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## **Committee Presents Preliminary Findings on Supplemental Water Alternatives**

In a follow-up from the February 5<sup>th</sup> press release "Committee Develops Initial Ranking of Supplemental Water Alternatives," the Supplemental Water Alternatives Evaluation Committee presented their preliminary recommendations and initial ranking of alternatives at the regular Board meeting on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 9AM.

The Supplemental Water Alternatives Evaluation Committee is a volunteer citizens' committee tasked with researching possible sources of water to supplement the District's groundwater-only supply and reports to the District's Board of Directors. The Evaluation Committee has seven voting members, a non-voting Chair, and Vice Chair, as follows:

VOTING MEMBERS	SEAT
Saltoun, Sam	Finance
Garson, Dan	Citizen-at-Large
Graue, Dennis	Engineering
Matsuyama, Kathie	Environmental
Miller, Robert	Engineering
Watson, Dave	Finance
Woodson, Dan	Environmental
NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
Nunley, Michael	Chair
Sevcik, Peter	Vice-Chair

At the District Board of Directors February 13, 2013 meeting, Committee member Sam Saltoun discussed the citizens' committee evaluation process and presented preliminary findings and 'raw' ranking of the project. The committee found that an intertie pipeline project with the City of SM is a viable project for delivering supplemental water to Nipomo Mesa in the near-term. The Committee noted that importation of water (supplemental water) is just one of the necessary pieces of a long-term water resources management approach. The Committee also wants to see the District lead and/or take part in further study of the groundwater basin, pursuing regional partnerships, increasing public education, reducing household water demand across the basin, and enjoining a larger fraction of the area's water users in the long-term solution.

The committee expects to finalize their finding and deliver a written report to the NCSD Board of Directors at its next meeting.

The Board of Directors thanked the volunteer committee members for their ongoing commitment and dedicated service to the community. Board President Jim Harrison stated: "I have attended a number of the Committee's meetings. Each of the volunteers deserves great thanks for the service they are providing to the entire Nipomo community and Mesa area."

Next Evaluation Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 15, 2013, 9AM in the District's Board Room.

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

For more information or to view the minutes, please contact the Nipomo Community Services District at 929-1133 or visit <u>www.ncsd.ca.gov</u>.

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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.