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**Board Approves an Increase to District Trash Rates**

In a follow-up from the December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 press release “Trash Rates for Residential Customers May Increase in 2013,” the Board closed a 45-day protest period with a hearing at the regular Board meeting on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 9AM and, in a 4-1 vote, approved the increase of solid waste (trash) rates.

In late December, the District mailed notice of the proposed solid waste rate increase to all owners and customers of record inviting them to protest the rate increase by sending or delivering a written statement to the District office.

Since there was not a majority protest, the Board adopted the resolution and approved an increase of residential trash rates. General Manager Michael S. Lebrun stated: “This is the first increase in solid waste fees to District customers since 2005”. Starting March 1<sup>st</sup>, residents who currently pay \$15 for a 32-gallon garbage wheeler will see their rate increase to \$16.74 per month. Likewise, residents who currently pay \$28.16 for a 96-gallon wheeler will see their rate increase to \$31.43 per month.

The District solid waste franchise is operated as a separate enterprise. The revenues derived from the solid waste rate increase do not exceed the funds required to provide solid waste service because the rates are calculated to:

- Provide sufficient funds for on-going operation and maintenance.
- Rehabilitate, replace and upgrade facilities needed to provide services for the District solid waste customers.
- Establish reserves to reduce risk and prudently manage the District’s solid waste services.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 27, 2013, 9AM, District Board Room 148 South Wilson, Nipomo

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**Established in 1965 to meet the health and sanitation needs of the local community, Nipomo Community Services is pleased to provide a wide variety of services throughout its district including the provision of water, sewer, and waste management services as well as lighting and drainage in limited areas. The mission of Nipomo Community Services District is to provide its customers with reliable, quality, and cost-effective services now and in the future.**