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Nipomo CSD Holding Town Hall Meetings to Discuss Rates

The public is invited to attend a town hall meeting to learn more about Nipomo Community Service District’s new supplemental water supply and proposed supplemental water charges to pay for the new water. Two identical Town Hall meetings are scheduled for Thursday, September 4th – the first at 3 PM to be held at the Blacklake Club House (1490 Golf Course Lane) and the second at 6:30 PM to be held at the District’s Jon S. Seitz Board Room (148 S. Wilson). There will be plenty of opportunity for questions and to provide input.

The District has succeeded in obtaining a much needed supplemental water source and is constructing essential, but costly facilities to bring that water to the community. Construction is underway and delivery of the supplemental water is scheduled to begin in summer 2015.

The District’s water rates are among the lowest in the region due to its use of low-cost groundwater. However, when supplemental water deliveries begin, the District will need to add a supplemental water charge to customers’ bills.

The cost of the supplemental water pipeline as well as the water purchased from Santa Maria will be shared with the District’s three neighboring water agencies.

The additional charge for supplemental water is proposed to include two amounts—a fixed charge for the facilities required to bring the water to Nipomo and a volume charge based on the amount of water used.

The total bill for customers with median use (36 units per two-month billing cycle) is expected to be approximately \$18 per month more than the current bill (\$36 per two-month billing cycle). This includes the supplemental water charges as well as a previously approved rate increase scheduled for fall 2014. Additional increases will be needed in future years as additional pipeline facilities are completed and the volume of supplemental water delivered to Nipomo is increased to allow decreased pumping of depleted groundwater supplies.

For more information, please contact the Nipomo Community Services District at 929-1133 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.