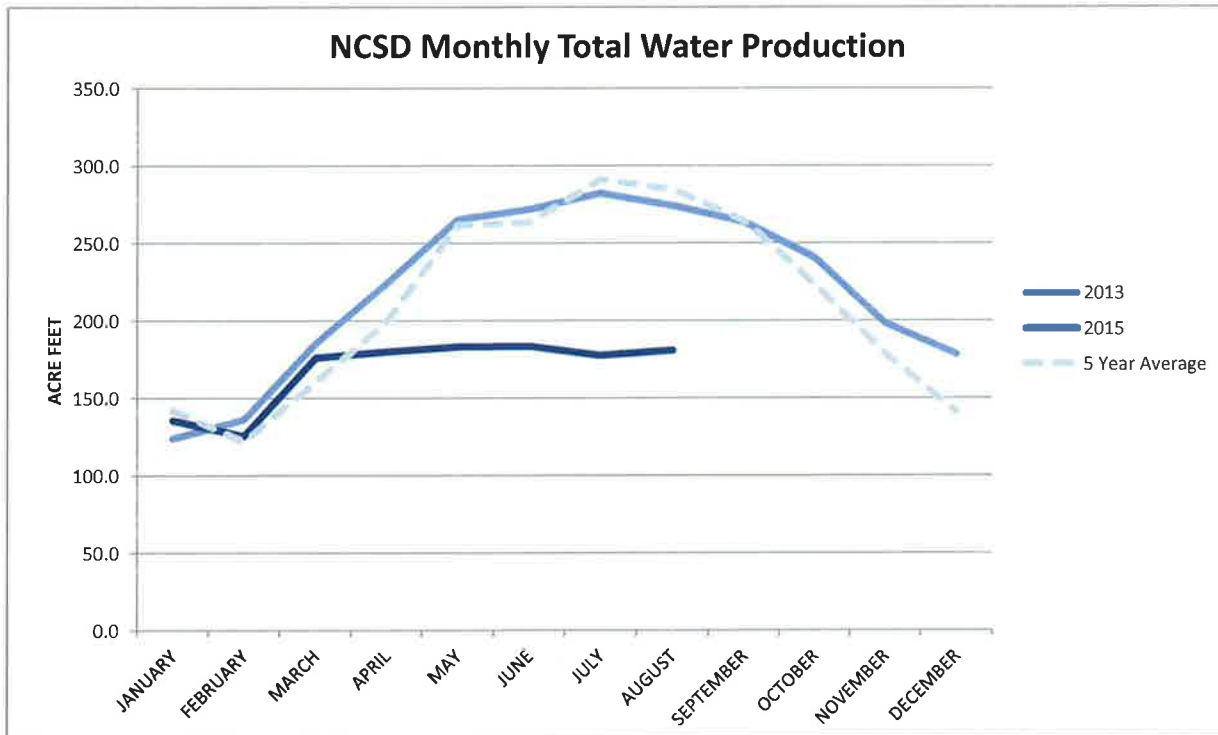
	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		All		GW		5 Year		All		GW only		Target amount	
	AF	AF	AF	AF	AF	AF	AF	AF	AF	AF	AF	AF	AF	AF	AF	Ave	%	%	%	%	(St 28%)	(NMMA 30%)		
JANUARY	158.6	124.8	136.5	166.6	124.0	194.8	135.5	135.5	142.1	9.3%	-4.6%	89.3	99.5											
FEBRUARY	105.5	82.9	132.5	152.7	136.3	126.1	125.5	125.5	122.0	-8.0%	2.8%	98.1	85.4											
MARCH	167.0	153.6	130.2	165.6	185.5	148.6	176.1	176.1	160.4	-5.1%	9.8%	133.6	112.3											
APRIL	236.3	168.8	211.4	154.5	224.0	176.8	180.0	180.0	199.0	-19.6%	-9.5%	161.3	139.3											
MAY	279.4	250.8	266.2	246.4	265.4	247.8	183.2	183.2	261.6	-31.0%	-30.0%	191.1	183.1											
JUNE	268.2	286.1	248.5	243.2	272.1	239.5	183.6	183.6	263.6	-32.5%	-30.3%	195.9	184.5											
JULY	308.3	285.0	294.4	285.6	282.4	251.2	177.6	127.4	291.2	-37.1%	-56.2%	203.3	203.8											
AUGUST	302.4	286.6	281.2	279.2	274.4	234.3	180.9	125.9	284.7	-34.1%	-55.8%	197.5	199.3											
SEPTEMBER	280.6	274.5	253.7	250.8	264.0	220.0	0.0		264.7	0.0%	0.0%	190.1	185.3											
OCTOBER	228.1	191.5	223.2	234.5	240.5	213.4	0.0		223.6	0.0%	0.0%	173.2	156.5											
NOVEMBER	220.8	147.1	149.1	180.0	198.4	151.7	0.0		179.1	0.0%	0.0%	142.8	125.4											
DECEMBER	142.0	114.0	159.9	112.4	178.5	105.7	0.0		141.4	0.0%	0.0%	128.5	98.9											
TOTALS	2697.2	2366	2487	2472	2645	2310	1342	1237	2456	-49.3%	-49.6%													

Notes:

Five year average is 2009-2013

State reduction goal applies to all production - groundwater and supplemental

NMMA reduction goal applies to groundwater production



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ATTACHMENT B



Officers and Directors, 2014-2015

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September 9, 2015

Peter V. Sevcik, P.E.
Director of Engineering and Operations, Nipomo Community Service District

Subject: Outstanding Civil Engineer in Public Sector

Dear Mr. Sevcik:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, I'm pleased to inform you of your selection as the Outstanding Civil Engineer in Public Sector. This award is being presented to you in recognition and appreciation of your years of dedicated service to the profession and the Nipomo Community Service District.

The Section will present the award at its Annual Meeting, Installation of Officers and Awards Brunch, Saturday, October 3rd at The Proud Bird. We encourage you to register for this event. As an award recipient you are entitled to one complimentary ticket. Banquet details are attached. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Gayle Stewart, ASCE LA Section Administrator at 714-258-8306.

Very truly yours,

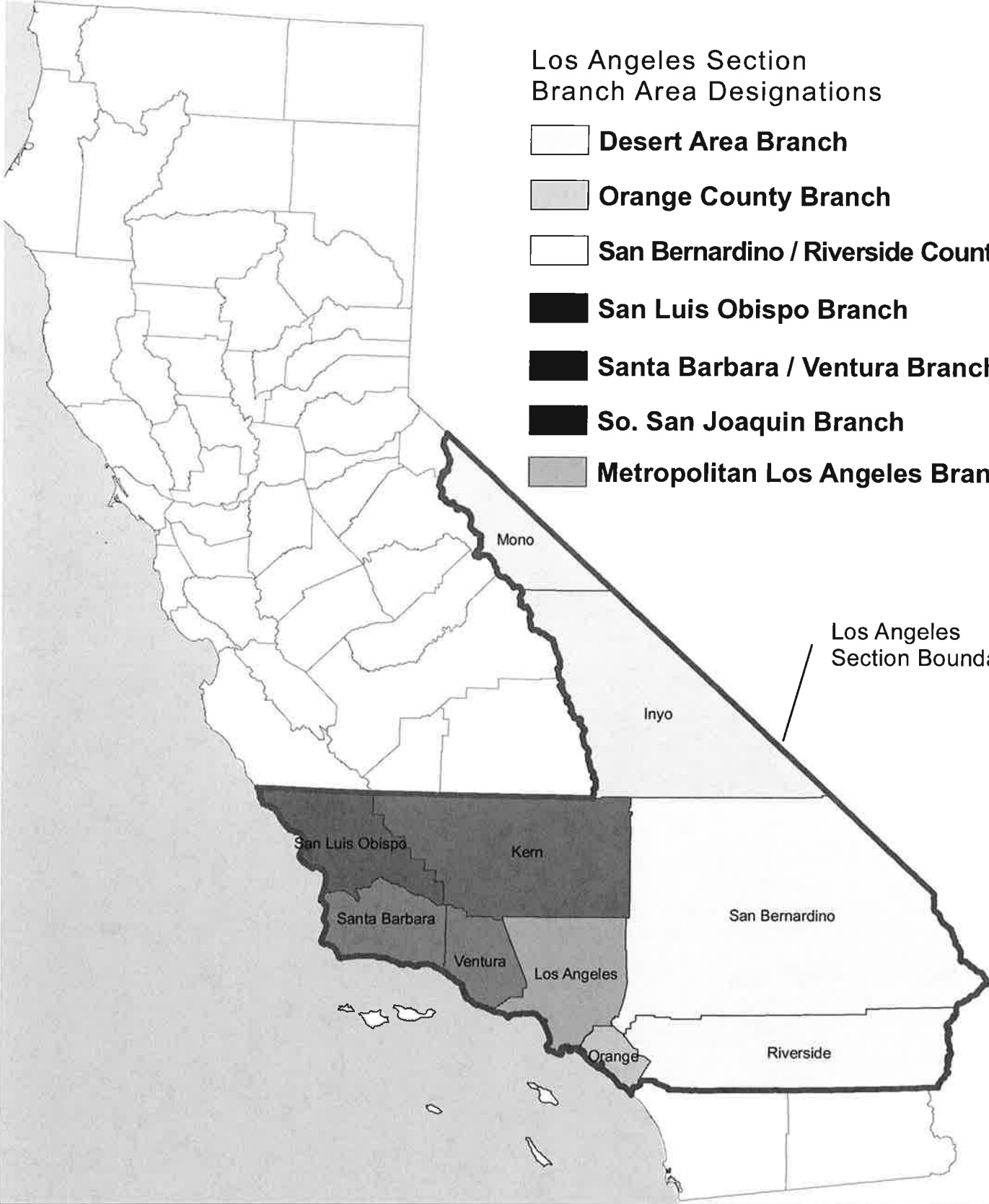
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John Rogers, P.E.
President-Elect
Los Angeles Section, ASCE



