TO:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** 

FROM:

MARIO E. IGLESIAS GENERAL MANAGER A

DATE:

**JANUARY 6, 2017** 

AGENDA ITEM E-1 JANUARY 11, 2017

#### **RATIFY 2017 BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

#### ITEM

Ratify 2017 Committee/Delegate assignments [RECOMMEND APPROVE ASSIGNMENTS]

#### **BACKGROUND**

In accordance with Board By-laws section 12.2(a), the Board President is tasked with defining committees, committee members, and delegate assignments. President Gaddis will review his proposed 2017 assignments with your Board.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board by motion and roll call vote ratify the proposed assignments and direct staff to post Committee assignments in compliance with state law.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

A. Draft 2017 Committee Assignments

January 11, 2017

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ATTACHMENT A

# **Nipomo Community Services District** 2017 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS **Board of Directors**

Standing Committee Assignments	Chairperson	Member
Finance and Audit	Armstrong	Gaddis
Administration	Blair	Armstrong
(Includes personnel/parks/solid waste/conservation)	N S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S	
Facilites/Water Resources	Eby	Woodson
(Includes physical facilities/ resources)		

<u>Delegates</u>	Member	Alternate
South County Advisory Council (SCAC)	Woodson	Not Allowed by SCAC By Laws
Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC)	Armstrong	Eby
Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)	Gaddis	General Manager
Chamber of Commerce	Assigned as required	THE CALL SECTION OF SE
Olde Towne Nipomo Association	Assigned as required	
Blacklake Village Council/Committees	Eby	Woodson

Delegates are appointed by the president of the Board of Directors.

Subject to other requirements of the Brown Act, Committee appointments are not to be interpreted as limiting contacts between individual Board Members or any other person or persons.

Approved by motion and roll call vote of Board on January 11, 2017:

General Manager Mario Iglesias TO:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** 

REVIEWED: MARIO IGLESIAS

MARIO IGLESIAS

**GENERAL MANAGER** 

FROM:

PETER V. SEVCIK, P.E.

DIRECTOR OF

**ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS** 

DATE:

**JANUARY 5, 2017** 

### AGENDA ITEM E-2 JANUARY 11, 2017

## ANNUAL REVIEW OF SUPPLEMENTAL WATER ACCOUNTING

#### <u>ITEM</u>

Annual review of supplemental water accounting [RECOMMEND REVIEW AND DIRECT STAFF].

#### **BACKGROUND**

The District's commitment to provide water service for new development is a two-step process. The District first assigns water for the project through the Intent-to-Serve letter process. This allows a developer to begin the County of San Luis Obispo planning approval process. The developer then has up to 4 years to complete the County planning approval process or the Intent-to-Serve letter expires. Once the developer satisfies all of the District's Intent-to-Serve letter conditions, including payment of the District's connection charges, the District "permanently" reserves water for the project and provides a Will-Serve letter for the project.

The District constructed a supplemental water project to increase its available water supply and meet the District's share of the court ordered commitment to bring supplemental water to the Nipomo Mesa Management Area (NMMA). The court order also requires that all new urban water demand within NMMA be met with new developed water. The District's supplemental water project includes 500 AFY of capacity reserved for new development within the District's existing boundaries.

In April 2015, the District adopted a policy to account for the 500 AFY of capacity reserved for new development. The accounting process ensures the District does not over reserve or under reserve water for future development. In addition, the policy tracks when the District is getting close to fully accounting for and reserving the 500 AFY of supplemental water. This provides the District with a long-range water resource acquisition planning tool.

The policy is based on the use of equivalent meters and total production on a five-year running average as the basis for assigning a volume of supplemental water to new water connections. The policy assigns a 1-inch equivalent meter a volume of .53 AFY. Meter capacity assignments for other meter sizes are based on meter capacity ratios. Supplemental water for all new residential and commercial water connections are accounted for based on meter size.

Based on all projects approved since January 25, 2008, the quantity of water *reserved* for new development (Will-Serve issued) as well as the quantity of water *assigned* to new development (Intent-to-Serve Letter Issued but subject to expiration) is as follows:

Available Supplemental Water	500	AFY
Supplemental Water Reserved (Will-Serve Letter Issued)	-14.3	AFY
Subtotal Net Available Supplemental Water	485.7	AFY
Supplemental Water Assigned (Intent-to-Serve Issued, Subject to Expiration)	-192.6	AFY
Total Remaining Supplemental Water	293.2	AFY

New development is driven largely by economic conditions. In addition, the County, through its planning and building powers, impacts demand for water resources associated with new development.

In accordance with the policy, the General Manager reports the supplemental water accounting totals monthly to the Board. The policy also provides for an annual review by the Board so the District can plan in advance to acquire additional water supplies as needed.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The supplemental water accounting policy supports the continued development of the District's supplemental water project, provides water for new development, and maintains fairness and equity among existing and future rate payers within the District. The 192.6 AFY of water reservations represents approximately \$2.9 million in potential Supplemental Water Capacity Charges.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 1 – WATER SUPPLY – Actively plan to provide reliable water supply of sufficient quality and quantity to serve both current customers and those in the long-term future.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board review the supplemental water accounting policy and provide direction to staff.

#### <u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

A. Resolution 2015-1372 Supplemental Water Accounting Policy

January 11, 2017

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ATTACHMENT A

## NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-1372 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENTAL WATER ACCOUNTING POLICY

WHEREAS, the Nipomo Community Services District ("District") is a party to a groundwater adjudication, <u>Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District v. City of Santa Maria, etc. et al.</u>, Case No. CV 770214 ("Groundwater Litigation"); and

WHEREAS, the District's current water supply is groundwater extracted from the Nipomo Mesa Management Area (NMMA) as established by the court in the Santa Maria Groundwater Litigation (also referred to as the Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area (NMWCA) by the County of San Luis Obispo, pursuant to County Ordinance 3090), of the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section VI D(1) of the June 2005 Stipulation as incorporated into the January 25, 2008, Final Judgment in the Groundwater Litigation, the Nipomo Mesa Management Area Technical Group has declared that a "Potentially Severe Water Shortage Condition" exists within the Nipomo Mesa Management Area; and

WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building's 2004 Resource Capacity Study for the Water Supply in the Nipomo Mesa Area recommended a Level of Severity III (existing demand equals or exceeds dependable supply) be certified for the Nipomo Mesa Area and that measures be implemented to lessen adverse impacts of future development (said Study and referenced documents are incorporated herein by reference); and

WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors ("County") in June 2007, certified the Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area as a Severity Level III, meaning that existing water demand equals or exceeds the dependable supply; and

**WHEREAS**, the resource protection goals of the San Luis Obispo County South County Area Plan includes the following:

- Balance the capacity for growth allowed by the Land Use Element with the sustained availability of resources.
- Avoid the use of public resources, services and facilities beyond their renewable capacities, and monitor new development to ensure that its resource demands will not exceed existing and planned capacities or service levels; and

WHEREAS, the District is constructing a supplemental water project to increase its available water supply and meet the District's share of the court ordered commitment to bring a minimum of 2,500 AFY of supplemental water to the Nipomo Mesa Management Area (NMMA); and

WHEREAS, the District's supplemental water project includes a 500 AFY capacity reservation for new development within the District's existing boundaries consistent with the court order requirements that all new urban water demand within the NMMA be met with new developed water; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Supplemental Water Accounting Policy is to account for water reserved for all new development within the District against the 500 AFY supplemental water project capacity to ensure that the District does not over reserve or under reserve water for future development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Supplemental Water Accounting Policy will allow the District to track when it is getting close to fully accounting for and reserving the 500 AFY of supplemental water so that the District can plan for acquiring additional supplies; and

## NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-1372 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENTAL WATER ACCOUNTING POLICY

**WHEREAS**, the policy shall apply to all new development applications initiated or renewed after January 25, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the Staff Report, Staff presentation, and public comment, the District Board of Directors finds:

- A. That the purpose and intent of this Resolution is consistent with the purposes found in the Judgment and Stipulation in the Ground Water Litigation imposing a physical solution to assure long term sustainability of the groundwater basin and the San Luis Obispo County's certification of a Severity Level III for the waters underlying the NMWCA and;
- B. That adopting this Resolution will ensure the water supply for the greater public benefit, with particular regards to domestic use, sanitation and fire protection by ensuring that all new urban demand within the District is satisfied with new developed water and;

**WHEREAS**, based on the Staff Report, Staff presentation, and public comment, the District Board of Directors further finds this Resolution is adopted for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of District water customers who depend on the underlying ground water basin as their source of water supply.

