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Our Website Has Resources for You

CONSERVATION TIPS

The District's website provides tips on how to reduce water use at home. Visit www.ncsd.ca.gov and click on the "Conservation" quick link in the upper right of the home page.

SIGN UP FOR NEWS AND ALERTS

Sign-up on our website to receive meeting, news, and emergency notifications from the District.

YOU CAN ALSO CALL OR EMAIL ANY TIME

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, we want to hear from you. Feel free to contact us at info@ncsd.ca.gov or at 805-929-1133.

Go to: www.ncsd.ca.gov

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More Cash for Your Wallet!



District customers will see a one-time 50% discount on their October/November trash bills.

The District holds a Franchise Agreement with South County Sanitation for providing solid waste collection services within the District. The Agreement generates a fee paid to the District as a proportion of the fees collected by the Sanitation Company from customers within NCSD.

The District uses franchise fees to fund community wide cleanup efforts. However, solid waste reserves have grown over the years. In August, the District's Board of Directors approved the discount for a second time.

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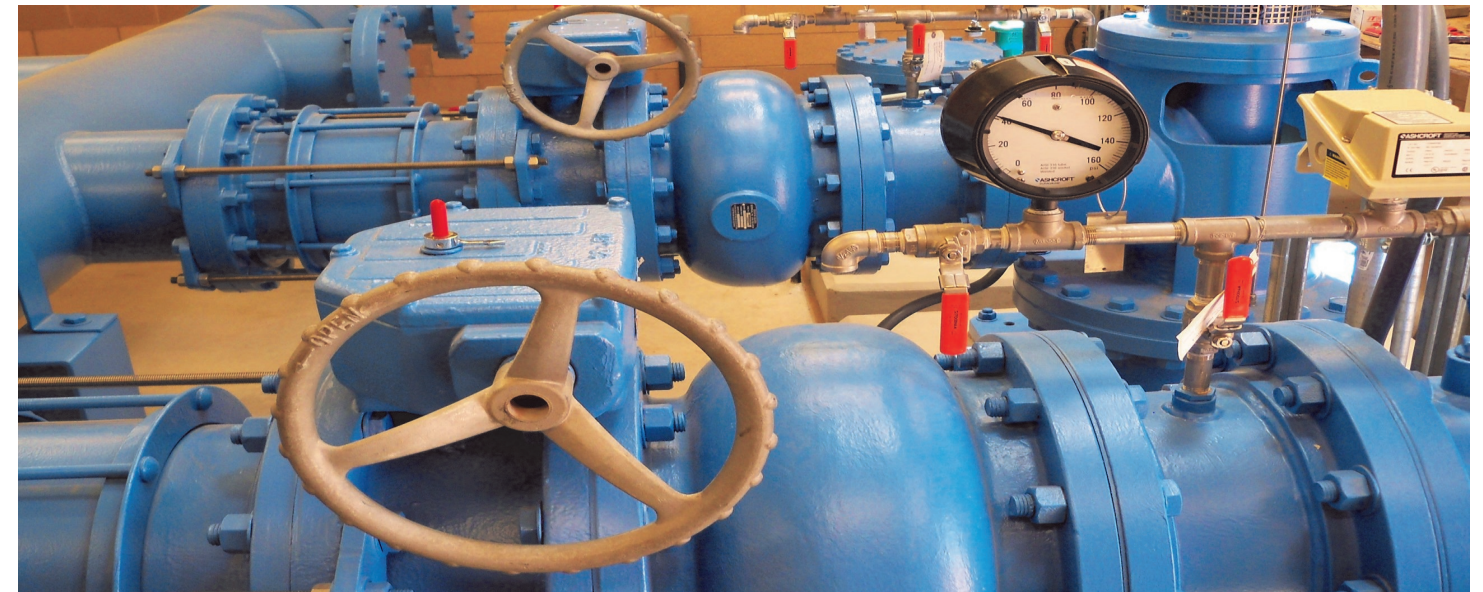


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Supplemental Water is Here!

Public Ribbon Cutting Ceremony set for September.



The long-awaited supplemental water from Santa Maria is now being delivered to Nipomo. Planning for the project began in the early 90's. Phase I of project construction commenced in July of 2013. The Phase I Supplemental Water Project is now complete and water deliveries began July 2, 2015. To date, over 23 million gallons of water have been delivered – which also means 23 million gallons LESS water has been pumped from the troubled groundwater basin underlying the Nipomo Mesa.

The public is invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 9th at 11 AM. See more information about the event inside and on the District's website.

