

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: MICHAEL S. LEBRUN *MSL*
GENERAL MANAGER
DATE: OCTOBER 4, 2013

**AGENDA ITEM
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OCTOBER 9, 2013**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM

Standing report to your Honorable Board -- *Period covered by this report is September 21, 2013 through October 4, 2013.*

DISTRICT BUSINESS

Administrative

- Filling staffing vacancies remains a top priority. Recruitment for Wastewater Supervisor, Utility Operator and Customer Service is ongoing. District Billing Clerk has announced her retirement after 23 years of service to the community. Recruitment to fill the Clerk position will begin the week of October 7.
- Will-Serve Letters were issued to a single family residence in the Summit Station area and the Board approved commercial (medical building) development on West Tefft.
- Two \$75 rebates for high water efficiency clothes washers were granted. Twenty washer rebates have been issued since July 1 as compared to thirty-one rebates issued July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. There have been 260 rebates, totaling over \$19,000, issued since program inception in 2008.
- There have been twelve leak related bill reductions processed in accordance with the Bill Relief Policy your Board adopted last winter. A cumulative reduction of \$7,900 has been granted.
- During the month of September the Billing and Board Clerk received 331 walk-in customers. 288 of those customers were paying bills or adjusting an account. 17 came in to discuss high bills, 14 for development related issues. Another 228 customer phone calls were received during the month with a very similar break down in type. Overall 81% of the 559 customer contacts were related to account payment or account inquires. A total of 2 complaints were received, both via the phone.
- Most recent data from Nipomo area County rain gauges recorded no rain during the past two weeks. County rain gauges are reset on July 1 each year. The Nipomo South gauge (Sensor 730) measured total rainfall for the year of 7 inches, 44% of the 16-inch annual average. The Nipomo North gauge (Sensor 730) measured 5.9 inches for the past year, 33% of the 18 inch annual average. Twitchell Reservoir reports 0.0% capacity (at gauge minimum); Lopez Lake stands at 64.2% capacity (31,690 Acre-feet). *This is UP slightly over the past two weeks.* The District does not have access to Lopez water, however Lopez is a major source of recharge to the Northern Cities Management Area portions of the Santa Maria Groundwater basin.

Safety Program

- No incidents to report

Public Outreach

The following public outreach related information is attached to the Manager's Report:

- A summary of outreach and education activities
- Recent outreach materials;
 - Fall Conservation Advertisement
 - September 27 Inside NCSD Column
- Press Release Log and recent press releases
- District related news articles
- Summary of 2012-2013 Water Conservation Education to Schools

Monthly Connection Report

Nipomo Community Services District
Water and Sewer Connections

End of Month Report 2013

	DEC-12	JAN-13	FEB-13	MAR-13	APR-13	MAY-13	JUN-13	JUL-13	AUG-13	SEPT-13	OCT-13
Water Connections (Total)	4259	4268	4268	4268	4268	4287	4287	4289	4290	4290	4293
Sewer Connections (Total)	3055	3064	3064	3064	3064	3083	3083	3083	3084	3084	3086
Meters turned off (Non-payment)	20	18	34	32	14	20	13	13	28	30	23
Meters off (Vacant)	52	55	57	56	58	57	55	53	48	45	45
Sewer Connections off (Vacant)	20	22	24	22	23	24	20	28	18	14	14
New Water Connections	12	9	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	3
New Sewer Connection	12	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	2
Galaxy & PSHH at Orchard and Division Sewer Connections billed to the County	462	462	462	462	462	462	462	462	462	462	463

Other News of Interest (All items attached to this report)

- Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian's September 2013 Legislative Update
- CA Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery Notice
- SLO County Planning Summary of Development in the Nipomo Area
- 4th District Supervisor Appointment; Caren Ray will succeed Paul Teixeira

Meetings

Meetings Attended (telephonically or in person):

- September 23, NMMA Technical Group managers
- September 23, Supplemental Water interview with Santa Maria Times
- September 23, Outreach Coordination
- September 24, Groundwater Resource interview with The CA Report
- September 25, Regular Board Meeting
- September 26 & October 3, Management Coordination
- September 27, Water Demand Analysis
- September 30, Board Officers

- October 1, County Board of Supervisors
- October 2, NMMA Technical Group Managers
- October 3, NMMA Technical Group
- October 4, Utility Operator Interview

Meetings Scheduled:

- *October 7, Water Resources Committee*
- *October 8, Public Outreach Coordination*
- *October 9, Regular Board Meeting*
- *October 10 & 17, Management Coordination*
- *October 14, Board Officers*

RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks direction and input from your Honorable Board

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Summary of District Outreach Materials
- B. Assemblyman Achadjian's September Update
- C. Resource Agency Notice
- D. SLO County Planning Project Status Summary
- E. 4th District Supervisor Appointment

