

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 FROM: MARIO IGLESIAS
 GENERAL MANAGER
 DATE: March 17, 2017

**AGENDA ITEM
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 MARCH 22, 2017**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM

Standing report to your Honorable Board -- *Period covered by this report is March 5, 2017 through March 18, 2017.*

DISTRICT BUSINESS

Administrative

The District encourages residents to provide reports of any observed water waste. During the wetter winter months, there are fewer calls about water wasting. February calculations will be presented at the March 22, 2017 Board Meeting.

Office Activities

	Feb-17	Jul-16/Feb-17
Reports of water waste followed up on	0	2
Leak Adjustments	4	17
Leak Adjustment Amount	\$6,010	\$9,420

Water Resources

1) Total Production (AF)

	Feb-17	Year to date July-Feb 17
Groundwater Production	15.3	592.7
Supplemental Water Imported	<u>65.9</u>	<u>566.0</u>
Total Production	<u>81.2</u>	<u>1,158.8</u>

In February 2017, NCSD imported 65.9 AF of water over the 28 day period: averaging 531 gallons per minute for a daily total of over 765,000 gallons per day. For the eight months, July through February, the District imported 566 AF of supplemental water. NCSD is 32 AF over the minimum scheduled take of 533 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. To date, NCSD is meeting this targeted amount of supplemental water.

2) Production vs. 23%* State Reduction Target in Acre Feet (AF)

	Feb-17	Year-to-Date July-Feb 17
Total Production (Annual Running Average)	81.2	1,158.8
Total Production for 2013	136.3	1,698.5
Reduction	-55.1	(539.7)
Percentage Reduction	40.4%	31.8%
State Reduction Mandate	23.0%	23.0%
Difference in Percent Reduction vs. Targeted Reduction	17.4%	8.8%

***State Regulatory Offices accepted NCSD's self-certifying calculations and reduced water conservation levels from 28% to 23%**

For February 2017, the community exceeded the month-to-month State-mandated reduction by over 17%. This reduction brings the cumulative State-mandated reduction to 31.8% to date from cumulative 2013 consumption levels.

3) GW Only Production vs. NMMA reduction target for the period (AF)

	Feb-17	July-Feb 17
Total GW Production (Annual Running Average)	15.3	592.7
Average GW Production for 2009-2013	136.3	1,663.1
Reduction	-121.1	-1070.3
GW Reduction Percentage	88.8%	64.4%
Target Reduction per NMMA	50.0%	50.0%
Difference in Percent Reduction vs. Targeted Reduction	38.8%	14.4%

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

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.

4) NCSD GW Reduction (NCSD GW Well Production plus Purveyor Credit) - (AF)

	Feb-17	July-Feb 17
NCSD GW Well Production	15.3	592.7
Purveyor Customer Credit (33.3% of Import Water)	<u>22.0</u>	<u>188.7</u>
NCSD Total Calculated GW Production	37.2	781.4
Average GW Production for 2009-2013	<u>136.3</u>	<u>1,663.1</u>
NCSD Percentage of GW Reduction	72.7%	53.0%

The District reduced groundwater pumping by 72.7% for the month of February compared to the 5-year average (2009-2013). Taking into consideration the above referenced purveyor customer credit the District can claim a cumulative groundwater pumping reduction for the first eight months of fiscal year 2017 of 53%. 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 has achieved.

Rainfall Gauge

Rainfall Summary (Reported in inches)	Nipomo East (Dana Hills Reservoirs)	Nipomo South (Southland Plant)
February 2017 Total	8.71	6.50
July-2016 through March. 16, 2017 (Seasonal Total)	29.43	21.51
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

1. San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority [Attachment B]
Seeking Nominations for its Board of Directors

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)	-23.2	AFY
Subtotal Net Supplemental Water Available for Allocation	476.8	AFY
Supplemental Water Assigned (Intent-to-Serve Issued)	-180.4	AFY
Total Remaining Supplemental Water Available for Allocation	296.4	AFY

This information is accurate up to March 17, 2017.

Connection Report

The Connection Report is current through February 2017. This table is updated the second Board Meeting of the month.

Nipomo Community Services District
Water and Sewer Connections

	16-Jul	16-Aug	16-Sep	16-Oct	16-Nov	16-Dec	17-Jan	17-Feb
Water Connections (Total)	4352	4355	4365	4365	4367	4368	4364	4365
Sewer Connections (Total)	3137	3139	3149	3149	3153	3154	3154	3155
New Water Connections	0	3	10	0	2	1	-4*	1
New Sewer Connection	0	2	10	0	4	1	0	1
Galaxy & PSHH at Orchard and Division Sewer Connections billed to the County	468	468	468	468	469	469	469	469

*4 irrigation meters were shut and locked.