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT THAT:

- 1. Exhibit "A", attached hereto, is hereby incorporated by this reference as the District's Supplemental Water Accounting Policy
- 2. The above Recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Upon the motion of Director Armstrong, seconded by Director Gaddis, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

District Legal Counsel

NOES:	None None None	, coddon ana Blair
the foregoing re	solution is hereby adopted this 8 <sup>th</sup> d	ay of April 2015.
		CRAIG ARMSTRONG President of the Board
ATTEST:		APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL S. LEB	BRUN	MICHAEL W. SEITZ

Directors Armstrong, Gaddis, Eby, Woodson and Blair

AYES.

General Manager and Secretary to the Board

## NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-1372 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENTAL WATER ACCOUNTING POLICY

#### **EXHIBIT A**

## NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT SUPPLEMENTAL WATER ACCOUNTING POLICY

#### **Background**

The District is constructing a supplemental water project to increase its available water supply and meet the District's share of the court ordered commitment to bring a minimum of 2,500 AFY of supplemental water to the Nipomo Mesa Management Area (NMMA). In addition, the District's supplemental water project includes a 500 AFY capacity reservation for new development within the District's existing boundaries consistent with the court order requirements that all new urban water demand within the NMMA be met with new developed water.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Supplemental Water Accounting Policy is to account for water reserved for all new development within the District against the 500 AFY supplemental water project capacity to ensure that the District does not over reserve or under reserve water for future development. In addition, the District needs to track when it is getting close to fully accounting for and reserving the 500 AFY of supplemental water so that the District can plan for acquiring additional supplies. The policy shall apply to all new development applications initiated or renewed after January 25, 2008.

#### **Supplemental Water Accounting**

The policy is based on the use of equivalent meters and five-year average total production for assigning a volume of supplemental water to new water connections. Based on the data from FY 09-10 to FY 13-14, a 1-inch equivalent meter will be assigned a volume of .53 AFY.

Supplemental water for all new water connections, residential and commercial, will be accounted for based on meter size. Meter capacity ratios, which are based on physical meter capacity, will be used to account for and reserve water for other size meters as follows:

METER SIZE	CAPACITY RATIO	ASSIGNED VOLUME
1 inch and Less	1.0	0.53 acre feet
1 and ½ inch	3.0	1.59 acre feet
2 inch	4.8	2.54 acre feet
3 inch	9.0	4.77 acre feet
4 inch	15.0	7.95 acre feet

Connections larger than 4-inch will be calculated as needed on a case by case basis.

Water will be assigned to new development when Intent-to-Serve letters, that are subject to expiration, are issued and reserved for new development when Will-Serve letters are issued.

Supplemental water accounting totals shall be reported to the Board monthly in the General Manager's report.

The Supplemental Water Accounting Policy shall be reviewed annually in January.

TO:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** 

REVIEWED: MARIO IGLESIAS

**GENERAL MANAGER** 



FROM:

LISA BOGNUDA

FINANCE DIRECTOR

DATE:

**JANUARY 6, 2017** 

### **AGENDA ITEM** E-3 **JANUARY 11, 2017**

#### ANNUAL REVIEW OF DISTRICT DEBT MANAGEMENT, CASH RESERVE AND INVESTMENT POLICY

#### <u>ITEM</u>

Conduct annual review of District cash reserve, debt management and investment policy. [RECOMMEND REVIEW AND DIRECT STAFF]

#### BACKGROUND

In the District's 2014 Strategic Plan, the Board approved Goal 4.5.1 which states:

Conduct annual review of Reserve Policy, Debt Policy and Investment Policy and bring to Board of Directors.

Cash Reserve Policy – The adequacy of the targeted cash reserves year-end balances and/or annual contributions to each fund will be reviewed annually during the budgeting process or when a major change in conditions threatens the reserve levels established by this policy.

Debt Management Policy - The District issued debt in 2012 and 2013 in accordance with the Debt Management Policy and continues to follow through with the post-issuance compliance requirements.

Investment Policy - The California Government Code requires the District to annually review its Investment Policy and consider any changes at a public meeting. The quarterly investment report is presented to the Board of Directors as stated in the policy.

Staff has reviewed these policies and is not recommending any changes.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 4. FINANCE. Maintain conservative, long-term financial management to minimize rate impacts on customers while meeting program financial needs.

4.5.0 - Maintain sound investment policy and investments.

4.5.1 - Conduct annual review of Reserve Policy, Debt Policy and Investment Policy and bring to Board of Directors.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends your Board review and reaffirm policies. If the Board wishes to make changes, it is recommended the Finance and Audit Committee meet to consider changes and make recommendations to the Board of Directors at a future meeting.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Resolution 2015-1365, including Exhibit A, Cash Reserve
- B. Resolution 2013-1324, including Exhibit A, Debt Management Policy
- C. Resolution 2014-1328, including Exhibit A, Investment Policy

January 11, 2017

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ATTACHMENT A

#### NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-1365**

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AMENDING THE CASH RESERVE POLICY FOR THE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Nipomo Community Services District ("District") intends that the District will at all times have sufficient capital available to meet its operating, replacement, capital projects and debt service payments; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to establish sound financial policies to promote favorable bond ratings in capital markets so that bonds may be used for future financing of District projects; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to reserve capital for unanticipated and unforeseeable expenses; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to establish a buffer should revenue estimates in any vear not meet projections; and

WHEREAS, the Cash Reserve Policy has been amended and is hereby presented at this meeting and it is appropriate at this time for the Board of Directors to consider approval of the adoption of the amended Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Nipomo Community Services District:

**SECTION 1.** The above recitals are true and correct.

**SECTION 2.** The Cash Reserve Policy, as amended, in the form presented at this meeting attached hereto Exhibit "A" are hereby approved and adopted.

SECTION 3. The officers of the District are hereby directed to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper in order to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

**SECTION 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Upon a motion by Director Eby, seconded by Director Blair, on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

Directors Eby, Blair, Woodson, Gaddis and Armstrong

NOES:

None

ABSENT: **CONFLICTS:** None

None

#### NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-1365

## A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AMENDING THE CASH RESERVE POLICY FOR THE DISTRICT

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015.

CRAIG ARMSTRONG

President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

MICHAELS LEBRUN

General Manager and Secretary to the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHAEL W. SEITZ

District Legal Counsel

## NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2015-1365

## A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AMENDING THE CASH RESERVE POLICY FOR THE DISTRICT

#### NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT CASH RESERVE POLICY EXHIBIT "A"

#### **PURPOSE**

A key element of prudent financial planning is to ensure that sufficient funding is available for current operating, capital and debt service needs. Additionally, fiscal responsibility requires anticipating the likelihood of, and preparing for, unforeseen events. Nipomo Community Services District (District) will strive at all times to have sufficient funding available to meet its operating, capital and debt service obligations as well as to protect its creditworthiness. The District is committed to maintaining a financial structure that provides adequate and predictable revenues at the lowest possible cost to meet forecasted needs and operational objectives.

