

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: MARIO IGLESIAS
GENERAL MANAGER



DATE: January 6, 2017

**AGENDA ITEM
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JANUARY 11, 2017**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM

Standing report to your Honorable Board -- *Period covered by this report is December 10, 2016 through January 6, 2017.*

DISTRICT BUSINESS

Administrative

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

	<u>Dec-16</u>	<u>Jul/Dec-16</u>
Reports of water waste followed up on	0	2
Leak Adjustments	3	12
Leak Adjustment Amount	\$600	\$3,207

Water Resources

1) Total Production (AF)

	<u>Dec-16</u>	<u>Year to date July-Dec</u>
Groundwater Production	36.0	557.7
Supplemental Water Imported	<u>72.8</u>	<u>427.3</u>
Total Production	<u>108.8</u>	<u>985.0</u>

In December 2016, NCSD imported 72.8 AF of water over the 31 day period: averaging 531 gallons per minute for a daily total of over 765,000 gallons per day. For the six months, July through December, the District imported 427 AF of supplemental water. NCSD is 27 AF over the minimum scheduled take of 400 AF for this time period. For Fiscal Year 2017, NCSD is obligated to take or pay for a minimum of 800 AF from the City of Santa Maria ("CSM"). To import this amount of water, NCSD must average 66.7 AF per month from CSM.

2) Production vs. 28% State Reduction Target for 2016 (AF)

	Year-to-Date	
	Dec-16	Dec-Nov
Total Production (Annual Running Average)	108.8	985.0
Total Production for 2013	<u>178.5</u>	<u>1,438.2</u>
Reduction	<u>-69.7</u>	<u>-453.2</u>
Percentage Reduction	39.0%	31.5%
State Reduction Mandate	<u>28.0%</u>	<u>28.0%</u>
Difference in Percent Reduction vs. Targeted Reduction	<u>11.0%</u>	<u>3.5%</u>

For December 2016, the community met the month-to-month State-mandated reduction. The cumulative State-mandated reduction was also met; 31.5% reduced consumption from cumulative 2013 consumption levels.

The District's State-mandated reduction goal is currently 28% month to month and cumulative based on a comparison of Calendar Year 2013 water demand. The State has allowed water purveyors to self-certify their level of water conservation based on a three year projection of available water. NCSD provided the State with the necessary application to comply with the self-certification program, concluding that 24% water conservation efforts were more in-line with the available water supply. As of November, the State has not processed the District's application. The District will continue to target 28% reduction levels until the State processes our application.

3) Production vs. NMMA Reduction Target for the Period

	Dec-16	July-Dec
Total GW Production	36.0	557.7
Average Production for 2009-2013	<u>141.4</u>	<u>1,384.7</u>
Reduction	<u>-105.4</u>	<u>-827.0</u>
GW Reduction Percentage	74.5%	59.7%
Target Reduction per NMMA	<u>50.0%</u>	<u>50.0%</u>
Difference in Percent Reduction vs. Targeted Reduction	<u>24.5%</u>	<u>9.7%</u>

Table 3 does not include the 33.3% purveyor credit. Refer to Table 4 for the calculated groundwater pumping reduction NCSD claims for this time period.

4) NCSD GW Reduction

NCSD GW Well Production adding Purveyor Credit	<u>Dec-16</u>	<u>July-Dec</u>
NCSD GW Well Production	36.0	557.7
Purveyor Customer Credit (33.3% of Import Water)	<u>24.3</u>	<u>141.6</u>
NCSD Total Calculated GW Production	60.3	700.1
Average GW Production for 2009-2013	<u>141.4</u>	<u>1,384.7</u>
NCSD Percentage of GW Reduction	57.4%	49.4%

The District's purveyor customers, GSWC and WMWC, each claim 16.66% (cumulatively 33.33%) of the imported water NCSD brings onto the basin through the NSWP. Of the 800 AF planned to be imported from CSM, 266.6 AF will be credited to these two customers. A portion of this amount must be added to the District's groundwater pumping total every month to reflect the groundwater pumped by these customers in-lieu of taking wet water from the District.

The District reduced groundwater pumping by 57.4% for the month of December. Cumulative groundwater pumping for the first six months of fiscal year 2017 was 50%. At the current Stage IV level of NMMA's Water Shortage Condition and Response Plan, the District must reduce its dependency on groundwater by 50% for the year, a goal the community is achieving.

Rainfall Gauge

Rainfall Summary (Reported in inches)	Nipomo East (Dana Hills Reservoirs)	Nipomo South (Southland Plant)
December 2016 Total	4.53	3.15
July-2016 through Dec-2016 (Seasonal Total)	8.43	6.07
<i>As of January 5, 2017</i>	<i>4.45</i>	<i>3.11</i>
<i>Total July-2016 through January 5th</i>	<i>12.88</i>	<i>9.18</i>
Average Annual Year Rainfall	18	16

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

No additional Items

Supplemental Water Capacity Accounting

The District is not currently accepting applications for new water service.

Supplemental Water Available for Allocation	500	AFY
Supplemental Water Reserved (Will Serve Letters Issued)	-14.3	AFY
Subtotal Net Supplemental Water Available for Allocation	485.7	AFY
Supplemental Water Assigned (Intent-to-Serve Issued)	-192.6	AFY
Total Remaining Supplemental Water Available for Allocation	293.2	AFY

Connection Report

The Connection Report is current with the December data.

Nipomo Community Services District

Water and Sewer Connections

	JUL-16	AUG-16	SEP-16	OCT-16	NOV-16	DEC-16
Water Connections (Total)	4352	4355	4365	4365	4367	4368
Sewer Connections (Total)	3137	3139	3149	3149	3153	3154
New Water Connections	0	3	10	0	2	1
New Sewer Connection	0	2	10	0	4	1
Galaxy & PSHH at Orchard and Division Sewer Connections billed to the County	468	468	468	468	469	469

Meetings (December 10 through January 6)

Meetings Attended (telephonically or in person):

- Dec 12, Admin Team – Personnel Planning
- Dec 13, Public Information Program Director
- Dec 13, Admin/Eng Bimonthly
- Dec 13, Blacklake Master HOA
- Dec 13, R. Rossi - Blacklake
- Dec 14, Rotary

- Dec 14, Regular Board Meeting
- Dec 14, Tract 2558 Customer Discussion
- Dec 15, Mesa Purveyor Managers
- Dec 15, Management Team
- Dec 16, Countywide Water Action Team
- Dec 16, Water Loss TAP Program
- Dec 16, Quarterly NCSD All-crew
- Dec 16, NCMA/NMMA Basin Model Group
- Dec 19, NMMA-TG Monthly
- Dec 19, Sup. Compton & Board Officer Update
- Dec 20, Public Information Program Director
- Dec 21, Rotary
- Dec 21, County CSD Managers
- Dec 29, Board Officers
- Jan 3, Public Information Program Director
- Jan 3, Admin/Eng Bimonthly
- Jan 4, Rotary
- Jan 4, General Counsel Seitz