Meetings (March 5 through March 18)

Meetings Attended (telephonically or in person):

- Mar 6, Finance & Audit Committee
- Mar 6, Opterra Solar Energy – Southland WWTF
- Mar 7, Public Information Director
- Mar 7, Eng/Admin
- Mar 7, Rate Study NCSD Team
- Mar 8, Rotary
- Mar 8, Regular Board Meeting
- Mar 9, Management Team
- Mar 9, County SGMA Meeting
- Mar 10, MKN – BL Sewer Master Plan
- Mar 11, BL Annual Meeting

- Mar 13, GC W. McDonald
- Mar 13, Board Officer Meeting
- Mar 14, Rossi Project Review
- Mar 14, C. Tuckfield Rate Study
- Mar 14, Public Info Program Update
- Mar 15, Rotary
- Mar 15, Prep for Deposition
- Mar 16, Deposition
- Mar 17, NMMA Purveyor Managers

Meetings Scheduled (March 19 through March 25):

- Mar 19, Public Information Director
- Mar 22, Rotary
- Mar 22, Regular Board Meeting
- Mar 22, Comm. Meeting – Landscape Maint. Distr. #1
- Mar 22, Management Team Meeting with General Counsel
- Mar 23, Management Team
- Mar 24, NMMA-TG Meeting
- Mar 25, AWWA Proctor Training

Water Resource Meetings

- NMMA-TG: March 24th @ 10:00 AM, NCSD Office
- RWMG: April 5th @ 10:00 AM, SLO Library
- WRAC: April 5th @ 1:30 PM, SLO Library
- NMMA Purveyor Meeting: March 14th @ 9:30 AM
- NCMA/NMMA Managers Meeting: April 28th @ 1:30

RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks direction and input from your Honorable Board

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Public Outreach Program Materials
- B. Integrated Waste Management Authority – call for Board Nominations

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ATTACHMENT A

**NCSO Outreach Summary
March 2017**

Date Started	Outreach	Description	Status	Date Completed
2/2/2016	Blacklake Outreach	Outreach plan for Blacklake Master Plan	In Progress	
10/25/2016	Customer Info Packets	Creation of information packets for new customers	In Progress	
2/13/2017	Ad	Conservation ad in 2/17 Adobe	Complete	2/13/2017
2/16/2017	Manager's Column	Article for Manager's Column in Adobe Press, pub date 2/24	Complete	2/17/2017
2/20/2017	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	2/21/2017
9/28/2017	Customer Satisfaction Survey	Analysis of results; recommendations; posted summary online	Complete	2/22/2017
2/6/2017	District Newsletter	2017 1st quarter newsletter for February distribution	Complete	2/24/2017
2/23/2017	Press Release	Board Approves Agreement for Legal Services	Complete	2/24/2017
2/27/2017	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	2/27/2017
* 2/27/2017	Ad	Conservation ad in 3/3 Adobe	Complete	2/27/2017
2/28/2017	E-Newsletter	February E-Newsletter	Complete	2/28/2017
2/17/2017	Social Media	Content posting	Complete	3/2/2017
2/17/2017	Website Updates	Home page; minutes; packets; Board updates; articles; newsletter; compensation report; pay schedule; etc	Complete	3/2/2017
* 3/6/2017	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	3/6/2017
* 3/9/2017	Press Release	Nipomo CSD Receives Accounting Excellence Award for a Fourth Year	Complete	3/9/2017
* 3/13/2017	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	3/13/2017
3/1/2017	St. Joseph Festival	Preparation for District booth at event on 3/19	Complete	3/16/2017
3/3/2017	Social Media	Content posting	Complete	3/16/2017
3/3/2017	Website Updates	Home page; minutes; packets; pay schedule; etc	Complete	3/16/2017
1/3/2017	Rate Study	Outreach plan for 2017 Rate Study	In Progress	

**NCSO Outreach Summary
March 2017**

Date Started	Outreach	Description	Status	Date Completed
2/21/2017	Public Workshop	Presentation and displays for Vista Verde Landscape Maintenance District public meeting	In Progress	
3/13/2017	E-Newsletter	March E-Newsletter	In Progress	
3/15/2017	Manager's Column	Article for Manager's Column in Adobe Press, pub date 3/24	In Progress	

* Included in Packet

Cal Poly's Fremont Hall to remain closed for rest of academic year

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Officials at Cal Poly announced Wednesday that due to a mudslide, which prompted the evacuation of 275 student residents Feb. 18, Fremont Hall freshman dormitory will remain closed for the rest of the academic year.

The decision was made with students' safety and well-being as a primary concern, said Matt Lazier, media relations director, on Wednesday.

The mudslide area on a hillside adjacent to the residence hall continues to grow, and according to Lazier, mud and debris are now encroaching on the study hall area of the building.

The university determined that because additional rainstorms are due to impact the campus soon, Fremont Hall will be uninhabitable for the foreseeable future.