It should be noted that the District has a Debt Management Policy that establishes parameters for evaluating, issuing and managing the District's debt. The District's Debt Management Policy should be considered prior to committing to any new financial obligations.

The adequacy of the targeted cash reserve year-end balance ranges and/or annual contributions to each fund will be reviewed annually during the budgeting process or when a major change in conditions threatens the reserve levels established within this policy.

#### **OPERATING FUNDS**

#### WATER FUND (FUND #125)

<u>Purpose:</u> To ensure sufficient cash resources are available to fund daily administration, operations and maintenance of providing water services. (Funded from rates and charges)

<u>Target Criteria:</u> To meet the District's cash flow needs and unbudgeted expenses, the Water Fund cash reserves should be equal to or greater than twelve months (360 days) of annual budgeted operating expenses (not including Funded Replacement).

After adoption of the budget and within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year, the Board of Directors shall review the cash reserves, and if there is excess above the reserve requirement based on the cash reserve balance as of the fiscal year just completed, the Directors may approve a transfer of the excess to the Funded Replacement Water Fund #805.

#### **TOWN SEWER FUND (FUND #130)**

<u>Purpose:</u> To ensure sufficient cash resources are available to fund daily administration, operations and maintenance of providing waste water services. (Funded from rates and charges)

<u>Target Criteria:</u> To meet the District's cash flow needs and unbudgeted expenses, the Town Sewer Fund cash reserves should be equal to or greater than six months (180 days) of annual budgeted operating expenses (not including Funded Replacement).

#### NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT CASH RESERVE POLICY EXHIBIT "A"

After adoption of the budget and within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year, the Board of Directors shall review the cash reserves, and if there is excess above the reserve requirement based on the cash reserve balance as of the fiscal year just completed, the Directors may Approve a transfer of the excess to the Funded Replacement Town Sewer Fund #810.

#### **BLACKLAKE SEWER FUND (FUND #150)**

<u>Purpose:</u> To ensure sufficient cash resources are available to fund daily administration, operations and maintenance of providing waste water services. (Funded from rates and charges)

<u>Target Criteria:</u> To meet the District's cash flow needs and unbudgeted expenses, the Blacklake Sewer Fund cash reserves should be equal to or greater than six months (180 days) of annual budgeted operating expenses (not including Funded Replacement).

After adoption of the budget and within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year, the Board of Directors shall review the cash reserves, and if there is excess above the reserve requirement based on the cash reserve balance as of the fiscal year just completed, the Directors may approve a transfer of the excess to the Funded Replacement Blacklake Sewer Fund #830.

#### WATER RATE STABILIZATION FUND (FUND #128)

<u>Purpose:</u> To serve as a buffer to water rates during any period where there are unexpected increases in operating costs or decreases in revenues. In addition, in a severe drought or extremely wet conditions, it is reasonable to expect that water sales could fluctuate significantly. As such, this fund will absorb these types of fluctuations in operations and help stabilize rates and enable smooth or level increases to rates despite uneven increases in underlying costs or variations in annual revenues received. This fund should not be used to artificially suppress rates (i.e. to sustain rates at levels below the costs of service). (Funded by rates and charges)

Target Criteria: Minimum reserve requirement of \$400,000.

#### TOWN SEWER RATE STABILIZATION FUND (FUND #135)

<u>Purpose:</u> To serve as a buffer to sewer rates during any period where there are unexpected increases in operating costs or decreases in revenues. This fund should be used to enable smooth or level increases to rates despite uneven increases in underlying costs or variations in annual revenues received. This fund should not be used to artificially suppress rates (i.e. to sustain rates at levels below the costs of service). (Funded by rates and charges)

<u>Target Criteria:</u> Minimum reserve requirement of \$300,000 set by Bond Indenture Agreement for the Revenue of Certificates of Participation Series 2012.

#### NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT CASH RESERVE POLICY EXHIBIT"A"

#### BLACKLAKE SEWER RATE STABILIZATION FUND (FUND #155)

<u>Purpose:</u> To serve as a buffer to sewer rates during any period where there are unexpected increases in operating costs or decreases in revenues. This fund should be used to enable smooth or level increases to rates despite uneven increases in underlying costs or variations in annual revenues received. This fund should not be used to artificially suppress rates (i.e. to sustain rates at levels below the costs of service). (Funded by rates and charges)

Target Criteria: Minimum reserve requirement of \$50,000.

#### BLACKLAKE STREET LIGHTING (FUND #200)

<u>Purpose:</u> To ensure sufficient cash resources are available to fund administration, operations and maintenance of providing street lighting services for Blacklake Village. (Funded by annual assessment to property owners in Blacklake Village)

Target Criteria: Minimum reserve requirement of \$30,000.

#### LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT (FUND #250)

<u>Purpose:</u> To ensure sufficient cash resources are available to fund administration, operations and maintenance of providing landscape maintenance to the property owners of Tract 2409. (Funded by annual assessment to property owners in Tract 2409 aka Vista Verde Estates)

Target Criteria: Minimum reserve requirement of \$20,000.

#### **SOLID WASTE (FUND #300)**

<u>Purpose:</u> To ensure sufficient cash resources are available to fund solid waste programs, rate stabilization and to cover operating costs in the event that the District may find itself operating solid waste collection, disposal and recycling functions should its business partner now franchised to do these functions be unable to continue to provide these services due to an unforeseen event. This reserve provides assurance that solid waste services remain uninterrupted during an extended disruption to service provider. (Funded by Franchise Fees)

Target Criteria: Minimum reserve requirement of \$115,000.

#### **DRAINAGE (FUND #400)**

<u>Purpose:</u> To ensure sufficient cash resources are available to operate and maintain the Nipomo Drainage Maintenance District 76-02 (storm water conveyance system and basin serving Folkert Oaks Mobile Home Park and adjacent properties on Juniper Street). (Funded by a 1% ad valorem property tax rate)

Target Criteria: Minimum reserve requirement of \$50,000.

#### NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT CASH RESERVE POLICY EXHIBIT"A"

#### **FUNDED REPLACEMENT- WATER (FUND #805)**

<u>Purpose:</u> The reserves can be used for both short-term and long-term purposes. The objective of the Funded Replacement Fund is to provide monies for the current and future replacement of existing capital assets as they reach the end of their useful lives. The District recognizes that the Funded Replacement fund may only be sufficient to pay a portion of the full cost of future capital asset replacements and other sources of replacement funding may be needed, such as a bond issuance. This fund will also help normalize the impact of the capital asset replacements on future water rates. (Funded by water rates and charges and interest earnings)

Target Criteria: Based on 2007 or current Replacement Study

#### **FUNDED REPLACEMENT- TOWN SEWER (FUND #810)**

<u>Purpose:</u> The reserves can be used for both short-term and long-term purposes. The objective of the Funded Replacement Fund is to provide monies for the current and future replacement of existing capital assets as they reach the end of their useful lives. The District recognizes that the Funded Replacement fund may only be sufficient to pay a portion of the full cost of future capital asset replacements and other sources of replacement funding may be needed, such as a bond issuance. This fund will also help normalize the impact of the capital asset replacements on future town sewer rates. (Funded by Town sewer rates and charges and interest earnings)

Target Criteria: Based on 2007 or current Replacement Study.

