TO:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM:

MARIO IGLESIAS

GENERAL MANAGER

DATE:

MAY 20, 2016

AGENDA ITEM F

MAY 25, 2016

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM

Standing report to your Honorable Board -- Period covered by this report is May 9, 2016 through May 21, 2016.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

<u>Administrative</u>

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

Office Activities

	V	Apr-16	Year-to-Date
Reports of water waste followed up on		0	4
Accounts with abnormally high water usage		12	52
Leak Adjustments		1	10
	Amount	\$154	\$2,216

Water Resources

1) Total Production

		Year to date
	Apr-16	Jul-Apr 2016
Groundwater production	99.3	892.9
Supplemental water imported	55	541.2
Total production/usage	154	1,280.3

To meet the District's target of bringing a minimum of 645 acre-feet of supplemental water into the community for fiscal year 2015-16, the District must maintain an average of 53.75 acre-feet/month. Table 1 – Total Production shows the District imported 55 acft in April, bringing the YTD total to 541.2 acft through the SWP. For the remaining 2 months of the fiscal year, the district will import 52 acft/month. By doing so, the District will achieve 104 acft of supplemental water and reach the fiscal year objective of 645 acft of imported supplemental water.

2) Production versus State Reduction Target for 2016

		Year-to-Date
	Apr-16	Jul-Apr 2016
Total production for FY 2015-16	153.8	1,434.1
Total production for 2013	224.0	<u>2,107.9</u>
Reduction	-70.2	-673.8
Percentage reduction	-31.3%	-32.0%
Target reduction per state	-28.0%	-28.0%
Over (under) target reduction	3.3%	4.0%

The District's State-mandated reduction goal is 28% month to month and cumulative. The community exceeded the State-mandated reduction goal by 3.3% for the month of April, and the cumulative by 4%.

3) Production versus NMMA Reduction Target for the Period

	Apr-16	Year-to-Date
Total production for 2016	153.8	1,434.1
Average production for 2009-2013	<u>199.0</u>	2,008.1
Reduction	-45.2	-574.0
Percentage reduction	-22.7%	-28.6%
Target reduction per NMMA	-30.0%	-30.0%
Over (under) target reduction	-7.3%	-1.4%

Due to the Spring 2015 Key Wells Index results, NMMA public water purveyors (NCSD, Golden State WC, and Woodlands Mutual WC) are required to reduce groundwater production by 30%. The District remains in Stage III Shortage conditions. April saw an increase in consumption over March driving the community's water use above the five-year average, exceeding it by 7.3%. Year to date, the community's conservation efforts are on target to meet a 30% demand reduction.

4) GW Only Production versus NMMA reduction target for the period

	Apr-16	Year-to-Date
Total GW Production for FY 2015-16	116.7	1,066.1
Average GW Production for 2009-2013	<u>199.0</u>	2008.1
Reduction	-99.7	-942.0
Percentage reduction	-50.1%	-46.9%

Table 4 looks at NCSD's groundwater pumping only by excluding the 33% credited to our purveyor customers and the community's supplemental import water consumption. NCSD's ground water pumping reduction of 50.1% for the month of April exceeds Stage III reduction of the NMMA endorsed Water Shortage Response plan by 20%. NCSD can claim a Year-to-Date reduction in groundwater production of 46.9%.

5) Rainfall Gauge

Rainfall Summary (in inches)	Nipomo East (Dana Hills Reservoirs)	Nipomo South (Southland Plant)
Monthly Total	0	0
Seasonal Total to Date	8.62	6.93
Average Year	18	16

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

Safety Program

No accidents or incidents to report.

Public Outreach

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

Other Items and News of Interest

There are no other items for May 2016.

Supplemental Water Capacity Accounting

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

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

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

Connection Report

Nipomo Community Services District Water and Sewer Connections

END OF MONTH REPORT

	JAN-15	FEB-15	MAR-15	APR-15
Water Connections (Total)	4344	4349	4349	4349
Sewer Connections (Total)	3131	3136	3136	3136
Meters turned off (Non-payment)	14	14	9	12
Meters off (Vacant)	37	39	44	42
Sewer Connections off (Vacant)	6	8	12	8
New Water Connections	7	5	0	0
New Sewer Connection	8	5	0	0
Galaxy & PSHH at Orchard and Division Sewer Connections billed to the County	468	468	468	468

Meetings (May 9 through May 20)

Meetings Attended (telephonically or in person):

- May 9, Southland WWTP Reclaim Water Prog.
- May 10, Drought Report
- May 10, Funding Fair San Luis Obispo
- May 11, Regular Board Meeting
- May 11, Public Information Program Director
- May 11, GSWC Cypress Ridge CIP Planning
- May 11, Management Team
- May 12, Mike Seitz General Counsel
- May 16, NMMA Monthly Debrief w/Peter Sevcik
- May 16, Board Officers
- May 17, Public Information Program Director
- May 17, Operations/Admin Coordination
- May 17, Brad Anderson Nipomo Oaks Assisted Living
- May 18, Lucia Mar School District Raynee Daley
- May 18, Jim Harrison
- May 19, Management Team
- May 20, Michael LeBrun

