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Historic Project Nears Completion – New Water is Even Better

The District's historic Supplemental Water Project (NSWP) is nearing completion with water delivery expected this July. During its fifty year history, the District's sole source of water has been wells on the Nipomo mesa. This second source of water represents a long-term solution that will help balance the groundwater basin and secure water resources.

With delivery of supplemental water, the disinfectant in the District's water supply will be switched from chlorine to chloramine – a quick, effective, and safe method of water disinfection. The District is making this change to ensure system compatibility with the new water received from Santa Maria.

Chloramines have been used for disinfection purposes for more than 90 years and are approved by state water quality regulators. Special considerations for chloramines include those on kidney dialysis and those who have aquariums. Individuals on dialysis should contact their physician.

Additionally, the City of Santa Maria adds safe and approved amounts of fluoride to their water. The District will not add fluoride, so District water will contain fluoride at levels equal to or less than found in the City's water. The CDC has recognized water fluoridation as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century. The proper amount of fluoride from infancy through old age helps prevent and control tooth decay.

The District will hold public information sessions in June to discuss the delivery of the new water and change in disinfection. More details will be announced in June.

For more information on the project and the change in disinfection, the public is encouraged to visit the District's website at www.ncsd.ca.gov or call the office at 929-1133.

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