American Society of Civil Engineers

Los Angeles Section
A Better World By Design



Los Angeles Section
Branch Area Designations

-  **Desert Area Branch**
-  **Orange County Branch**
-  **San Bernardino / Riverside Counties Branch**
-  **San Luis Obispo Branch**
-  **Santa Barbara / Ventura Branch**
-  **So. San Joaquin Branch**
-  **Metropolitan Los Angeles Branch**

Los Angeles
Section Boundary

Mono

Inyo

San Luis Obispo

Kern

Santa Barbara

Ventura

Los Angeles

Orange

San Bernardino

Riverside

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ATTACHMENT C

**NCSD Outreach Summary
September 2015**

Date Started	Outreach	Description	Status	Date Completed
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
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
9/8/2015	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	9/8/2015
8/21/2015	Supplemental Water Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	Programs/materials for 9/9/15 event	Complete	9/9/2015
9/14/2015	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	9/14/2015
9/14/2015	Ad	Creek clean-up ad in 9/18 Adobe	Complete	9/14/2015
9/14/2015	Ad	Trash clean-up ad in 9/18 Adobe	Complete	9/14/2015
9/17/2015	District E-Newsletter	September E-Newsletter regarding District news	Complete	9/17/2015
8/3/2015	218 Notice	218 Notice for proposed Town Sewer Rate Increase	Complete	9/18/2015
7/29/2015	Conservation Education	Coordination of conservation education in elementary schools with Science Discovery	Complete	9/21/2015
9/11/2015	Press Release	Nipomo CSD's General Manager Announces Retirement in 2016	Complete	9/21/2015

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9/21/2015	Ad	Conservation ad in 9/25 Adobe	Complete	9/21/2015
9/21/2015	Manager's Column	Article for Manager's Column in Adobe Press, pub date 9/25	Complete	9/21/2015
9/4/2015	Social Media	Content posting	Complete; Ongoing	9/24/2015
9/4/2015	Website Updates	Home page; minutes; packets; supplemental water project page; chloramine info page; press releases; photos; etc	Complete; Ongoing	9/24/2015
7/9/2015	Bill Insert	Bill insert for solid Waste discount in Oct/Nov trash bills	In Progress	
8/10/2015	Community Outreach	Preparation for District participation in Nipomo Octoberfest 10/10/15	In Progress	
9/1/2015	Handout	One-sheet additional FAQ handout on SW disinfection change	In Progress	
9/1/2015	Recruitment Brochure	Recruitment brochure for General Manager	In Progress	

OPINION

Thanks to volunteers, Tefft Street cleaned up

A great big "thank you" to the wonderful volunteers who cleaned up the center medians on West Tefft Street. Have you noticed that the weeds and trash are gone?

This is a joint project of the Nipomo Rotary Club, Rotary Club Five Cities Eco and Nipomo in Bloom.

The volunteers meet at 8 a.m. the last Sunday of each month at the CVS Pharmacy parking lot to spruce up the medians and take care of the flower barrels and hanging flower baskets in Old Towne.

The generous volunteers this week included Julie Tizamo, Steve Schumann, George DuBois, Jim Harrison, Rudy and Kat Stowell, Mary Hughes and Jim and Bev Larson.

A decade-long battle with the county behind them, San Luis Obispo rancher Dan De Vaul and the residents of Sunny Acres are looking toward the future.

A new residential sober-living facility on the 72-acre De Vaul ranch along Los Osos Valley



Bits and Pieces of Nipomo
Jacqueline Vittori
Frederick

Road on the outskirts of San Luis Obispo is under construction.

The 8,000-square-foot facility will have 14 bedrooms and six bathrooms and will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The nonprofit organization's board of directors is looking for help in funding the final phases of the project so that it can continue to provide drug and alcohol treatment and work skills training to its clients. You can help Sunny Acres by sending or

dropping off a check to the Sunny Acres business office at 10660 Los Osos Valley Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405-4734. For more information, go to www.sunnyacres.com or call 543-4918.

For those looking to help in other ways, the nonprofit is also seeking such special items as a computer; men's work boots and jeans; bath, kitchen and paper towels; rugs; twin-size bed sheets; and blankets.

On Sunday, Sept. 13, stop by the DANA Cultural Center for the Sunday Speakers Series and enjoy refreshments.

Mary Ciesinski, the executive director of ECOSLO, will give a presentation on her organization and its environmental efforts in San Luis Obispo County.

Martina Washburn, executive director of the DANA Cultural Center, will also speak about DANA's plans for the development of interpretive trails on-site, environmental education programs and the planned nature education facility. For more information, visit www.danaadobe.org.

Join Tommy and Lori Anderson of the Yoga Shack for a 10-year anniversary open house Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12 and 13. A variety of free yoga classes will be offered all weekend, beginning at 8 a.m.

Space is available by a first-come, first-served basis. Online registration is encouraged to secure a spot, but drop-ins are welcome. Go to www.tommyandlori.org for more information and to reserve a spot.

Designer jewelry and artwork by local artists and reiki by reiki master Rebecca Rose Madden will also be featured both days from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jacqueline Frederick is a lawyer and former Nipomo resident who can be reached at jfflaw@aol.com or 929-1120.

KRANKY



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New oil slick not Big Oil's fault

There is a new oil slick in the Santa Barbara Channel, but it was deemed of no consequence.

Why? Because it's a natural slick from one of the largest natural ocean oil and gas sites in the world.

No consequence because there was no Big Oil company to blame — because Santa Barbara shut them down — and if it's natural, they cannot sue anyone.

Most European countries have no natural oil and gas. They are forced to deal with the Arabs and Russians.

Here in North America, we have over half of the world's natural gas reserves and enough oil to be energy independent.

But the liberals in California want to shut down all U.S. oil production and make us energy dependent on our enemies and friendly Arabs.

Santa Barbara County loses a billion-plus cubic feet of natural gas every year. You can see it bubble from the ocean. It's enough to run most of all California households.

Yet we are being forced to buy solar and wind power that costs more and kills thousands of birds, including raptors, each year.

Is it just a coincidence that when the platforms are pumping, there are no large natural oil spills?

Sixty-plus percent of you refuse to vote, thereby allowing the other 30-plus percent to shut down American oil production and raise your cost of living.

Think about it. Remind Bob Blair that his rich friends live on the Arroyo Grande Mesa and Nipomo is out of water.

Advise Steve Forst that he is correct. Nipomo Community Services District continued to issue will-serve letters instead of standing on their convictions of shortage. So go to Miner's Ace Hardware, get the lawn dye and spray it green. It holds it together and keeps the seed in place until it rains.

If not literally, then maybe figuratively we should all be doing the same!

Deny the charges? I've sent a few letters; the angry, opinionated "drunk" letters are always printed, never the thoughtful, sober ones.

So tell Cloyd Meyers to remember his cloth grocery sacks. Keep the sacks in the car in a box. If he forgets the sacks, he can use the box.

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Sue Barackman
NIPOMO

RUBES



"Well, that's just ridiculous. Why on earth would you buy tickets to 'Into the Woods' when you can just step outside and go for fruit?"

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Want to sound off about something? Send us your thoughts and ideas in a letter to the editor.

Letters should be kept to 500 words or less but may be edited for content and length. Letters can be emailed to

letters@ecentralcostnews.com (and to 928-5657, or mailed to the Adobe Press, P.O. Box 400, Santa Maria, CA 93456-0400).

Be sure to include your name, an email address or phone number and your hometown.

Phone numbers and email addresses are not published but are used by the editorial staff for verification purposes.

For more information, call editor Mike Hodgson at 739-2221.