May 21, Chamber of Commerce Street Fair

Meetings Scheduled (May 23 through May 27):

- May 9, Southland WWTP Reclaim Water Prog.
- May 10, Drought Report
- May 10, Public Information Program Director
- May 11, Regular Board Meeting
- May 12, Management Team
- May 13, Mike Seitz General Counsel

RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks direction and input from your Honorable Board

ATTACHMENTS

A. NCSD Outreach Summary

May 25, 2016

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ATTACHMENT A

NCSD Outreach Summary May 2016

	Date Started	Outreach	Description	Status	Date Completed
	2/2/2016	Blacklake Outreach	Outreach plan for Blacklake Master Plan	In Draft	
	3/2/2016	Blacklake Outreach	Key messaging for Blacklake Master Plan/Assessment	In Draft	
	4/1/2016	SB 272	Catalog of District Enterprise Systems in accordance with SB272	In Progress	
	4/19/2016	Website Update	Interactive example of new bill for website	In Progress	
1	4/18/2016	Ad	Conservation ad in 4/22 Adobe	Complete	4/18/2016
	4/19/2016	Manager's Column	Article for Manager's Column in Adobe Press, pub date 4/29	Complete	4/22/2016
	4/25/2016	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	4/25/2016
	4/28/2016	Press Release	Board Moves Forward with Completion of Blacklake Sewer Master Plan	Complete	4/29/2016
	3/8/2016	Community Outreach	Materials/Preparation for St. Joseph Community Festival 5/1	Complete	5/1/2016
	5/2/2016	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	5/2/2016
	5/3/2016	Chamber Newsletter	Conservation ad for Chamber of Commerce May newsletter	Complete	5/3/2016
*	5/3/2016	Ad	Conservation ad in 5/6 Adobe	Complete	5/3/2016
	4/20/2016	Bill Stuffer	Stuffer for May/June and June/July bills regarding new billing information	Complete	5/4/2016
	4/22/2016	Social Media	Content posting	Complete; Ongoing	5/5/2016
	4/22/2016	Website Updates	Home page; minutes; packets; press release; etc	Complete; Ongoing	5/5/2016
*	5/3/2016	UWMP	Notice of Public Hearing in local papers	Complete	5/5/2016
3	5/11/2016	Notices	Notices of June 8th Public Hearing in local papers	Complete	5/11/2016
*	5/16/2016	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	5/16/2016
	5/16/2016	Ad	Conservation ad in 5/20 Adobe	Complete	5/16/2016
*	5/16/2016	District E- Newsletter	May E-Newsletter	Complete	5/17/2016

NCSD Outreach Summary May 2016

	Date Started	Outreach	Description	Status	Date Completed
*	5/16/2016	Press Release	NCSD 2015 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP)	Complete	5/17/2016
Ì	5/6/2016	Social Media	Content posting	Complete	5/19/2016
	5/6/2016	Website Updates	Home page; minutes; packets; press release; UWMP Public Review Draft; etc	Complete	5/19/2016
	5/16/2016	Manager's Column	Article for Manager's Column in Adobe Press, pub date 5/27	Complete	5/19/2016
	5/4/2016	Community Outreach	Materials/Preparation for NCC Spring Faire 5/21	In Progress	
	5/4/2016	District Newsletter	2016 2nd quarter newsletter for May distribution	In Progress	

^{*} Included in Packet

OUR NIPOMO

Nipomo Lions Club marking 10th anniversary



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Dairy Delights Bakery is located at 235 W. Tefft

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goods are fantastic. I have not tried them yet but will for sure. For information, call 619-7888 or visit dai-sy-delights.com.

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Barks at 896-2674, Oscar
Magallon at 310-1192,
Leigh Ann Grothatt at
896-7672 or Arleena Kent
at 300-7273.

at 300-7277.

Stop domestic abuse Gists Night Out will presents a customer appreciation and domestic abuse awareness even with two guest speakers at 6:15 pm. Tusaday, May 10, at Backlake Golf Recort. A happy bitthday to Mary Kay, too. To reserve a spot and a special gift, call 9:09-5282 or 931-4288. Hook forward to seeing you all forward to seeing you all forward to seeing you all

Spring in the street The Olde Towne Nipomo Spring Street Fair will take place Sat-

Admission to the feative and parking will be free.
This should be lots of that for the entire family, so come on down to Olde Towne and have a great time.

Critter Corner
Well, still no critter babies have been seen, and
we are all a little amisos.
We have had visits from
little Mama Raccoon. She
is small and sweet and still
lowes her grapes.
Iknow many have heard
or seen the copotes lataby,
and they are concerned
about that.

Toni Weitral 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 toniweitzelä@gmail.com.

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Mona Clivas Tucker, right, tribal chair of the Yak Tityu Tityu Northern Chumash, speaks as Congressionman Los Capps, left, and San Luis Obkpo County 2nd District Supervisor Bruce Gibson listen during an event at the Pismo Pier.