Meetings Scheduled (January 7 through January 13):

- Jan 9, Tuckfield (Rate Study Update)
- Jan 10, Public Information Program Director
- Jan 11, Rotary
- Jan 11, Regular Board Meeting
- Jan 13, General Counsel Seitz

Water Resource Meetings

- NMMA-TG: January 23rd @ 10:00 AM, NCSD Office
- RWMG: February 1st @ 10:00 AM, SLO Library
- WRAC: February 1st @ 1:30 PM, SLO Library

RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks direction and input from your Honorable Board

ATTACHMENTS

- A. NCSD Outreach Summary

January 11, 2017

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ATTACHMENT A

**NCSO Outreach Summary
January 2017**

Date Started	Outreach	Description	Status	Date Completed
2/2/2016	Blacklake Outreach	Outreach plan for Blacklake Master Plan	In Progress	
* 12/2/2016	Ad	Customer Survey ad in 12/2 Adobe	Complete	12/2/2016
* 12/12/2016	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	12/12/2016
* 12/12/2016	Ad	FOG ad in 12/16 Adobe	Complete	12/12/2016
9/28/2016	Customer Satisfaction Survey	2016 survey on customer satisfaction with the District	Complete	12/15/2016
* 12/15/2016	E-Newsletter	December E-Newsletter	Complete	12/19/2016
* 12/19/2016	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	12/19/2016
* 12/19/2016	Ad	FOG ad in 12/23 Adobe	Complete	12/19/2016
* 12/19/2016	Manager's Column	Article for Manager's Column in Adobe Press, pub date 12/30	Complete	12/21/2016
* 12/20/2016	Press Release	Board Reviewing Conservation Efforts and Status of Intent-to-Serve Letters in Preparation for Continued Drought	Complete	12/21/2016
12/6/2016	Website Upgrade	Updates/upgrade to District website framework	Complete	12/29/2016
* 1/3/2017	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	1/3/2017
12/9/2016	Social Media	Content posting	Complete	1/4/2017
12/9/2016	Website Updates	Home page; minutes; packets; newsletter, articles, Board updates; schedules; etc	Complete	1/4/2017
10/25/2016	Customer Info Packets	Creation of information packets for new customers	In Progress	
11/17/2016	Education	Science Discovery conservation Poster Contest Awards	In Progress	
12/19/2016	Customer Satisfaction Survey	Analysis of survey results; summary	In Progress	
1/3/2017	Rate Study	Outreach plan for 2017 Rate Study	In Progress	

* Included in Packet

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Los Padres Council Boy Scouts to honor Katcho Achadjian

SCOUT REPORT
 Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America will honor Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian as the 2016 recipient of the "Good Scout Award" during its annual "Major Member" event on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Cliffs Resort in Pismo Beach.

San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties since 1914 and would not be able to fulfill its mission without the leadership of committed community leaders such as Assemblyman Achadjian.

Los Padres Council's "Good Scout Award" recognizes a leader of community who sets a positive example for others to follow — through living in accordance with the Scout Oath and Law; while also demonstrating exceptional involvement in the community.

Katcho was selected by a committee of community volunteers, who each year identify an exceptional community leader nominated to the board of directors for this prestigious recognition.

Los Padres Council has been serving the youth of

Proceds from the event will help fund Los Padres Council youth programs throughout the San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties.

PG&E

FROM A1

This groundbreaking agreement will soften the significant impact our community will feel once Diablo Canyon is no longer here," said 3rd District Supervisor Adam Hill. "There is still a difficult road ahead, but if we continue to work together, we will shape a prosperous future for our community.

This collaborative effort is something we can all be proud of."

The California PUC must approve the agreement.

It also will review PG&E's joint proposal to



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Diablo Canyon Power Plant is shown in 2014.

shutter the nuclear plant by 2025 and determine whether the company can move forward with its plans.

No date has been set for

that review.

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Dunes Center raffle raising dig money

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The Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center is raffling off about 10 Christmas trees and wreaths to raise money for continuation of an archaeological dig to unearth more of "The Ten Commandments" movie set.

Local businesses and organizations came together to decorate trees and wreaths, while others donated gift cards and wise as decorations and gifts as part of the Trees of the Season fundraiser.

Raffle tickets have been available to purchase for the trees and wreaths since Nov. 18 at \$1 per ticket or six tickets for \$5.



FRANK CORRAL, CONTRIBUTOR

Joshua Maldonado, of Guadalupe, holds his son Julian, 11 months, as his son J.J., 4, looks at Christmas trees and wreaths on display at the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center ahead of a fundraising raffle.

So far this year, the Dunes Center has raised \$102,000 toward its goal with about \$26,000 left to go. Dunes Center volunteers are hoping the Christmas raffle will help them reach that goal.

In 2014, the Dunes Center completed a dig to find the sphinxes buried in the sand from the 1923 epic silent film by Cecil B. DeMille, after he left what is thought to be the only movie set in the area during the time to be buried by sand at the dunes.

Another dig will allow archaeologists to unearth more of the set, according to Doug Jensen, executive director of the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center.

Of the raffle, Jensen said, "Dec. 16, we will have the big party where people will pull the tickets and we'll announce the winners."

"What's great about this free event for the center is it's always near the holidays when kids are off school and

people are off work, so they can let their hair down at the Dunes Center," Jensen said.

Jensen said that while people from all over come to see the Dunes Center during this time of year, most of the raffle tickets sell to community members in San Luis Obispo and northern Santa Barbara County.

One time, he said, a couple from Denmark ended up winning a tree just before their trip back home.

"It was so funny to see them flatten our tree to pack in their luggage," Jensen said.

While everybody collaborated on the trees, some of the final touches were left to specific groups or organizations, such as Altrusa of Santa Maria and two of the board members of the Dunes Center.

"We received a lot of donations to create a tree that we call 'locally made' — we've received a lot of donations, gift cards, wine corks, a donation of olives

from a store in Paso Robles and a lot of restaurants — all on one tree which is worth about \$1,000."

The Dec. 16 party, entrance is free and so is the food. There also will be a cash bar selling beer, wine and holiday-themed drinks. Last year, the event saw 150 people.

"A lot of the people who attend don't see each other very often and it gives them a chance to catch up," Jensen said. "One of the most impactful aspects of the event is that we hold it so that it brings people together and it forms community."

The Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. For more information about the Trees of the Season fundraiser, call 343-2455 or visit dunescenter.org.

Krista Chandler covers education in Santa Maria for Lee Central Coast News. Follow her on Twitter and Instagram @KristaBeet.

Parade

FROM A1

"I really enjoy seeing look on kids faces when you go up and down Broadway. It's fun to see all the looks on all the kids faces, and to get such a good turnout. It's amazing what a good mood everyone's in, and it's a kick-off for the holidays," Gibson said.

Even exhausted participants agree the effort is

worthwhile.

"By the time you've organized, decorated, walked that parade route, you're tired, but you're also rejuvenated.