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Set your unwanted items today. To place your ad, call 1-888-422-8822

FEATURED HOME
1948 HINES - Looking for a Dream House? Custom built family home in a very desired neighborhood in Southeast Santa Maria. Home is in a large lot on a quiet street with a large front yard. Home has 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bathrooms, a large living room, a large kitchen, a large dining room, a large family room, a large master bedroom, a large master bathroom, a large deck, a large patio, a large pool, a large garage, a large driveway, a large lawn, a large yard, a large view, a large location, a large price, a large opportunity, a large investment, a large asset, a large liability, a large risk, a large reward, a large challenge, a large adventure, a large journey, a large quest, a large mission, a large purpose, a large destiny, a large fate, a large destiny, a large fate, a large destiny, a large fate.

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Dry Cleaning 2015

SEVERE WATER SHORTAGE!

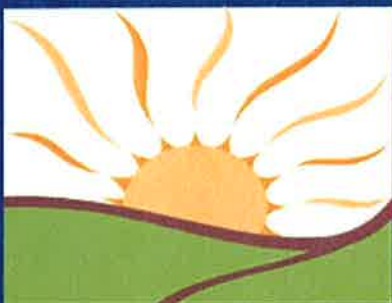
Do not use water on exterior surfaces.

For more information visit us at:
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Nipomo Community Services District

Jessica Matson

From: Nipomo Chamber of Commerce <info@nipomochamber.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 10:40 AM
To: Jessica Matson
Subject: Monday News - September 8, 2015



Nipomo
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE



Richard Malvarose
Chamber President
Nipomo Properties

Monday News

September 8, 2015

Nipomo Chamber of Commerce

September Mixer
Thursday, September 10th

5:00-7:00pm
Century 21 - Hometown Realty
110 Mary Ave. #6
Nipomo

***Come mix and mingle with local
business partners and community
members and enjoy refreshments and
libations in a casual format.***

Chamber Hours

Monday through Friday
9 am to 5 pm

239 W. Tefft St.
Nipomo, CA 93444

Office: 805.929.1583
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info@nipomochamber.org

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Nipomo Community Services District's
Board of Directors
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RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY
for the historic



Nipomo Supplemental Water Project

Completion of a pipeline interconnecting Nipomo CSD's and the City of Santa Maria's water systems for delivery of water to the Nipomo mesa.

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Eleven o'clock in the Morning

See Map on Other Side for Ceremony Location



Light Refreshments and Pump House Tour
Following the Ceremony

R.S.V.P. by September 2nd
to info@ncsd.ca.gov



Community Health Centers

Nipomo Recreation

Wells Fargo Bank

Major

Sponsors

CoastHills

Phillips 66 Santa Maria

Rotary Club of Nipomo

Nipomo Properties

Trilogy at Monarch Dunes

FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE FUTURE JIM O. MILLER PARK

The Olde Towne Nipomo Association is a Not for Profit 501(C)(3) Organization TAX ID# 77-0454037

**2nd ANNUAL
OLDE TOWNE NIPOMO
ASSOCIATION LUAAU**



LIVE MUSIC FEATURING:

Unfinished Business
... a '60s rock 'n' roll band

SPORT YOUR BEST HAWAIIAN WEAR ON
THE 19TH OF SEPTEMBER AT THE
EDWARDS BARN FROM 6 - 9:30 PM FOR A
NIGHT OF FOOD, DRINK, DANCING, HULA
HOOP CONTEST AND ALL OUT FUN IN
SUPPORT OF OLDE TOWNE

*The event will start at 6:00 pm on September 19th
No Host Cocktails, Hawaiian Entertainment
Silent Auction, Buffet Style Dinner and Dancing
Edwards Barn 1095 Pomeroy Road*



Buffet Style Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm



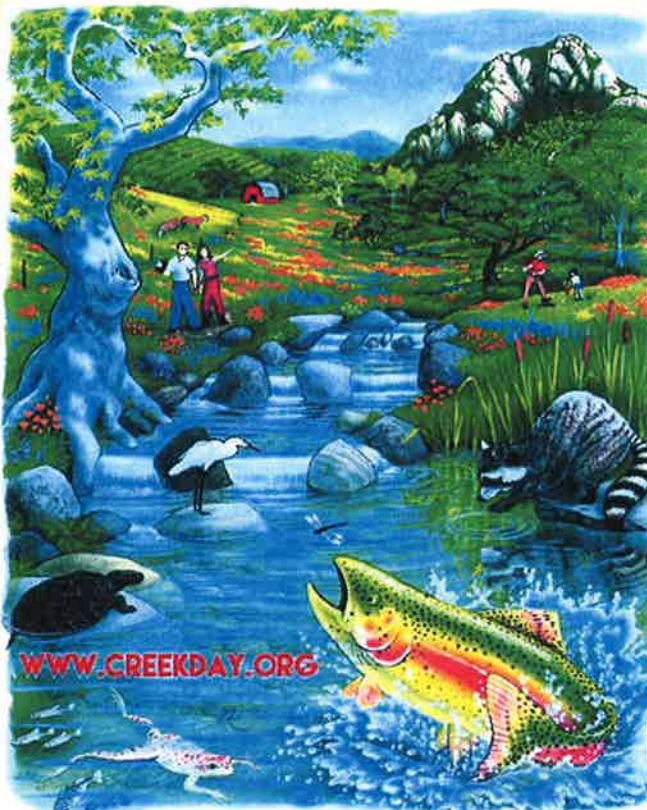
*Tickets are \$60.00 per person
Tables (seats 8) can be purchased
and reserved for \$480.00*

*Reservations can be made at debgeaslen@yahoo.com
Or by calling (805) 598-6083*

SAN LUIS
OBISPO
COUNTY

CREEK
DAY

2015



San Luis Obispo County

CREEK DAY CLEANUP

SATURDAY SEPT. 26, 2015
9 AM TO NOON

Let's get together and
clean up the creeks!

Join family, friends, and neighbors at
this fun volunteer event.

Cleaning the creeks helps protect our
wildlife and improves the beauty of
our county. Fall is an important time
to remove trash before winter rains
arrive and wash debris and trash into
the ocean.

PLEASE CHECK IN at one of these
seven stations on Saturday* morning:

PASO ROBLES
Larry Moore Park, Riverbank Ln.
Hosted by City of Paso Robles
(805) 227-7241 dlacaro@prcity.com

TEMPLETON
206 Fifth Street
Hosted by Templeton Comm. Services
District and Upper Salinas Las Tablas RCD
lts@templetoncd.org (805) 434-4994

ATASCADERO
City Hall parking lot
Hosted by Atascadero Mutual Water Co.
jendrickson@amwco.us (805) 464-5347

CAL POLY
Dexter Lawn
Hosted by Environmental Health & Safety
lbusby@calpoly.edu (905) 756-6664

SAN LUIS OBISPO
Santa Rosa Park
Hosted by City of San Luis Obispo
rotte@slocity.org (805) 781-7511

ARROYO GRANDE
229 Stanley Avenue
Hosted by City of Arroyo Grande and
Central Coast Salmon Enhancement
Coalition
kberferman@arroyogrande.org
(805) 472-5420 or
steph@centralcoastsalmon.com

*Please note cleanup day for
Arroyo Grande is Sunday, Sept. 27

NIPOMO
Yerft and Carilo Sts. east of Hwy 101
Hosted by County of San Luis Obispo
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Monday News

September 14, 2015

Nipomo Chamber of Commerce

September Luncheon
Thursday, September 24th

11:45-1:00pm
Blacklake Golf Resort
1490 Golf Course Way

Speaker - Rudy Stowell
Dana Cultural Center

Please RSVP with Menu Selection

*Turkey Sub- Roast Turkey, Bacon, Avacado,
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September 21 - 25, 2015

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MORE CONTAINER NOTES

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CONTAINER SIZE

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Historic Project Celebrated

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Pump House Tour for the Nipomo Supplemental Water Project

On September 9th, the District celebrated the completion of the historic Supplemental Water Project with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and tour of the Joshua Road Pump Station.

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.

SLO County 4th District Supervisor, Lynn Compton and Santa Maria Mayor, Alice Patino, were among the dignitaries present as well as nearly 75 members of the public.

Click [here](#) to view more pictures of the event and project.



REMINDER

Supplemental Water Rates

Customers will see the new rates on their September/October bill. There will be two new lines on the bill: Supplemental Water Fixed Charge and Supplemental Water Volume Charge. To view the approved rates, visit the District's website at www.ncsd.ca.gov or stop by the office.

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.

Upcoming Community Events

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April 20 – 24, 2015

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PLEASE BRING one of these items to the event: a water bottle, a shovel, a pair of gloves, a pair of work shoes, and a trash bag.

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Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, September 22nd

John S. Seitz/NCSD Board Room
148 South Wilson
Nipomo, CA
6:00 PM

This is a great opportunity to speak with the Sheriff and his Staff. Share your concerns. District Attorney Dan Dow and Supervisor Compton will also be present for comment and questions.

