



District News



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Out with Fall and In with Winter - Watering Tips for the Season

Happy Thanksgiving!

As fall is nearing the end, it's time to start thinking about your winter watering. With the wet, cool winter weather around the corner consider shutting off your outdoor irrigation system for the next few months and realize some significant savings on your water bill. Few, if any, of your landscape areas need supplemental irrigation during this time of year.

For information on landscaping with California native plants, visit www.slowaterwiselandscaping.com

Supplemental Water Project Celebrates Construction

On October 23rd, the District celebrated beginning construction on the Supplemental Water Project Phase I.

The Project will facilitate interconnection of four regional water providers and the importation of developed water from the City of Santa Maria to the Nipomo Mesa Management Area in accordance with a court order. The Project diversifies Nipomo's water supply and thereby increases supply reliability into the future. River crossing is scheduled to be completed Fall 2013

with the Project scheduled to be completed May 2015.

Elected officials including California Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian, San Luis Obispo County 4th District Supervisor Caren Ray, City of Santa Maria's Mayor Alice Patino and Councilmen Jack Boysen and Willie Green were present for the celebration.



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\$75 REBATE for High-Efficiency Washers!

Save Water, Save Money!

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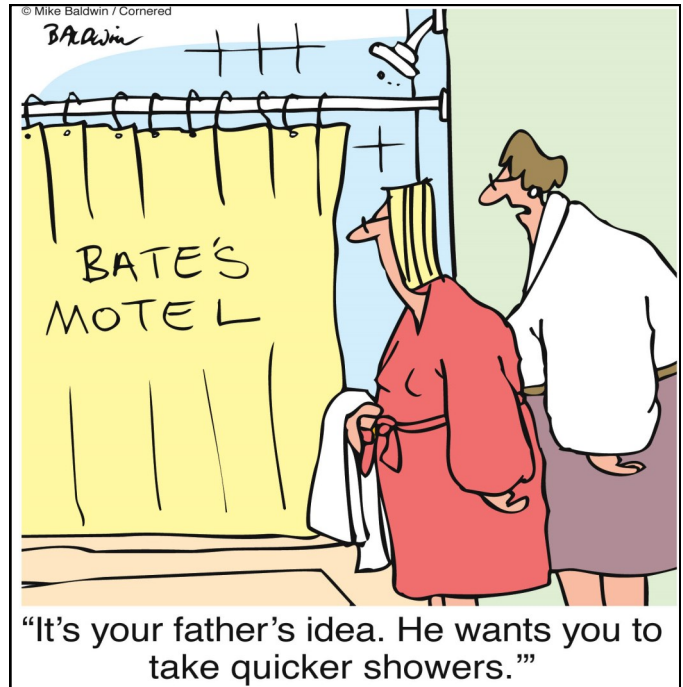
To find out if you are eligible for the \$75 clothes washer rebate, visit the NCSD website at www.ncsd.ca.gov, click on the "High Efficiency Washer Rebate" link under Quick Links, then scroll down for the clothes washer rebate information and application

If you have any questions, stop by the office at 148 S. Wilson in Nipomo or call NCSD at 929-1133.

Update on Nipomo's Groundwater Supply

With sparse rainfall last winter and dry conditions prevailing so far this winter, the District is asking all its customers and all users of the area's groundwater resources to "Use Wisely." District Managers are working with managers from other area water companies to develop a uniform approach to mandatory water use restriction should they be necessary next summer.

Visit the District's website at www.ncsd.ca.gov for tips on how to use water wisely.



Update on Southland Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility Upgrade

Construction on the Southland Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility Upgrade is making good progress. The Project is currently ahead of schedule with over 78% of work completed.

Project improvements include a flow-metering station, pump station, screening system for incoming fluids, a grit removal

system, extended-aeration system, two final clarifiers, drying beds, and facility water system. The upgrade will also include the construction of two additional disposal ponds.

The Project is scheduled for completion in July 2014.

