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**Nipomo CSD Board of Directors Award Contract for Rate Study and Capacity Charge Study**

On Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, the District’s Board held its regular meeting at 9AM and awarded a contract for a water rate and capacity charge study to Clayton Tuckfield and Associates of Newport Beach, California. The contract is valued at \$38,000.

At the July 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, the Board of Directors authorized circulation of a request for water rate and capacity charge study proposals. The District broadly circulated the request to industry professionals and organizations. Five firms responded with proposals.

Clayton Tuckfield and Associates’s proposal outlined a comprehensive study of District water rates, charges, and fees and an estimated completion time of 8 months. Tuckfield was the lowest of the five proposers as well.

The study will be conducted over the next several months and include a number of public meetings and workshops. Rate studies are conducted to assess the current and projected financial ‘fitness’ of the District’s various independent funds. In this case, the water fund, which all District water customers support through rates, will be evaluated.

General Manager, Michael LeBrun, commented that the goal of the study is to “develop a fair and equitable water rate structure that will allow the District to meet its financial, contractual, and legal obligations, while ensuring long-term financial stability of the Water Fund.”

Next Scheduled Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 9th, 2013, 9AM, District Board Room 148 South Wilson, Nipomo.

For more information, please contact the Nipomo Community Services District at 929-1133 or visit [www.ncsd.ca.gov](http://www.ncsd.ca.gov).

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