#### FUNDED REPLACEMENT- BLACKLAKE SEWER (FUND #830)

<u>Purpose:</u> The reserves can be used for both short-term and long-term purposes. The objective of the Funded Replacement Fund is to provide monies for the current and future replacement of existing capital assets as they reach the end of their useful lives. The District recognizes that the Funded Replacement fund may only be sufficient to pay a portion of the full cost of future capital asset replacements and other sources of replacement funding may be needed, such as a bond issuance. This fund will also help normalize the impact of the capital asset replacements on future Blacklake sewer rates. (Funded by Blacklake sewer rates and charges and interest earnings)

Target Criteria: Based on 2007 or current Replacement Study.

#### **NON-OPERATING FUNDS**

#### SUPPLEMENTAL WATER FUND (#500)

<u>Purpose:</u> The revenue generated from the Supplemental Water Capacity Charge accumulates in this fund and its use is restricted to projects, programs and expenditures that reduce the District's reliance on groundwater as its sole water supply. (Funded by development capacity charges and interest earnings)

Target Criteria: No minimum target is maintained.

#### NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT CASH RESERVE POLICY EXHIBIT"A"

#### PROPERTY TAX (FUND #600)

<u>Purpose</u>: District's share of the 1% ad valorem tax on real property collected by the County of San Luis Obispo and distributed to the District pursuant to Article XIIIA of the California Constitution. (Funded by property taxes and interest earnings)

<u>Target Criteria:</u> No minimum target is maintained, however, a portion of the annual property tax revenue stream is pledged to pay the annual debt service for the 2003 Certificates of Participation Revenue Bond. 2013 Certificates of Participation and the 2013 Refunding Revenue Bonds.

### WATER CAPACITY CHARGES (FUND #700)

<u>Purpose:</u> The revenue generated from the Water Capacity Charge accumulates in this fund and is used to offset new development related capital improvements as outlined by the District's Capital Improvement Plan. (Funded by development capacity charges and interest)

Target Criteria: No minimum target is maintained.

### TOWN SEWER CAPACITY CHARGES (FUND #710)

<u>Purpose:</u> The revenue generated from the Town Capacity Charge accumulates in this fund and is used to offset new development related capital improvements as outlined by the District's Capital Improvement Plan. (Funded by development capacity charges and interest earnings)

Target Criteria: No minimum target is maintained.

#### SINKING FUND- TOWN SEWER (FUND #880)

<u>Purpose:</u> The reserves may be used to pay annual debt service payments for the Revenue Certificates of Participation (Southland Wastewater Project) Series 2012. (Funded by Town sewer rates and charges in years 2008- 2012 in anticipation of the Southland Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade)

<u>Target Criteria:</u> No minimum target is maintained. Once the reserves in this fund are depleted, the fund will be terminated.

January 11, 2017

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ATTACHMENT B

## NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2013-1324

## A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR THE DISTRICT

- WHEREAS, debt management policies establish parameters for evaluation, issuing, and managing the District's debt. The policies outlined in the attached debt management policy are not intended to serve as a list of rules to be applied to the District's debt issuance process, but rather to serve as a set of guidelines to promote sound financial management; and
- WHEREAS, adherence to a debt management policy assures rating agencies and the capital markets that a government is well managed and should meet its obligations in a timely manner; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Nipomo Community Services District ("District"), desires to adopt an amended debt management policy at this time; and
- WHEREAS, Amended Debt Management Policy (the "Policy") has been prepared and is hereby presented at this meeting; and
- **WHEREAS**, it is appropriate at this time for the Board of Directors to consider approval of the adoption of the Amended Policy; and
- WHEREAS, THE Board of Directors wishes to further define this policy regarding debt financing of additional phases of the District's Supplemental Water Project.
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Nipomo Community Services District:
  - Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct.
- Section 2. The Amended Debt Management Policy in the form presented at this meeting attached hereto Exhibit "A" are hereby approved and adopted.
- Section 3. The officers of the District are hereby directed to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper in order to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.
  - <u>Section 4.</u> This resolution shall take effect immediately.

### NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2013-1324

## A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR THE DISTRICT

Upon a motion by Director Armstrong, seconded by Director Blair, on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

Directors Armstrong, Blair, Vierheilig, Gaddis, and Harrison

NOES:

None

**ABSTAIN:** 

None

ABSENT:

None

the foregoing resolution is hereby passed and adopted on this 13th day of November,

2013.

AMES HARRISON

President of the Board

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHAEL S. LEBRUN

Secretary to the Board

MICHAEL W. SEITZ

**District Legal Counsel** 

#### Overview

The District utilizes a comprehensive planning process to determine its long-term capital needs. The District evaluates each capital project in relation to established levels of reserves, current rate structure, expected asset life/replacement timeline and available revenue sources to ensure that adequate financial resources are available to support the District's financial obligations.

The District's Debt Management Policy is integrated into the decision-making framework utilized in the budgeting and capital improvement planning process. As such the following policies outline the District's approach to debt management.

#### GENERAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES

The District will provide for a periodic review of its financial performance, and review its performance relative to the financial policies outlined herein. These financial policies will be taken into account during the capital planning, budgeting and ratesetting process.

- The District will adopt revised rates, fees and charges in compliance with the applicable law, including the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act, and will consider recommendations and input from the public as it relates to such proposed changes.
- All District funds will be invested according to the Investment Policy of the District.
- Necessary appropriations for annual debt service requirements will be routinely included in the District's annual budget.

#### II. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES

- The District will evaluate financing for each capital project on a case-bycase basis. The District will seek to pay for all capital projects from current revenues and available reserves prior to or in combination with the use of debt.
- The District will seek to issue debt only in the case where there is an identified source of repayment. Bonds will be issued to the extent that (i) projected fixed revenues are sufficient to pay for the proposed debt service together with all existing debt service covered by such fixed revenues, or (ii) additional projected revenues have been identified as a source of repayment in an amount sufficient to pay for the proposed debt.

 User Fees and Rates will be set at adequate levels to generate sufficient revenues to pay all operating and maintenance costs, to maintain sufficient operating reserves, and to pay debt service costs, if necessary.

#### III. DEBT AND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES

The following policies formally establish parameters for evaluating, issuing, and managing the District's debt. The policies outlined below are not intended to serve as a list of rules to be applied to the District's debt issuance process, but rather to serve as a set of guidelines to promote sound financial management.

In issuing debt, the District objectives are:

- Ensure ratepayer security
- Maintain high credit ratings and access to credit enhancement
- Preserve financial flexibility

#### A. Standards for Use of Debt Financing

When appropriate, the District will use long-term debt financing to achieve an equitable allocation of costs/charges between current and future system users; to provide more manageable rates in the near and medium term; and to minimize rate volatility.

- For growth-related projects, debt financing will be utilized, as needed, to better match the cost of anticipated facility needs with timing of expected new connections to the system.
- Capital projects financed through debt issuance should not be financed for a term longer than the expected useful life of the project.
- Lease Agreements and Installment Sale Agreements shall be considered as an alternative to long-term debt. Although these forms of alternative financing are subject to annual appropriation, they shall be considered as long-term fixed rate debt until maturity.

#### B. Financing Criteria

The District will evaluate alternative debt structures (and timing considerations) to ensure cost-efficient financing under prevailing market conditions.

Credit Enhancement - The District will consider the use of credit enhancement on a case-by-case basis. Only when clearly demonstrable savings can be realized shall credit enhancement be utilized.

Cash-Funded Reserve/Surety - The District may purchase a surety policy or replace an existing cash-funded Debt Service Reserve Fund when deemed prudent and advantageous.

Call Provisions - In general, the District's securities should include optional call provisions. The District will avoid the sale of non-callable long-term fixed rate bonds, absent careful evaluation of the value of the call option.