Sanctuary

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There's still a lot of wont to be done, but we will get to be done, but we will get together.

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sides approving the designation.

"The Churnath Heritage National Marine Sancturary would provide a much-needed safeguard to ensure the preservation of this coastal treasure," Capps wrote.

The California Coastal Control Coastal Commission also is unant-

Commission also is unani-mustly in favor of the pro-posed sanctuary.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2015 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

THE NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE
2015 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN, (UWMP)
ON MAY 25, 2016, AT 9:00 A.M.
AT THE DISTRICT'S JON S SEITZ BOARD ROOM
148 S. WILSON STREET
NIPOMO, CALIFORNIA

THE 2015 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 148 S WILSON STREET, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 AM TO 4:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AND ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE AT NCSD.CA.GOV.

AFTER RECEIPT OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY,
THE DISTRICT BOARD MAY APPROVE THE UWMP OR CONTINUE ITS CONSIDERATION
AND APPROVAL
OF THE UWMP TO ANOTHER DATE.

Publish on 5/11/2016 and 5/18/2016

THE DISTRICT ENCOURAGES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND COMMENT

Jessica Matson

From:

Nipomo Chamber of Commerce <info@nipomochamber.org>

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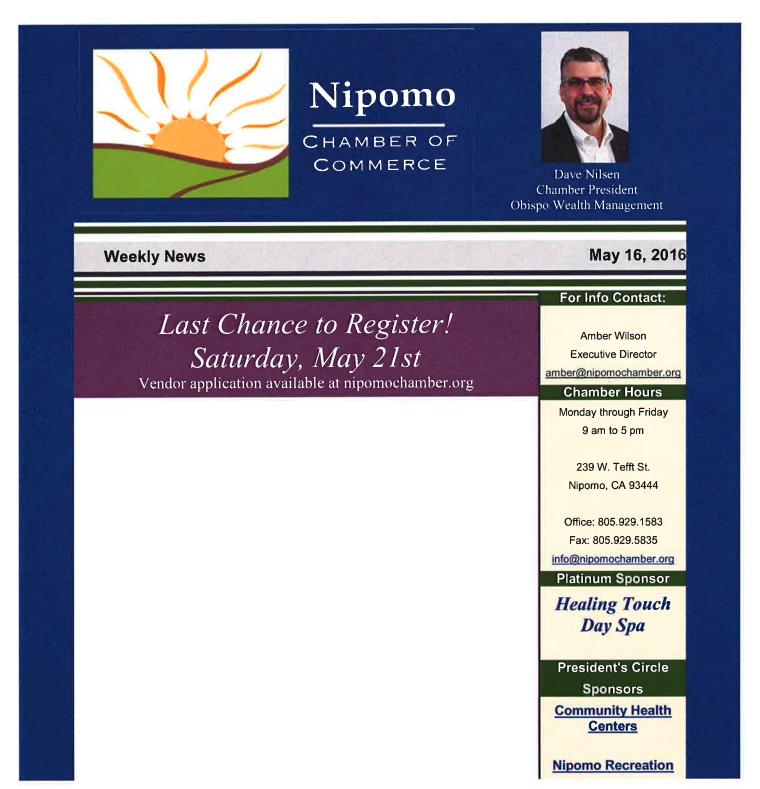
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Jessica Matson

From: Nipomo CSD <info=ncsd.ca.gov@mail14.suw15.mcsv.net> on behalf of Nipomo CSD

<info@ncsd.ca.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 2:25 PM

To: Jessica Matson

Subject: News from NCSD: Building Certainty in Uncertain Times



Tuesday, May 17, 2016

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Building Certainty in Uncertain Times

A message from the General Manager



It's difficult to consider repeating the last 5 years of uncertain weather and dwindling rainfall here in Nipomo. You don't have to be that old to remember a time when one may have cursed the rain for disrupting scheduled outings. Yes, there was a time when winters were wet. Rain fell on the Sierra Madres east of Nipomo and dazzled us as it infused emerald

green colors on the hills, which were made more vibrant with each passing stormfront. Today, we look west over the ocean's horizon wondering if we'll get a stormfront? For the fifth consecutive year, Central and Southern California experienced below average rainfall leaving groundwater basins and reservoirs in these regions at historic low levels. The Department of Water Resources Snow Survey Report (State-wide May 2016) measurements are only at 55% of average. With less snow in the mountains there will be less snow-melt. This in turn will lead to reduced run-off so rivers don't recharge groundwater basins nor fill up damns for summer use. Add these conditions to 5 years of warnings and water conservation messaging and water users can experience "drought fatigue" – an overwhelming feeling of worry that there is little that anyone can do to solve the problem.

Here is where the value of community becomes tangible. Communities come together during difficult times to pool their resources and solve extraordinary problems. Being aware of the value of water and practicing good stewardship of this valuable resource is a community's best weapon against re-occurring droughts. Understanding that water is a limited resource and carrying this thinking beyond the dry drought years can only serve us as we develop water sustainability strategies.