Once you see the people on the parade route, the holiday spirit, we're ready for next year," said Deb Jeffers, senior community manager at Relay for Life.

Jeffers works with student volunteers from Orcutt Academy, Righetti and St. Joseph high

schools to bring together a float which carries cancer patients and survivors.

"I think we get lost because Christmas starts in the stores in July. At Halloween, the Christmas stuff is out.

The parade brings back why we do it.

You see the lights, see the excitement, see people bundled up even if it's 70 out when we start, see the smiles on our survivors and that brings us back to why we do it," Jeffers said.

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Fareed

FROM A1

In his final three tweets conceding the race, Fareed wrote, "For the good of our community and country, it's important we support him and push him to serve us well in Congress.

May God guide him and bless our community and the United States of America."

"When I began this campaign, my sole priority was to bring new leadership and genuine representation for our community to Congress," Fareed tweeted.

2004 and will be replaced by Des Williams, a Democrat, who is currently serving as the state's 37th District assemblyman.

Capps is retiring from the 24th District after nearly two decades in the House of Representatives. She has served the district since 1998.

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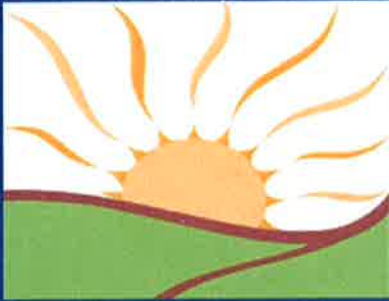
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Water Conservation: Do Your Part

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

The weather prediction for the upcoming winter from the foremost weather organization, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA"), does not bode well for Central and Southern California. That's got a lot of folks worried. Last year, central coast communities like Nipomo held-out hope that winter rains would bring a sense of normal back into our lives. Hopes were bolstered by weather pundit's predicting of a very strong El Nino influence on our weather – a condition bringing above average rain fall to the central coast. Alas, while Northern California did have a good dousing, farther south the storms proved insufficient to relieve the stress of the great California drought.

It's fair to say the weather is unpredictable and worrying about the weather does little to influence it. Instead of worrying, the Nipomo Community Services District ("NCS D") is focused on regional, local, and community actions that will secure the water supply for Mesa residents.

NCS D supports regional efforts to enhance the water supply. San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County are both looking to regain water from the State Water Project. Within the halls of County and City buildings individuals are coming together with a new sense of urgency. If NOAA's predictions are right, a sixth year of below average rainfall will be upon us with an unknowable number of dry years to follow. If these two counties are successful, they will improve the water situation for the area including the Nipomo Mesa. That's something we can all support.

Locally, NCS D continues to work with its neighbors. The Nipomo Supplemental Water Project ("NSWP") gives NCS D the power to forge alliances. NCS D gains influence by demonstrating it can succeed. By accomplishing a project many thought improbable, a surge of optimism is instilled in community. NCS D is powered up and ready to do more good for its customers and its neighbors.

When it comes to solving our water shortage problems, all must participate. As consumers, we must develop an appreciation for water and learn to alter our behavior so we focus our conservation efforts in the right places. Green lawns may not be appropriate in a drought prone area like the Central Coast. Low flow toilets and high efficiency appliances are all tools that help save water and NCS D will continue to highly recommend their use. The water consuming public plays a vital role in stretching the available water supply and must step up to the plate.

Water is our current crisis and it's a big one. Developing regional solutions, local projects, and building on relationships that foster community engagement all add up to a positive outcome. We can't hide from this problem and it does little to blame others for our condition. In this time of worry and stress over water supply, taking charge of water consumption and being part of the solution will direct everyone's attention in a positive way. Ultimately, everyone must conserve this precious resource and learn to appreciate the true value of water.

Until next time...

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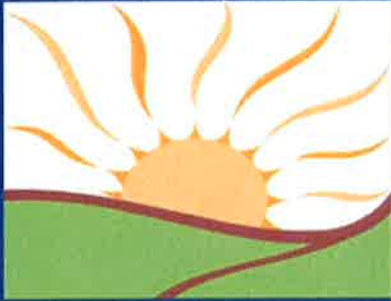


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Carol Kerwin Business Plan Workshop Leader, Certified SCORE Mentor

Carol's business career encompassed over 20 years as a digital engineer. Then as an entrepreneur, she wrote a business plan, obtained an SBA loan and owned and managed a printing company. After selling her firm to a competitor, she wrote patents and became a bookkeeper for a winery and for several small businesses. She has a BS in Electrical Engineering and an MBA.



Bob Kerwin Certified SCORE Mentor

Bob's engineering career covered 3 decades at Hughes Aircraft/Raytheon in various management positions. He co-owned a printing company (with his wife, Carol) and wrote the company's financial software. He co-wrote their business plan and another for his small business. Bob is currently a member of French Hospital's Foundation Board and Finance Committee. He has an MBA and MS in Engineering.



Scott Hills Certified SCORE Mentor

Scott has extensive experience in supply chain management, inventory management and facilities management. He and his wife owned a small business - a retail coffee shop. He is currently the SCORE chapter Secretary. His objective is to help others avoid the mistakes that he has made in his business career.

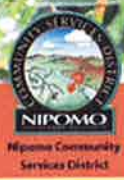


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Community candlelight service 'Follow The Star' planned Dec. 18

Churches Together Nipomo is once again hosting a beloved family Christmas tradition, the **Follow The Star Community Candlelight Service**, Sunday, Dec. 18, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Nipomo High School gymnasium.

Follow The Star, now in its fourth year, brings together talented vocalists and musicians from the Central Coast, in a program that is a retelling of the Christmas Story, musically presenting the reason for the season.

This event is not only a Christmas celebration for the whole community, but it is also a fundraiser for the

Nipomo Food Basket and the Nipomo High School Athletic Department. The Nipomo Food Basket serves more than 400 clients and their families each month, providing fresh produce, bread, meat and canned and boxed food items to needy families.

The evening of the event, the Nipomo Food Basket will be collecting canned food and other non-perishable food items. The public is invited to contribute food items in the Food Basket receptacles as they enter at the NHS Gymnasium.

In the last three years, the Community Candlelight Service has received more

than 900 pounds of food product for the Nipomo Food Basket.

The Nipomo High School Athletic Department serves 23 varsity sports and more than 600 student athletes, providing transportation, uniforms, tournament fees, field restoration, and all that is required for sporting events and participating athletes.

The yuletide fun that evening also includes caroling, a light dinner, an extensive dessert buffet, and a specially designed Christmas photo area. This event, free of charge to the public is hosted by a number of

churches which include: All For Christ Church, Calvary Chapel, The City Church, Faith Life Community Church, Full Gospel Tabernacle of Nipomo, House of Prayer, New Beginnings, Open Heaven, Peace Lutheran Church of Arroyo Grande, Resurrection Sanctuary, St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Yo En Dios.

For further information regarding the event, please contact Candlelight Service/Publicity Coordinator Kathleen Hernandez at (805)936-8972 or The City Church office at 805-929-8900 or visit our website at www.thecitycc.org.