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ATTACHMENT A

**NCSO Outreach Summary
September 2013**

Date Started	Outreach	Description	Status	Date Completed
5/2/2013	Value of Water Display	Value of Water display for lobby	In Progress	
7/2/2013	FOG	Creating page and graphics for website regarding Fats, Oils, and Grease	In Progress	
8/19/2013	Brochure	Update of "Reading Your Water Meter" brochure	In Progress	
8/26/2013	Website Updates	Addition of links, Creek Day info, Manager's Columns, homepage clean-up	Complete; Ongoing	9/4/2013
8/19/2013	Brochure	Update of "Leaky Toilet" handout card	Complete	9/9/2013
9/11/2013	Press Release	Nipomo CSD Board of Directors Deny Agricultural Request for Water	Complete	9/12/2013
9/9/2013	Ad	Creek Day 1/4 page ad in Adobe, pub date 9/13	Complete	9/13/2013
9/17/2013	Program	Creation of program for SWP River Crossing Celebration	In Progress	
9/6/2013	Invitation	Creation of invite for SWP River Crossing Celebration	Complete	9/18/2013
9/6/2013	Website Updates	Addition conservation links and Paquini sewer reports	Complete; Ongoing	9/19/2013
9/19/2013	Incentive	Promotional takeaway for SWP River Crossing Celebration	In Production	
9/20/2013	Manager's Column	Article 8 for Manager's Column in Adobe Press, pub date 9/27	Complete	9/23/2013
9/23/2013	Ad	Fall conservation 1/4 page ad in Adobe, pub date 9/27	Complete	9/24/2013
9/25/2013	Press Release	Nipomo CSD Board of Directors Accept District Transparency Award	Complete	9/26/2013
9/25/2013	Press Release	Nipomo CSD Board of Directors Award Contract for Rate Study and Capacity Charge Study	Complete	9/26/2013
6/17/2013	Plaque	Creation of brass plaque honoring the District's first Board members	Complete	9/26/2013
9/27/2013	Website Updates	Press Releases, Manager's Column, Wastewater Supervisor position and Water Cost Comparison added	Complete; Ongoing	10/2/2013

**NCS D Outreach Summary
September 2013**

Date Started	Outreach	Description	Status	Date Completed
9/30/2013	Website Upgrade	Working with website consultant to upgrade website; preparing for "discovery phase"	In Progress	
10/1/2013	District Newsletter	Fourth quarter newsletter for November 15th distribution	In Progress	

MINOR MADNESS

YOUTH BRIEFS

Destination Imagination fundraising to start

The Central Coast region of a creative problem-solving competition has started parent information events and fundraising efforts in the Lucia Mar Unified School District for the international project-based learning contest known as Destination Imagination.

Volunteers in the Central Coast region — which also spans Santa Barbara and Ventura counties — teach students creative and problem-solving processes and guide teams of participants in team challenges.

Elida Aurrand, regional director of Central Coast Destination Imagination, said the Central Coast region sent 26 students to the International Destination Imagination competition last May.

The Central Coast region will begin both mandatory team manager training sessions and a fundraising director to finance travel costs next month.

For more information or to purchase dinner tickets, call Aurrand at 929-5206.

Semifinalists named in scholarship program

Holler Charles, an Arroyo Grande High School student and Lisa Malina, a Ripgett High School student, were the only Central Coast students listed in the National Merit Scholarship Corporation's list of approximately 16,000 semifinalists for 2014.

Officials released the list

for the 59th annual National Merit Scholarship Program last week.

Semifinalists, high school seniors, cannot compete for the \$1,000 National Merit scholarships that will be offered next spring. But each semifinalist has the opportunity to progress to the final round and win part of the \$5 million total scholarship award for winners.

Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the final level. About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain the finalist standing, and more than half of the finalists will win a scholarship.

Community college offers scholarships

Hancock College is encouraging both continuing students and those who plan to transfer next year to apply for scholarships.

Awards, based upon academic merit and enrollment, totaled more than \$300,000 last year.

To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled at Hancock, maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better and successfully complete six or more units this fall and another six in the spring semester.

Tuesday, Nov. 12, is the deadline to apply.

Applications are available online at www.studentaid.org or at any Hancock College financial aid office. For more information, call the Financial Aid office at 922-6966, ext. 3200, or call free at 866-DIAL-AHC (1-47-5242), ext. 3200.



Valley Christian Academy third-graders compete in the noodge race during VCA's track and field day Sept. 19.

Students participate in field activities

Upper grades organize games for younger Valley Christian students

Lucia Mar Unified School District

Junior Savannah Padilla and Jordan Allen helped pass paper cups of juice and water to younger children on a sidelines of the Valley Christian Academy football field last week.

"I think they all look forward to having juice, and they get Popsicles at the end," Jordan said.

In front of her, 272 students raced to finish lines, cheered, opened up into paths and swizzled the football and connecting baseball fields in clusters for 14 different field day games.

Aiden Martinez, 8, finished one activity and waited for the next to begin as he watched his third-grade classmates jump over a pipe and into a pile of cash mats.

"It was pretty good," he said. Students in grades sixth and earlier participated in the activities that their junior high and high school counterparts planned.

Principal Chuck Mason said helping students develop leadership skills was the goal of an annual spiritual emphasis week that is intended to help the upper-grade students bond. The week of Bible classes



Valley Christian Academy third-grader Tali McDonald flies through the air as she competes in the long jump Sept. 19.

and chapel services replaced academic classes for the group of 107 students in grades seven through 12.

