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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](http://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](mailto:info@ncsd.ca.gov) or at 805-929-1133.

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### 2017 Water Rate Study Scheduled

In October 2016 the District's Board of Directors awarded a contract for a water rate study.

Rate studies are conducted to assess the current and projected financial 'fitness' of the District's various independent funds. The water fund, which all District water customers support through rates, will be evaluated.

The District Board of Directors will be looking to community members and rate payers to provide them with comments, ideas, and suggestions.

#### How to Get Involved

- Jul 12th** Rate Report Presentation at Board Meeting
- Aug TBD** Public Workshop
- Aug 9th** Public Hearing at Board Meeting
- Oct 11th** Adopt Rates at Board Meeting



# Nipomo Community Services District

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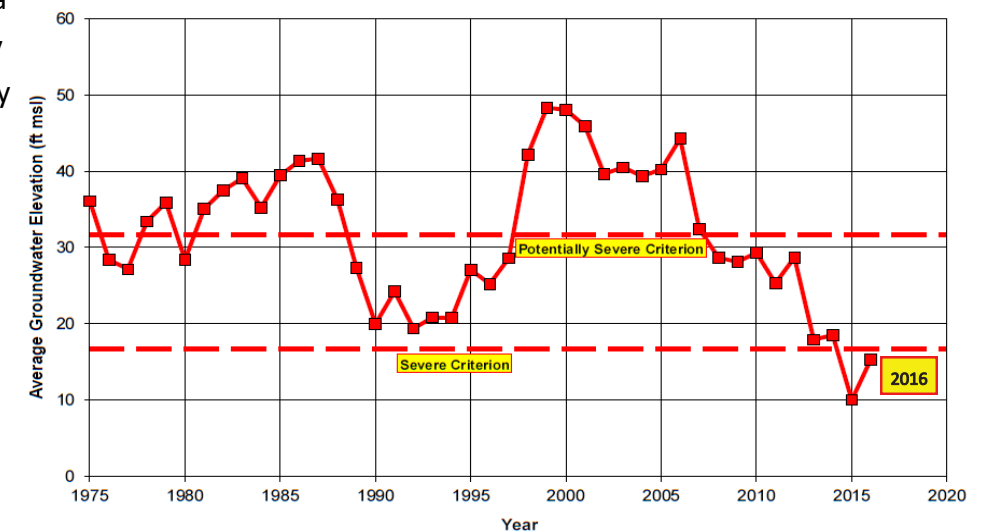
## Governor Declares End to Historic Drought Water Shortage on the Nipomo Mesa Continues

In April the Governor declared California's historic 5-year drought officially over while promoting the State's new program, "Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life." The District is still encouraging customers to conserve while area technical group analyzes Nipomo's water supply.

From 2012 to 2015, California saw some of the driest years in history. State officials are warning residents that another drought could be around the corner.

Though we saw some rain over the winter, the Nipomo area's groundwater supply has yet to be confirmed.

The Nipomo Mesa Management Area (NMMA) Technical Group is currently reviewing groundwater data from key wells in the area. The Board of Directors will review this year's data and the District's Water Shortage Response and Management Plan early this summer. The District is currently in a Stage IV Water Shortage which requires a 50% reduction in groundwater pumping. Thanks to customer's conservation efforts and supplemental water, the District has been able to meet this target.



Last Year Groundwater Levels Remained in "Severe Level."

More information regarding groundwater levels and any Board action will be shared with the public over the next couple months, as it becomes available.

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# Ensuring Quality Services by Planning Ahead

## More Water for Nipomo - Reservoir Project Completed



The Joshua Road Pump Station Reservoir project was officially completed in May 2017.

The project is a phase of the larger Nipomo Supplemental Water Project (NSWP) which connects the City of Santa Maria's water system with NCS D's. The completed Reservoir increases the District's capacity and will be able to hold 500,000 gallons of water imported from the City of Santa Maria. The Project finished on time and under budget at approximately \$3 million.

The District celebrated this milestone with a public Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on May 24th. Public officials were present at the ceremony and commended the District for their dedication to providing reliable, quality, cost-effective services to customers now and in the future.

*The completion of the NSWP will fulfill NCS D's obligation to build pipes and pumps to bring import water onto the Nipomo Mesa. Once complete, the District will have the ability to bring the Court-ordered 2,500 acre feet per year ("AFY") of import water onto the Mesa.*



Project Progress



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony May 24, 2017

## Blacklake Water Reclamation Facility Upgrades Completed



In May, the Board accepted the completion of the rehabilitation project for the Blacklake Water Reclamation Facility Headworks. The headworks is the first stage of the treatment process. The project involved the rehabilitation of existing facilities and did not increase capacity. The project was completed on time and under budget.

The Board is currently reviewing a Blacklake Sewer Master Plan which addresses other areas in need of improvement. The Board is scheduled to adopt the Plan this summer after working with the Blacklake community.

*The Blacklake Wastewater Collection, Treatment and Reclamation system was initially constructed in 1984 and expanded thereafter by private developers to serve the Blacklake Specific Plan Area. The system was initially operated by the County of San Luis Obispo. The District annexed the Area and assumed operation of the sewer system in 1993. Today the system includes the treatment and reclamation facility, approximately 7-miles of collection piping and three sewer lift-stations. The treated plant effluent is delivered to the golf course for blending and irrigation. Due to the age of the system, staff identified some needed repairs. One of the high priority areas was the headworks of the treatment facility.*

## Conservation Update

The District's conservation efforts remain steady.

In April, the District produced 143 acre feet or about 46 Million gallons of water to meet customer demand. This equates to a **36.3% reduction** in overall production compared to April 2013. Additionally, thanks to the arrival of supplemental water in July 2015, groundwater pumping during April was **51.6% lower** than the 5-year average for April and therefore met the Stage IV 50% pumping reduction target\*.

*\*In April, the Governor lifted the State-mandated reduction targets. The District is currently in a Stage IV water shortage in accordance with the Water Shortage Response and Management Plan. Information regarding groundwater levels will be available by the Nipomo Mesa Management Area Technical Group early summer.*

## Answers to Frequently Asked Questions



Is e-mail billing available?

Yes. The District can now e-mail a bill to owners or property management. Contact the District, if interested. (Paper bills still available).

How can I pay my utility bill?

- Pay in person at the District office during regular business hours (M-F 8 AM - 4:30 PM, 148 S Wilson St, Nipomo)
- Mail a check or money order to NCS D, P.O. Box 326, Nipomo, CA 93444 (Note: postmarks are not accepted)
- Drop a check or money order in the green drop box located in the driveway at 148 S Wilson St, Nipomo
- Pay online by visiting [www.ncsd.ca.gov](http://www.ncsd.ca.gov) (Note: Official Payments processes the payments on the District's behalf and charges a \$3.95 convenience fee per transaction)
- Sign up for Auto Pay with the District
- Use your bank's online bill-pay service