PETS

"We understand a trip to the emergency room is a scary and stressful undertaking," Conn said, noting that by adding some of the comforts of home, such as Wi-Fi and TV, he hopes to lessen those stresses. "Waiting is also the hardest part. Those are things that make it a more bearable experience having to go to the emergency clinic."

Conn stressed that ensuring clients feel welcome, comfortable and safe will be a top priority for his staff at the hospital, which will be the only pet emergency room from Arroyo Grande to Santa Barbara.

"We sometimes see people at their worst," he added. "As general practitioners, we are really good at creating the warm and fuzzy. You aren't going to smell urine and disinfectant when you walk in here. You're going to smell coffee and cookies."

In addition to creating a space where customer service will be key, along with genuine warmth and care for pets and their owners, Conn and his team — many of whom have worked in the com-



Nipomo Beach-based veterinarian Dr. Joel Conn, left, talks with contractor Jim Lord about his plans for a pet emergency clinic that's slated to open Dec. 20 in Orcutt.

munally for years — have no plans to compete for business with local veterinarians.

Instead, PETS Hospital plans to provide care when local veterinarians are closed or can't take new clients. The clinic will not offer general practice services that don't fall into the categories of specialty medicine, emergency or urgent care, Conn explained.

"We want to be their partners, an extension of the care to their clients," he said. "We aren't in the business of stealing clients. You'll never see a spray/nutrient here. You won't see flea control here. We aren't doing any of that. We are strictly emergency and urgent care. We aren't even taking appointments."

Conn didn't think about opening a pet emergency clinic until he was approached about six months ago by Brown, who he said will be "his boots on the ground" at the Orcutt hospital. He only plans to fill in as he'll still be working at his practice in Pismo Beach and will serve as PETS Hospital's director of medicine.

After the pair brainstormed a bit, they realized opening an emergency pet hospital in northern Santa Barbara County would fill a void for not only after-hour care in the Santa Maria area — PETS Hospital hopes to draw clients from Lompoc to Santa Ynez and, even, Nipomo — but also for specialty care.

"We thought, 'Where do we put it?'" Conn said. "Right off the bat, Santa Maria seemed like the best fit."

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A message from the General Manager



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November Conservation Update

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

In November, the District produced 124 acre feet or about 40 Million gallons of water to meet customer demand. This equates to a **48.2% reduction** in overall production compared to November 2013. Additionally, thanks to the arrival of supplemental water in July 2015, groundwater pumping during November was **56.7% lower** than the 5-year average for November!

With the [Board's declaration](#) of Stage IV water shortage conditions in July, the District continues to encourage customers to conserve as they have. There are no specific mandated restrictions added to Stage III requirements. The Board directed staff to keep [Stage III conservation measures](#) in place (see below) until further review of pumping levels in early 2017.

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

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District Receives "Clean Opinion" on Annual Audit



In November, the District's Board of Directors accepted the District's financial Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and directed staff to file the Report.

Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP (RAMS), conducted the annual audit and

presented the report to the Board. The District is required by law to have an independent audit performed annually on its financial statements.

The District once again received an unqualified (or “clean”) opinion on its Report and will be submitting the Report to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for review and consideration for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The District’s audit report received this prestigious recognition of accounting excellence the past three consecutive years.

General Manager, Mario Iglesias, stated “The District’s financial fitness must be maintained to the highest levels in these uncertain times. Thanks to the community’s support, the Board of Directors’ oversight and a dedicated staff, NCS D is positioned financially to ensure the future water needs of Nipomo are met.”

Current and previous year [audit reports](#) are available on the District’s Website.

Scheduled Town Sewer Rate Increase January 1st



In 2015, the Board of Directors approved a sewer rate increase schedule for the Town Division effective each January 1st for five years.

Single family residential dwellings, which represent over 97% of the customer accounts, can expect to see an increase of \$1.42 monthly or \$2.84 per bi-monthly billing period. Customers will see the increase beginning with their March/April sewer bill.

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YOUR CENTRAL COAST

Oil crisis leads to close call for columnist

On a cold December morning in 1973 in a middle-class neighborhood in San Luis Obispo, I looked out my window and saw a long line of cars stretching nearly a half-mile



JOHN LINDSEY

waiting to get filled up at a Shell gas station. Most of the cars were killing with clouds of white exhaust floating into the icy sky.

As a 13-year-old, I asked my father what was going on. He told me that it was the result of war in the Middle East and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries reducing shipments to the United States. Price controls were imposed a few years earlier, which prevented oil companies from increasing the cost of imported crude oil to consumers at the pump. World oil prices went up and oil companies simply stopped selling gas to independent service stations.

This condition caused fuel shortages. As the lines for gas grew longer, the Nixon administration moved to manage the crisis. The sale of gas was banned on Sundays, and motorists could only fill up on odd or even days of the month, according to their license plate numbers.

At the time, the United States imported about 30 percent of its oil from overseas. Little did I know that the importation of oil into the U.S. would play such a crucial part of my life in the future.

Less than a decade later, I found myself in the Middle East as a naval air crewman in the back seat of a SH-2 Seasprite (a ship-based helicopter) patrolling the Strait of Hormuz in the early



JOHN LINDSEY, CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

This photo contributed by John Lindsey shows him standing on the flight deck by a Navy SH-2F Seasprite helicopter in the mid-1980s somewhere in the Indian Ocean.

1980s. For much of 1980s, Iran was firing missiles at Iraqi tankers, and Iraq was reciprocating. This was known as the Tanker War. The U.S. Navy played interference to ensure the flow of oil through the Persian Gulf. In 1987, the USS Stark was hit by an Exocet missile that killed 37 sailors and wounded 21 others. The Iraq pilot later claimed that he had mistaken the Stark for an Iranian oil tanker.

In May of 1983, while transiting through the Red Sea to the Indian Ocean, our crew practiced night landings on the flight deck of the USS Trippe. During one landing, our right-side landing gear retracted in its cowering (an aeronautical term for

wheel well), and the helicopter quickly rolled to the right. The fast-moving main rotor blades hit the hard steel of the flight deck, where they disintegrated and flew off in many directions. The shattered blades threatened to find me inside the helicopter at nearly the speed of sound. I feared that was my time to go.

Our helicopter slid down the side of the ship and hit the ocean upside down. The warm water of the Red Sea quickly flowed in. It was dark and I couldn't see and became more and more disoriented. I kept thinking about my father and how he would feel if he lost his only son. There was no way I was going to leave my dad alone.

In the helio dunker, a training

simulator that the Navy utilizes to train helicopter crews for crashes at sea, they teach you to remain strapped into your seat until all motion has stopped. In my desire to get out of our sinking helicopter, I unstrapped early and was immediately swept to the back of the cabin by the incoming water as the aircraft went down. I felt my hands on the crash curtain that covered the entrance to the tail section of the H-2. I knew I was in a lot of trouble. Running out of air, I was close to panic.