The District will be changing the method of disinfection used for our water system.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

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A Reliable Water Source for Our Community | Nipomo Supplemental Water Project

New Water, New Rates

With delivery of supplemental water, rates have gone up to pay for the water from Santa Maria. Supplemental Water rates became effective July 1st and customers will see the new rates beginning with their September/October bills. There will be two additional charges on the bi-monthly bill as outlined below.

Supplemental Water Fixed Charge

This additional line on the bill is to pay for the building and facilities required to bring the water to Nipomo. The chart below shows the fixed charge based on meter size. Most single family residences have a 1 inch or less meter and will see a \$13.20 charge on this line. This rate is not scheduled to increase in coming years.

Meter Size	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2016	July 1, 2017
1 inch and less	\$13.20	\$13.20	\$13.20
1 1/2 inch	39.60	39.60	39.60
2 inch	63.36	63.36	63.36
3 inch	118.80	118.80	118.80
4 inch	198.00	198.00	198.00
6 inch	\$396.00	\$396.00	\$396.00

Supplemental Water Volume Charge

This additional line on the bill is to pay for the water purchased from Santa Maria and the District's operation and maintenance costs to deliver the water. The volume charge is \$0.774 per unit (Ccf) of water used. For example, if a customer uses 10 units of water during the billing cycle, they will see a \$7.74 charge on this additional line (10 units x \$0.774). This rate will increase each year for two years as shown in the chart below.

	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2016	July 1, 2017
Volume Charge (\$/Ccf)	\$0.774	\$1.003	\$1.041

Note: 1 billing unit = 1 Ccf = 748 gallons

Please note: In order to make room for the new charges, the tiered rate structure information was removed from the bill. This information can be found on the District's website under Customer Services and can be obtained at the District office.

District Customers Do Their Part and More!

The District continues to be in Stage III of its Water Shortage Response & Management Plan and State conservation regulations remain in effect.

In July the District once again exceeded its State reduction goal of 28% and saw a 37% decrease in pumping. Brown lawns across Nipomo show the story.

The District is thanking customers for the collective conservation effort. Summer months have historically been high production months for the District due to irrigation demands of its customers. District customers are doing their part during this State-wide drought and this decrease in District pumping shows that. As customers save water, they are also seeing smaller water bills proving that water conservation is its own reward!

Keep up the good work and continue to cut back outdoor water use. If everyone does their part we will remain in compliance.

Water Saver 'Stars' - The Daurios

Thank you to those who have contacted the District regarding your water-saving efforts. For this newsletter issue, we want to feature Al and Helen Daurio on Sweet Donna Place.

The Daurios live on a one-acre lot which was previously covered in green grass. In 2009 they converted their water-guzzling landscape to native, water-wise plants. This change resulted in a dramatic reduction in water usage from 52 units to 8 units during summer months. This equates to approximately \$130 in savings on their bi-monthly water bill. To the right are some before and after photos of their landscape.



Though converting landscapes saves in the long-run, many can see significant savings now by simply cutting back irrigation. Landscapes are very often over-watered. See the District's website for more tips or stop by the office.

How Have You Conserved Water? Saving water also saves money!

We want to hear how you have saved by cutting back your water use!

Write us at info@ncsd.ca.gov or on Facebook/Twitter and tell us about what you have done.

Nipomo Community Services District's
Board of Directors
Cordially Invites You to Attend the

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

for the historic



Nipomo Supplemental Water Project

Completion of a pipeline interconnecting Nipomo CSD's and the City of Santa Maria's water systems for delivery of water to the Nipomo mesa.

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Eleven o'clock in the Morning

See District Website for Map (www.ncsd.ca.gov)

Light Refreshments and Pump House Tour
Following the Ceremony

R.S.V.P. by September 2nd
to info@ncsd.ca.gov



Answers to Frequently Asked Questions



Does the District offer rebates for converting landscapes? The District does not currently offer a "cash for grass" program. However, the State recently announced funding for turf conversions. For more information and/or to apply, visit the State's website at www.saveourwaterrebates.com

How can I report water waste? The public is encouraged to contact the District if they see water waste. District staff will follow up on all reports to help customers save water and save money. To report a concern, contact the District at info@ncsd.ca.gov or (805) 929-1133.

What are the new late fees? Bills are due by 4:30 PM on the 5th. After 4:30 PM a late charge of 10% or \$10, whichever is greater, will be added to the account. Accounts that remain unpaid will receive a \$20 door hanger processing fee and be at risk of turn-off.