Mason said the Sept. 19 field day, the group's culminating leadership project,


was beneficial for both teachers — who had an opportunity to see which students emerged as natural leaders — and students, who were able to build leadership skills.

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Did you know


1/2 of an average customer's annual water use is for landscaped irrigation?

Automated irrigation systems can be great water savers or great water wasters they must be regularly maintained.

Spending a few hours checking your irrigation system can lead to significant savings on your fall bill.

Most sprinkler timer manufacturers offer on line video tutorials on how to properly set their timer.

The district's website (ncsd.ca.gov) has many helpful tips on how to save water inside and outside the home.



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SPEAK

Ensuring safety of water supply no easy task



Michael LeBrun

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The words "safe, reliable water supply" roll off the tongue easy enough. However, "easier said than done" applies in a big way when it comes to public water supply.

In our proud country, we have grown accustomed to having water at our fingertips 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, with the additional expectation that the water is safe to drink.

Meeting those expectations is a big job, and the NCSD employees approach that responsibility with great pride and professionalism.

Every day of the week, operators inspect supply wells. The supply system function is monitored continuously through a radio- and web-based data acquisition system that allows our operators to observe and control the system remotely if needed.

Samples of source water — from supply wells — and system water — from multiple randomly selected sample ports throughout the distribution system — are collected on a daily basis to

taminants at very low levels of detection — parts per billion, or about a drop in a swimming pool — are carried out routinely as well.

The district's wells and water system are permitted and regulated by the California Department of Public Health.

NCSD prepares monthly reports summarizing sampling and provides the reports to the Health Department.

Conducting the routine and more comprehensive sampling required to make sure our supply is safe, and making regular written reports to the Health Department, costs tens of thousands of dollars every year — money I think we can all agree is well spent.

With more than 4,000 water connections to the district's system, that safety-related testing costs each customer only a few dollars each year and is included in the cost of water service.

Many of us know people who use a private well for supply. It would be cost-prohibitive for a private well owner to conduct the level of testing district customers enjoy.

Each spring, the district mails every customer a consumer confidence report that summarizes the water system testing results and the quality of the supply.

Recent confidence reports are posted on the district's website at www.ncsd.ca.gov. Take a look at last year's report, and let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Michael LeBrun is the general manager of the Nipomo

Maybe thieves will do right

To the Editor:

After more than 10 years of standing safely in our front yard, serving the thirsty birds of Nipomo, birdbath disappeared recently.

Yes, someone decided heavy, pink-toned birdbath with its ceramic birds would look better in another yard vs. mine. It took some muscle to remove it. I wonder whose yard it now enhances?

I would love for it to reappear without notice, because I've always believed it is better to right one's errors, rather than allow karma to pay forward.

Ethel Lan
Nipomo

Humans need to wise up

To the Editor:

The new pope is making changes in the Catholic Church. A potential change I would like to see is with contraception.

It is used by 97 percent of the women in Italy, where the government will a \$2,000 bonus to any woman who will have a second child.

Effective contraceptive reduces the need for abortion. In our country, 60 percent of all pregnancies are unintended. The church should provide IUDs, condoms, morning-after pills, female condoms and suggest abstinence only. Every child born should be planned,

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More comprehensive sampling and analyses for a broad list of potential contaminants at very low levels of detection — parts per billion, or about a drop in a swimming pool — are carried out routinely as well.

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calling 929-1133 or by email at info@ncsd.ca.gov.

Posted Friday September 27, 2013

**Press Release Log
2013**

Date of PR	Title	Date Sent to Media	Date Placed On Website	Media Published	Date PR Published	Media Published	Date PR Published	Media Published	Date PR Published
7/11/2013	Nipomo CSD Board of Directors Authorizes Construction of Additional Disposal Facilities at Wastewater Treatment Plant	7/12/2013	7/12/2013	Adobe	7/19/2013	SM Times	7/25/2013		
9/11/2013	Nipomo CSD Board of Directors Deny Agricultural Request for Water	NA	9/13/2013	Tribune	9/12/2013	SM Times	9/12/2013	KCOY	9/12/2013
9/25/2013	Nipomo CSD Board of Directors Accept District Transparency Award	9/26/2013	9/27/2013						
9/25/2013	Nipomo CSD Board of Directors Award Contract for Rate Study and Capacity Charge Study	9/26/2013	9/27/2013						

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: September 24, 2013
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Nipomo CSD Board of Directors Accept District Transparency Award

In a follow-up from the May 24, 2013 press release “Transparency Certificate of Excellence Awarded to Nipomo Community Services District”:

District representatives attended the California Special District Association (CSDA) annual conference September 16th – 19th and officially accepted the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence award. NCS D Board President Jim Harrison accepted the Certificate on behalf of the District.

The CSDA’s District Transparency Certificate of Excellence program comes about due to recent scrutiny regarding transparency of various public agencies. The CSDA comments that “many agencies have already made commendable efforts to be transparent to the public through use of their websites and public outreach. CSDA developed the certification program to acknowledge and showcase special districts that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to transparency.”

In order to receive the award, a special district must demonstrate the completion of eight essential governance transparency requirements, including conducting ethics training for all board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller in a timely manner.