At that time, somehow a light came on, either from an MK 25 smoke launcher that we carried in a smoke launcher on the side of the helicopter or from some other lighting device. Only God

knows for sure.

Like a swimming pool light, it illuminated the entire cabin. I saw the dark void of the cabin door and swam for it. When I was clear of the fuselage, I inflated my life preserver with a CO2 cartridge. It seemed to take an eternity to reach the surface.

When I surfaced, Lt. Cmdr. Chuck Taylor, one of our pilots, was calling out, "Dwight, John!" Tragically, Lt. Dwight Greer was never found. I think about him every day. What a terrible loss for his family and the Navy.

Today, about 40 percent of the world's oil traded by sea makes a dangerous journey through the narrow Strait of Hormuz at the mouth of the Persian Gulf. We continue to put our sons and daughters in uniform in harm's way to protect this dangerous waterway. If you have a passion for clean energy and national security, check out Operation Free: <http://operationfree.net/> Operation Free is a coalition of veterans and national security experts.

■ Late last week, PG&E workers from Diablo Canyon Power Plant adopted 200 children-in-need in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program for San Luis Obispo County. Plant employees filled holiday gift wishes children listed on Angel Tree ornaments/tags. "This program continues to be a wild success because all the children-in-need were adopted," Meagan Watson said the coordinator of the Angel Tree event at the power plant over the last six years.

John Lindsey is Pacific Gas and Electric Co.'s Diablo Canyon Power Plant marine meteorologist and a media relations representative. Email him at pgew@herpage.com or follow him on Twitter @PGEJohn.

Recycle a Bicycle: Inmate work program spreads holiday cheer

Dozens of families in need will have bicycles for the holidays, thanks to a long-standing Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office tradition, where County Jail inmates repair bikes to give back to the community.

Every year, the Sheriff's Office collects bicycles, either through evidence recovered or unclaimed stolen property, abandonment or through donations. In many cases, most of the bikes collected are in need of minor repair or refurbishment. To get the bikes back on the road and safe to operate, the Sheriff's Office started a Re-

cycle a Bicycle Program, where county inmates enrolled in work programs refurbish the bike and make minor repairs. The Recycle a Bicycle Program has grown substantially over the years, according to the Sheriff's Office. This year, County Jail inmates refurbished more than 25 bicycles, which were donated to local charities in time for the holiday season. On Dec. 14, the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Barbara County picked up about a dozen bikes and on Dec. 16, the Unity Shoppe picked up about a dozen more to give back to those in need.



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Manager's Column

Adobe Press; Inside the NCS D

December 30, 2016 Issue

Happy Holidays Reflecting on 2016 and Looking Forward to 2017

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

The season is upon us once more - one year's end meets a new year's beginning. It's time again to commit ourselves to resolutions and promises to do better. It's a time to look back and appreciate what has been accomplished and it's a time to look ahead to envision the future. But most important, it's a time to share moments with family, friends and the community and recognize the true value these relationships bring to our lives.

I started as the General Manager for Nipomo Community Services District ("NCS D") in January 2016. During the past year I've seen a flurry of activities: The Nipomo Supplemental Water Project ("NSWP") completed a full year of operations; Phase 2 of the project kicked off and will double the reliability of the NSWP once it is completed in February 2017; NCS D was recognized by industry organizations for its governmental transparency policies and practices, financial excellence in reporting, and award winning projects.

2016 was a significant year for NCS D. The Nipomo Mesa Management Area Technical Group issued a Stage IV Water Shortage Condition – the first time since its inception. It was another year of drought and the first full year NCS D did not accept new water service applications. In response, the community took up the governor's call to action by exceeding State mandated water reduction levels. Neighbors came together to overcome adversity – a legacy we must continue as we face the year ahead.

Envisioning the year ahead, NCS D will be working to develop an organization that makes your life easier. Property owners and property management can now sign-up for email billing. Going green makes sense and it helps reduce costs. Additionally, saving water and using it wisely has never been more critical. NCS D will be installing leak detection devices on the water mains and meters to alert operators and customers of unseen water leaks. There are old water mains being replaced and new water valves planned to improve customer service and reduce operating costs.

Overcoming funding needs is always a challenge, but finding partners to engage in problem solving and building trust to develop relationships is the most challenging. Success for NCS D as an organization is hinged on building key relationships to drive change. The Board and staff of NCS D spend each day looking for ways to improve customer services. Did you take the 2016 NCS D Customer Satisfaction Survey? Building relations requires interactions. There are common goals to identify and those goals are more efficiently achieved when working together. This strategy has paid dividends in the past and is worthy of our continued effort.

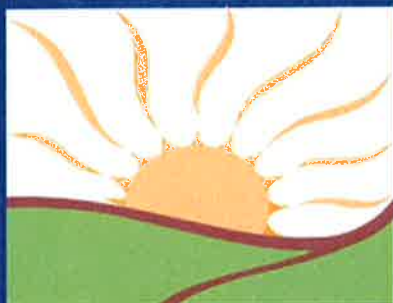
As we say good-bye to 2016 and welcome 2017, embracing all the possibilities that come with a new beginning, the staff of Nipomo Community Services District and its Board of Directors want to wish you and yours the very best this holiday season has to offer. We look forward to serving you with an improved line-up of services in the year ahead.

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Board Reviewing Conservation Efforts and Status of Intent-to-Serve Letters in Preparation for Continued Drought

At its December 14th Regular Meeting the District's Board of Directors heard a report on the current status of groundwater levels and discussed the status of active Intent-to-Serve (ITS) letters.

The Board is evaluating the impact that active ITS water commitments could have on the District's water supply if all ITS applicant's projects were completed. At the Meeting, the Board received staff's ITS presentation. It was determined that of the 14 projects with active ITS letters only 7 of the projects were considered sufficiently developed to start taking water in the next 12 to 14 months. The 7 projects represent a water assignment total of 59.1 acre feet per year or three-tenths of one percent (.03%) of the total amount of water consumed last year.

In May 2015, the Board declared a Stage III water shortage in accordance with its Water Shortage Response and Management Plan (WSRMP) and suspended the acceptance of any new applications for service.

In July 2016, the Board declared a Stage IV water shortage and directed staff to continue enforcing Stage III actions of the WSRMP, but not impose additional Stage IV possible actions until further review of the community's conservation efforts at a January 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

General Manager Iglesias stated, "The community exceeded the conservation objective set by the State of California and is 1.5% away from meeting the Nipomo Mesa Management Area Technical Group's 50% groundwater pumping reduction. Stressing the community with additional conservation actions when State and local regulatory agency conservation levels are being met may not be necessary at this time. The NCS D Board of Directors is calibrating its message to meet the stringent water restrictions, and it's working."

Review of conservation efforts and current ITS letters will continue at the Board's January 11th Regular Meeting with Board Action scheduled for the January 25th Regular Meeting.

Should the Board enforce Stage IV possible actions, the processing of ITS letters would be suspended and outdoor watering would be restricted.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 11th, 9AM, District Jon S. Seitz Board Room, 148 South Wilson, Nipomo.