For more information on the Project, visit the District's website at www.ncsd.ca.gov



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Send us your comments, questions and suggestions to info@ncsd.ca.gov

Meet the District's Finance Director

Ms. Lisa Bognuda has served as the Finance Director for the District for over 20 years.

Prior to coming to the District in 1993, she was a Tax Accountant with Glenn, Burdette, Phillips & Bryson, CPA firm for 6 years. Ms. Bognuda became a Certified Public Accountant in 1988. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concen-

tration in accounting from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo in 1985.

Lisa oversees all financial aspects of the District including the day-to-day office operations as well as the preparation of all monthly, quarterly and annual financial reports. In addition, she coordinates annually with the Dis-

trict's independent auditor to ensure the audit is completed in a timely manner. She is proud to report the District has received an "unqualified" (clean) audit opinion each year for more than 20 years.

Lisa has been married to her husband, Ray, for 27 years and they have two children, Ryan and Brianna. The family enjoys boating at Lake Nacimiento and traveling.



**Lisa Bognuda,
Finance Director**

CCF - What Does This Mean on My Water Bill?

CCF can stand for a lot of things (Cambodian Children's Fund, Canadian Car and Foundry, chili cheese fries), but when it comes to your water bill, what does it mean?

CCF is a unit of measurement commonly used for measuring water volume. 1 CCF is 100 cubic feet which is equal to 748 gallons of water.

If you take a look at your last water bill, you will see a box labeled "Detail of your water use this period." Under "Units Used," you will see numbers. This is the number of units, or "CCF", you used in a two-month billing cycle.

Detail of your water use this period

Water Use Tiers	Cost Per Unit	Units Used	Total
0 to 24	\$1.80	24	\$43.20
25 to 40	\$2.25	16	\$36.00
41 to 100	\$3.15	15	\$47.25
101 and up	\$5.40	0	\$0.00
WATER USE ONLY ->			\$126.45

Example:

24 units = 24 CCF (2400 cubic feet) = 17,952 gallons of water.

If you feel your usage is high, the District can review your history with you. Call the office at 929-1133. Additionally, you may want to check for leaks. The District's website (www.ncsd.ca.gov) has tips on how to do this.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is my water bill higher?

Most fall water bills reflect summer water usage. Hotter weather leads to more water usage for landscaping. You may also have a leak. The District has some tips for checking your home for leaks.

Who fixes a leak?

NCSD maintains the entire water system up to and including the water meter. It is the customers' responsibility to fix any water leak that happens after the water meter (customer side of meter).

How does the Supplemental Water Project impact my water bill?

Currently, the Project has no impact on rates. The construction is financed by a grant, reserves, and loan secured by current rates. Once water begins to flow from the new pipeline, District water rates will be impacted.



We welcome your feedback and questions! If you have a question you would like us to answer, feel free to contact info@ncsd.ca.gov

Providing the community with reliable, quality, and cost-effective services now and in the future.

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Upcoming Meetings and Dates to Remember

Wed, November 27th
Board Meeting Cancelled

Wed, December 25th
Board Meeting Cancelled

**Thu, November 28th -
Fri, November 29th**
District Office closed for
Thanksgiving Holiday

**Tue, December 24th -
Fri, December 27th**
District Office Closed for Holiday

Wed, December 11th @ 9:00 am
Board Meeting at NCSO Office
(public welcome)

**Tue, December 31st
Wed, January 1st**
District Office Closed for Holiday

Check ncsd.ca.gov for updates

Pay your bill online!
www.ncsd.ca.gov

For customer convenience, Nipomo Community Services District continues to offer an online bill paying service. This service accepts Visa, Master Card, Discover, and American Express, as well as debit cards and e-checks. Customers can also pay in the office Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm, except holidays. There is a payment drop box in the driveway.

CONSERVATION TIP

Let your lawn go dormant (brown) during the winter. Most species of grass need little or no water during winter months.



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