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### **Board Declares Stage III Water Shortage Conditions and Moves Forward with Response Plan**

At a Special Meeting of its Board of Directors held on Thursday May 21, the Nipomo Community Services District declared Stage III Water Shortage conditions and directed District staff to implement the response plan.

The Water Shortage Response and Management Plan is based on five escalating stages of drought. In Stages III through V, there are targeted reductions in water use designed to protect long-term groundwater supplies. Stage III represents Severe Water Shortage Conditions and sets a goal of reducing District-wide water use by 30%. District customer and *all users of the local groundwater basin* are encouraged to:

- Turn off all automated irrigation systems. (Take manual and direct control of irrigation)
- Provide minimum necessary irrigation to preserve trees and high-value landscape. (Let turf areas 'brown-out' this summer and recover when winter rains return)
- Do not drain or fill swimming pools or spas.
- Do not use water for dust control or construction.
- Do not use hoses to wash cars or equipment. (Wash vehicles only when necessary for safety or maintenance).
- Turn off and drain ornamental fountains and water features.

Stage III also results in the District suspending acceptance of applications for new water connections. Development projects that are in process will continue to move forward. Should Stage IV conditions be triggered, the District would cease processing all applications.

General Manager Michal LeBrun stated, "Basin health has declined significantly since last year. This is not entirely unexpected as we enter the fourth year of serious drought. Our supplemental water supply is arriving just in time!"

The District's water shortage response plan is designed to manage water supplies during the current drought. The new supplemental water supplies are part of a long-term solution to balance water supply and demand and sustain groundwater basin health.

The District is working with neighboring water agencies and County agencies to coordinate conservation efforts across the Nipomo Mesa.

For more information about the drought, conservation programs and other water related issues, please contact the Nipomo Community Services District at 929-1133, [info@ncsd.ca.gov](mailto:info@ncsd.ca.gov), or visit [www.ncsd.ca.gov](http://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.**