Additional Bonds Test/Rate Covenants - The amount and timing of debt will be planned to comply with the additional bonds tests and rate covenants outlined in the appropriate legal and financing documents, and these policies.

Short-Term Debt - The District may utilize short-term borrowing to serve as a bridge for anticipated revenues, construction financing, or future bonding capacity.

Term - 10 to 30 years is standard, but up to 35 years may be acceptable, depending on cash flow assumptions, construction timeline, and remaining useful life of the asset being financed.

Maximum Yield - Case by case, as recommended by Financial Advisor and as governed by State law.

Maximum Premium - Case by case, as recommended by Financial Advisor and as governed by State law.

Maximum Discount - Case by case, as recommended by Financial Advisor and as governed by State law.

Payment Dates - After considering cash flow needs, the General Manager will determine the occurrence of all new debt service payments.

Structure of the Debt - Prefer level debt service, but shall be determined on a case-by-case basis, as recommended by of the General Manager and Financial Advisor.

Use of Variable Rate Debt - The District will not issue variable interest rate debt unless the proposed debt is converted to a fixed rate or hedged.

Investment of Bond Proceeds - Bond proceeds will be invested in accordance with the permitted investment language outlined in the bond documents for each transaction. The District will seek to maximize investment earnings within the investment parameters set forth in each respective bond indenture. The reinvestment of bond proceeds will be incorporated into the evaluation of each financing decision; specifically addressing arbitrage/rebate position, and evaluating alternative debt structures and refunding savings on a "net" debt service basis, where appropriate.

Reimbursement Resolution - Must be adopted by the Board if the project capital costs are advanced by the District prior to the expenditure and/or commitment of funds, and bond sale.

#### C. Types of Long-Term Funding

The District shall consider several methods of financing capital projects. This policy will set forth guidelines for these decisions by indentifying parameters within each funding source that are considered appropriate. These parameters are defined below.

Certificates of Participation/Lease Revenue Bonds - Certificates of Participation (COP's) and Lease Revenue Bonds (LRB) can finance water, wastewater and electrical utilities, or other public facilities and are almost identical in structure and security. They are used to finance capital projects that either 1) have an identified budgetary system for repayment; 2) generate enterprise revenue; 3) rely on a broader pledge of General Fund revenues; or 4) finance the purchase of real property and the acquisition and installation of equipment for the District's general government or enterprise purposes. COP's and LRB's are secured by a lease-back or installment sale arrangement between the District and another public entity. The general operating revenues of the District or an enterprise and/or a designated special fund are used to pay the lease or installment payments, which are, in turn, used to pay debt service on the COP's or LRB's. Bond covenants provide that revenues generated by enterprise funds must be sufficient to maintain required debt coverage levels, or the rates of the enterprise have to be raised to maintain the coverage and operations of the facility. For General Fund pledges, bond covenants include an annual appropriation covenant. COP's and LRB's do not constitute indebtedness under the state constitution and are not subject to voter approval.

Because COP's are not created by statute, but rather are used to securitize an underlying contract, they can be adapted to a number of financing situations. They are commonly used for both lease revenue and enterprise revenue financings where no workable statutory framework is available or a joint powers financing authority is not available.

Revenue Bonds - Revenue Bonds also finance water, wastewater utilities, or other public facilities. They are payable by the revenues generated by the enterprise. This type of debt is considered self-liquidating. Revenue Bonds are payable solely from the enterprise funds and are not secured by any pledge of General Fund revenues of the District. Bond covenants provide that revenues generated by these enterprise funds must be sufficient to maintain required debt coverage levels, or the rates of the enterprise have to be raised to maintain the coverage and operations of the facility. A bond election may be required to issue Revenue Bonds.

Assessment Bonds - The District may issue assessment bonds under the 1911 and 1915 Improvement Acts through the formation of a special benefit assessment district under the 1911 or 1913 Acts. The bonds may be issued to finance facilities or provide services and are secured by assessments levied on parcels within a defined area that are proportionate to the special benefit conferred upon a parcel, as determined by a qualified assessment engineer. Assessments are subject to majority protest hearing and notice ballot requirements. Assessment Bonds, although repaid through additional assessments levied on a discrete group of property owners, constitute overlapping indebtedness of the District and have an impact on the overall level of debt affordability. Assessment Bonds are not obligations of the District's General Fund.

Mello-Roos Bonds - The Mello-Roos Act of 1982 allows the District to establish a Mello-Roos Community Facilities District (CFD) which allows for financing of public improvements and services. These CFD special taxes must be approved by a two thirds vote of registered voters within the special district (unless there are fewer than 12 registered voters, in which case the vote is by landowners), and are secured solely by a special tax on the real property within the special district. CFD Bonds, although repaid through additional special taxes levied on a discrete group of taxpayers, also constitute overlapping indebtedness of the District and have an impact on the overall level of debt affordability. CFD Bonds are not obligations of the District's General Fund.

<u>Capital Lease Debt</u> - A lease purchase obligation placed with a lender without the issuance of securities may be used to finance certain vehicle and equipment purchases will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

#### D. <u>Limitations on Amount of Debt Issuance</u>

(1) Pursuant to Section 61126 of Government Code of the State of California, the District may incur general obligation bonded indebtedness in an amount not to exceed 15% of the total assessed valuation of all real and personal property in the District.

Review of recent credit rating agency guidelines indicate that debt service of more than 10% of available revenues or expenditures is considered above average or high. The District shall strive to maintain its non-enterprise backed debt service as a percentage of available revenue below 10%.

Long-term obligations payable solely from specific pledged sources, in general, are not subject to a debt limitation. Examples of such long-term obligations include those which achieve the financing or refinancing of projects provided by the issuance of debt instruments that are payable from restricted revenues or user fees (enterprise funds) and revenues generated from a project. In determining the affordability of proposed enterprise obligations, the District will perform an analysis comparing projected annual net revenues (after payment of operating and maintenance expense)

to estimated annual debt service. Generally, legal covenants requiring a minimum coverage ratio are set forth in the bond documents, and are based on the level of security provided to the bondholders (of the senior or subordinate debt obligations). The District's enterprise obligations shall include a coverage ratio requirement of at least 125% for senior bonds and a coverage ratio requirement of at least 105% for senior and subordinate debt combined. Per the rating agency guidelines, the District shall strive to maintain a coverage ratio of 115% using historical and/or projected net revenues to cover annual debt service for bonds issued on a subordinate basis which have a 105% coverage ratio requirement. The District will require a rate increase to cover both operations and debt service costs, and create debt service reserve funds to maintain the required coverage ratios.

Water Project - With respect to Phases 2 and/or 3 of the Supplemental Water Project, the Board affirms its policy of "pay as you go" however, because the Board of Directors cannot anticipate the future needs of the District, including whether the timing of construction of these phases of the Project will need to be moved forward in time due to a court, or regulatory agency with authority over water use in the Nipomo Basin, issuing an order requiring the District to build additional delivery capacity and import water by a time certain or face fines or further litigation or if the Nipomo Mesa Management Area (NMMA) Technical Group issues a finding that the ground water basin is in a severe water shortage condition causing a Mandatory Action Trigger point as defined in Section VI D 2 of the Stipulated Judgment in the Santa Maria Groundwater adjudication case # CV 770214. In any of these cases, and only in one of these cases,

The Board shall consider whether to finance any portion(s) of Phases 2 or 3, for the reason(s) set forth above, at two Board meetings at which members of the public may comment; the first meeting will be noticed on the District's Agenda notice, and will include a staff report addressing the reasons for considering financing. The second meeting shall be held at least 14 days after the first meeting. A public notice shall be published once at least 10 days before second/action meeting. At the second meeting, after the public comment, if any, the Board may determine, by a majority vote, whether to finance all, or a portion of, one or both phases before the District has accumulated sufficient funds for "pay as you go." In such case, the District would first use the funds accumulated for the phase(s) and finance the remaining amount(s).