The Nipomo Community Services District also fulfilled fifteen website requirements, including providing readily available information to the public, such as board agendas, past minutes, current district budget, and the most recent financial audit.

General Manager, Michael LeBrun, stated “we pursued the certificate as a means of reviewing our practices against a standard of excellence. This award is a testament to the Nipomo Community Services District’s commitment to open government.” LeBrun adds; “Our work to improve transparency continues today. Watch for a new, more user-friendly and better organized District website in 2014!”

For more information, please contact the Nipomo Community Services District at 929-1133 or visit www.ncsd.ca.gov.

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

On Wednesday, September 25th, 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 10th 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.

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Construction project on schedule

Boring under Santa Maria River nearly complete

15 HOURS AGO • MIKE HODGSON/MHODGSON@SANTAMARIATIMES.COM

Workers boring horizontally beneath the Santa Maria River could begin pulling 2,700 feet of pipe through the hole as early as next week in the first phase of a project to bring supplemental water to the Nipomo Mesa.

Two crews from ARB Inc. are simultaneously drilling a 42-inch hole 25 feet below the riverbed and fusing together 40-foot sections of high-density polyethylene pipe at the north end of Blosser Road in Santa Maria.

The Nipomo Community Services District project is on schedule despite funding and environmental issues that delayed the start of construction, said Michael LeBrun, district general manager.

If work continues at its current pace, NCSD will hold a ceremony Wednesday, Oct. 23, to celebrate completion of the pipe that will run beneath the river.

"We didn't have a groundbreaking because, literally, we had to get the ground broken," LeBrun said as he stood atop the Santa Maria River levee to survey the progress below. "We didn't have time for that pomp and circumstance."

A permit from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife requires drilling to be complete by the end of October, and "we're on schedule for that," he said.

Drilling from opposite sides of the river, ARB drilling crew workers completed a pilot hole under the riverbed Sept. 6.

As of Monday, they were in the middle of the second of three passes to enlarge to bore to 42 inches to accept the 30-inch pipe.

Meanwhile, fusing crew workers had completed about 2,000 feet of continuous pipeline, which rested on giant rollers along the edge of agricultural fields in the river bottom.

Once the full 2,700-foot pipe is completed, the line will be filled with water and pressure tested, LeBrun said.

If it passes, workers will use a special tip on the drill string to pull the entire length around about a 7-degree curve and through the hole.

"We expect the pull to take one to two days," LeBrun said.

Once it passes a second pressure test inside the bore hole, contractors can start work on the other two Phase 1 packages.

“This is the most technically complex portion of the project, so we wanted to get under the river before we issue the notices to proceed on the other two bid packages,” LeBrun said.

One of those packages consists of laying pipe along Blosser Road to connect the south end of the under-river pipeline to Santa Maria’s system at Taylor Street.

The other will connect the north end of the under-river line to NCSD’s system on Orchard Road, with a pump station and 500,000-gallon storage tank on a plot of land already purchased by the district.

When Phase 1 of the project is complete — targeted for May 2015 at a cost of \$17 million — the pipeline will carry 650 acre-feet of water per year from Santa Maria’s system to NCSD’s system.

Phase 2, which LeBrun said could be started before the first phase is complete, will boost the capacity to 1,600 acre-feet a year.

Phase 3 will bring the total annual flow to 3,000 acre-feet and the total cost to an estimated \$21 million — in today’s dollars and not including any additional design costs for phases 2 and 3.

An acre-foot is about 326,000 gallons, or the amount of water generally considered necessary to serve four to 10 people a year.

To put that in perspective, it’s enough water to cover a regulation football field one foot deep.

Although the pipeline project has been criticized by Nipomo area residents for a variety of reasons, LeBrun said recent reports about water shortages have brought “a broader and greater understanding of the need for this water.”

“Is six inches of rain our new average?” he asked, noting other Nipomo Mesa water purveyors are already preparing for a severe water shortage next spring.

“If we’re dry this winter, we may well see some mandatory restrictions (on water use) next spring,” he said.



Pipeline a response to water settlement

SEPTEMBER 27, 2013 1:00 AM • MIKE HODGSON/MHODGSON@SANTAMARIATIMES.COM

The supplemental water pipeline now under construction is Nipomo Community Services District's response to a stipulated judgment in a lawsuit filed more than a decade ago over rights to water in the Santa Maria Valley Groundwater Basin, which extends all the way to Pismo Beach.

Under the stipulation, NCSD was required, with financial support from other Nipomo Mesa water purveyors, to annually import 2,500 acre-feet of water to reduce pumping from the basin.

NCSD decided buying Santa Maria's excess state water allocation and pumping it to the Mesa would be the most cost-effective immediate solution.

"The stipulation envisioned this very project," NCSD General Manager Michael LeBrun said of the pipeline currently being installed under the Santa Maria River.

But launching the project was delayed first by financing problems, then by a lawsuit and finally by a frog.

Plans for a full-scale project were halted when Nipomo property owners rejected an assessment district to finance construction.

NCSD then developed a phased project that would start with a scaled-down system built using a loan plus money from several district funds.

