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January Water Demand up Significantly over 2013

On Wednesday, February 26th, the District's Board held its regular meeting at 9AM and received a report from Director of Engineering and Operations Peter Sevcik.

Mr. Sevcik reported that groundwater well pumping in January 2014 was nearly 60% greater than in January 2013 and exceeded the five-year average January production by nearly 40%.

Mr. Sevcik attributed the increase to the extreme drought conditions which are causing customers to irrigate during a time of year irrigation water is typically not needed.

General Manager, Michael LeBrun stated "This is the compounding effect of drought. Groundwater levels drop due to a lack of rainfall while demand for water increases as homeowners, parks, and farmers across the mesa require more water to keep their landscapes and crops growing".

The Board of Directors expressed great concern over the trend and directed staff to expedite the adoption of drought based rates and to redouble efforts to encourage all users of area groundwater to conserve.

Next Scheduled Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, February March 12, 2014, 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.

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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.