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NIPOMO NEWS

Olde Towne Quilters annual fair Saturday

The Olde Towne Quilters of Nipomo will hold their 2015 Quilters Fair and show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church Parish Hall, 2568 S. Thompson Ave.



Our Nipomo Toni Weitzel

The members will have quilts of various sizes, unique handmade boutique items, homemade goods, fabric and bargain prices and tickets to win a gorgeous patriotic-themed quilt.

Or you can just enjoy the artistry of colorful quilts hung for your visual pleasure. The featured artist this year is Dona Dahlquist.

You get all this and much more for just a donation of \$5 at the door, and parking is free. Proceeds will assist the quilt guild in its philanthropic programs, including donations to the Prado Day Center, the Women's Shelter of SLO, Nipomo Head Start, Marian Neonatal-Pediatrics Unit, Painted Turtle Camp, the Hearst Cancer Center, Nipomo Library Reading Program, Nipomo High School scholarship programs and many others.

of Jimmy Bryant, who performed with Roy Orbison, and the nephew of Lefty and Junior Bryant, co-founders of the group Klocobet, but he's making a name for himself all on his own.

Gates will open at 1 p.m., and food and drinks will be on sale. Outside food and drinks are not allowed. Bring your own lawn chairs for seating.

A loss for Nipomo On a sad note, Nipomo has lost its Kiwanis Club. I knew many of the original members and some of the new ones.

Maybe in the future, the club will resurrect. I sure hope so.

Later that day, I hope to see everyone at the Olde Towne Nipomo Association Luau from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Edwards Barn on Pomeroy Road at Willow Road.

What a great affair this will be, with the band, Unfinished Business playing music for dining, great Hawaiian food by Zoo's Hawaiian BBQ, prizes and more. Buy your tickets for \$60 each by contacting Deb Geissel at 598-6083 or debgeissel@yahoo.com.

Money raised by the event will go toward the construction of the Jim O. Miller Memorial Park on Carrizo Street in Olde Towne.

Country on the Mesa BlackHole Golf Resort, in conjunction with Stumpy Country 102.5 and 96.1, will present a free concert featuring country music singer-songwriter Chase Bryant at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, on the lawn outside the clubhouse. Bryant is the grandson

First South County Parent Institute set for Saturday

STAFF REPORT

A series of workshops designed to provide families with everyday living skills, connect them with schools and service providers and make parents active participants in their children's education will take place Saturday, Sept. 19, in Nipomo. Lucia Mar Unified School District will host the first South County Parent Institute from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Nipomo High School.

A choice of 16 workshops in Spanish as well as English will be offered in two sessions. 27 community service agencies and organizations will be on hand to provide information, and performers by local students are also planned. Child care, a keynote speaker, a continental breakfast and lunch are included, but parents must register in advance at <http://sloosouthcountyparentinstitute.weebly.com> in order to attend.

The goal of the Parent Institute is to support positive opportunities for families to learn and engage with members of their community, invest in the health education and safety of South

County communities and provide the tools, resources and skills that allow members of the community to improve their futures.

Participant sign-ins will take place from 8 to 8:30 a.m., with a continental breakfast served from 8 until 8:45 a.m. to be followed by welcoming remarks from Raynee Daley, Lucia Mar superintendent.

Keynote speaker for the institute from 9 to 9:30 a.m. will be Edwin Moscoso, who was born in a remote Guatemalan village and was the first person from his village to finish elementary school. Later, he graduated from San Carlos University as an agricultural engineer, and he is now an agricultural inspector and biologist for San Luis Obispo County.

Workshops in English during the first session from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. will be "Taking the Power Struggle Out of Parenting the Young Child," "Keep Your Kids Safe Online," "Talking to Kids About Gender Identity," "Understanding and Managing Anxiety for Parents and Children," "Tips for Raising a Resilient Child" and "Available

Opportunities at Allan Hancock College." Workshops in Spanish during the first session will be "Camino a la Ciudadanía" and "La Importancia de Programas de Enriquecimiento Después de Clases para los Adolescentes."

English workshops in the second session from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. will be "Learning Positive Discipline & Trauma Sensitive Care," "Homework Without Tears," "Let's Talk: Tools for Talking With Teens About Sex and Relationships," "The I-You Children to Read Like a Detective, Write Like an Investigative Reporter, Talk Like a Newscaster" and "Using Low, Structure & Discipline for Gang Prevention."

Spanish workshops in the second session will be "Logrando Metas Educativas, Camino a la Ciudadanía" and "Estrategia de los Niños para que Salgan Adelante." Service providers will be available in the quad from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For more information about the Parent Institute, call 474-3300, ext. 9800, or go visit the website listed above.

PET OF THE WEEK



Pumpkin and Marmalade

As kitten season comes to a close, there's still a surprising number of kittens waiting for adopters at the San Luis Obispo County Animal Services shelter.

Pumpkin and Marmalade, two 10-week-old kittens, are an example of many of the young felines at the shelter in need of homes. Pumpkin is a friendly blue-eyed, flame-point Siamese who'll likely have a medium-length coat when he's an adult, while Marmalade is a playful, social, orange and white short-coated kitten who happily comes up to people for attention.

To help Pumpkin, Marmalade and many other homeless kittens find new families, the felines will be out in front of the rural San Luis Obispo shelter from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. All dogs and cats at the shelter 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 \$30 for dogs, which includes an annual license fee.

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

BRIEFS Women's Club to host yoga teacher

The Nipomo Women's Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 21, at the Fall Life Community Church at 726 W. Tenth St.

Those attending should bring a brown-bag lunch. The hostess will provide desserts and beverages, a club spokeswoman said.

The guest speaker will be Lori Anderson, who with her husband owns the Yoga Shack in Nipomo.

"They are very dedicated to the teaching of yoga," the spokeswoman said. "Come and find out

what they are all about." For more information, contact Mary Shellenberger 929-6002.

Children's singing class starting

Young singers are being sought to join a children's singing class starting this month in Nipomo, said instructor Natasha Yule.

Dancers are also wanted for the class offered by Nipomo Recreation Association in cooperation with Central Coast Theatre Wox, she said.

For more information, including the class days, time, meeting location and cost, call 931-0301.

Free Medicare seminar next week

A free seminar for people interested in better understanding Medicare will be offered Wednesday, Sept. 23, in Nipomo by the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program.

The "New to Medicare" program will be presented at 10 a.m. in the Trokey Monarch Dunes Wine Library, 1045 Trilogy Parkway, off Highway 1.

For more information and to reserve a seat, contact the HICAP office at 928-5663 or register online at www.centralcoastseniors.org.

Obituaries

Donald Hardy Black

Donald Hardy Black, 91, of Nipomo, passed away with his Lord on September 8, 2015.

Don was born in Orcutt, attended the Old Orcutt School, Santa Maria High School and Santa Maria Jr. College before serving the Navy during WWII. After his Navy service he attended San Jose State College and received a BA Degree. He began his teaching career in 1932 with the Orcutt School District and continued to teach there for 21 years. He loved teaching and his students loved him. He sang to them and played his guitar. He was always ready to share a good joke. You could find him at 6th grade talent camp every year.

Don was married to his wife, Helen, for 50 years. He had two daughters with his first wife, Cheryl Faye (John) and Carolyn Jones (Frank) One step-daughter, Alita Mines (Michael) and one step-son, Jimmy Whipple, seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was an avid horse shoe player along with his two brothers. Together they won many trophies. He loved to bowl, he even came in 3rd place in state competition. He enjoyed square dancing and taught his students to dance each year. He loved playing cards, games, and doing crossword puzzles.

Carpe diem was always a necessity every summer, beginning with a trip in his younger years and progressing to arranging trailer. He was a Boy Scout Master, 4-H leader and summer recreational director for the Orcutt Schools and many other community services. He was a Deacon at the Old Orcutt Community Church, Sunday school teacher and a member of the church choir. Don received the Orcutt PTA Life Award, as well as the Good and Country award, which was the first to be received in the Santa Maria district scout history.

Don was beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend to all who crossed his path.

Don was preceded in death by his father, Hardy Black; mother, Zella Black; brothers, Robert and Vaughn Black; sister, Lois Martinez; and his first wife, Madeline Black. A Celebration of Life will take place from 2:00pm to 4:00pm on October 18, 2015 at the Church at the Well, 163 Dana St Nipomo. In lieu of flowers, donations to Wounded Warriors of your favorite charity would be appreciated.

Advertisement for San Luis Obispo County Creek Day Cleanup 2015. Includes details about the event on Saturday Sept. 26, 9 AM to noon, and lists of volunteers needed. The advertisement features a large illustration of a creek scene with people cleaning up.