This requirement shall stay in place for 7 years, after which time the Board may, after notice in compliance with §6061, at least 10 days prior to the meeting at which the change will be considered, amend this policy as the Board, in its discretion, determines may be appropriate.

#### E. Method of Issuance

The District will determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether to sell its bonds competitively or through negotiation. Public offerings can be executed through either a competitive sale or a negotiated sale. It shall be the policy of the District to issue debt through a competitive sale whenever feasible subject to advice of the District Financial Advisor.

Competitive Sale - In a competitive sale, the District's bonds shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder providing the lowest true interest cost ("TIC"), as long as the bid adheres to requirements set forth in the official notice of sale.

Negotiated Sale - District recognizes that some securities are best sold through negotiation. In consideration of a negotiated sale, the District shall assess the following circumstances in determining the advisability such a sale:

- Issuance of variable rate or taxable bonds
- Complex structure or credit considerations (such as non-rated bonds), which requires a strong pre-marketing effort
- Significant par value, which may limit the number of potential bidders
- Unique proprietary financing mechanism (such as a financing pool), or specialized knowledge of financing mechanism or process
- Market volatility, such that the District would be better served by flexibility in the timing of its sale in a changing interest rate environment
- When an Underwriter has identified new financing opportunities or presented alternative structures that financially benefit the District that could not be achieved through a competitive bid.
- As a result of an Underwriter's familiarity with the project/financing, which enables the District to take advantage of efficiency and timing considerations.
- Other considerations and advantages as presented by District Consultants and Staff

Private Placement – From time to time the District may elect to issue debt on a private placement basis. Such method shall only be considered if it is demonstrated to result in cost savings or provide other advantages relative to other methods of debt issuance, or

if it is determined that access to the public market is unavailable and timing considerations require that a financing be completed.

#### F. Service Provider Selection

All financial advisors, bond counsel, disclosure counsel, trustees, and underwriters will be selected pursuant to District's Purchase Policy relating to hiring consultants.

#### G. Market Communication and Reporting Requirements

Rating Agencies and Investors - The General Manager shall be responsible for maintaining the District's relationships with one or more national rating agencies.

Continuing Disclosure - The District shall use its best efforts to be in compliance with Rule 15c2-12 by filing its annual financial statements and other financial and operating data for the benefit of its bondholders.

#### IV. POST ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE POLICY

#### A. In General

The Board of Directors of the District recognizes its responsibility to ensure compliance with all Federal laws and regulations ("Federal Requirements") applicable to the District's bonds and other obligations the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes or are otherwise tax advantaged ("Tax-Exempt Bonds"). This policy and guidelines relate to requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance of Tax-Exempt Bonds in order to maintain that exclusion or receive a federal tax credit payment including, without limitation, requirements relating to use of proceeds, arbitrage, private business use, and record retention. This policy and guideline supersede any post-issuance compliance policy previously adopted by the District but do not supersede, limit or contravene any representations, statements or covenants of the District contained in the bond documents (the "Bond Documents") for its Tax-Exempt Bonds. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines and establish procedures for compliance with Federal Requirements in connection with the issuance of Tax-Exempt Bonds.

#### B. Policy

It is the policy of the District to adhere to all applicable tax requirements with respect to its Tax-Exempt Bonds as set forth in the Bond Documents including, but not limited to, requirements relating to the use of proceeds of Tax-Exempt Bonds and facilities financed and refinanced with Tax-Exempt Bonds (the "Bond-Financed Facilities"), arbitrage yield restrictions and rebate, timely return filings, and other general tax requirements set forth in the Bond Documents.

#### C. Compliance Monitoring

Consistent with the covenants of the District contained in the Bond Documents, the District will monitor compliance with the tederal tax requirements applicable to its Tax-Exempt Bonds. The following officers or employees of the District are responsible for monitoring compliance with those requirements: General Manager with assistance from Bond and Tax Counsel and Financial Advisor.

#### D. Record Retention

In accordance with Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") requirements, the District will retain the following records with respect to its Tax-Exempt Bonds:

- Bond transcripts;
- Documentation showing the expenditure of proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds for one or more Bond-Financed Facility;
- Documentation showing the use of the Bond-Financed Facilities;
- Documentation showing the sources of payment and security for the Tax-Exempt Bonds;
- Documentation related to the investment of proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds, including the purchase and sale of securities, investment income received, yield calculations, and rebate calculations;
- All returns filed with the IRS for the Tax-Exempt Bonds (including, as applicable, IRS Forms 8038-G Information Return for Tax-Exempt Governmental Obligations, 8038-T Arbitrage Rebate, Yield Reduction and Penalty in Lieu of Arbitrage Rebate, and 8038-R Request for Recovery of Overpayments under Arbitrage Rebate Provisions), together with sufficient records to show that those returns are correct; and
- Any other documentation that is material to the exclusion of interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

Except as otherwise set forth in the Bond Documents, the District will retain the records described above in hard and/or electronic copy format for so long as the applicable Tax-Exempt Bonds remain outstanding and for a period of three years after final redemption of the applicable Tax-Exempt Bonds. With respect to Tax-Exempt Bonds that are refunding bonds, the District will retain the above-described records for the refunding and refunded bonds (and any earlier issue in the case of a series of refundings).

The following officers or employees of the District are responsible for retaining the records relating to the Issuer's Tax-Exempt Bonds: General Manager and Secretary.

#### E. Arbitrage Compliance

It is the policy of the District to maintain a system of record keeping and reporting to meet the arbitrage rebate compliance requirements of the federal tax code. Unless otherwise instructed by bond counsel, at closing the District will execute documentation covenanting to comply with Federal rebate and arbitrage requirements. Unless otherwise instructed by bond counsel, annually the District will engage a consultant to assist in the monitoring of the investment of bond proceeds, perform the required calculations to determine arbitrage rebate and yield restriction compliance, and file the required federal forms. Unless otherwise instructed by bond counsel, every five years the District will file (if arbitrage rebate is owed) with the Internal Revenue Service the appropriate required documentation demonstrating arbitrage rebate liability and provide payment of at least 90% to the US Treasury for arbitrage rebate liability, if any.

#### F. Remedial Action

If the District in complying with the terms and provisions the policies or guidelines set forth herein or determines that the requirements of these policies and guidelines or the tax covenants or representations in the Bond Documents may have been violated, the District will make final determinations, if necessary with the assistance of its Bond and Tax Counsel and Financial Advisors, and take appropriate actions related to such noncompliance including, if appropriate, any remedial action described under applicable Treasury Regulations or through the Tax Exempt Bonds Voluntary Closing Agreement Program.

#### G. Coordination With Bond Documents

In the event of any conflict between these Procedures and Guidelines and the Bond Documents, the Bond Documents shall govern.