That prompted a lawsuit by the Mesa Community Alliance, which charged the district's use of one of those funds was illegal, and another delay.

District officials got the project back on track by borrowing \$4 million in lieu of using that fund.

Although the lawsuit is still active, no trial date has been set, and NCSD is forging ahead with the first phase of the pipeline.

LeBrun said even if the judge rules against the district, it won't affect Phase 1 and likely won't delay Phase 2, although NCSD would need to find another financing plan.

The last hurdle the district had to clear was erected by state and federal laws protecting the endangered red-legged frog.

To protect the creature, crews had to install a plastic fence around the construction area that extends down into the dirt to prevent any of the frogs from getting inside.

"We must go in every day with a biologist and survey the sites to make sure nothing got inside the exclusion fencing," LeBrun said.

Nipomo Community Services District

Water Conservation Education to Schools



2012-13 S U M M A R Y



Outreach to Teachers

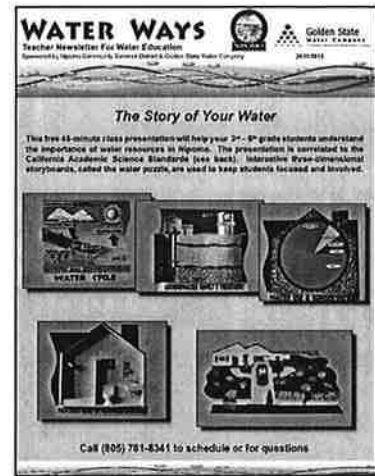
In September of 2012, Science Discovery distributed *Water Ways* to all grade 3-6 teachers at the three public elementary schools in Nipomo (Dana, Nipomo & Dorothea Lange). The *Water Ways* newsletter promotes the water conservation class presentation, *The Story of Your Water*.

Program Demand

Five classes (grades 3-6) received water conservation presentations. With an average of approximately 28 students per class, it is estimated that the total program outreach was 140 students.

No program requests were received from Nipomo or Dana, Elementary. Science Discovery staff delivered a second *Water Ways* Newsletter to teachers, in an effort to increase demand at these schools, however no calls for programs were received.

Four additional water conservation class programs were completed in Nipomo, under contract with the San Luis Obispo County Public Works Dept.



2012-13

Water Conservation Class Programs Sponsored by Nipomo CSD

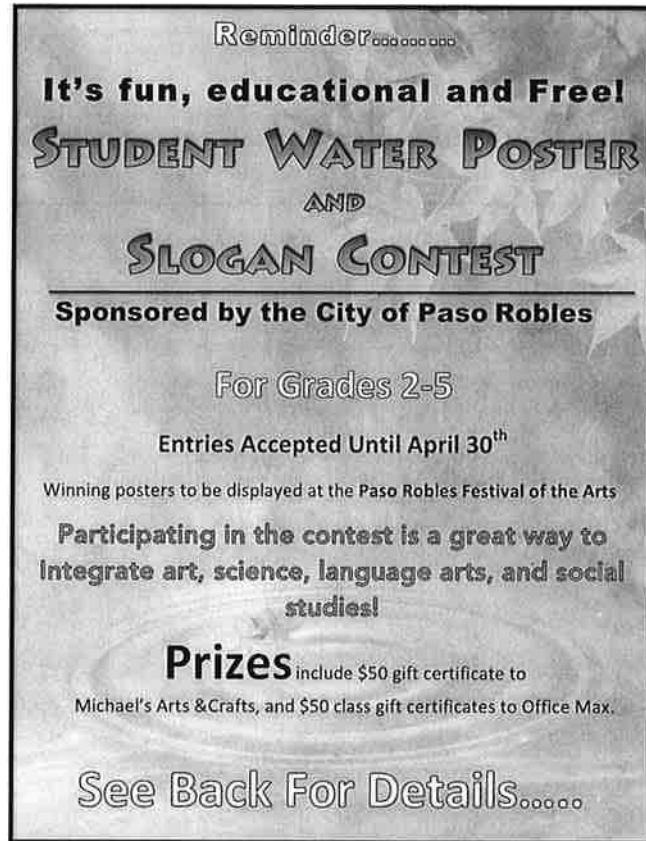
<u>Date</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>
11-7-12	Precilla Silva	Dorothea Lange	6th
11-9-12	Kelsey Gagnani	Dorothea Lange	6th
1-14-13	Ann Elliott	Dorothea Lange	3rd
1-14-13	Katie Langley	Dorothea Lange	3rd
1-14-13	Lindie Simon	Dorothea Lange	3rd

Water Conservation Class Programs Sponsored by SLO County Public Works Dept.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>
5-1-13	Karen VanSpanckeren	Dana	K
5-1-13	Karen VanSpanckeren	Dana	K
5-2-13	Jane Antonson	Dana	K
5-2-13	Kathy Neie	Dana	K

Ideas for the 2013-14 School Year

1. Attend staff meetings at all three Nipomo Schools in September to remind teachers about the water conservation education class programs.
2. Assess water conservation learning improvement through an education evaluation pre / post test.
3. Promote interest in water conservation through a poster /slogan contest. See example:



Conclusion

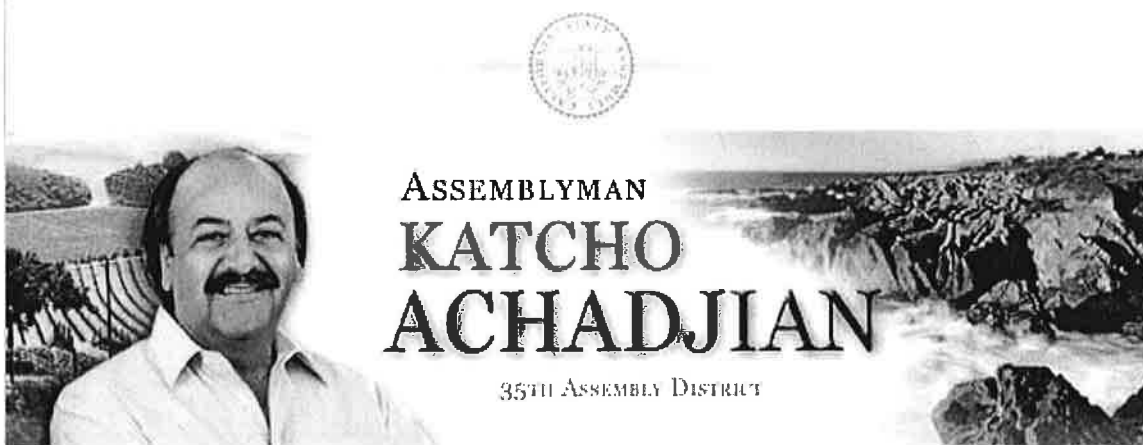
Teachers who took part in the program were appreciative of the water education presentations provided by the Nipomo Community Services District. However, two schools did not participate during the past year, and a focused effort to encourage their participation for the upcoming year is suggested.

Science Discovery staff enjoyed working in Nipomo during the past school year. We look forward to being a part of Nipomo CSD's water conservation education program for the 2013-14 school year.

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2013 Legislative Update

The early hours of September 13th marked the end of this legislative year. The last few days of session moved at a frenetic pace due to the hundreds of bills coming to the Assembly floor for a vote. As you may know, I did not come to Sacramento to add to the excess number of bills that are introduced each year, but I am happy to announce that I was able to send four common sense pieces of legislation to the Governor's desk. These bills were sponsored by local governments, law enforcement and businesses in our district.

The Governor has already approved three of these bills with his signature:

AB 65: Rape Prosecution –This bill will protect victims of rape by clarifying that a perpetrator who induces a victim into sexual activity by impersonating anyone other than themselves is guilty of felony rape. AB 65 was sponsored by Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce Dudley and inspired by an actual case in Santa Barbara County. This bill is a reintroduction of AB 765 that I introduced in 2011, which was held by the Senate Public Safety Committee despite receiving unanimous support in the State Assembly.

AB 461: Liquor Licenses – This bill will provide additional liquor licenses to be sold in San Luis Obispo County. It allows for five additional liquor licenses to be sold over the next three years to eating establishments with 50 or more diners until December 31, 2016. Current law limits the number of liquor licenses based on county population without taking into account factors such as tourism, which may increase the demand for licenses in certain counties. Similar legislation was approved for Marin County in 2012.

AB 685: Peace Officer's Firearm – This bill will allow the spouse or domestic partner of a peace officer who was killed in the line of duty to purchase the fallen officer's state-issued handgun. Under existing law, a duly retired peace officer can be authorized to purchase his or her state-issued handgun. However, there is no system currently in place, when a peace officer has died in the line of duty, for their spouse to purchase their handgun. This oversight in existing law has resulted in spouses of peace officers who have died in the line of duty being denied a chance to purchase a meaningful heirloom for their family.

The fourth measure is still pending action from the Governor. He has until October 13th to sign or veto the bill:

AB 610: State Hospital Reimbursement – This bill would ensure that counties that host a state hospital are not financially burdened with the cost of conducting involuntary medication hearings on behalf of a county that has requested that a mentally disordered offender remain in the state hospital beyond parole. This bill was sponsored by San Luis Obispo County, to ensure they are fully reimbursed for providing services on behalf of other counties.

Tolosa Children's Dental Center Celebrates 10th Anniversary

I am pleased to announce that the Tolosa Children's Dental Center (TCDC) celebrated their 10th anniversary on September 12, 2013. Formally named La Clinica de Tolosa, the TCDC was established in 2003 after the Partnership for Children (PTC) of San Luis Obispo County learned about the large number of children affected by a lack of access to dental services. Knowing the importance of oral health, the PTC's collaboration with the SLO County Board of Supervisors, the First 5 Commission, many local partners, organizations and community members has resulted in providing thousands of local children with professional dental care.

The Tolosa Children's Dental Center has been rallying support for their newest campaign to raise money for children whose families cannot afford dental insurance but whose income level is too high to qualify for public assistance. Currently, the TCDC is collecting donations to support the Oral Health Safety Net Fund to help raise money for these children.

For more information about The Tolosa Children's Dental Center and to learn how you can help, please visit tolosachildrendental.org.