Lazier said that University Facilities crews are continuing to monitor the slide and develop short- and long-term strategies to protect the residence hall.

He said no structural damage has been sustained to the building at this time and crews are actively removing soil and debris from the area to keep pressure off the structure.

Cal Poly is working directly with Fremont Hall residents to provide ongoing support, and according to Lazier, the univer-

sity has reached out to parents and supporters with updates as students are being escorted into Fremont Hall to retrieve remaining belongings.

Lazier said the mudslide is a safety risk for anyone in the area of Fremont Hall, and that students, employees and community members are strongly urged to avoid the area.

In addition, Lazier reports that planning for long-term repair of the area is underway, but that work will likely begin after more sustained dry periods.

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Vanderberg Air Force Base firefighters pose with members of the fallen firefighter Ryan Osler's family on Sunday near Space Launch Complex-3 on the base. The family members pictured, from left, are Julie Collier, Lynda Yriguez, John Yriguez, Jennifer Osler, Brandon Osler, Ana Yriguez, Amanda Osler, Leonard Yriguez and Jeanine Osler.

Family of fallen firefighter takes 'emotional' tour

Vanderberg launch dedicated to Osler

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The family of fallen firefighter Ryan Osler took what members described as an "amazing" and "emotional" tour Sunday at Vandenberg Air Force Base, where they got an up-close look at the rocket that will carry a tribute to Osler into space.

Jennifer Osler, Ryan's widow, was joined by several members from both sides of her and Ryan's families for a tour of the Space Launch Complex-3 facilities that are scheduled to host Wednesday morning's launch of an Atlas V rocket.

Ryan, who had been an 18-year veteran of the Ventura County Fire Department, died in a rollover crash at the Highway 240 roundabout just east of Lompoc while responding to a fire at VAFB on Sept. 21.

Jennifer said she was both surprised and overwhelmed when she discovered Sunday that a memorial to her late husband was added to the Atlas V rocket by United Launch Alliance officials. The tribute reads: "Friend, Father and Fallen Hero, Ryan S. Osler, VCFD, 1978-2016."

"I was, and continue to be, truly overwhelmed that Ryan is being honored in such magnitude," Jennifer said a day after the tour.

"This was a complete surprise to me, and I have caught myself several times saying, 'It's unbelievable, it's just amazing.' We were told that Ryan is the first to be honored in this manner without being a member of the (aerospace) industry. I can't tell you what that means to us."

"It is absolutely incredible to see, and feel, the love and respect from so many who never even met him, and yet want to honor him in such a powerful way," she added.

"I truly do wish that I could find the words to adequately depict what I'm feeling."

Although Ryan wasn't involved in launching rockets, Jennifer said the tour and tribute, which were initially arranged by ULA, were especially appropriate ways to honor his memory.

"To say that Ryan loved everything about aviation and space is an understatement," she said. "His father instilled the love of aviation in Ryan at a young age, and I couldn't even begin to imag-

ine how much he, and his late father, would have loved something like this."

Leonard Yriguez, Jennifer's father, said the family arrived for the tour with no idea what to expect. The family was led through several barriers and checkpoints before arriving at the launch pad. Once there, Yriguez said, he and others were immediately touched by the welcome they received.

"When we arrived at our destination, it was a very tall building and waiting at the base were Vandenberg firefighters and military firefighters at attention," he said. "It brought me to emotions and tears when I least expected to see the local fire department and military fire department lined up at attention awaiting our arrival. We were not expecting that."

As part of the tour, the family was led inside the building that housed the rocket. They were taken to each of 12 floors to look at various aspects of the rocket as officials explained to them about different components and the preparations they go through leading up to a launch.

The family was invited back to view the launch, which is scheduled for a window beginning at 9:40 a.m. Wednesday.

"We thoroughly enjoyed our time at VAFB; my children were amazed at the size of everything," Jennifer said. "This experience was most definitely something that will stay with each of us for decades to come, and we felt privileged to be a part of something as spectacular as this."

Jennifer, whose family lives in Ventura County, said she was particularly thankful for all the support she has received from people in the Lompoc Valley.

In the days immediately following Ryan's death, several local businesses and residents raised funds to donate to the family and the Cabrillo High School Aquarium held a special fundraiser for the Osler family at one of its open houses.

"I am overwhelmed, grateful, and in awe of ULA, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Vandenberg Fire and the entire town of Lompoc," Jennifer said. "So many have reached out to me in various ways, extending their condolences, well wishes and blessings upon our family."

"These past five months have been difficult for our whole family, but it's the love of an entire community like (Lompoc) that has been the sunshine in our storm," she added. "We are each so very grateful for the love, the honor and the respect that you have shown to our hero."



JOHN LINDSEY, CONTRIBUTOR

Red sky at night can be a good omen, especially along the Central Coast, according to meteorologist John Lindsey, who takes a look at the old proverb this week.

Can sky colors really forecast weather?

