

Manager's Column

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EMERGENCY DROUGHT REGULATIONS, GOVERNOR'S ORDER, and RATE INCREASES – How this Affects You

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.

Water news is pretty ominous these days. The state is considering emergency regulations that would require NCSD and its customers to use 28% less water this coming summer than we did in 2013. The state is threatening fines if the District ignores the rules and/or falls short of goals.

Our local groundwater is severely impacted from the multi-year drought and the District must do more to reduce demand on groundwater. Though the Nipomo Supplemental Water Project (NSWP) is nearing completion and water is expected to start flowing later this summer, customers must continue conserving where possible in order to meet the 28% reduction goal. When the supplemental water starts flowing, District water rates are set to increase by approximately 30% to pay for the new water.

For many customers, this last bit of bad news can be turned around; while water rates are increasing, customers can hold their water bill steady or LOWER their water bill by irrigating more efficiently and making reasonable changes to their landscape. If your typical two-month summer water use is 60 units or greater, you can likely make some slight adjustments to your irrigation approach and landscape and save lots of water and money.

Call us to get a record of your water use and more information on how you can save water and save money.

Water is precious and money is hard-earned – let's do all we can to save all we can.

What have YOU DONE to conserve? If you have cut your water use, we want to hear from you! Additionally, if you have converted your landscape to native, drought-tolerant plants, we want to hear from you. You may be featured in upcoming District communications. Contact the District at info@ncsd.ca.gov.

Until next time...

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