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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Nipomo CSD continues to weigh water restrictions

BY CHRIS MCGUINNESS

The Nipomo Community Services District's board of directors is continuing to mull whether to enact additional water restrictions that could impact service to ongoing construction projects in the area.

The board didn't take any formal action at its Dec. 14 meeting, but it received a report on the status of its intent-to-serve letters for water service for current projects, and their impact on the drought-stricken CSD. In July, the board declared a stage 4 water shortage. While it already suspended all new applications for service in 2015, the board still has the ability to halt processing active applications.

According to data presented to the board at the meeting, the CSD currently has seven projects sufficiently developed to start taking water within the next 12 to 14 months.

The seven projects would use an additional 19.2 million gallons of water per year. The number represents 0.3 percent of the CSD total water use last year, according to Nipomo CSD General Manager Mario Iglesias.

In a Dec. 21 letter to CSD residents, Iglesias indicated that additional measures may not be necessary because Nipomo was 1.5 percent away from meeting a mandatory 50 percent reduction in pumping imposed by the Nipomo Mesa Management Area Technical Group.

"The NCS D board of directors is calibrating its message to meet the stringent water restrictions, and it's working," Iglesias wrote.

The board is set to review conservation efforts and restrictions once again at its next meeting, scheduled for Jan. 25.

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Our Nipomo

Our Nipomo: Getting ready for New Year's celebrations

Updated Dec 21, 2016

Critter Corner: Critters all seem to be ready for Christmas and New Year's. They are very busy and being very nice about everything, keeping everything neat and not making any kind of a mess anywhere. Seems a little strange, but that is how things are for now.

Nipomo Community Services District: To obtain conservation tips please contact www.ncsd.ca.gov and click on conservation. You can also sign up for news alerts, you can e-mail any time if you have questions or just call them at (805) 929-1133.

Guadalupe Cultural Arts & Education Center: Would like you to know they are open to the public on Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you have questions please call (805) 478-8502.

Nipomo Newcomers: This is a new year so dues for 2017 are now due. Those interested in joining the newcomers please contact membership chair Barbara Ward at 773-3352.

Wilshire Hospice: Will hold a Hope Chest Holiday Decor Event featuring merchandise that was saved all year including ornaments, garland, wreaths, china and more through Saturday, Dec. 24, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wilshire Hospice Hope Chest. Located at 445 Higuera St. San Luis Obispo or call 545-5955 or jamcleannan@wilshirehcs.org.

Santa Claus will be at Santa Maria Town Center: Friday, Dec. 23 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Christmas Eve from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Make your plans to see him with the little ones as the time is getting closer that he will have to load up his sleigh and ready the reindeer to go on his deliveries for the 2016 year.

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Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum: Located at 700 South McClelland St. in Santa Maria, this expedition assists your children with proper nutrition, in a good and fun way. This will be taking place on Jan. 8. For additional information call (805) 928-8414.

Blacklake Golf Resort: Will hold a fantastic dinner and New York style New Year's Party with music by Rocky Logue. Dinner is from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and after 7:30 p.m. you can attend with just champagne at midnight. Cost is as follows: Full dinner and all the trimmings \$35; individual \$65; couple, \$30; senior individual or \$55 couple. The menu is fantastic with items such as lobster and more. If you do not want to dine then you may come around 7:30 p.m. and enjoy music by Rocky Logue and have a glass of champagne at midnight and at the cost per person of \$15. Call (805) 343-1214, ext. 2. Sounds great to me. New Year's at Blacklake is always lots of fun. So come enjoy.

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Santa Maria Sun / News

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Nipomo CSD doesn't reach Stage IV water reduction

BY DAVID MINSKY

The Nipomo Community Services District (NCSD) failed to reach a target of 50 percent water reduction by the end of 2016, according to a status report presented at the NCSD board meeting on Dec. 14.

From July to November, the district was only able to reach a 48.5 percent water reduction. With Stage IV water shortage reduction measures in place since last July, the district as a whole is required to reduce water consumption by half.

The shortage is based on the Water Shortage Response and Management Plan adopted by the NCSD in response to escalating drought conditions. California has been experiencing a drought since 2011. It became so severe that Gov. Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency on Jan. 17, 2014.

The findings come despite the additional water from the Nipomo Supplemental Water Project—a \$17 million public works project that pumps water from Santa Maria to the Nipomo mesa—and an increase in groundwater levels, according to a report by Newton Geo-Hydrology Consulting.

Before supplemental water, Nipomo relied solely on groundwater.

Even though the district fell short before the end of the year, NCSD Manager Mario Iglesias expects the district will reach its target by January 2017.

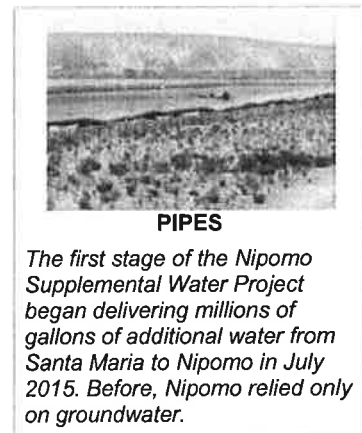
Iglesias pointed to the month of November, which saw a reduction of more than 56 percent. To reach the overall 50 percent target, Iglesias said more outreach such as notices and newsletters will be needed.

"You can't just turn the knob and people adjust their water usage," Iglesias said. "It takes a constant dripping."

Plus, Iglesias added, the Water Shortage Response and Management Plan is nonbinding and is used by the NCSD as a "roadmap" for possible action. The board is actually bound by requirements set forth by the Nipomo Mesa Management Area (NMMA) Shortage Response Stages. The water management plan could influence further action for water reduction.

"NCSD wants to apply pressure to water users through regulatory actions only to the point that water users reach the necessary objective," Iglesias said in an emailed statement. "It is prudent to reserve actions that may need to be taken in the event NCSD must go to Stage V of the NMMA. In that event we would have to reduce [groundwater pumping] by 60 percent."

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The first stage of the Nipomo Supplemental Water Project began delivering millions of gallons of additional water from Santa Maria to Nipomo in July 2015. Before, Nipomo relied only on groundwater.

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SLO County communities meet water-saving goals

BY SCOTT SMITH
The Associated Press

SLO County water conservation

The state data compares water savings in October 2015 and October 2016 to the base month of October 2013.

Water supplier	Water savings October 2015	Water savings October 2016	Conservation standard 2016	Residential water use per person Oct. 2016
Arroyo Grande	31.8%	33.9%	28%	87.2 gallons per day
Atasc. Mutual	17.2%	24.4%	0	96.4 gallons per day
Grover Beach	31.2%	29.5%	8%	73.1 gallons per day
Morro Bay	21.8%	23.4%	0	56.5 gallons per day
Nipomo CSD	28.7%	30.6%	23%	109.1 gallons per day
Paso Robles	26.5%	26.9%	0	102.0 gallons per day
Pismo Beach	21.2%	18.9%	0	96.5 gallons per day
San Luis Obispo	19.5%	19.4%	12%	58.6 gallons per day

Source: State Water Resources Control Board

Californians did a good job of saving water in October, a month of heavy rainfall amid easing drought conditions in a state enduring five straight dry years, regulators said Tuesday.