To that end, it is imperative that water agencies build a community's portfolio of water supply sources. Source water diversity diminishes uncertainty and brings value to a community by protecting property values and the community's environment. These are the returns good planning and deliberate, decisive action can provide to communities committed to solving their water challenges.

Nipomo Community Services District (NCSD) has executed a plan to support the water needs of its community. As of July 2015, NCSD began bringing water onto the Mesa through the first phase of the Nipomo Supplemental Water Project. The addition of this valuable asset relieves the community's sole reliance on groundwater pumping and provides an alternate source of water that will help sustain the Nipomo Mesa's groundwater basin now and in the future. As the project progresses through the remaining two phases, the community gains greater certainty in its water supply.

The uncertainty of the weather may persist well beyond our years. NCSD, representing the community, can face future uncertainty knowing it has a response plan and the will to act when it comes to solving its water supply challenges. Even those who differ in opinion from the current plan and actions taken by NCSD can agree that there is a need for drought prone communities like Nipomo to come together to build certainty into their water supply.



April Conservation Steady

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

In April, the District produced 154 acre feet or about 50 Million gallons of water to meet customer demand. This equates to a 31.3% reduction in overall production compared to April 2013. Additionally, thanks to the arrival of supplemental water last July, groundwater pumping during April was 50.1% lower than the 5-year average for April!

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

Blacklake Sewer Master Plan Moves Forward



In April, the District's Board of Directors agreed to move forward with the completion of the Blacklake Sewer Master Plan.

Given the age of the overall Blacklake Wastewater System, the Board initiated the

Blacklake Sewer Master Plan in 2013 and selected Michael K. Nunley (MKN) & Associates, Inc. to prepare the plan. Portions of the project have been completed.

The objectives of the Plan are to:

- Evaluate the condition of the existing wastewater collection and treatment system
- Identify wastewater collection system issues... Read More

2015 Urban Water Management Plan Update

The public draft is now available for review at the District office and on the website at www.ncsd.ca.gov. The Board of Directors is scheduled to hear a presentation of the Plan at its May 25, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

ENSURING FUTURE WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY

2015 Urban Water Management Plan

SCHEDULE

May 11, 2016	Draft Available for Public Review
May 25, 2016	Presentation of Public Draft at Regular Board Meeting
June 8, 2016	Adoption of UWMP at Regular Board Meeting
July 1, 2016	Final Publishing/Posting to State

Read More

Reminder



Scheduled Supplemental Water Rate Increase July 1st

In November 2014, the Board of Directors approved a Supplemental Water rate schedule to pay for the water imported from Santa Maria. The rate was implemented in July 2015 once the first deliveries of water arrived. The next scheduled increase will be effective July 1st, 2016. For the full rate schedule, visit the District's website at www.ncsd.ca.gov.

Rebates Available

NCSD

High-Efficiency Clothes Washer, \$75

County of San Luis Obispo

Various Rebates

NEW Turf Replacement (Cash for Grass)

Storm Rewards

Rain-Friendly Projects Rebate, Up to \$999

State of California

Turf Replacement, Up to \$2,000

Toilet, \$100

SLO County Air Pollution Control District

NEW Wood Burning Device Change-out, Up to \$2,000

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Press Release Log 2016

Date of PR	Title	Date Sent to Date Placed Media On Website	Date Placed On Website	Media Pub	Date PR Published	Media Published	Date PR Published	Media Published	Date PR Published	Media Published	Date PR Published
1/15/2016	NCSD Board of Directors Recognize Nipomo Students for Efforts in Conservation Poster	1/15/2016	1/15/2016	Adobe	1/21/2016	SM Times	2/6/2016				
1/15/2016	District Awards Grant Funds for Continued Solid 1/15/2016 Waste Removal to Nipomo Chamber of Commerce	1/15/2016	1/15/2016	Adobe	1/21/2016						
1/28/2016	Board Authorizes Bidding for Supplemental Water Project Joshua Road Pump Station Reservoir	1/28/2016	1/28/2016	Tribune	2/8/2016						
2/9/2016	Nipomo CSD Supplemental Water Project Receives Project of the Year Award	2/9/2016	2/9/2016	Adobe	2/9/2016	SM Times	2/12/2016	Tribune	2/15/2016		
3/10/2016	Board Awards Contract for Supplemental Water Project Joshua Road Pump Station Reservoir	3/10/2016	3/10/2016	Tribune	3/10/2016	BC Water News	3/11/2016	Adobe	3/14/2016	SM Times	3/14/2016

Press Release Log 2016

Date of PR	Title	Date Sent to Date Placed Media On Website	Date Placed On Website	Media Pub	Date PR Published	Media Published	Date PR Published	Media Published	Date PR Published	Media Published	Date PR Published
4/29/2016	Board Moves Forward with Completion of Blacklake Sewer Master Plan	4/29/2016	4/29/2016								
5/17/2016	NCSD 2015 Urban Water 5/17/2016 Management Plan (UWMP)	5/17/2016	5/17/2016	Adobe	5/18/2016						

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: May 17, 2016

Contact: Mario Iglesias, General Manager Nipomo Community Services District 148 S. Wilson St., Nipomo, CA 93444

Phone: (805) 929-1133 - Email: miglesias@ncsd.ca.gov



NCSD 2015 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP)

• The District is currently in the process of developing its Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP).

