

Manager's Column

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DISTRICT CUSTOMERS ARE 'HITTING THE MARK' WITH CONSERVATION

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.

During this past June, the NCS D pumped 32.5% less water than we did in June 2013. This is OUTSTANDING! The Board of Directors and staff sincerely thank our customers who have worked hard and made tough choices to achieve this level of water conservation. "Thank-you"

I have spoken to so many of you who have implemented conservation measures and want to do more. We have met and bettered these State-mandated goals through voluntary measures promoted through education and outreach. This is truly inspiring. Sacramento is pushing for enforcement measures and 'water cops'. Had we not met our goals, the State's pressure to take draconian and costly enforcement measures would have increased.

I hope you all have heard by now; we began delivering supplemental water to Nipomo on July 2, 2015. We are importing approximately 500,000 gallons of water daily from the City of Santa Maria. To date, we have imported over 12 million gallons of water. That is 12 million gallons we did not pump from our groundwater basin – a groundwater basin that is at historic low levels after decades of over-pumping and four years of drought.

We must stay diligent with our conservation efforts through summer and fall. Normal or better rainfall next year combined with our continued and increasing imported water will help our groundwater levels rise and pull us out of our severe water shortage conditions.

For those who are wanting to do more, continue to monitor your outside water use. You have probably heard and/or seen the 'Brown is the New Green' message around town. Landscape irrigation continues to be the largest consumption of residential water. Keep those irrigation systems off this summer and take manual control of your landscape. Provide minimal water to preserve high value landscapes only. Your green grass will come back once normal winter rains return.

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... Michael S. LeBrun, General Manager, info@ncsd.ca.gov

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