With this year's stormy weather, I thought it would be interesting to look at some weather proverbs. Before the latest computer models or satellite images were available, sailors depended upon observations of the ocean and the sky to forecast weather.

I can only imagine what it was like to be in the middle of the vast Pacific Ocean without the use of modern weather forecasting tools and instrumentation. The threat of large waves or strong winds would be a constant concern.

Out of necessity, sailors came up with sayings or proverbs such as, "Distant shores loom up nearer before rain because of thinning of the air." And if the air was humid, "rain is most frequent at the turn of the tide."

Many of these sayings have proven mostly untrue over the years.

However, one saying often proves to be accurate. In the Bible - Matthew 16: 2-3 - Jesus said, "When in evening, ye say, it will be fair weather: For the sky is red. And in the morning,

it will be foul weather today; for the sky is red and lowering." Most historians agree that this Bible verse became the weather proverb: "Red sky at night, sailor's delight. Red sky in the morning, sailor's warning."

Meteorologists for years have studied this saying at our latitudes along the Central Coast and have concluded the adage is more often true than not.

Here is why: At our latitude, the jet stream often steers areas of high and low pressure from the west toward the east. High pressure usually produces clear weather as the air sinks toward the surface, while low pressure often produces unsettled or stormy weather.

When an area of high pressure is to our west, red sunsets are often produced because of such air contaminants as dust, aerosols, salts and smoke near the Earth's surface. The sun's light shines through these particles, which scatter and greatly diminish the shorter wavelengths that reflect the blues in the visible light spectrum.

That leaves behind the longer wavelengths, like the red hues seen by our eyes.

If a sailor sees a red sunset at sea, it most likely means that

the area of high pressure is to the west and moving eastward toward them, indicating clear and dry weather on the way.

On the other hand, if a sailor sees a red sunrise, this could mean an area of high pressure is to the east, with an area of low pressure following close behind. Stormy weather will likely be on the way. Most readers would agree that today's forecasters, including myself, are sometimes wrong despite the use of modern weather forecasting tools.

With that in mind, weather sayings may have far more value than meets the eye.

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Apply for your rebate through a simple online application at www.pge.com.

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Water bill high? Check for leaks.

Fixing leaks can save thousands of gallons.

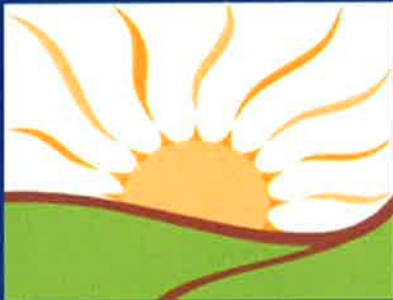
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Weekly News

March 6, 2017

Mixer this Thursday!

Join us at the Nipomo Chamber offices this Thursday, March 9 for a rousing mixer hosted by Pivotal Synergy starting at 5:00 pm. Learn about their patented brand of Ninja Networking while enjoying delicious food provided by Monkey Spit Catering.

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1. It's a well-known fact that the best way to find clients and customers is through networking. An abundance of ready-made networking opportunities exists out there, but maybe none of them are right for you or accessible to you.

2. The exchange of referrals, business cards, leadership skills, marketing ideas, and information that occurs in networking club can energize members and teaching valuable career strategies and techniques.



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WIIFM - Frequently Asked What's in it For Me is the most important five letters to your clients and or customers to insure your business success. Showcasing "what's in it for them" and the benefits they will receive through sharing expectations of your services/products when they do business is great business practice. However, when it comes to being successful in Networking, "WIIFM" is not effective and it really does not work. There are those people who's only interest in networking is

"What's in it for me?" and they quickly reveal themselves.

Balance to Networking

PS recommends to strive to seek a balance between "experienced pros" and "newbies." Groups with only seasoned people can be too laid back, while groups made up mostly of new business people,

Well-balanced groups allows for successful partnering between established professionals and younger, newer, junior professionals. Often a networking veteran takes the newer partner under his or her wing in a mentoring coaching relationship, practicing in good business leadership skills resulting for both more referrals.

The PS Way

Pivotal Synergy's meetings incorporate seasoned proven methods providing the members with a productive and positive, professional leadership experience. Members are energized and empowered to develop a solid foundation and business strategy. The exchange of referrals takes place while members engage in valuable business strategies, marketing ideas, and a wealth of information shared during the meetings toward developing leadership skills.

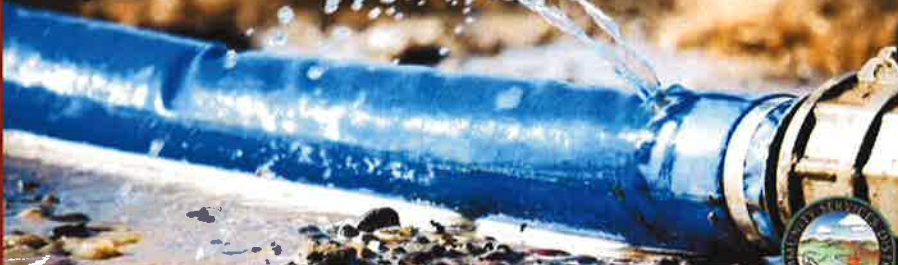


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Weekly News

March 14, 2017

Website Relaunch!