Every five years, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) requires that water suppliers like the Nipomo CSD, update its Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). Every urban water supplier that either provides over 3,000 acre-feet of water annually, or serves more than 3,000 urban connections is required to assess the reliability of its water sources over a 20-year planning horizon, and report its progress towards a 20% reduction in per-capita urban water consumption by the year 2020. DWR staff then reviews the submitted plans to make sure they have completed the requirements and submits a report to the Legislature summarizing the status of the plans.

UWMPs are prepared by California's urban water suppliers to support their long-term resource planning, and ensure adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water demands.

The Nipomo CSD has enlisted the professional engineering services of Michael K. Nunley (MKN) & Associates, Inc. and partnered with local agencies to prepare the Plan. Preparation of the Plan includes analysis of projected population growth, current and future water demands, as well as water supply and pumping data.

The District's Board will hear a presentation of the Plan at its May 25, 2016, Regular Board meeting. Adoption of the Plan is scheduled for June 8, 2016.

A public draft is currently available for review at the District office and on the District website.

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

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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.

http://theadobepress.com/news/local/article_ee31ff0a-462e-55ab-b956-40bb8bd9615f.html

NCSD updating its urban water management plan

Staff Report Updated May 18, 2016

The Nipomo Community Services District Urban Water Management Plan is being updated, and a draft of the proposed revised plan is now available for public review online and at the district office.

NCSD directors will hear a presentation on the proposed plan at their regular meeting set for 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 25, in the Jon S. Seitz Board Room of the district office at 148 S. Wilson St.

Members of the public will have an opportunity at the meeting to comment on the revised plan, which is scheduled for adoption at the board's Wednesday, June 8, meeting.

Every five years, the California Department of Water Resources requires water suppliers that deliver more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually or serve more than 3,000 urban connections to update their urban water management plans.

Water management plans are used by purveyors to support their long-term resource planning and ensure adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water demands, an NCSD spokesman said.

Water purveyors are required to assess the reliability of their water sources over a 20-year planning horizon and report their progress toward reducing per-capita water consumption 20 percent by the year 2020, the spokesman said.

The process includes analyzing projected population growth, current and future water demands and supply as well as pumping data.

NCSD's update is being prepared by engineering consultant Michael K. Nunley & Associates Inc. in partnership with other local agencies.

Once the updated plans are submitted to the state, the Department of Water Resources staff reviews them to make sure water suppliers have completed the requirements and submits a report summarizing the status of the plans to the state Legislature.

To review the draft updated plan, visit www.ncsd.ca.gov or stop by the district office between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact NCSD at 929-1133 or info@ncsd.ca.gov.

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Potential Nipomo skatepark still in limbo

Updated May 17, 2016



Brandon Randolph practices his skills on a pipe projecting from a concrete slab foundation on South Frontage Road in Ni serves as a makeshift skatepark for youths, although they say the spot is hazardous.

Nipomo youth itching for a skatepark, athletes looking for more ball fields and residents longing for other improvements at Nipomo Community Park as well as those who want no further changes to the park will have to hold their collective breath a little longer while legal wrangling continues.

"This just keeps going on and on," said Tom Slater, a Mesa Middle School teacher helping Nipomo youth organize a movement to build the community's first skatepark. "Unfortunately, our hands are tied until they settle these issues in court, which is frustrating."

Skaters currently have nowhere to legally indulge in their sport in Nipomo and have to travel to other communities to find skateparks or skate illegally on private property.

But a skatepark is among the potential amenities proposed for Nipomo Community Park in a master plan developed over the course of years by county officials and community members.

Further steps toward park development appear to hinge upon whether county records show a sufficient and sustainable source of water to support park expansion.

The SLO County Board of Supervisors certified a final environmental impact report and approved the plan, but a group called the Nipomo Parks Conservancy filed suit against the county to block any improvements to the park.

In its suit, Nipomo Parks Conservancy claims the park plan is inconsistent with the County General Plan, the environmental analysis related to water supply is flawed and the plan violates the California Constitution's prohibition on unreasonable uses of water, among other issues.

Superior Court Judge Barry LaBarbera heard about an hour of arguments in Nipomo Parks Conservancy v. SLO County on March 14.

In a March 17 tentative ruling, he said the court's job is not to determine what is a better use of the park but whether proper procedure was followed in adopting the master plan.

"The central dispute relates to whether there is a sufficient and sustainable source of water to support the intended expansion of the park," LaBarbera wrote in his ruling.

The final program environmental impact report explains Nipomo Community Services District has supplied water to the park since 1984 and draws water from the Santa Maria Valley Groundwater Basin, which is in overdraft.

LaBarbera wrote that the water supply on the Nipomo Mesa is being used "at or beyond the established dependable supply of water or will be depleted before new supplies can be developed."

But he continued the case to May 13 so both parties could provide additional details, particularly regarding water sources.

