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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/or 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.

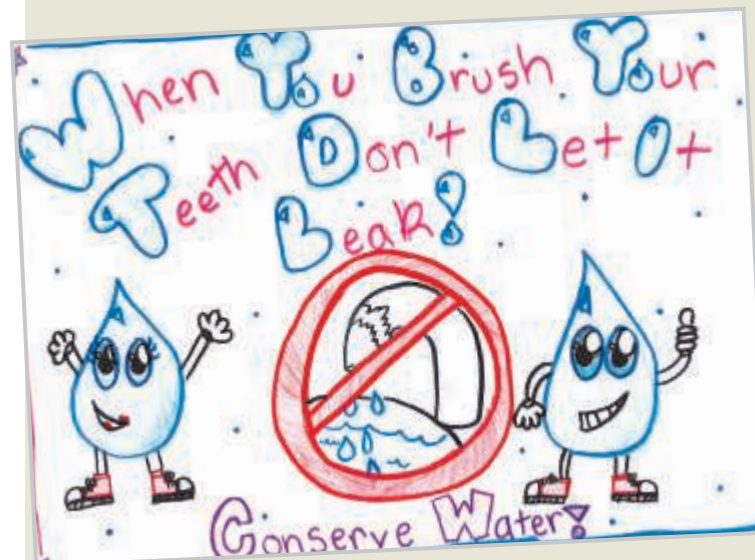
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Conservation Has No Age Limit

The District works with Science Discovery to provide conservation education in local schools.

Students in grades 3-6 at Dorothea Lange Elementary and Nipomo Elementary submitted water conservation posters as part of a contest.

All winners' art is displayed at the District office.



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Important Information from Nipomo Community Services District • Issue 7

YOU ARE INVITED
TO A TOWN HALL
MEETING

Thursday,
September 4th

3:00 PM

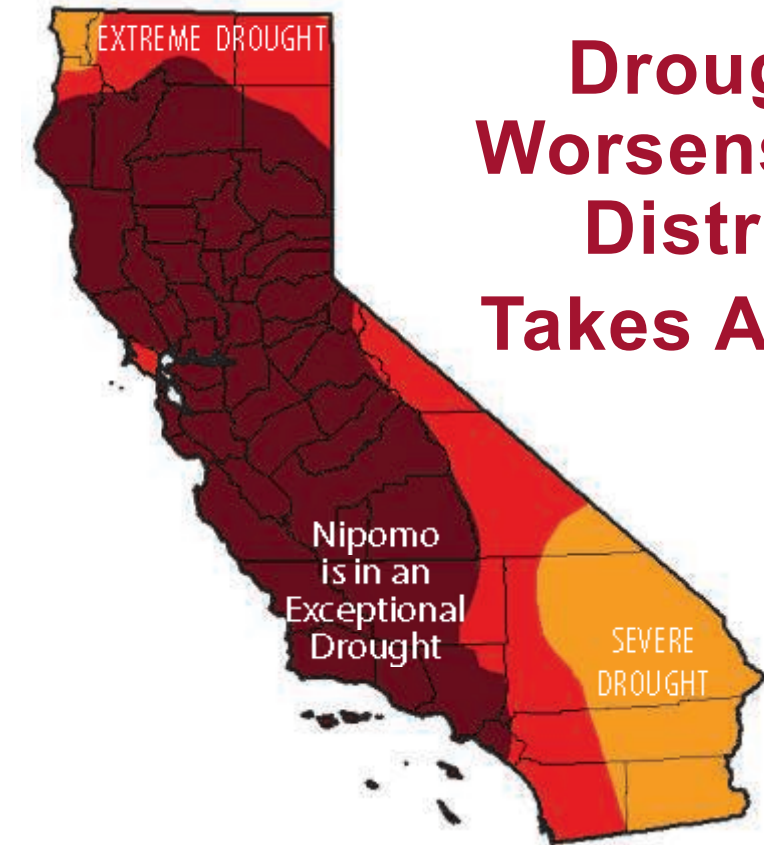
Blacklake Club House
1490 Golf Course Lane
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6:30 PM

Nipomo Community
Services District Board Room
148 South Wilson St.
Nipomo

Learn more and
provide input on:

- Bringing in a New Supply of Supplemental Water
- Proposed Supplemental Water Charges
- Drought Response



Drought Worsens and District Takes Action

Join Us at a Public Meeting to Learn More About Our Response to the Drought and About Proposed Supplemental Water Rates

Nipomo's water supply is in trouble. Our declining groundwater levels have been made worse by one of the most severe droughts in recent history. The District has been actively addressing water supply issues to ensure a sustainable water supply now and in the long-term.