In our undying quest to bring more value to our members, your Nipomo Chamber has completely redone its website. It's fully integrated and mobile friendly making it the go-to for all things Nipomo. It will require a little initial effort from you to get your profile established and start driving massive business your way.

1. Go to NipomoChamber.org.
2. In the top right corner click on the login silhouette.
3. On the login page, click the "Forgot Password" link next to the "Login" button.
4. Enter the email address you receive email from the Chamber on, plus the security code below that. If it does not recognize your email, contact the Chamber and let us know the organization you're with.
5. After you follow the instructions in the email and get

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logged on go back to the login silhouette and click "View profile".

6. Once in there please click the "Edit Profile" button and update all your info. The more complete you make this section, the more exposure you'll get.

Some Highlights:

- The Directory link at the top of the page is where the world will find you. It's important to provide detailed information on your Goods & Services plus your overall business so you appear when a potential client searches the Directory. Once you update your profile, use the search box in the Directory to make sure you're showing up like you want to.
- The Calendar link will take you to a dynamic event calendar where all local happenings will be listed. Contact the Chamber with any event you'd like to have appear on the Calendar.
- On the new site you can purchase tickets to a Luncheon, Monte Carlo Night or even renew your membership. It truly is fully integrated.

Lastly, when you get to your profile, it may show your membership being overdue. We lost some data in the transition, so please contact us if that info is wrong.

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Nipomo CSD Receives Accounting Excellence Award for a Fourth Year

In February, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) notified Nipomo CSD that the District's annual financial report for 2015-2016 qualified for and has received the Association's Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting. The annual financial report is audited by a third party.

The GFOA's Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. Attainment of the Certificate represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Submissions to the program are reviewed by selected members of the GFOA professional staff and the GFOA Special Review Committee (SRC), which comprises individuals with expertise in public sector financial reporting and includes financial statement preparers, independent auditors, academics, and other finance professionals.

The Association also specifically recognized District Finance Director and 25-year District employee, Ms. Lisa Bognuda with an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement for her instrumental role in the District achieving a level of accounting excellence.

At its March 8th Regular Meeting, District Board of Directors commended staff for their efforts.

This is the fourth year in a row the District applied for consideration and received the award. In 2014, Nipomo CSD was the first special district in the County to receive this level of recognition on its annual audit. In being so recognized, the District joins less than fifty special districts state-wide—most of which are much larger organizations.

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

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

San Francisco Chronicle
End of drought not all good for Bay Area oyster farms

Santa Cruz Sentinel
Soquel Creek rejects raw wastewater treatment for drinking supply

Monterey Herald
Recycled water project gets permit to inject highly treated wastewater into Seaside basin

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Central-Valley-Sterra

KCRA Sacramento
▶ Drought over? San Juan Water District says yes

KFSN Fresno
▶ Merced County schools hope new water fountains improve access to safe drinking water

KCOY Santa Maria
▶ SLO County to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies; June deadline nears

Lake Tahoe News
Stormwater goals being met in Tahoe

Lodi News-Sentinel
Local floods are having a lasting effect on agriculture industry

Turlock Journal
Turlock encouraged to continue conserving despite record rainfall

San Luis Obispo Tribune
Grover Beach water bills will increase, but less than expected

Nipomo Community Services District
Nipomo CSD receives accounting excellence award for a 4th year

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Main News

lao Valley restoration update

The Department of Land and Natural Resources allowed media access into l'ao Valley park this week to provide an update on the current restoration process

▶ See more videos
Do you have a video you'd like to submit?
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Save the Date

March 13-17 Course for the Training of Backflow Prevention Assembly Testers

March 19-21 WaterReuse California Annual Conference

March 19-25 Water Week 2017

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Nipomo CSD cuts ties with Michael Seitz

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Michael Seitz

The Nipomo Community Services District has cut ties with its longtime legal counsel Shipsey & Seitz and has hired a new firm to provide legal services.

Shipley and Seitz provided legal counsel services to the Nipomo CSD for more than 20 years. But in January, the district board opted to search for a new legal counsel. A district press release said the decision was based on “the changing legal needs of the district and the board.”

At its Feb. 22 meeting, the Nipomo board approved an agreement with the law firm Richards, Watson and Gershon. RW&G has represented public agencies for more than 60 years and has offices across California, including a new location in San Luis Obispo, the Nipomo CSD press release states.