When the court reconvened May 13, the county provided additional details on historic water use, projected use, water sources and conservation efforts.

"I tried to argue that NCSD is providing water to thousands of customers, and we're just one of those, and the water use isn't going to increase beyond what is being used now," said County Counsel Timothy McNulty.

"Even though everyone in the courtroom understands supplemental water is being delivered to the Mesa, the court was saying there's nothing in the record that tells me water's being delivered to the Mesa."

Although the park would require more water at its proposed full buildout, the county record shows the park is currently using nearly twice as much water as it could if conservation measures were put in place.

Implementing those measures could free up water for the remaining buildout.

"The pivotal conclusion in the FEIR is that the project will create no new net demand on existing water supply," LaBarbera wrote.

"The PEIR states that the park will be required to implement sufficient water conservation measures to reduce the existing water usage in half," he continued. "In addition, those same measures are anticipated to reduce, by half, the additional water demand for the project.

"Therefore the park's total water usage, through conservation measures, will remain at the historic average, resulting in no additional demands on water currently delivered."

At the time the EIR was approved, Nipomo Community Services District had not implemented the supplemental water project. NCSD voters in 2012 rejected a proposed assessment district that would have funded the pipeline.

But since then, NCSD has financed the first phase of the supplemental water project and began bringing in 650 acre-feet a year last July.

An acre-foot is about 326,000 gallons, or the amount of water generally considered necessary to supply four to 10 people for a year.

Future phases will increase the amount imported from Santa Maria to 3,000 acre-feet a year, but the plans for financing those phases have not been worked out.

"In this regard, it appears that the only uncertainty related to supply from the supplemental water project is the current inability to fund the infrastructure necessary for the court-mandated delivery of supplemental water," LaBarbera wrote in his May 13 ruling.

LaBarbera noted that while NCSD is entitled to buy water from the city of Santa Maria, the "status and feasibility of an actual delivery system is unclear. This issue appears to be a primary component to the adequacy of the PEIR and the decision on this issue has an impact on numerous other issues raised by the petition."

He said he expects both sides to present additional arguments regarding that issue.

But water is a nonissue for skatepark enthusiasts.

"We're tied to the whether or not there was due diligence," Slater said. "It's a bummer because the skatepark is concrete. You don't have to plant trees. You don't have to plant grass. You don't need any of that stuff.

"All we're going to be doing is taking the place of a hill full of weeds, which ultimately increases the value of the park and the property," he said.

DROUGHT

California regulators propose big shift in state water cuts

Draft regulations would lift mandatory 25 percent statewide cuts

Governor's order extends ban on "wasteful" water use Brown calls for conservation to become part of "everyday life"

BY PHILLIP REESE AND RYAN SABALOW
The Sacramento Bee

In a major shift in California's urban water policy, state regulators Monday issued proposed conservation rules that would lift the mandatory 25 percent statewide water cuts in place since last June.

Instead, urban water agencies across the state would be required to conserve on a sliding scale tailored to their unique water supply conditions. A draft of the new targets released Monday by the State Water Resources Control Board would allow districts to "self-certify" how much water they expect to have in their supply assuming three additional years of drought, and the level of conservation necessary to ensure they do not run out of water.

Districts would be required to reduce water use by an amount equal to their projected shortfall. For example, in a district where three more dry years would leave a district 10 percent short of anticipated supply, the mandatory conservation target would be 10 percent.

The release of the draft rules came on the same day Gov. Jerry Brown issued a new executive order declaring that drought conditions persist and that the state must take permanent action to mitigate the likelihood of more frequent droughts.

In the short term, the order tells the State Water Resources Control Board to

adjust water conservation targets through January 2017.

The order also dictates that the water board and Department of Water Resources create new, permanent water use targets across California. Rather than the sweeping regulations in place over the past year, the order says those goals should be tailored to "the unique conditions of each water agency."

Water agencies in the Sacramento area have been asking for more customized regulations that take into account regional water supply, groundwater reserves and climate.

It's time for the state to "recalibrate our habits," and change them "into an abiding ethic," said Mark Cowin, director of the state Department of Water Resources.

Under the governor's order, urban water districts will be required to report water use monthly to the state, extending a mandate that has been in place for more than a year. It permanently bans practices deemed wasteful, including hosing off sidewalks or driveways, washing cars with hoses that don't have a shut-off nozzle, irrigating lawns in a way that causes runoff and irrigating lawns within 48 hours of precipitation.

"Californians stepped up during this drought and saved more water than ever before," Brown said in a written release. "But now we know that drought is becoming a regular occurrence and water conservation must be a part of our everyday life."

An El Niño weather pattern delivered more rain this water year than during any other year of the drought, but not as much as state officials had hoped. About threequarters of the state remains in severe, exceptional or extreme drought, according to the National Drought Mitigation Center.

Even so, the state's two largest reservoirs — Shasta and Oroville — stand well above historic levels for this point in the year, as does Folsom Reservoir, leading some water districts to gripe the conservation targets currently in place are too high.