LAETITIA FROM PAGE A1

Join Janneck of Janneck Limited of Los Angeles has proposed applying the county's agricultural cluster ordinance to the Laetitia property to allow the subdivision of 21 parcels (totaling approximately 1,910 acres, into 102 residential and four open-space lots.

Single-family homes on each of the lots would be designed and built by individual parcel owners.

Harris told commissioners three of the four wells proposed to supply the project have proven to be stable since they were drilled in 2011, while the fourth has been drawn down in that time.

The fourth well pumps from an aquifer shared with underlying properties, while the other three wells are in fractured rock, he said.

However, he couldn't



A view from one of the lot sites of the Reserve at Laetitia shows Highway 101 in the distance at lower right. Photos: Dan Harris, 2014

provide commissioners with figures on how much the four wells can pump and for how long, which some of them said should be readily available after a standard pump test.

"I'd have a hard time supporting this without new well tests," Commissioner Don Campbell said.

"You need to go out there and test the wells so you can tell us the drawdowns," Officials from the County Water Resources Advisory Council and Department of Agriculture have voiced uncertainty about whether the four wells could be relied upon for a sustainable water supply.

Harris has said there's plenty of water in the fractured rock to supply the project.

He also told the commissioners the wells have been tracked since 2011, and all of the data that has been collected to date will be provided to them at the next hearing on the proposal.

"You'll have all of that," Harris said.

The commission continued the hearing to Oct. 29 and plans to discuss the project's environmental impact report at that time, as well as review staff's recommended denial and talk about possible alternatives.

VETERANS FROM PAGE A1

he was stationed overseas in Thailand. His job was to train soldiers in heavy weaponry use and tactics.

By the time Thaler was sent to southeast Asia, the U.S. was heavily entrenched in the Vietnam conflict that started in 1954, pitting the communist regime of North Vietnam and its southern allies, the Viet Cong, against South Vietnam. He worked in a security police unit and could see the Ho Chi Minh Trail from the base where he was stationed. It was also his job and that of his troops to monitor the trail.

"We were the guys that no one knew about," Thaler said. "We could tell South Vietnam, 'Hey, you have troops coming your way.' We were never attacked. If those guys so much as heard a squeak

in the forest, they'd start firing."

It was during those days in Thailand that Thaler said he and many others were exposed daily to Agent Orange, a powerful combination of herbicides and defoliant used by the U.S. government during the war to eliminate forest cover and food crops for enemy troops.

Exposure to the chemicals had long-lasting and devastating health effects for those who came in contact with it, according to health researchers, although the men and women didn't know it at the time.

"They'd come back in and it looked like they had glue all over them," said Thaler, who claims he suffers from a host of health ailments related to his service in Thailand and is still fighting to have the government acknowledge he was injured from his exposure to Agent

Orange and compensate him for it.

"There was white stuff coming down on them, and me, too," he added. "If I have any remorse, it's that the government wasn't honest with us. As a supervisor, I didn't know (what I was sending my troops into)."

Today, Thaler is active in the American Legion Post 136 in Arroyo Grande, where he serves as the group's veterans services officer, as well as the Santa Maria-based Mid-Coast Veterans Alliance, which was established for veterans to help other veterans, whether active duty, National Guard or reserve soldiers.

This profile is part of the series "They Served with Honor" commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. April 18th covers South San Luis Obispo County for Lee Central Coast Newspapers. Follow her on Twitter @WendDawn.



Disabled veterans and AmpSurf staff join hands during a paddle-out next to the Pismo Pier to remember the victims and heroes of the East Coast terror attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

AmpSurf honors 9/11

STAFF REPORT

Injured and disabled veterans and others with disabilities gathered last Friday at the Pismo Pier, where the group suited up and headed into the waves for a seasonal paddle-out to honor the heroes and victims of 9/11.

The event was part of Operation Restoration X, which got underway in Pismo Beach last Thursday evening, Sept. 10, with a meet-and-greet for injured military personnel and veterans attending the three-day, hands-on surfing clinic hosted by AmpSurf.

Friday, Sept. 11, was the 14th anniversary of the deadly terrorist attacks, and a paddle-out surfing clinic was held to honor the heroes and victims of 9/11.

Clinic participants, no matter what their



AmpSurf volunteers carry a wreath for a paddle-out next to the Pismo Pier to remember the terrorist attacks that took place Sept. 11, 2001.

For the past 10-plus years, AmpSurf has provided its "Learn to Surf" clinics on both the West and East coasts for individuals who can benefit from adaptive surfing, serving hundreds of the country's disabled veterans as well as disabled civilians and children.

Club participants, no matter what their

PIPELINE FROM PAGE A1

from Santa Maria to NCSO's system at the rate of 650 acre-feet per year and will eventually deliver 2,500 acre-feet a year.

An acre-foot is about 325,000 gallons, or the amount of water generally considered necessary to supply four to 10 people for a year.

Palino told the crowd of more than 75 people that construction of the pipeline had forged a new relationship between the city and NCSO.

"What we see here is collaboration between two communities, and it's really refreshing to see that," agreed Annie Aguilera, field representative for Sen. William Monning. Armstrong indicated bringing the project to fruition was not an easy task.

"Completion of this project presented many challenges — technical, economically,

and politically," Armstrong said.

But he said those challenges were overcome through the hard work and cooperation of many people and agencies.

"Talk about your obstacles," Palino said. "These are always environmental obstacles, but the political obstacles are the biggest."

She noted three always seemed to be people who questioned why the city should sell its water to Nipomo, but she said importing state water allowed the sale without impacting Santa Maria's supply.

"Because Nipomo is bringing in outside water, they're pumping less from the groundwater basin, which is good for all of us," Palino said.

After the ceremony, NCSO Director Bob Blair pointed out the Santa Maria Valley Groundwater Basin, which extends all the way to Pismo Beach, contains 2.5 million acre-feet of water,

and Santa Maria uses only about 13,000 acre-feet a year.

"So there's plenty of water," Blair said. "The district has eight to nine wells, and this will eventually allow us to take four to five out of production. That should help the Five Cities, too."

Representing the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce, Rudy Stowell said the supplemental water project will be good for the long-term stability of the business community.

"With no water, ironically, we would be up a creek," Stowell said. "This means we'll be able to continue doing business here. There's not a lot you can do without water."

NCSO General Manager Michael LeBrun also thanked AECOM, the design engineer; MNS Engineers, the construction management company; and construction contractors ARB, Speers Construction Co. and D-KAL Engineering.

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STREAMS FROM PAGE A1

be provided and crews will be assigned to specific areas of Nipomo, Palisades and Haystack creeks.

The cleanup, hosted by San Luis Obispo County, will last until noon, and volunteers will be provided with lunch,

according to Creek Day organizers.

In Arroyo Grande, volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at Central Coast Salmon Enhancement, which is hosting the Nipomo, Palisades and Haystack creeks.

For more information about the Nipomo cleanup, contact Mary Whitteley at 781-5250

or mwhitteley@co.slo.ca.us or Hillary Tung at 781-5256 or htung@co.slo.ca.us.

For more information about the Arroyo Grande cleanup, contact Kelly Kefferson at 473-5420 or kkefferson@arroyogrande.org or Stephanie Wald at 473-3789 or steph@centralcoast.com.



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Nipomo Community Services District

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - RATE INCREASE FOR TOWN SEWER

This is a notice to explain proposed increases in town sewer rates for the Nipomo Community Services District (“NCSD” or the “District”) and the majority protest procedures. The proposed rate increases will be recommended for adoption by NCSD’s Board of Directors at the Public Hearing described in this Notice. See the back page of this Notice for Public Hearing date.

Dear Owners of Record and Customers of Record,

Nipomo Community Services District (District) depends upon sewer user fees to fund operating and maintenance costs, and to rehabilitate and replace equipment and infrastructure for the Town Division sewer treatment plant and collection system. The District is fully committed to serving existing and future generations of residents in the most efficient manner possible, while protecting both public health and the environment.

About the proposed rates

The proposed Town Sewer Division rate increase is needed to ensure that the District has sufficient revenues to fund operating and capital needs and provide appropriate levels of operating, capital, and emergency reserves. The Town Sewer Division has not had a sewer rate increase in over 5 years.

A major reason for rates being raised is that the annual bond payments due on the debt used to finance the sewer plant (approximately \$520,000 per year) will have to be made from current revenues once the sinking fund currently being used to make those payments is depleted. The sinking fund will be depleted in approximately 18 months.

The cost of providing sewer service to our customers varies based on the volume and strength characteristics of sewage generated by each customer classification (single-family, multi-family, and commercial). A cost of service analysis was performed to ensure that the proposed rate increases fairly reflect the costs of providing service to customers within each classification.