See the Inside Pages to Learn How we Are Ensuring Community Water Supplies and What You Can Do To Help

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How We Have Responded to the Drought and are Meeting Community Water Supply Needs

Here Is What We are Doing

1. Implementing Water Shortage Response Program

This program, approved this spring, outlines the steps to be taken by the District during water shortages. The program has five stages and we are currently in Stage II. Because of the continued drought the District is asking for all customers to do their part in helping us achieve a 30% cutback in overall water use.

Achieving this goal will help reduce the possibility for more severe cutbacks in the future. Cutting water use is critical for another reason: as groundwater levels fall below sea level, this creates an increased risk of seawater intrusion and contamination of our groundwater with salty ocean water.

2. Bringing in a Supplemental Water Source

After years of engineering, environmental studies and public debate, an agreement is in place to buy water from Santa Maria. Construction is underway and delivery of the supplemental water is scheduled to begin in summer 2015.



The proposed supplemental rates are volume-based so customers who use less water will pay less and those who use more water will pay increasingly higher bills.

Proposed New Supplemental Water Charge

When supplemental water deliveries begin, we will need to add a supplemental water charge to our customers' bills

The District's water rates are among the lowest in the region due to use of low-cost groundwater. However, this new water source requires an additional charge to pay for it.

Cost of Supplemental Water to Be Shared. The cost of the supplemental water pipeline as well as the water purchased from Santa Maria will be shared with our three neighboring water agencies.

Details of the Proposed Charge. The additional charge for supplemental water is proposed to include two amounts—a fixed charge for the facilities required to bring the water to Nipomo and a volume charge based on the amount of water used.

Average \$18 per month additional Cost. Average water use for a single family household is 36 units (about 27,000 gallons) per two-month billing cycle. The total bill for customers with median use is expected to be approximately \$18 per month more than the current bill (\$36 more per two-month billing cycle). This includes the supplemental water charges as well as a previously approved rate increase scheduled for fall 2014. Additional increases will be needed in the following years as additional pipeline facilities are completed and the volume of supplemental water delivered to Nipomo increases.

Drought Rates to Be Considered Next Year. If there is not adequate rainfall this coming winter, the groundwater level may fall to a severe level requiring mandatory water use cutbacks. The District is developing drought rates that would be implemented at that time to incentivize customers to further reduce their usage and to make up for the revenue loss from reduced water sales. A full public process to review planned drought rates will be undertaken next year.

Here's What You Can Do To Reduce Your Use

Save Water, Save Money & Protect Limited Groundwater



Customers Cut Water Use Over 15% in July
THANK YOU!

But We Need a
30% Cut Back

If we all do our part, we can prevent damage to our aquifer during this extended drought and stay in compliance with State regulations.

Outdoors

- Cut down watering of landscapes. Most water usage is outdoors. It's OK to have brown spots in your lawn. The lawn will come back.
- Check irrigation system timers to insure settings are correct and watering times are minimized.
- Check for irrigation system leaks and overspray.

Indoors

- Check for leaks. Toilets are often "silent culprits." Stop by the office for free toilet tabs.
- Take shorter showers.
- Only wash full loads.
- Capture warm-up water from showers and sinks in buckets to flush toilets and water plants.

Follow State Prohibitions on Water Waste

Customers May Be Contacted by the District for Violations of the State Prohibitions

Your water District is requiring all customers to follow the State's emergency conservation regulations which prohibit the following:

- Watering outdoor landscapes so heavily that it causes runoff.
- Washing vehicles with a hose not fitted with a shut-off nozzle.
- Washing sidewalks and driveways except for health and safety purposes.
- Using potable water in a fountain that does not have a recirculation system.

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