California water districts have faced mandatory conservation targets since June. From June to February, districts across the state were required to cut water use by 4 to 36 percent, depending on how much water per capita their residents used in 2014. All but a handful of districts in the Sacramento region were mandated to cut water use by 28 percent or more.

The targets were controversial. Soon after they were proposed, Sacramento area water districts began complaining that the one-size-fits-all rules were onerous, didn't account for variances in regional climate, and didn't give enough credits to improvements some districts had made to shore up local water supplies.

In February, the State Water Resources Control Board relaxed the conservation mandates for many inland communities, where hot, dry summers make it harder to keep lawns and trees alive. Many of the water agencies in greater Sacramento saw their targets fall by 3 percentage points.

"We don't want to cry wolf and we also don't want to put our heads in the sand," said water board chair Felicia Marcus.

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HISTORIC DROUGHT

Calif. water bill: Why it's hard for Congress to pass

BY MICHAEL DOYLE
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON

Five years into California's latest drought, a major water bill compromise can seem as far away as ever.

The perennial conflict, often summed up as fish vs. farms, subtly surfaced again Tuesday at a key Senate hearing. A Western growers' advocate pleaded for relief, a Trout Unlimited leader urged caution and lawmakers insisted on optimism while conceding the tough road ahead.

"This bill is the product of two years of work (and) 28 drafts," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, adding that her legislation "can produce real water in a manner consistent with the Endangered Species Act."

The 100-minute hearing before the Senate Water and Power Subcommittee was the first this year on Feinstein's latest California water bill. Four other Western water bills were also reviewed, foreshadowing a Senate strategy of bundling together a West-wide measure attractive to multiple lawmakers.

An alternative Capitol Hill scenario envisions House of Representatives and Senate negotiators sliding California water provisions into must-pass spending legislation. Either option requires lawmakers to find a vehicle on which they can reconcile their differences.

Working out that conflict can get hard.

The Senate bill introduced by Feinstein in February increases limits on water transfers south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, but does not mandate specific pumping levels. It authorizes \$1.3 billion for desalination, water recycling,

storage and grants.

Timothy Quinn, executive director of the Association of California Water Agencies, offered support, adding that Feinstein's legislation "moves the federal government into closer alignment with key California water policies."

At the same time, Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Estevan Lopez acknowledged that "concerns voiced by other stakeholders ... have resulted in some controversy" over the Feinstein bill.

Laura Ziemer, senior counsel and water policy adviser for Trout Unlimited, similarly warned that part of the Feinstein proposal "seems likely to fuel more litigation and conflict."

The Senate subcommittee hearing itself did nothing to resolve any of the conflicts. No more than one or two senators on the 13-member committee were generally present during the hearing, and of some 18 questions asked of the witnesses, only two touched on California.

2016 Website Traffic Summary

Week	Visits	Unique Visitors	Pageviews	Pages/Visit	Avg. Visit Duration	Bounce	% New Visits	Highest Traffic Dav	Significant Actions During the Week Possibly Contributing to Traffic
11/30/15 - 12/6/15	326	247	584	1.79	0:01:16	62.58%	52.76%	Fri 12/4	0
12/7/15 - 12/13/15	268	214	510	1.9	0:01:35	28.96%	54.48%	Thu 12/10	
12/14/15 - 12/20/15	308	250	752	2.44	0:01:32	68.18%	58.44%	Thu 12/17	
12/21/15 - 12/27/15	207	179	341	1.65	0:01:23	73.91%	65.70%	Mon 12/21	Low due to holiday
12/28/15 - 1/3/16	178	150	325	1.83	0:01:32	62.36%	66.29%	Tue 12/29	Low due to holiday
1/4/16 - 1/10/16	302	232	580	1.92	0:01:36	60.26%	55.63%	Tue 1/5	
1/11/16 - 1/17/16	264	202	256	1.99	0:01:21	57.95%	56.44%	Wed 1/13	
1/18/16 - 1/24/16	309	228	587	1.9	0:01:42	54.37%	49.19%	Mon 1/19	
1/25/16 - 1/31/16	304	231	650	2.14	0:01:25	56.25%	55.26%	Mon 1/25	
2/1/16 - 2/7/16	321	255	592	1.84	0:01:15	60.44%	58.88%	Fri 2/5	
2/8/16 - 2/14/16	297	228	604	2.03	0:01:23	54.21%	26.90%	Wed 2/10	
2/15/16 - 2/21/16	272	204	485	1.78	0:01:30	58.46%	54.04%	Fri 2/19	
2/22/16 - 2/28/16	323	253	622	1.93	0:01:13	56.97%	59.44%	Thu 2/25	
2/29/16 - 3/6/16	355	272	869	1.97	0:01:28	54.65%	54.37%	Mon 2/29	
3/7/16 - 3/13/16	311	242	604	1.94	0:01:24	56.91%	56.91%	Fri 3/11	
3/14/16 - 3/20/16	270	210	499	1.85	0:01:22	65.19%	59.26%	Tue 3/15	
3/21/16 - 3/27/16	234	176	429	1.83	0:01:33	61.11%	53.42%	Wed 3/23	
3/28/16 - 4/3/16	221	170	564	2.55	0:01:21	57.92%	56.11%	Thu 3/31	
4/4/16 - 4/10/16	304	239	559	1.84	0:01:35	58.88%	56.91%	Tue 4/5	
4/11/16 - 4/17/16	315	244	595	1.89	0:01:31	59.37%	%56.09	Tue 4/12	
4/18/16 - 4/24/16	305	242	515	1.69	0:00:29	63.28%	29.67%	Fri 4/22	
4/25/16 - 5/1/16	276	216	530	1.92	0:01:46	61.23%	60.51%	Mon 4/25	
5/2/16 - 5/8/16	275	208	541	1.97	0:01:59	27.09%	54.55%	Wed 5/4	
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2016 Facebook Summary FACEBOOK