Multi-year approach to setting rates

By taking a multi-year approach to rate-setting in meeting long-term infrastructure repair and improvement needs as well as delivering day-to-day services, the District can better prepare for the future and avoid significant unexpected rate increases. For this reason, the District is proposing rate increases for the next five years. It is important to note that if subsequent annual reviews of revenues and expenses show that future rate increases are not needed or can be adopted at lower amounts, the Board of Directors can postpone or adopt a smaller increase. However, the Board cannot approve rate increases beyond those proposed in this notice without an additional Proposition 218 notice to all of its customers.

Proposed Town Sewer Rates

Under the proposed rates, town sewer rates for single-family residential dwellings, which represent over 97% of the customer accounts, will increase \$0.305 monthly or \$0.61 per bi-monthly period starting January 1, 2016. Subsequent year increases, and a complete breakdown of rates for other customer classes, can be found on the following page.

PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THE PROPOSED TOWN SEWER RATE INCREASE

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THE PROPOSED TOWN SEWER RATES

Description	Current	Forecast				
		FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
Residential Fixed Charges						
Single Family	\$88.32	\$88.93	\$91.77	\$94.71	\$97.74	\$100.87
Multi-family	\$67.33	\$74.18	\$76.55	\$79.00	\$81.53	\$84.14
Non-Residential Meter Charges						
Up to 1 inch	\$34.07	\$35.12	\$36.24	\$37.40	\$38.60	\$39.83
1.5	\$98.59	\$101.94	\$105.20	\$108.57	\$112.04	\$115.63
2	\$156.66	\$162.08	\$167.26	\$172.62	\$178.14	\$183.84
3	\$292.16	\$302.40	\$312.08	\$322.07	\$332.37	\$343.01
4	\$485.72	\$502.87	\$518.96	\$535.57	\$552.70	\$570.39
6	\$969.64	\$1,004.03	\$1,036.16	\$1,069.31	\$1,103.53	\$1,138.85
8	\$1,550.34	\$1,605.42	\$1,656.80	\$1,709.81	\$1,764.53	\$1,820.99
Non-Residential Usage Rates (\$ per HCF)						
Low Strength	\$2.89	\$3.43	\$3.54	\$3.66	\$3.77	\$3.89
Medium Strength	\$3.20	\$3.81	\$3.93	\$4.06	\$4.19	\$4.32
High Strength	\$4.14	\$4.93	\$5.09	\$5.25	\$5.42	\$5.59
Mixed Use Usage Rates (\$ per HCF)						
Standard Comm with 10% High Strength		\$3.60	\$3.72	\$3.83	\$3.96	\$4.08
Standard Comm with 20% High Strength		\$3.75	\$3.87	\$3.99	\$4.12	\$4.25
Standard Comm with 30% High Strength		\$3.90	\$4.02	\$4.15	\$4.29	\$4.42
Standard Comm with 40% High Strength		\$4.06	\$4.19	\$4.32	\$4.46	\$4.61
Standard Comm with 50% High Strength		\$4.21	\$4.34	\$4.48	\$4.63	\$4.78
Standard Comm with 60% High Strength		\$4.37	\$4.51	\$4.65	\$4.80	\$4.96
Standard Comm with 70% High Strength		\$4.52	\$4.66	\$4.81	\$4.97	\$5.13
Standard Comm with 80% High Strength		\$4.67	\$4.82	\$4.97	\$5.13	\$5.30
Standard Comm with 90% High Strength		\$4.83	\$4.98	\$5.14	\$5.31	\$5.48

Rates effective Jan 1 of fiscal year.

AVAILABILITY OF STUDIES, REPORTS, AND INFORMATION

Additional information on the proposed Town Sewer rates is available in the Report on Town Sewer System Sewer Rate Study and the Staff Report. These reports are available for review at the District's administrative offices located at 148 South Wilson Street, Nipomo and on the District's website at www.ncsd.ca.gov. In addition, customers may contact the General Manager at (805) 929-1133 for further information about the proposed rates.

EXAMPLE TOWN SEWER BILLS INCLUDING PROPOSED CHARGES

The table below provides examples of bi-monthly bills that are expected as a result of implementing the proposed Town Sewer Charge.

Classification	Average Bi-monthly Water Use	Current Bill	Jan 1, 2016		Jan 1, 2017		Jan 1, 2018	
			Proposed Bill	Percent Change	Proposed Bill	Percent Change	Proposed Bill	Percent Change
Residential	HCF							
Single Family	N/A	\$88.32	\$88.93	0.7%	\$91.77	3.2%	\$94.71	3.2%
Multi-family	N/A	\$67.33	\$74.18	10.2%	\$76.55	3.2%	\$79.00	3.2%
Non-Residential - 1" Meter								
Commercial - Low Strength	50	\$178.57	\$206.80	15.8%	\$213.42	3.2%	\$220.25	3.2%
Commercial - Medium Strength	70	\$258.07	\$301.88	17.0%	\$311.54	3.2%	\$321.51	3.2%
Commercial - High Strength	35	\$178.97	\$207.73	16.1%	\$214.37	3.2%	\$221.23	3.2%
Non-Residential - 1.5" Meter								
Commercial - Low Strength	80	\$329.79	\$376.63	14.2%	\$388.68	3.2%	\$401.12	3.2%
Commercial - Medium Strength	65	\$306.59	\$349.64	14.0%	\$360.83	3.2%	\$372.38	3.2%
Commercial - High Strength	200	\$926.59	\$1,088.28	17.4%	\$1,123.10	3.2%	\$1,159.04	3.2%
Non-Residential - 2" Meter								
Commercial - Low Strength	170	\$647.96	\$745.80	15.1%	\$769.66	3.2%	\$794.29	3.2%
Commercial - Medium Strength	100	\$476.66	\$543.16	14.0%	\$560.55	3.2%	\$578.48	3.2%
Commercial - High Strength	200	\$984.66	\$1,148.42	16.6%	\$1,185.17	3.2%	\$1,223.09	3.2%
Non-Residential - 3" Meter								
Commercial - Low Strength	200	\$870.16	\$989.13	13.7%	\$1,020.79	3.2%	\$1,053.45	3.2%

Classification	Average Bi-monthly Water Use	Jan 1, 2019		Jan 1, 2020	
		Proposed Bill	Percent Change	Proposed Bill	Percent Change
Residential	HCF				
Single Family	N/A	\$97.74	3.2%	\$100.87	3.2%
Multi-family	N/A	\$81.53	3.2%	\$84.14	3.2%
Non-Residential - 1" Meter					
Commercial - Low Strength	50	\$227.29	3.2%	\$234.57	3.2%
Commercial - Medium Strength	70	\$331.79	3.2%	\$342.41	3.2%
Commercial - High Strength	35	\$228.31	3.2%	\$235.62	3.2%
Non-Residential - 1.5" Meter					
Commercial - Low Strength	80	\$413.96	3.2%	\$427.20	3.2%
Commercial - Medium Strength	65	\$384.30	3.2%	\$396.59	3.2%
Commercial - High Strength	200	\$1,196.13	3.2%	\$1,234.41	3.2%
Non-Residential - 2" Meter					
Commercial - Low Strength	170	\$819.71	3.2%	\$845.94	3.2%
Commercial - Medium Strength	100	\$596.99	3.2%	\$616.10	3.2%
Commercial - High Strength	200	\$1,262.23	3.2%	\$1,302.62	3.2%
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HCF = hundred cubic feet

N/A = not applicable

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HOW TO PROTEST

The following persons may submit a written protest against the Proposed Town Sewer Rate Increase to the District's Clerk before the close of the Public Hearing.

- An owner(s) of property (parcel(s)) ("owner of record") receiving town sewer service from the NCSD Town Sewer System. If the person(s) signing the protest, as an owner, is not shown on the last equalized assessment roll as the owner of the parcel(s) then the protest must contain or be accompanied by written evidence that such person signing the protest is the owner of the parcel(s) receiving town sewer service;
- "Customer of record" (Tenant(s)) whose name appears on the District records as the customer of record for the corresponding parcel receiving town sewer service from the NCSD.

A valid written protest must contain a statement that you protest the increase in town sewer rates, the address or Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) of the parcel or parcels which receive town sewer service and must be signed and dated, with original signature, by the owner of record, the customer of record, or a representative of an owner of record or a customer of record, for the parcel or parcels receiving town sewer service. One written protest per parcel shall be counted in calculating a majority protest. Written protests will not be accepted by email or by facsimile. Verbal protests will not be counted in determining the existence of a majority protest.

Written protests regarding the town sewer rate increase may be personally delivered to the NCSD Office located at 148 South Wilson Street, Nipomo during regular office hours (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, excluding holidays) or mailed to:

Nipomo Community Services District
Attn: District Clerk
P.O. Box 326, Nipomo, CA 93444-0326

To be counted, the written protest must be received by the close of the Public Hearing, including those mailed to the District. No postmarks will be accepted; therefore, any written protest not actually received by the close of the Public Hearing, whether or not mailed prior to the Public Hearing, will not be counted.