January 11, 2017

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ATTACHMENT C

#### NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-1328**

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE **BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE** NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ADOPTING THE YEAR 2014 DISTRICT INVESTMENT POLICY

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Nipomo Community Services District ("District") believes that public funds should, so far as is reasonably possible, be invested in financial institutions to produce revenue for the District rather than to remain idle, and

WHEREAS, from time to time there are District funds which for varying periods of time will not be required for immediate use by the District, and which will, therefore, be available for the purpose of investing in financial institutions with the objectives of safety, liquidity, yield and compliance with state and federal laws and policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Nipomo Community Services District as follows:

- 1. The District hereby adopted the Investment Policy attached hereto as Exhibit "A" as the District's Investment Policy.
- 2. The District General Manager shall act as Treasurer/Finance Officer of the District and is authorized to invest and re-invest funds in accordance with the Investment Policy for the succeeding twelve (12) month period or until such time as the delegation of authority is revoked.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Nipomo Community Services District this 8<sup>TH</sup> day of January 2014, on the following roll call vote:

AYES:

Directors Vierheilig, Gaddis, Blair, Harrison and Armstrong

NOES:

None None

ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

None

Nipomo Community Services District

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Secretary to the Board

MICHAEL W. SEITZ

District Legal Counsel

#### RESOLUTION 2014-1328 EXHIBIT A

## YEAR 2014 INVESTMENT POLICY NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This policy establishes the standards under which the District's Finance Officer will conduct business with financial institutions with regard to the investment process.

#### 2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This investment policy is intended to outline the guidelines and practices to be used in effectively managing the District's available cash and investment portfolio. It applies to all cash and investment assets of the District except those funds maintained in deferred compensation accounts for employees, and proceeds of debt issuance that shall be invested in accordance with the permitted investment provisions of their specific bond indentures. District monies not required for immediate expenditure will be invested in compliance with governing provisions of law (Government Code Sections 53600 et seq.) and this policy. Investments shall be made in judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs; not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived. The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the "prudent investor" standard (California Government Code Section 53600.3) and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio. Investment officers (Finance Officer) acting in accordance with written procedures and the investment policy and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

#### 3. FINANCE OFFICER

The Board of Directors appoints the General Manager as the District Finance Officer and Treasurer. The District's Assistant General Manager shall serve as the District's Finance Officer and Treasurer in the absence of the District's General Manager.

#### 4. SCOPE

The District investment portfolio shall consist of money held in a sinking fund of, or surplus money in, the District's treasury not required for the immediate necessities of the District. The District's investment portfolio shall be invested in accordance with this policy.

#### 5. OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives are safety, liquidity, yield, and compliance.

#### A. SAFETY

The investment portfolio shall be managed in a manner that ensures the preservation of capital. The objective is to minimize credit risk and interest rate risk.

#### B. LIQUIDITY

The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements. This shall be accomplished by structuring the investment portfolio so that investments mature in advance of cash needs.

#### C. YIELD

Yield shall be a consideration only after the requirements of safety and liquidity have been met.

#### D. COMPLIANCE

This Investment Policy is written to be in compliance with California and Federal law.

#### 6. STANDARDS OF CARE

#### A. PRUDENCE

The Finance Officer will manage the portfolio pursuant to the "Prudent Investor Standard." When investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling and managing public funds in the District's investment portfolio, the Finance Officer shall act with care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiarity with those matters would use in the conduct of funds of a like character and with like aims, to safeguard the principal and maintain the liquidity needs of the District.

#### B. DISCLOSURES

Finance Officer shall disclose any material interest in financial institutions with which he/she conducts the District business.

#### 7. INVESTMENTS AUTHORITY

#### A. PERMITTED INVESTMENTS

The District Finance Officer is authorized to invest in the following institutions:

- 1. County pooled funds (California Government Code § 61730)
- 2. The Local Agency Investment Fund created by the California State Treasury (California Government Code § 16429.1)
- 3. One or more FDIC insured Banks and/or Savings and Loan Associations that are designated as District depositories by resolution of the Board of Directors (California Government Code § 61053).
- 4. Such other financial institutions or securities that may be designated by the Board of Directors from time to time in compliance with California and Federal law.

#### B. PROHIBITED INVESTMENTS

The District's Finance Officer shall not invest in:

- 1. Inverse floaters, range notes or interest only strips that are derived from a pool of mortgages.
- 2. Any security that could result in a zero interest accrual if held to maturity.

3. A state or federal credit union, if a member of the District's Board of Directors or an administrative officer also serves on the Board of Directors, or any committee appointed by the Board of Directors, or the credit committee or supervisory committee, of the state or federal credit union.

#### C. DIVERSIFIED INVESTMENTS

Investments, other than investments referenced in paragraphs **7-A** (1) and (2) above, will be diversified to avoid losses that may be associated with any one investment.

#### 8. REPORTS

#### A. MONTHLY REPORT

Finance Officer/Treasurer shall make monthly reports to the Board with the following information:

- Investments made or retired during the preceding month.
- Single transfers between permitted institutions of greater than \$150,000.

#### B. QUARTERLY REPORT

Finance Officer shall file a quarterly report that identifies the District's investments and their compliance with the District's Investment Policy. The quarterly report must be filed with the District's auditor and considered by the District's Board of Directors within thirty (30) days after the end of each quarter (i.e., by May 1, August 1, November 1, and February 1) (California Government Code § 53646). Required elements of the quarterly report are as follows:

- 1. Type of Investment
- 2. Institution
- 3. Date of Maturity (if applicable)
- 4. Amount of deposit or cost of the security
- 5. Current market value of securities with maturity in excess of twelve months (if applicable)
- 6. Rate of Interest
- 7. Statement relating the report to the Statement of Investment Policy
- 8. Statement of the District's ability to meet cash flow requirements for the next six months.
- 9. Accrued Interest (if applicable)

#### C. ANNUAL REPORT

Prior to February 1, of each year, the Finance Officer shall file and submit an annual report to the District's auditor and Board of Directors which will contain the same information required in the quarterly report.

The annual report will include a recommendation to the Board of Directors to either:

- 1. Readopt the District's then current annual Investment Policy; or
- 2. Amend the District's then current Investment Policy.

#### D. LIMITED QUARTERLY REPORT

If the District has placed all of its investments in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), created by California Government Code § 16429.1, or in Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, insured accounts in a bank or savings and loan association, in a County investment pool, or any combination of these, the Finance Officer may submit to the Board of Directors, and the auditor of the District the most recent statement or statements received by the District from these institutions in lieu of the information required in paragraph 8.B, above. This special reporting policy does not relieve the Finance Officer of the obligation to prepare an annual investment report as identified in paragraph 8.C, above.

TO:

MARIO IGLESIAS GENERAL MANAGER AL

AGENDA ITEM E-4

**JANUARY 11, 2017** 

FROM:

PETER V. SEVCIK, P.E.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

& OPERATIONS

DATE:

**JANUARY 5, 2017** 

## APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR DESIGN SERVICES WITH MICHAEL K. NUNLEY & ASSOCIATES FOR BRANCH STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

#### ITEM

Approve budget amendment for design services with Michael K. Nunley & Associates (MKN) for Branch Street Waterline Improvement Project in the amount of \$14,854 [RECOMMEND BY MOTION AND ROLL CALL VOTE APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT WITH MKN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,854].

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Branch Street Waterline Replacement Project initially involved the abandonment of approximately 600 feet of waterline in the alleyway north of Branch Street near Avocado Avenue and the installation of services off of the waterline in Branch Street. The existing 6 inch diameter asbestos cement pipe has experienced numerous breaks and pre-dates the formation of the District in 1965. As Michael K. Nunley & Associates (MKN) developed the initial design plans and District staff reviewed the initial plans as well as the water system in the surrounding area, staff determined that there was a section of waterline in the alleyway south of Branch Street that should be abandoned as part of the project and that the waterline in Branch Street should be replaced as well since both of these sections had also experienced numerous breaks. As part of the project, a fire hydrant will also be added to improve fire protection in the area. Attachment A provides an overview of the waterlines in the project area.