In hiring a new legal counsel, the Nipomo CSD is following the lead of the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District and the Los Osos CSD in cutting ties with attorney Michael Seitz. As legal counsel for the sanitation district, Seitz defended his friend and the district’s former general manager, John Wallace.

Wallace was recently arrested on felony conflict of interest charges for allegedly funneling money from the sanitation district to his private engineering company. For years, Seitz had claimed that Wallace had no conflict of interest as the sanitation district manager.

Nonetheless, the Nipomo CSD General Manager Mario Iglesias issued a statement praising Seitz’s firm.

“Generations have benefited from the hard work and dedicated service provided by the law firm of Shipsey & Seitz. Nipomo Community Services

District owes a debt of gratitude to the firm for their service of protecting and promoting the interests of Nipomo,” Iglesias said.

The Nipomo district board room is named after Seitz’s late brother, Jon Seitz.

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Nipomo CSD changes law firms for 1st time in 20 years



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The Nipomo Community Services District Board of Directors approved an agreement with Richards, Watson and Gershon for legal services at its Feb. 22 meeting.

The contract represents the first time the district has switched its general legal counsel in 20 years. Prior to that, Shipsey and Seitz provided general counsel services for the district.

The board made the decision because of “changing legal needs of the district,” according to a news release.

RW&G has represented public agencies for more than 60 years with offices around California, including a newly opened office in San Luis Obispo. The firm has provided special counsel services to the district since 1999.

Under the agreement, Whitney McDonald will serve as general counsel and James Markman as assistant general counsel.

Compensation will be \$210 per hour for general services, such as attending board meetings or preparing resolutions and legal documents, and \$275 per hour for special services, such as representing the district at administrative proceedings before other public agencies.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Supervisors violated law in groundwater vote, attorneys say

BY MONICA VAUGHAN

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The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors appears to have violated California's public meeting law when it voted for a change in groundwater management policy that could cost taxpayers millions, said two First Amendment attorneys who reviewed the situation.

The Brown Act requires public agencies to give the public adequate and not misleading notice about agenda items. The board failed to do that at a March 7 meeting, when three supervisors voted to change county policy regarding the state Sustainable Groundwater Management Act without proper notice, which prevented public participation, the two experts said this week.

"They should have put that vote to the next meeting," said Nikki Moore, an attorney with the California Newspaper Publishers Association. "Then you wouldn't have the concern that the public was deprived of participating in the meeting."

Two residents have sent letters to the county with allegations that the board broke the law, along with statements that they would have participated in the meeting had they known what was going to be discussed.

As a result, County Counsel Rita Neal said Wednesday that she is reviewing the vote and applicable law to determine whether to recommend that supervisors void the vote and rehear the issue.

"You have evidence that members of the community would have been there had the agenda complied with the law," Moore said. "I do think there was a violation of the Brown Act."

The March 7 vote resulted from a motion made by Supervisor Debbie Arnold to strike sections of the county's policy about implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, which requires stakeholders in water basins in overdraft to create plans to stabilize them.

In a major policy shift, the board majority voted to take on the responsibility of groundwater planning and management in the county's unincorporated areas, at a cost of up to \$2.2 million a year for three years.

The agenda had listed the item as "receive an update on the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act strategy."

"The description, to my eyes, does not look like an adequate description of what happened at the meeting," said First Amendment Coalition Executive Director David Snyder, an attorney.

"It says the board is going to receive information," Snyder said. "It does not say the board is going to make changes, let alone significant policy changes that are going to cost the taxpayer. They did not give public notice that any policy changes were on the table."

Supervisors could have asked county staff to delay the vote for another week, so that the public could be notified, he said.

Arnold did not respond to a request for comment.

RESIDENTS DID NOT EXPECT THE VOTE

Before the vote, the county policy said the county would act as a groundwater agency for unincorporated and unrepresented areas of the county only if landowners funded the studies and other costs associated with developing a groundwater management plan. Arnold proposed to strike that language.

The motion to cut that language passed 3-2 with the help of Supervisors John Peschong and Lynn Compton. Supervisors Adam Hill and Bruce Gibson voted against it. During the meeting, neither the supervisors nor Neal objected to the board taking a vote.

Public works Director Wade Horton said Friday that the vote resulted in "big changes" to the county's policy.

Neal, in an interview Friday with The Tribune, said that, "generally, making minor changes to policy would have been within the board description item."

When asked whether the changes made were "minor," she said, "I think the change in policy was certainly a change in direction."

She said that attorney-client privilege prevented her from commenting on whether she advised supervisors about a potential violation before the vote.

County residents Laurie Gage of Paso Robles and Russell Hodin, who resides east of San Luis Obispo, both wrote letters of complaint to the county and called on the supervisors to revisit their action.

