

Manager's Column

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### **What's in our Water - Is it Safe?**

*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.*

The Nipomo Community Services District pumps and treats, on average, 2.2 million gallons of water every day with some summer days reaching as high as 4 million gallons per day!

You may have seen some recent advertisements regarding drinking water safety. You may also see the current Consumer Confidence Report (water quality report) mailed with the May and June bills. What does this information mean? The report details where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards. NCS D has met all State and Federal sampling, treatment, and reporting requirements.

Currently, our water supply is 100% local groundwater. The only treatment required is chlorination. The District does not add fluoride or any other chemicals (other than sodium hydroxide/chlorine) to the water supply. A healthy and dependable water supply is critically important to the community's health and prosperity.

Our groundwater supply is recharged by rainfall, deep infiltration of excessive irrigation, discharge of treated wastewater from the treatment and reclamation facilities, and individual septic systems. This means maintaining a safe and reliable water source is everyone's business and requires everyone to be diligent.

To ensure our most precious resource is safe for ourselves, our loved ones and our community, for generations to come, here are some tips to stay informed and help keep Nipomo's water safe:

- Help prevent contamination of our groundwater by:
  - Disposing of expired drugs and other chemicals through permitted and safe practices – never dispose of drugs or chemicals in your toilet or dump on the ground.
  - Contact the District office for information on legal and safe disposal options.
- Use water wisely. Conservation will save you money and will help to prevent seawater intrusion thereby prolonging the health of our groundwater basin.
- Immediately report any suspicious behavior around District Facilities to 929-1133 (24 hour line)
- Attend District Board meetings to stay informed

To view a copy of our 2012 water quality report and other resources on safe drinking water, please visit the District's website at [www.ncsd.ca.gov](http://www.ncsd.ca.gov).

If you have questions or comments about this column or NCSO services, please do contact me.

Until next time...

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