As a result of the revised project, several water services will need to be moved from alleyways to the other side of the property to new or existing water mains located in street areas. The plan will also require rerouting of plumbing on customers' properties. Additional field work, exhibit preparation and coordination are needed to incorporate these details into the bid documents. Attachment B is the MKN proposal that outlines the additional services needed.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The total amount of Scope Amendment #1 is \$14,854. Execution of the proposed amendment would increase the not-to-exceed expenditure limit from \$26,911 to \$41,765. Funding is available for the project in the FY 2016-2017 budget.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 2 – FACILITIES THAT ARE RELIABLE, ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSIBLE AND EFFICIENT – Plan, provide for and maintain District facilities and other physical assets to achieve reliable, environmentally sensible, and efficient District operations.

## ITEM E-4, BRANCH STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT DESIGN JANUARY 11, 2017

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board, by motion and roll call vote, approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$14,854 for design services with Michael K. Nunley & Associates for the Branch Street Waterline Replacement Project.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

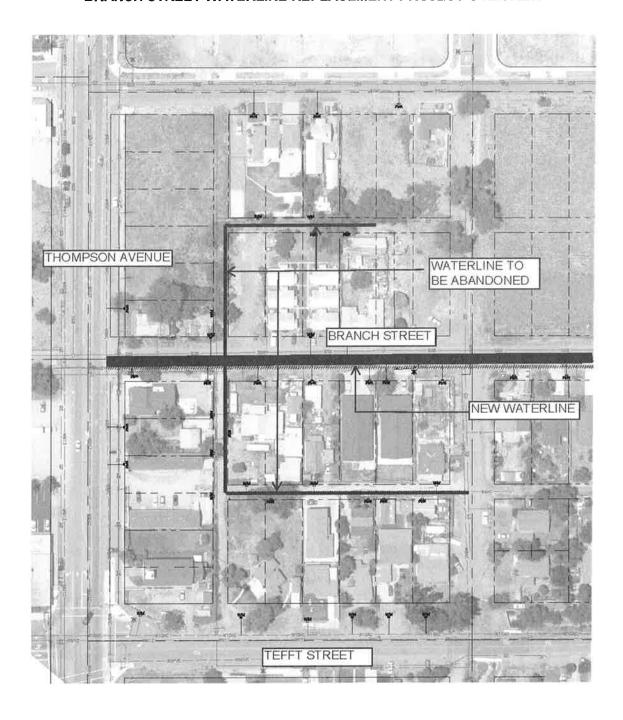
- A. Project Area Overview
- B. MKN proposal dated October 28, 2016

January 11, 2017

ITEM E-4

ATTACHMENT A

#### **BRANCH STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT OVERVIEW**



January 11, 2017

ITEM E-4

ATTACHMENT B





October 28, 2016

Jessica Chapman, EIT Nipomo Community Services District Sent via email

SUBJECT: Branch Street Waterline Improvements - Scope Amendment #1

Dear Jessica,

#### **PROJECT UNDERSTANDING**

The District has been developing a project to replace aged water pipelines in and around Branch Street. As part of this effort, MKN submitted draft plans and specifications in May 2016 for the Branch Street Waterline Improvements. The work includes installation of new 8-inch PVC water pipeline and abandonment of old asbestos-cement waterlines within Branch and adjacent alleyways. As a result, several water services will need to be moved from alleyways to the other side of the service property to connect to new or existing water mains in the street. This proposed scope of work is based on conversations with you and our understanding of the work.

#### **SCOPE OF WORK**

MKN proposes the following tasks to develop site exhibits for each of the relocated water services.

Task 101 – Site Visits. MKN's project engineer will attend a site visit at each individual service property to participate in discussions regarding relocation of water meter and water service connection. MKN will document the existing conditions, including the estimated existing service alignment and service materials with photos and notes; collaborate with the contractor, property owner (as available), and the District for the onsite improvements; and document the proposed location for the new meter and the proposed alignment for the new service line. It is assumed the District will coordinate and schedule the site visit with the property owner and/or residents, the contractor and MKN. Our proposed budget assumes one two-hour visit per site, a total of 15 sites, and that visits are scheduled as possible for two to three site visits per trip. A total of six trips has been assumed for this budget.

Task 102 – Develop Draft Exhibits. MKN will develop one 8.5-inch by 11-inch exhibit for each new water service based on the site visit described in Task 101. The exhibits will use aerial photography as the base map and schematically shown placement of new water meter and service pipeline. Exhibits will include notes and dimensions of pertinent existing conditions, such as planter beds to be protected, patios, decks, etc. that may be impacted or are used to dimension the alignment of the new water service. No topographic survey will be performed. MKN will prepare an initial draft exhibit showing the base aerial photography and scale for each property for use in documenting existing conditions and proposed improvements during the site visit. Property lines will be shown based on previous record survey.

Task 103 – Progress Meeting. After receipt of comments on the draft exhibits, MKN will meet with District staff to discuss the comments and proposed revisions.

Task 104 – Review Contractor Estimates. It is assumed the District will coordinate with the contractor for preparation of estimates to perform the water service improvements. MKN will review the estimates and provide any comments to District. This budget assumes one estimate per service (for a total of 15), provided as one package so that the estimates can be reviewed together.

Task 105 – Develop final exhibits. MKN will develop final exhibits, incorporating District comments from discussions during the progress meeting (Task 103). The exhibits will be 8.5-inch by 11-inch (one per new service), and will be incorporated into the contract documents for the Branch Street Waterline Improvements either as an appendix to the specifications or in the plans, (four exhibits per plan sheet).

#### **ASSUMPTIONS:**

- District will coordinate and schedule site visits with the Contractor, property owner and/or residents, and MKN.
- MKN will attend one site visit per relocated water service, at up to 2 hours per visit.
- The District will coordinate review of draft exhibits by District staff, the property owners, and the contractor as required and provide a consolidated set of comments to MKN.
- Exhibits will be prepared in 8.5-inch by 11-inch format using aerial photography base. No topographic survey will be performed.

#### **BUDGET**

If approved, this work will be performed on a time and materials basis with a budget not to exceed \$14,854 without written authorization. Payment requests will be submitted monthly. A breakdown of the anticipated labor effort and MKN's current fee schedule is attached. Contract provisions from the General Services Agreement shall govern.

We appreciate the opportunity to propose on this work. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or wish to review the proposed scope of work.

Sincerely,

Eileen Shields, PE Project Manager

Attachment: Estimated Engineering Fee Spreadsheet, 2016 Fee Schedule



Nipomo Community Services District - Branch Street Waterline Improv	ine Improvements Scope Amendment #1	Amendm	ent #1							
		Principal Engineer	Project Engineer	Drafter	snuoH letoT	ODCs		Total Labor	4355 1345	Total Cost
Task 101 - Site Visit (15 sites, 2 hours each, 6 trips).			30		30	\$	\$ 06	4,200	₩.	4,290
Task 102 - Develop draft exhibits		9	21	25	52	\$	↔	6,135	₩.	6,135
Task 103 - Review comments on draft exhibit with District staff			4		4	\$	15 \$	260	s	575
Task 104 - Review contractor's estimates		1	9		7	\$	٠	1,010	٠,	1,010
Task 105 - Develop final exhibits and incorporate into final construction documents		4	8	12	24	\$	٠ -	2,844	₩	2,844
	Subtotal	11	69	37	117	\$	105 \$	14,749	\$	14,854
	TOTAL BUDGET	11	69	37	117	\$	105 \$	14,749	\$	14,854



Billing Rates (2016)	\$/hr
Principal Engineer	170
Senior Engineer	160
Project Engineer	140
Assistant Engineer	120
Drafter	87
Administrative Assistant	20

Mileage to be reimbursed at IRS rate