Cities used 19.5 percent less in October compared with 2013, shortly before Gov. Jerry Brown declared a drought emergency. That's up from 18 percent in September, and it reverses past months of backsliding since the state lifted mandatory cutbacks of up to 25 percent.

In San Luis Obispo County, all communities tracked by the state met their conservation targets, led by Arroyo Grande at 33.9 percent compared to October 2013.

October's savings show that California residents are committed to conserving, said Felicia Marcus, chair of the State Water Resources Control Board. "With climate change playing an increasingly disruptive role, we need to save where we can, when we can."

The five straight years the drought-prone state has endured include four of the driest on record. This wet season, however, started strong, with considerable rain mostly in Northern California. Roughly 75 percent of the state, however, remains in drought, officials said.

A warm storm is expected later this week to wash the state with rain and snow in the northern Sierra Nevada at high elevations, said Michael Anderson, a state Department of Water Resources climatologist.

In the 17 months of conservation, Californians have saved enough water to supply more than 11 million people for a year, more than 25 percent of the state's 39 million residents.

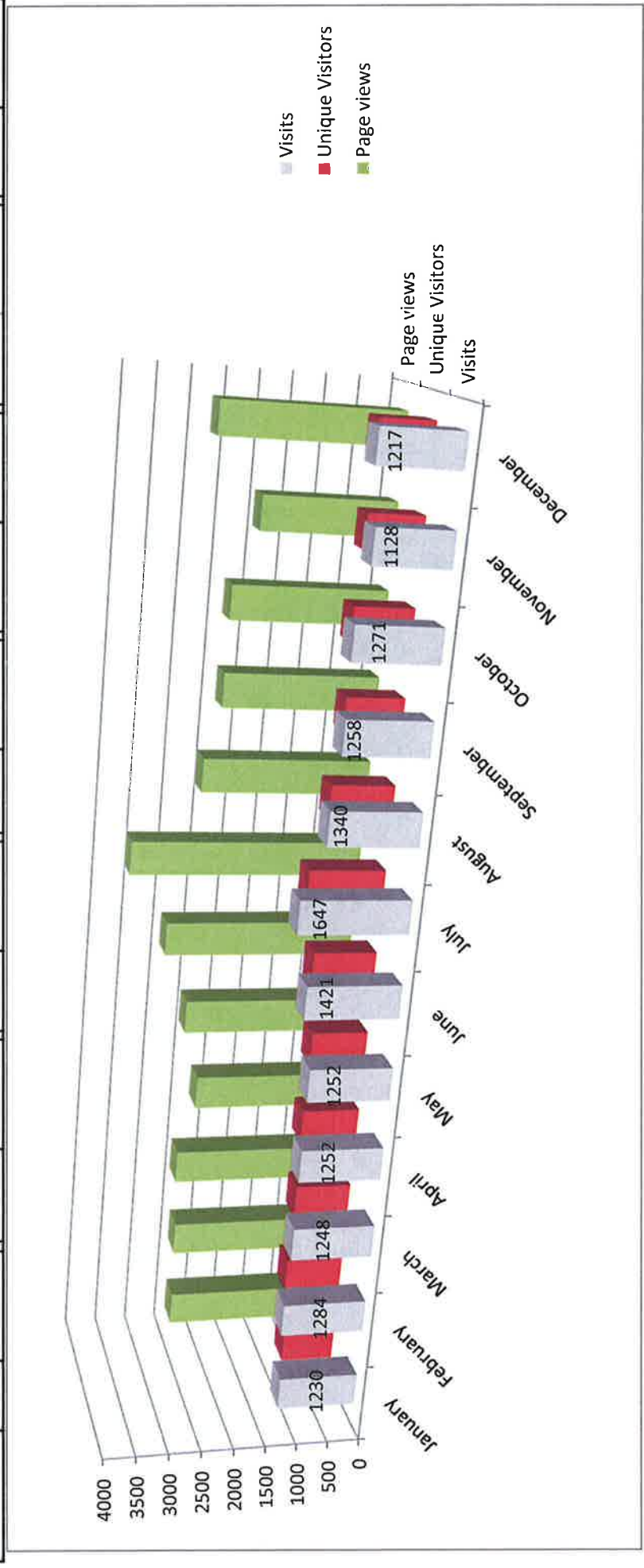
In January officials will take stock of the state's drought and emergency conservation measures. They also proposed earlier this month long-term plans for turning the emergency measures into a way of life.

2016 Website Traffic Summary

Week	Visits	Unique Visitors	Pageviews	Pages/Visit	Avg. Visit Duration	Bounce Rate	% New Visits	Highest Traffic Day
7/4/16 - 7/10/16	304	251	625	2.06	0:01:49	49.67%	60.53%	Fri 7/8
7/11/16 - 7/17/16	448	346	1066	2.38	0:02:13	52.46%	59.15%	Tue 7/12
7/18/16 - 7/24/16	350	257	764	2.18	0:02:38	52.29%	52.86%	Tue 7/19
7/25/16 - 7/31/16	334	246	685	2.05	0:01:33	58.08%	56.59%	Tue 7/26
8/1/16 - 8/7/16	370	294	691	1.87	0:01:39	63.24%	58.11%	Fri 8/5
8/8/16 - 8/14/16	242	180	515	2.13	0:02:28	55.79%	55.37%	Tue 8/9
8/15/16 - 8/21/16	266	218	492	1.85	0:01:03	58.65%	61.28%	Thu 8/18
8/22/16 - 8/28/16	310	239	574	1.85	0:01:42	61.61%	59.68%	Fri 8/26
8/29/16 - 9/4/16	311	235	662	2.13	0:01:43	54.34%	58.20%	Thu 9/1
9/5/16 - 9/11/16	300	222	550	1.83	0:01:22	58.33%	55.00%	Fri 9/9
9/12/16 - 9/18/16	268	214	522	1.95	0:01:28	60.45%	65.67%	Mon 9/12
9/19/16 - 9/25/16	308	235	580	1.88	0:01:34	58.12%	56.82%	Fri 9/23
9/26/16 - 10/2/16	282	222	469	1.66	0:01:03	60.28%	58.16%	M/F 9/26 9/30
10/3/16 - 10/9/16	310	242	612	1.97	0:01:49	55.81%	57.10%	Wed 10/5
10/10/16 - 10/16/16	252	203	460	1.83	0:01:29	63.49%	63.10%	Tue 10/11
10/17/16 - 10/23/16	310	237	569	1.84	0:01:09	60.32%	57.74%	Fri 10/21
10/24/16 - 10/30/16	291	216	557	1.91	0:01:40	59.11%	59.79%	Thu 10/27
10/31/16 - 11/6/16	294	233	483	1.64	0:00:57	66.33%	57.82%	Fri 11/4
11/7/16 - 11/13/16	317	262	570	1.8	0:01:15	60.88%	65.62%	Sat 11/12
11/14/16 - 11/20/16	264	202	523	1.98	0:01:32	52.27%	59.09%	T, Th 11/15
11/21/16 - 11/27/16	174	142	316	1.82	0:01:10	68.97%	60.34%	Mon 11/21
11/28/16 - 12/4/16	289	236	513	1.78	0:01:16	65.40%	61.94%	Fri 12/2
12/5/16 - 12/11/16	319	249	546	1.71	0:02:00	64.26%	56.43%	Mon 12/5
12/12/16 - 12/18/16	268	193	632	2.36	0:02:20	47.76%	55.97%	Tue 12/13
12/19/16 - 12/25/16	242	169	544	2.25	0:03:38	57.02%	47.93%	Wed 11/21
12/26/16 - 1/1/17	235	165	763	3.25	0:03:32	58.72%	51.49%	Wed 12/28