A representative may sign the written protest on behalf of an owner of record or a customer of record provided the representative attaches to the written protest, written documentation/authorization, with original signature, to act in such capacity.

If valid written protests are presented by a majority of owners of record and/or customers of record of parcels receiving town sewer service within the NCSD's Town Sewer System, then the NCSD will not adjust/increase the town sewer rates. Only one protest per parcel will be counted in determining whether or not a majority protest exists.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing for the Proposed Town Sewer Rate Increase will be held on:

November 12, 2015 at 9 AM
Jon S. Seitz Board Room
Nipomo CSD
148 South Wilson Street, Nipomo

At the public hearing the Nipomo Community Services District Board of Directors will consider all public comment in support and in opposition of the Town Sewer Rate Increase and whether or not a Majority Protest exists. If approved, the Town Sewer Rate Increase would become effective January 1, 2016.

The 'other' water topic - Wastewater

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.

For most customers, the ability to flush the contents of their toilets 'away' is every bit as important as having safe drinking water come out of the faucet. Nipomo CSD collects, treats, and reclaims over 600,000 gallons of raw wastewater (sewage) every day.

The District operates two wastewater systems – the 'Town System' serving the Olde Towne area and core of Nipomo and the 'Blacklake System' serving Blacklake Village. Town System wastewater is conveyed to the treatment plant located at Southland and South Frontage Roads. The wastewater is treated to meet State discharge standards and then percolated back into our groundwater basin. At Blacklake, the treated water is used to provide a portion of the golf course irrigation needs.

Many homes within the District and across the Mesa are on septic systems and therefore are not connected to a wastewater treatment plant. At these homes, wastewater is conveyed to the homeowner's private septic system and eventually 'leached' into the ground and back to the groundwater table.

The fact that flushing 'away' your wastewater really means the water will, after treatment, end up back in the groundwater should make it clear to all of us that we play an important role in protecting our water supply. Regardless of whether you are connected to one of the District's wastewater systems or on a private septic system, the only thing that should be disposed of in your toilet is human waste – no chemicals, no drugs, no cleaning products. Additionally, do not dump grease and oil down the drain or garbage disposal – these products can clog the collection system and/or septic system and can lead to sewage spills.

To learn more about wastewater do's and don'ts, please visit the District's website at www.ncsd.ca.gov. The District's website also provides information on where to safely dispose of household hazardous waste.

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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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: September 21, 2015
Contact: Michael S. LeBrun, General Manager
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Nipomo CSD's General Manager Announces Retirement in 2016

District General Manager, Michael LeBrun, announced his resignation at the September 9th Regular Board meeting in accordance with his contract. The District's Board of Directors accepted Mr. LeBrun's resignation and formed an ad-hoc committee to lead recruitment of a new General Manager.

LeBrun has served as General Manager and Interim General Manager for the District for 9 years. Under his leadership the District received recognitions including the California Special District Association's (CSDA) District Transparency Certificate of Excellence (2 terms) and the Government Finance Officers Association Award for Financial Reporting (2 years). Mr. LeBrun was instrumental in the completion of several capital projects as well as the District's largest projects - a \$13M upgrade to the Southland Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility, and the historic \$17.5M Nipomo Supplemental Water Project. Mr. LeBrun also led the adoption of the District's Water Shortage Response and Management Plan and outreach program which resulted in water conservation of up to 37% District-wide.

LeBrun's announcement was long-planned and his retirement is well-deserved.

Michael LeBrun stated, "While we have overcome significant hurdles to accomplish a number of projects that will serve this community for generations to come, my proudest accomplishment is the staff team we have assembled. Without exception, District staff is dedicated professionals who come to work each day committed to provide excellent service to our customers. I will miss many things about this job, none more than the people I work with."

Recruitment for a new General Manager is scheduled to begin October 2, 2015 with placement planned for early 2016. LeBrun will be assisting in recruitment and transition and will remain with the District until the new General Manager is in place.

For more information contact the District at 929-1133 or info@ncsd.ca.gov.

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Established in 1965 to meet the health and sanitation needs of the local community, Nipomo Community Services is pleased to provide a wide variety of services throughout its district including the provision of water, sewer, and waste management services as well as lighting and drainage in limited areas. The mission of Nipomo Community Services District is to provide its customers with reliable, quality, and cost-effective services now and in the future.

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SOUTH COUNTY

Longtime leader of Nipomo services district plans to retire

General manager, who's served for 9 years, will help with recruitment and the transition

By Kaytlyn Leslie

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LeBrun has served as general manager and interim general manager for the district for a total of nine years. He was general manager for the district from 2004 to 2006, before resigning for "personal reasons," according to a previous Tribune report.

"I was not cut out for the pressures of this position," he told The Tribune at the time of his first resignation.

He then served as the district's interim general manager twice between 2006 and 2011 — once after the late Bruce Buel retired to fight cancer and again after Buel's replacement, Don Spagnolo, resigned after only six months with the district.

LeBrun was once again appointed as general manager in June 2011, with a base salary of \$150,000 annually. That amount went up in July 2014, when the board unanimously approved an amended general manager contract with LeBrun for \$164,140 annually.

Under his leadership, the district has twice received the California Special District Association's District Transparency Certificate of Excellence and the Government Finance Officers Association Award for Financial Reporting, according to the release.

The district has also completed several of its largest projects during his tenure: a \$13 million upgrade to the Southland Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility and the \$17.5 million Nipomo Supplemental Water Project, for which LeBrun performed a ribbon-cutting ceremony mere hours after announcing his resignation.

"This change means an OUTSTANDING opportunity is coming available for the right professional," LeBrun wrote in his email statement. "The district is in great shape. Fifty years of serving the community and as strong as ever."

The board is expected to finalize the general manager job description at its next meeting on Sept. 30.

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LeBrun has served as general manager and interim general manager for the district for a total of nine years. He was general manager for the district from 2004 to 2006, before resigning for "personal reasons," according to a previous Tribune report.

"I was not cut out for the pressures of this position," he told The Tribune at the time of his first resignation.

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Under his leadership, the district has twice received the [California Special District Association's](#) California Special District Association's (CSDA) District Transparency Certificate of Excellence and the [Government Finance Officers Association](#) Award for Financial Reporting, according to the release. The district has also completed several of its largest projects during his tenure: a \$13 million upgrade to the Southland Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility and the \$17.5 million Nipomo Supplemental Water Project, for which LeBrun performed a ribbon-cutting ceremony mere hours after announcing his resignation.

"This change means an OUTSTANDING opportunity is coming available for the right professional," LeBrun wrote in his email statement. "The district is in great shape. Fifty years of serving the community and as strong as ever."

The board is expected to finalize the general manager job description at its next meeting on Sept. 30.

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Water 'forum' a bad idea

BY NORMAN J. SCOTT

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The [Erin Brockovich vs. Nipomo Community Services District "forum"](#) that Ms. Brockovich is proposing (and [The Tribune is endorsing](#), Sept. 4) is a terrible idea. Her "invitees" (the Nipomo CSD, the Santa Maria "water guys," the Central Coast Water Authority "gang" and the State Division of Drinking Water) are at a distinct disadvantage for one simple reason: They should be constrained to stick to tested science, whereas Ms. Brockovich can continue to push her personal alarmist agenda, regardless of the facts.

Imagining that the opinions of Ms. Brockovich, a "celebrity environmental activist," and her "water guy" should be on the same stage with the Nipomo services district, whose proposed actions are supported by any number of science-based agencies, is ludicrous.

Her "data" seem to be only supported by her desire for more notoriety. Just because she was right about PG&E pollution in Hinckley, doesn't mean she is right about everything.

The EPA says that more than 70 million people in the U.S. have been drinking water purified with chloramines for years. The people of Nipomo shouldn't let the unsupported fearmongering of one person get in the way of a perfectly rational operational improvement by the Nipomo services district.

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Nipomo celebrates arrival of water from Santa Maria

BY KAYTLYN LESLIE

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Nipomo welcomed the first of its supplemental water from Santa Maria on July 2, but on Wednesday, the community services district held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at its pipeline pumphouse to officially welcome the new water into the community.

The \$17.5 million, 2-mile-long pipeline provides a critical second water source for Nipomo, beyond its groundwater basin where extreme drought has only exacerbated longstanding problems of overpumping and saltwater intrusion.

By July 2016, the pipeline is expected to bring in about 650 acre-feet of water per year — more than 210 million gallons. In 10 years, four times that amount will flow through the pipeline each year.

The mood at Wednesday's ribbon-cutting was upbeat. About 70 people attended the [Nipomo Community Services District](#) event, including 4th District San Luis Obispo County Supervisor Lynn Compton and Santa Maria Mayor Alice Patino, both of whom raved about the project.

"Today is a very exciting day for both Santa Maria and Nipomo," Patino told the gathering. "The city of Santa Maria is very pleased to be here and very pleased to be providing high-quality water to the community of Nipomo, which benefits all of us."