District Director, Vicki Janssen, along with Board of Directors President Dr. Jon Hollister, at the Tolosa Children's Dental Center's 10th Anniversary celebration.

Traffic Safety and Awareness Memorial Walk

On September 8, 2013, Santa Barbara District Attorney Joyce Dudley's Office and the Santa Maria Police Department joined together to host the Traffic Safety and Awareness Memorial Walk. The one-mile walk took place at Preisker Park in Santa Maria. I walked alongside District Attorney Joyce Dudley, police officers, victims' friends, family and community members to honor the victims, and to help raise money for the victims' families.

Driving is something that many of us do every day, and the importance of safe driving is something that can be easily taken for granted. After several tragic traffic accidents that have occurred locally, it is necessary for us to take the time to remember the victims killed in traffic accidents and to remind ourselves of the importance of keeping our eyes on the road.

Mexican Consul, Berenice Diaz Ceballos Visits the Central Coast

The 35th District was very pleased to welcome the new Mexican Consul, who serves the Tri-Counties area from her office in Ventura, on her first visit to San Luis Obispo. Mrs. Berenice Diaz Ceballos presided over Mexican Independence Day festivities at the September 12th Farmer's Market in San Luis Obispo, which were sponsored by our local Latino Outreach Council. Mrs. Diaz Ceballos received a certificate of recognition from the state legislature commending her community outreach and support of bilateral relations.

Mrs. Diaz Ceballos has previously served in the diplomatic field as an advisor to the G-8 and G-20 economic summits, and served with her country's United Nations delegation. Her posting in Ventura is her first foreign assignment and we look forward to working with her in support of the shared communities we represent.



Field Representatives from Sen. Monning's office, left, and my office, right, present a joint certificate of recognition from the state legislature to the new Mexican Consul Mrs. Berenice Diaz Ceballos commending her community outreach and support of bilateral relations.

Allan Hancock College Welcomes New President

Allan Hancock College has recently announced that Kevin Glen Walthers, Ph.D. has been selected as the school's new president. Dr. Walthers began his career as an educator by teaching high school in north Texas. He has taught at all levels of higher education and continues to lecture on leadership, educational planning, management, and social justice issues.

Prior to joining the College, Dr. Walthers served as president of Las Positas College in Livermore, California. During his career he has held a variety of executive roles in colleges and with state system offices in Utah and West Virginia.

More than 20,000 students from San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties attend Allan Hancock each year. In 2011, Allan Hancock College was ranked by the Aspen Institute as among the top 10 percent of community colleges in the nation and one of the top five in California.

I am extremely proud of the success of Allan Hancock College in serving the needs of its students all the while fostering and maintaining an outstanding relationship with our community. Dr. Walthers, with his extensive background in education, will be a great addition to the college and community alike.

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**DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY**

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September 24, 2014

NOTICE**To: All Interested Parties****Subject: Public Hearing on the 2014 Statewide Commingled Rate Calculation**

Division 12.1, Chapter 4, Section 14549.5 (b) and (c) of the California Public Resources Code require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to conduct a public hearing at least 60 days prior to establishing any new statewide commingled rates. CalRecycle is required to make available to the public and any affected parties our review of the statewide commingled rates and any proposed recalculations.

The hearing will detail the statewide commingled rates, which will become effective on January 1, 2014. Summarized documentation of study data supporting our review of the new statewide commingled rates will be available. There will also be an opportunity for interested parties to ask any questions regarding the recalculation of the statewide commingled rates.

This public hearing will be held at the date, place, and time listed below:

Thursday, October 24, 2013
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
Joe Serna Jr. CAL/EPA Building
1001 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA

Please note that the hearing will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will only continue through 3:30 p.m. if necessary. Attendees requiring more information after the conclusion of the hearing should contact the CalRecycle staff listed below.

If you are unable to attend the hearing and would like to receive copies of the hearing materials, please direct your written request to amy.seyfried@calrecycle.ca.gov or via mail to CalRecycle Market Statistics Unit, 801 K Street, Suite 1724, Sacramento, CA 95814.

For further information, please contact Michael Vanderburg at (916) 327-2769.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Miller".

Mike Miller
Manager, Operations Branch
Division of Recycling

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September 19, 2013

PENDING

Crystal Oaks Specific Plan. The South County Area Plan Inland identifies the Canada Ranch property as an urban expansion area for a combination of commercial service, commercial retail, and residential uses. The area is intended to provide job generating business to help improve the present jobs/housing imbalance in Nipomo. Protection of natural resources including the large oak woodland areas is also a major priority. Development of the site must be preceded by preparation of a Specific Plan in accordance with the California Government Code. The Area Plan identifies the Canada Ranch Specific Plan area property on both the west and east sides of Highway 101, however only the portion west of Highway 101, approximately 288 acres, is the subject of this Specific Plan. The Specific Plan for the western portion of the Canada Ranch (hereinafter referred to a Crystal Oaks Specific Plan) will be prepared under the guidance of the County. The site of the proposed development is located northwest of Sandy Dale Drive, west of Highway 101 and the Frontage Road, and south of the proposed Willow Road extension and intersection. The applicable General Plan /Ordinance requirements can be see in the attached Exhibit 1, Title 22 Land Use Ordinance, Article 9 South County Rural Area Standards, page 9-287 and 288; and Exhibit 2, South County Area Plan-Inland page 4-10 and 4-11.