"If last week's update to the county's SGMA strategy had been instead a hearing regarding proposed/potential changes to that strategy, not only would I have attended and spoken to the item during public comment, I would have drummed up other people to come and speak to the iniquity of moving the cost for management of the various basins to the taxpayers at large," Gage wrote in an email to The Tribune about her letter, using an acronym for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

VOTE COULD BE SCRATCHED

Neal said she expects to complete her review of the vote and the law by the end of the week.

At that time, she may recommend to supervisors that they hear the issue again. She said she is "unable to answer" whether the results of her review will be made public.

Gibson said he thinks the board should reconsider the policy.

"To be honest, I don't know whether that action violated the Brown Act or not," Gibson said. "But that action was extremely poor policy development in an extremely poor process."

"(Arnold's motion) was burst on the scene after the public had commented on the general topic of SGMA compliance," Gibson added. "It was quite clear she came prepared, and she was going to make a drastic change to the policy."

"I think it's important the board reconsider this policy with appropriate public input."

Moore, of the newspaper publishers association, said that in her legal opinion, taking that action would be wise of the county because the agenda item, as written, was "under-inclusive" and could be challenged in court.

"That violation of the notice creates the opportunity for someone to challenge the vote and have a judge deem it null and void," she said.

When is a drought over? Wet California wants to know

BY ADAM NAGOURNEY
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An orchard in Glenn is flooded on Feb. 14. Much of the state is officially out of the drought, but some parts, such as Santa Barbara, remain alarmingly dry.

ANGELES

The Hollywood Reservoir is nestled in a basin surrounded, usually, by dusty brown hillsides, broken up by the occasional dry wisp of shrubbery. Not these days. After yet another burst of rain the other day, the hills were transformed into lush fields of knee-high grass, spotted with purple flowers. And the reservoir? As high as it has been in years.

In Northern California, snow could be seen on top of Mount Diablo outside San Francisco last weekend. Across the state, dams are under siege and reservoirs are overflowing. The snowpack in the Sierra Nevada — a source of water once winter ends and the dry months

settle in — was about twice its normal level two weeks ago. (And that was before even more snow arrived.)

Yet for all that, California is, at least officially, still in a drought state of emergency. That has been the case since Jan. 17, 2014, when Gov. Jerry Brown issued the order after one of the driest years in California history.

Why hasn't the drought been declared over? Here are some answers for Californians — and everyone else who has watched this story unfold — about what is going on.

Q: Q: So is California ever going to end its drought emergency?

A: A: The answer is yes, or at least probably yes.

"Very soon, but not right away," Brown told reporters recently. "We are going to wait until the end of the rainy season."

In other words, about six weeks.

Q: Q: Why the wait? The Sierra Nevada snowpack is now at 181 percent of normal. There was hail in San Francisco the other day. People in Los Angeles are actually learning to drive in the rain.

A: A: To appreciate just how striking that snowpack statistic is, consider this: When Brown attended the final snowpack measurement of the season in April 2015, there was not a patch of snow in sight. That was when he ordered a mandatory 25 percent reduction in urban water use, and he met little resistance.

But Brown has seen enough droughts over his 78 years in California to know the risks. The snowpack, a central cog in California's nature-defying system of providing water to 40 million people, is ephemeral: A warm April or May could melt it away. That happened, to some extent, last year. The reason is climate change.

And although most of California — 74 percent as of last week — is officially out of drought, parts of the state, such as Santa Barbara, remain alarmingly dry.

"Some Central Valley communities are still depending on water tanks," said Nancy Vogel, the deputy secretary for communications at the California Natural Resources Agency.

Q: Q: Do Californians still have to cut back their water use an average of 25 percent from predrought levels?

A: A: That was the original directive by the governor, and Californians responded by meeting — and in some cases beating — the order. But because of that, and because conditions have improved, the State Water Resources Control Board eased up on the statewide mandate last year. The updated rules vary by region. In some places, there are no restrictions; in others, they remain relatively strict.

"What's really remaining is the monthly reporting and the bans on wasteful water use — the obvious stuff like watering so much that it runs into the street, hosing down your driveway," said Felicia Marcus, the head of the Water Resources Control Board. "The reporting and the wasteful practices are things that the governor has asked us to make permanent. And we are working on making them permanent."

Q: Q: Are Californians conserving less water than they did when the order was first issued?

A: A: They are, but it's still better than you might think.

The rule that prohibits restaurants from serving water to customers without being asked seems to have gone, um, down the drain, at least in many places. But not all the gains in water conservation were a result of behavioral changes, like taking shorter showers or watering gardens just twice a week.

At the height of the emergency, many homeowners replaced lawns with drought-resistant gardens, often with the help of subsidies from water agencies in cities like Los Angeles. New homes are being built with low-flush toilets and restrictive shower heads, and lawns have given way to desert landscaping. Those kinds of changes produce lasting effects: Urban water use was down 20.5 percent in January compared with the same month in 2013, state officials reported Tuesday.