Website Traffic Summary

2016	Visits	Chg from Prev Mo	Unique Visitors	Chg from Prev Mo	Page views	Chg from Prev Mo	Pages/ Visit	Chg from Prev Mo	Avg. Visit Duration	Chg from Prev Mo	Bounce Rate	Chg from Prev Mo	% New Visits	Chg from Prev Mo
January	1230		836		2426		1.97		0:01:31		57.48%		54.96%	
February	1284	4.39%	902	7.89%	2457	1.28%	1.91	-3.05%	0:01:20	-12.09%	57.09%	-0.68%	56.93%	3.58%
March	1248	-2.80%	871	-3.44%	2518	2.48%	2.02	5.76%	0:01:28	10.00%	59.21%	3.71%	56.25%	-1.19%
April	1252	0.32%	891	2.30%	2292	-8.98%	1.83	-9.41%	0:01:26	-2.27%	60.54%	2.25%	59.27%	5.37%
May	1252	0.00%	868	-2.58%	2556	11.52%	2.04	11.48%	0:01:30	4.65%	54.15%	-10.56%	57.67%	-2.70%
June	1421	13.50%	971	11.87%	2959	15.77%	2.08	1.96%	0:02:09	43.33%	57.99%	7.09%	55.31%	-4.09%
July	1647	15.90%	1167	20.19%	3588	21.26%	2.18	4.81%	0:01:56	-10.08%	49.61%	-14.45%	60.66%	9.67%
August	1340	-18.64%	965	-17.31%	2589	-27.84%	1.93	-11.47%	0:01:41	-12.93%	59.55%	20.04%	59.33%	-2.19%
September	1258	-6.12%	878	-9.02%	2379	-8.11%	1.89	-2.07%	0:01:27	-13.86%	58.11%	-2.42%	57.71%	-2.73%
October	1271	1.03%	908	3.42%	2374	-0.21%	1.87	-1.06%	0:01:30	3.45%	59.87%	3.03%	59.40%	2.93%
November	1128	-11.25%	844	-7.05%	2029	-14.53%	1.8	-3.74%	0:01:14	-17.78%	61.97%	3.51%	61.17%	2.98%
December	1217	7.89%	823	-2.49%	2757	35.88%	2.27	26.11%	0:02:34	108.11%	58.67%	-5.33%	54.40%	-11.07%



2016 Facebook Summary

Week	New Users	Comment Likes	Comment Shares	User Posts	*Content Views	Most Popular Post
7/22/16 - 8/4/16 (14 days)	0	3	0	0	265	Today the District's Board declared a Stage IV Water Shortage in accordance with it's Water Shortage Response and Management Plan. www.ncsd.ca.gov (166 views)
8/5/16 - 9/8/16 (35 days)	3	4	0	1	676	#waterwisewednesday #saveourwater (96 views)
9/9/16 - 9/22/16 (14 days)	2	1	0	1	270	This year's Creek Cleanup day for the #Nipomo area will take place Saturday, the 17th! https://creekday.org/ (55 views)
9/23/16 - 10/20/16 (28 days)	4	1	0	0	554	Central Coast New Tech High students were impressive at tonight's Political Salon. There are some future community leaders out there. Thank you for inviting us! (97 views)
10/21/16 - 11/3/16 (14 days)	0	1	0	0	889 (657 AD)	It's going to be a soggy next few days! Remember to turn off your irrigation! The District has sand bags available at the office (148 S. Wilson, Nipomo) (68 views)
11/4/16 - 12/8/16 (35 days)	2	1	0	0	538	#waterwisewednesday #saveourwater (91 views)
12/9/16 - 1/4/17 (27 days)	8	1	1	0	1841	The 2016 Customer Survey will be open for a couple more days. Let us know what you think at www.ncsd.ca.gov (275 views)

2016 Twitter Summary

TWITTER

Week	List Growth (Followers)	Re-tweets (shared)	Mentions/ Favorites (comments)	Link Visits (visits to links)	Content Views (Impressions)	Average Views/Day (Impressions)	Most Popular Post
7/2/16 - 7/21/16 (21 days)	6	1	3	2	3,200	152	To save water & time, consider washing your face or brushing your teeth while in the shower http://ow.ly/3PX7E #waterwisewednesday (182 views)
7/22/16 - 8/4/16 (14 days)	0	1	4	3	1,100	79	Want to receive up-to-date District news? Sign-up on the District's website. http://fb.me/7fWNPoIVq (100 views)
8/5/16 - 9/8/16 (35 days)	0	5	4	6	4,200	120	The @DanaAdobe invites the public to a Groundbreaking Ceremony Aug 24th at 11AM for their new cultural center! pic.twitter.com/9Rr3WrVov8 (380 views)
9/9/16 - 9/22/16 (14 days)	2	9	8	5	2,200	157	#CreekCleanup day for the #Nipomo area will take place Saturday, the 17th! https://creekday.org/ pic.twitter.com/VVO1ug7wRI (337 views)
9/23/16 - 10/20/16 (28 days)	2	7	8	5	4,200	150	Reminder that #Nipomo Native Gardens Annual Fall Plant Sale is this Saturday, October 1st! #waterwiselandscaping pic.twitter.com/WL2V06qdII (270 views)
10/21/16 - 11/3/16 (14 days)	2	0	0	0	1,300	93	It's going to be a soggy next few days! Remember to turn off your irrigation! The District has sand bags available at the office in #Nipomo pic.twitter.com/JmsNH1crvj (94 views)

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11/4/16 - 12/8/16 (35 days)	5	4	6	2	2,303	66	Nipomo CSD @NipomoCSD The District office will be closed Friday, November 11:h for the Veteran's Day Holiday. Thank you to all the men and women who have served! pic.twitter.com/gvsK7sTZDP (186 views)
12/9/16 - 1/4/17 (27 days)	5	3	1	5	1,454	54	Board Reviewing Conservation Efforts and Status of Intent-to-Serve Letters in Preparation for Continued Drought http://www.ncsd.ca.gov pic.twitter.com/zFtJX115q (189 views)