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Supplemental Water Has Arrived in Nipomo

The long-awaited supplemental water from Santa Maria is now arriving in Nipomo. The Phase I Supplemental Water project is very near completion and water deliveries commenced on July 2, 2015. To date, over 4 million gallons of water have been delivered – which also means 4 million gallons LESS water has been pumped from the troubled basin underlying the Nipomo Mesa.

This \$17millionpublic works project is the largest and most important in the District's 50 year history and provides a supplemental source of water to the Nipomo area. For over 50 years Nipomo depended entirely on groundwater and, with water use climbing for decades, area demands exceeded available supply. As a result of this demand and the drought, groundwater levels are in severe condition and the District's Board of Directors declared Stage III water shortage conditions on May 21st. This supplemental water is part of a long-term solution to help balance water supply and demand.

The water has arrived just in time as we are now in peak demand season.

Planning for the project began in the early 90's. Phase I of project construction commenced in July of 2013 and is final stages of completion. Current project capacity is 650 Acre-feet per year (AFY) and plans are already underway to take the project to its full 3,000 AFY capacity.

"This is truly a monumental accomplishment for the District. This project will increase District water supply reliability for generations to come," said District General Manager, Michael LeBrun.

Later this month the disinfectant in the District's water supply will be switched from chlorine to chloramine. The District is making this change to ensure system compatibility with the new water received from Santa Maria. Customers will be directly notified (by postcard mailer) when this change occurs.

Customers will also see an increase on their September/October bill in order to pay for the water from Santa Maria. However, the District wants to encourage customers that even with the rate increase, they can save on their water bill by simply cutting back outdoor watering.

A public ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for early September. A complete project history and construction reports are available on the District's website.

For more information, contact the District at (805) 929-1133, info@ncsd.ca.gov or visit our website at 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.