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Week	New Users	Comment	Comment Shares	User Posts	*Content Views	Most Popular Post
2015	95					
12/4/15 - 1/7/16 (35 days)	,	ı				Still have your tree? Beginning the week of Jan 4th-8th on your garbage service day, South County Sanitary will remove your Christmas tree for free. Place in your green waste bin or on your curb. (208 views)
1/8/16 - 1/21/16 (14 days)	1 4	0 1	0	7 1	166	There's a lot of rain coming down in #Nipomo right now. Reminder to turn off those sprinklers! (42 views)
1/22/16 - 2/4/16 (14 days)	∺	Ħ	0	П	294	Thank you to the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce for presenting the District with the Keeping #Nipomo Clean Award at tonight's 2016 Installation dinner. (106 views)
2/5/16 - 2/18/16 (14 days)	Н	ō	0	1	396	Thank you for the article, SLO Tribune! Nipomo pipeline project gets public works award (217 views)
2/19/16 - 3/3/16 (14 days)	0	Q	2	1	171	In addition to the State's turf replacement rebate, the San Luis Obispo County Planning and Building Department has implemented a Cash-for-Grass program for #Nipomo homeowners. (32 views)
3/4/16 - 4/7/16	1	7	0	0	383	Did you know leaky toilets often go undetected and can be big water wasters inside. The District has tabs you can use to test your toilets. #FixALeakWeek
4/8/16 - 4/21/16 (14 days)	0	0	0	0	129	The trash company's spring clean-up week is coming! See below for more information. (26 views)

2016 Facebook Summary

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						April! Thanks to Supplemental Water,
5/6/16 - 5/19/16						groundwater pumping was down 50.1%!
(14 days)						Keep saving, #Nipomo! #savewater
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2016 Twitter Summary
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Week	List Growth (Followers)	Re-tweets (shared)	Mentions/ Favorites (comments)	Link Visits (visits to links)	Content Views (Impressions)	Most Popular Post
2015	125					
12/4/15 - 1/7/16 (35 days)	∘s: α	ox	v	76	000 8	Remember to turn those sprinklers off for at least 48 hrs after significant rainfall. http://fb.me/7EEVnXFAd (199 views) UPDATE: More sandbags have arrived at the District office. Sand is available near the back parking lot off Dana St. http://fb.me/2argHabmZ (181 views)
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1/8/16 - 1/21/16 (14 days)	5	0	2	4	587	There's a lot of rain coming down in #Nipomo right now. Reminder: turn off those sprinklers! http://fb.me/7x43wCsoZ (55 views)
1/22/16 - 2/4/16 (14 days)	4	2	1	8	931	The Agenda and Packet for the January 27th Regular Board Meeting has been posted on the District website http://fb.me/7Cdg9BLVk (128 views)
2/5/16 - 2/18/16 (14 days)	4	3	2	3	862	Agenda and Packet for the February 10, 2016 Regular Board Meeting has been posted on the District's website http://fb.me/3q6CPXrEv (230 views)
2/19/16 - 3/3/16 (14 days)	4	4	4	0	1,000	Thank you @bradpomerance for having #Nipomo CSD Director Eby on #CharterLocalEdition recently! https://youtu.be/2_oIBKMY5OE (209 views)
3/4/16 - 4/7/16 (35 days)	7	4	10	7	2,200	El Nino is hitting hard in many areas! Don't forget to turn off those sprinklers! Also, the District has sandbags http://fb.me/5acq1c97d (301 views)

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Week	List Growth Re-tweets (Followers)	Re-tweets (shared)	Mentions/ Favorites (comments)	Link Visits (visits to links)	Content Views (Impressions)	Most Popular Post
4/8/16 - 4/21/16 (14 days)						Agenda and Board Packet for the April 13th Regular Board Meeting has been posted on the District's website
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4/22/16 - 5/5/16 (14 days)	1	9	7	5	1,700	#Nipomo CSD Board Moves Forward with Completion of #Blacklake Sewer Master Plan. http://www.ncsd.ca.gov
5/6/16 - 5/19/16 (14 days)						Agenda and Packet for the May 11th Regular Board Meeting has been posted on the District's website. http://ncsd.ca.gov (83
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