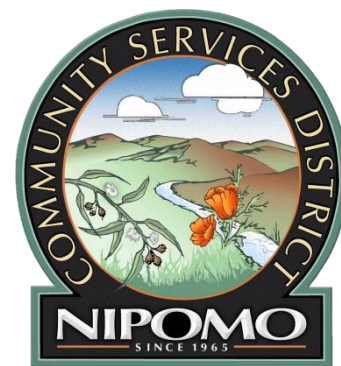


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Board Reviewing Conservation Efforts and Status of Intent-to-Serve Letters in Preparation for Continued Drought

At its December 14th Regular Meeting the District's Board of Directors heard a report on the current status of groundwater levels and discussed the status of active Intent-to-Serve (ITS) letters.

The Board is evaluating the impact that active ITS water commitments could have on the District's water supply if all ITS applicant's projects were completed. At the Meeting, the Board received staff's ITS presentation. It was determined that of the 14 projects with active ITS letters only 7 of the projects were considered sufficiently developed to start taking water in the next 12 to 14 months. The 7 projects represent a water assignment total of 59.1 acre feet per year or three-tenths of one percent (.03%) of the total amount of water consumed last year.

In May 2015, the Board declared a Stage III water shortage in accordance with its Water Shortage Response and Management Plan (WSRMP) and suspended the acceptance of any new applications for service.

In July 2016, the Board declared a Stage IV water shortage and directed staff to continue enforcing Stage III actions of the WSRMP, but not impose additional Stage IV possible actions until further review of the community's conservation efforts at a January 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

General Manager Iglesias stated, "The community exceeded the conservation objective set by the State of California and is 1.5% away from meeting the Nipomo Mesa Management Area Technical Group's 50% groundwater pumping reduction. Stressing the community with additional conservation actions when State and local regulatory agency conservation levels are being met may not be necessary at this time. The NCS D Board of Directors is calibrating its message to meet the stringent water restrictions, and it's working."

Review of conservation efforts and current ITS letters will continue at the Board's January 11th Regular Meeting with Board Action scheduled for the January 25th Regular Meeting.

Should the Board enforce Stage IV possible actions, the processing of ITS letters would be suspended and outdoor watering would be restricted.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 11th, 9AM, District Jon S. Seitz Board Room, 148 South Wilson, Nipomo.

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