Q: Q: Is the state being too cautious? Think the boy who cried wolf: Isn't there a risk that people who responded so valiantly two years ago will take things less seriously the next time around?

A: A: That is always a risk that state officials have to consider in determining when to declare the beginning or end of a drought. Beyond that, weather is, of course, ultimately unpredictable. California was girding in 2015 for a soaking El Niño weather pattern that never came. And before this winter began, some meteorologists were predicting a La Niña pattern, which would have meant drier conditions than usual. That certainly didn't happen.

"This year may be only a wet outlier in an otherwise dry extended period," Vogel said. "Unfortunately, the scientific ability to determine if next year will be wet or dry isn't yet capable of delivering reliable predictions."

Q: Q: In the end, has the drought been as bad as everyone worried it might be?

A: A: Probably not, although it is up there with one of the worst droughts in California's history. The last severe drought here lasted from 1987 to 1992. At the time that Brown acted, the state was in the midst of what would turn out to be the driest three-year period in its recorded history.

California has always suffered cyclical droughts, but there was considerable concern that global warming was making conditions worse. And many people in Southern California,

where growth is booming, have to rely on water that is piped in from other places, mostly from Northern California.

"I had to look at the worst-case scenario," Marcus said. "I was worried. We had to act as if we were having our own millennial drought that would last 10 years. It was definitely DEFCON 1."

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ENVIRONMENT

Supervisors vote to take on groundwater management oversight

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In a significant shift in their own policy, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors decided the county will take on the responsibility of groundwater planning and management in unincorporated areas to the tune of at least \$1.6 million a year.

The board voted 3-2 Tuesday to strike out parts of a policy passed last November regarding how the county will comply with the state's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, which set a June 30 deadline for stakeholders in basins in overdraft to form management agencies that will create sustainable groundwater plans. If a local water district or county doesn't manage the basin, the state will intervene.

Supervisor Adam Hill called the motion "a money grab" before he voted against it. Supervisor Bruce Gibson voted "no" and questioned the equity of making the shift when people have been making decisions based on the board's original policy.

The part of the policy stricken said the county would act as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for unincorporated areas that don't form their own agency, but only if landowners in those regions funded the long-term costs of compliance with the state law. If landowners did not come up with funding, the county would not act as their agency and the state would take over groundwater management.

Supervisor Debbie Arnold proposed the change Tuesday because she said she is "unwilling to raise taxes."

A majority of the people relieved by the county's shift are in the Paso Robles basin, though people are impacted throughout San Luis Obispo County, according to county staff.

"In my mind, the county needs to take responsibility for planning and management of the water resource in the unincorporated areas that it governs," Arnold said. "Planning is our business."

Hill and Gibson said the policy was unfair to people who took responsibility to form their own water agencies.

"What about the equity? You have those who are forming their own water district because they want to take action on this. And you are looking at a subset of this basin who doesn't want to take responsibility, and so we're saying, 'OK, we'll let the general taxpayer take responsibility,' " Gibson said.

Gibson asked board Chairman John Peschong, whose district includes Paso Robles, "Why vote for this?"

"As I met with people in my community, none of them want the state of California to take this over," Peschong said. "I do not believe this is putting the people in my community in the best place. That is why I want to remove it."

With the vote, the county will now become the agency overseeing groundwater management in those areas, and it will pay between \$1.6 million and \$2.2 million a year for the first three years to develop the sustainability plan.

The costs include paying consultants to determine how the basin functions — how much water goes into the aquifer and how much can be pumped out sustainably — as well as public outreach and implementation of the plan.

WHAT THE ACT DOES

In the midst of drought conditions as groundwater tables fell and wells failed, state lawmakers determined that water stored in underground aquifers needed to be regulated. They passed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act in 2014, which requires stakeholders in local water basins in overdraft to form local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies and by June 30 to develop groundwater sustainability plans, or else the state will intervene. Landowners concerned with groundwater management, water companies and public agencies can all be involved.

Six basins were identified by the state Department of Water Resources in San Luis Obispo County. Three of those were included in a statewide list of 21 "critically overdrafted basins," impacted by seawater intrusion, land subsidence, groundwater depletion or chronic lowering of groundwaters. Those three are Cuyama Valley, Los Osos Valley and Paso Robles.

The other three basins are San Luis Obispo Valley/Edna Valley, Santa Maria Valley and Atascadero.

The cost to develop plans in all six basins over the next three years could total \$16.3 million, according to current draft budgets compiled by county staff.

Two water districts are being formed in the Paso basin, and each will have its own agency. Another district is being formed in Cuyama basin that will be a member of one agency.

Public hearings for individual basin agencies are expected to begin April 4 and May 2.

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2/3/17 - 2/16/17 (14 days)	1	0	0	1	196	With all this rain we've been receiving don't forget to turn off your irrigation! #waterwisewednesday #saveourwater (50 views)
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