Although 210 million gallons are expected to flow through the pipeline by next summer, that will increase in phases over the next decade. By 2025, roughly 2,500 acre-feet of water, or 814.6 million gallons, could be piped annually from Santa Maria to Nipomo.

That schedule could speed up if the statewide drought continues, district general manager Michael LeBrun said.

The pipeline and its water deliveries have come after years of controversy, stretching back to a 2008 court ruling that settled lawsuits over the Santa Maria groundwater basin by requiring Santa Maria to provide water to the Nipomo Mesa.

In 2012, Nipomo voters rejected an assessment district to pay for the pipeline, so the district forged ahead with a phased project and outside funding. Still, Nipomo water customers [saw their](#)



A ribbon-cutting for the Nipomo Community Services District's supplemental water project was held Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015. These pumps restore water pressure after the water comes uphill from Santa Maria.

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Most recently, environmental activist Erin Brockovich criticized the district for switching to chloramine as its secondary disinfectant, which she claims makes the water more toxic to consumers.

The district switched from chlorine to chloramine — a combination of ammonia and chlorine — to match the treatment process for the water coming from Santa Maria through the pipeline, LeBrun said. Both he and a representative of the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water Programs have said the disinfectant is a safe alternative to free chlorine.

Brockovich has called for a public meeting between herself and the district, though LeBrun says he thinks that representatives of the State Water Resources Control Board or the Environmental Protection Agency would be better choices to discuss the use of chloramines. No such meeting is planned.

With the pipeline now complete, several construction phases must still be done before the supplemental water project is finished, LeBrun said.

The district has begun work on a half-million-gallon reservoir tank next to the pumphouse. Over the next three to five years, the district also will install more parallel pipes and infrastructure to support the increase in water, LeBrun said. All construction is expected to be done by 2022.

Exactly how the pipeline will be used in the future could change as the region grapples with water and drought, he said.

"It's hard to assess how this project is going to be used in the decades ahead, because water resources are something that South County still has a lot of work to do (on)," LeBrun said after the event. "Regional water resources projects may utilize this pipeline that we've built in a completely different way.

"But in terms of this pipeline today, what this means is the ability for the district to provide an alternate source of water to our community that will reduce the demand on the groundwater basin, and will provide for us if this drought continues to intensify."

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Nipomo supplemental water project-- Phase 1 complete

Phase one of the Nipomo community service district's supplemental water project is now complete.

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the project is scheduled for 11:00 am Wednesday, September 9, 2015 near the intersection of Joshua Street and Santa Maria Vista Road in Nipomo.

The community is celebrating the completion of a pipeline connecting Nipomo Community Services District's and the City of Santa Maria's water systems for the delivery of water to the Nipomo mesa.





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Soaking up facts on water

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Everyone remembers Erin Brockovich, right? What you likely remember is Julie Roberts playing Erin Brockovich 15 years ago on the big screen.

It was an entertaining film, and Roberts was especially compelling — so much so her portrayal of the feisty Brockovich earned Roberts an Oscar, Golden Globe and other awards. The film was nominated for best picture.

Not bad, for a film basically about cancer clusters and other illnesses in the tiny desert community of Hinkley, Calif., health issues Brockovich tracked back to pollutants released by PG&E.

It's a true story, and while clearly entertaining, it's also quite disturbing, because like so many cinematic depictions of the real world, it uncovers an uncomfortable truth about our daily lives, and what is required to keep things going.

The real Erin Brockovich is back at it, using her blog to question the safety of Nipomo Community Services District's use of certain chemicals in its water supply. Brockovich used her blog to accuse the district of making the water unsafe by making it more toxic. She also suggests district officials are not being truthful with customers about the process.

Brockovich's blog said specifically that, as of Sept. 1, "you will start drinking dangerous toxic ammonia and fluoride ..." if you're using NCSD water.

If that is the case, then water customers in Santa Maria are also drinking toxic water, because the chemicals NCSD has added to its supply are the same ones used by the city of Santa Maria.

Brockovich claims ammonia was added to the water for no other reason than to keep costs down. She insists the added ammonia causes chemical reactions that form toxic byproducts, the overall purpose of which is to allow the local district to comply with federal drinking water regulations.

While Brockovich's credibility may have been elevated by the film's success, her grasp of the chemistry involved apparently was not.

The chemicals employed to clean NCSD water — which is the same chemical formula used in Santa Maria's public water supply — are the same that have been used in countless water systems for nearly a century. California Department of Health officials point out that it's also the same formula that is used by the vast majority of water districts and their customers in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Ventura counties.

Moreover, the form of chloramines used in these water systems is useful for destroying

dangerous organisms such as those associated with Legionnaire's disease, which has lately re-emerged in the headlines in the Northeastern U.S.

But Brockovich is right about one thing — the decision to use these specific chemicals has a cost component. NCSD officials say the system being criticized is costing the district about \$1.5 million, while the process Brockovich insists would be safer would cost “tens of millions” to install.

Local, state and federal experts say the health risks are small in the process chosen by NCSD, Santa Maria and many other water districts. And all those districts have disinfecting systems in place that keep the chloramine at acceptable levels.

The Nipomo system is up and running, and there is a ribbon-cutting ceremony today at 11 a.m. at the district's pump station on Joshua Street, between Orchard and Hutton roads. The public is invited, and will perhaps be given an opportunity to test the water quality.

Brockovich's concerns about water quality are important, because they open the door for experts to explain the facts, and to let the public in on potential problems. The simple truth is, we live in a complicated world, with risks both real and implied.

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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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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)
9/4/15 - 9/24/15 (21 days)	6	6	12	11	2,000	The heat didn't keep NCSd from celebrating #Nipomo's historic Supplemental Water Project with a Ribbon Cutting today pic.twitter.com/7dC4sgagHg (260 views) Thank you @bradpomerance for having Director Eby on #CharterLocalEdition recently! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=re-EINdtDno&feature=youtu.be ... (242 views)

September 30, 2015

ITEM F

ATTACHMENT D



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING

Promoting the Wise Use of Land – Helping to Build Great Communities

Date: September 14, 2015
To: News Media / Interested Parties
From: Department of Planning and Building
Subject: Board of Supervisors Consideration of the Proposed Countywide Water Conservation Program

The San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building announced today that on **October 6, 2015** and on **October 27, 2015** the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors (Board) will consider a San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission (Commission) recommendation made on August 13, 2015 to certify the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report and to adopt proposed amendments to the County General Plan and County Code associated with a proposed Countywide Water Conservation Program (CWCP). All of the associated documents are available on the County Department of Planning and Building webpage under "Water-Related Amendments": <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/water-amendments.htm>.

The Board will consider the Commission recommendation in a two part process on **October 6, 2015** and **October 27, 2015**, as required by law. In brief, introduction of items will occur October 6, 2015, while consideration, deliberation, and action on items will occur on October 27, 2015. The Board will not consider final action on the items until October 27, 2015. See below for additional detail.

The first part of the process will occur on **October 6, 2015** during the regular meeting of the Board, when two separate procedural Consent Agenda items related to the proposed CWCP will be introduced. Any actions taken by the Board during the meeting on October 6, 2015 will only be procedural and will not constitute a final action. Public comment will be heard on these items. The first Consent Agenda item to be considered will be the official introduction of the proposed ordinance amendment to Title 8 (Health and Sanitation Ordinance) and Title 19 (Building and Construction Ordinance) of the County Code, which are being recommended in order to implement the requirement that new development offset water use, link the existing well permit requirements to the proposed Agricultural Offset Clearance requirements, and to establish regulations regarding the wasteful use of water. In addition, the proposed amendment to Ordinance 3274 (County Fee Schedule), to establish new fees associated with the implementation of the proposed water offset requirements, will be introduced. The second Consent Agenda item to be considered will be a request to authorize the use of Alternative Publication Procedures for the proposed amendments to the County General Plan, the County Code, and the County Fee Schedule, should the Board take action to adopt those proposed amendments at the public hearing on October 27, 2015. Authorization would allow for a quarter-page display advertisement to be published (in two publications) instead of the full text of the adopted ordinances in order to save on advertising costs.

The second part of the process will occur on **October 27, 2015** during a regular meeting of the Board. The Board will hold a hearing to consider the recommendation from the Commission to adopt the CWCP. During the hearing process, County staff will provide a full presentation on the proposed CWCP, including an overview of the environmental review analysis and a detailed overview of the proposed amendments to the County General Plan, the County Code, and the County Fee Schedule. The presentation will be followed by the public comment period; then the Board will begin their deliberation. If the Board takes action to adopt the proposed amendments, the amendments will take effect 30 days after action. The full staff report and all associated items will be readily available to the public and available online at the Board's website: <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/bos/BOSagenda.htm>.

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