

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 (“NCSD”) is focused on regional, local, and community actions that will secure the water supply for Mesa residents.

NCSD 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, NCSD continues to work with its neighbors. The Nipomo Supplemental Water Project (“NSWP”) gives NCSD the power to forge alliances. NCSD gains influence by demonstrating it can succeed. By accomplishing a project many thought improbable, a surge of optimism is instilled in community. NCSD 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 NCSD 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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