Kaminaka. Request for a Land Use Element amendment application (LRP2004-00006) to: 1) amend the South County Area Plan by changing the land use category on an approximately 59 acre site from Agriculture to Recreation and extending the Urban Reserve Line to include the subject property; 2) change the Agriculture and Open Space Element land use designation from Small Lot Rural to Urban Lands; and 3) disestablish the agricultural preserve on the site. The site is located on the south side of Pomeroy Road, between Calle Fresa and Camino Caballo, northwest of the community of Nipomo. The purpose of this request is to allow development of 30 single family residences with the remainder to be used for community recreational fields and trails. Supervisorial District No. 4

Vista Grande. A Vesting Tentative Tract Map and Conditional Use Permit to: 1) subdivide an existing 1.14 acre parcel into eighteen residential parcels ranging in size from approximately 765 to 1,509 square feet each, and one parcel for common active recreation area, parking, and drainage; and 2) construct 18 single family residences ranging in size from 1,348 to 1,635 square feet. The project includes off-site road improvements to Avenida de Amigos and Grande Avenue. The project will result in the disturbance of the entire 1.14 acre parcel. The proposed project is within the Residential Multi-Family land use category and is located at the southeast corner of Avenida de Amigos and Grande Avenue, approximately 200 feet west of South Frontage Road in the community of Nipomo. The site is in the South County (Inland) planning area.

Promesa. Promesa LLC Tract Map -- SUB2007-00152 / Tract 2960 -- 10 lots @ 5 acres+ each -- RR -- APN: 091-232-030

Cypress Ridge II. A Vesting Tentative Tract Map and Conditional Use Permit to subdivide an existing 60-acre site into 21 lots and 37 acres of open space. In the RR land use category, APN 075-351-022 and -028.

Laetitia Agricultural Cluster Subdivision. The project proposes a Vesting Tentative Tract Map and Conditional Use Permit to subdivide portions of the 1,910 acre Laetitia property into 102 single-family one-acre home sites, a Ranch Headquarters/Community/Homeowners Association Facility and four open space lots. . The applicant intends to file a Conditional Use Permit application in the future to also permit the operation of a Dude Ranch on the project site.

The 1,910 acre Laetitia project site is located approximately two miles north of the community of Nipomo adjacent to Highway 101 within unincorporated San Luis Obispo County. Approximately 76 acres of the project site are located on the west side of the highway, while the remaining 1,834 acres are located on the east side. Primary access to the project site east of the highway is provided by an existing driveway entrance at Highway 101, where visitors access the existing tasting room and winery. Primary access to the project site west of the highway is provided via the Los Berros Road interchange and Thompson Road. The site is located within the South County Area Plan of the San Luis Obispo County General Plan. All proposed development will be located on the portion of the site which lies east of Highway 101. The current vineyard agricultural use will continue on the 76 acre parcel located west of the highway.

Brushpopper's Riding Club. Conditional use permit for a riding arena, warmup arena, parking and attendant facilities at 2285 Fowler Lane in Nipomo, east of Highway 1. APN: 075-291-015.

DRC2009-00073 – Beatty Minor Use Permit. Minor Use Permit to move building envelope at 790 Mesa View Drive.

DRC2007-00009 – Garl. Minor Use Permit for outdoor landscape sales yard at 2275 Willow Road.

DRC2007-00170 – Borges. Minor Use Permit for a single-family residence at 411 Calle Cielo.

DRC2010-00011 – San Luis Obispo County. Wind Data Collection Tower Minor Use Permit at 2391 Willow Road.

DRC2010-00039 – Craig. CUP for a new card room at 2790 Halycon Road.

DRC2010-00056 – Woodlands Ventures. CUP for reconsideration of DRC2006-00042 to grant approval time frame greater than 5 years.

DRC2010-00068 – State Parks. Minor Use Permit for State Parks Pilot projects.

LRP2011-000017 – Green Canyon LLC. LUO Amendment to allow grazing animals at south end of Sunnybrook Lane.

DRC2013-00003 – Private Capital LLC. CUP for a 96-bed assisted living facility and senior housing residences, west of Highway 101, east of Mary Avenue, and south of Juniper Avenue.

SUB2012-00044 – DeGroot. CUP and Tract Map for a 6-lot industrial condo at 2385 Precision Way.

DRC2012-00104 – Guadalupe Cooling. MUP to replace 6 antennas with 12 new antennas in a faux water tank structure at 2040 Guadalupe Road.

DRC2012-00073 – Moats. MUP for 85-foot eucalyptus cell site at 1571 Scenic View Way.

PROJECTS WITHDRAWN

S020143T – Silva

D020093P -- Silva

D030101P -- Powers

PROJECTS APPROVED

DRC2008-00146 – Conoco Phillips

DRC2005-00073 -- Vawter

PROJECTS DENIED

DRC2009-00002 -- Mankins

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Morro Bay mayor responds to recall petition

Caren Ray to succeed Paul Teixeira on Board of Supervisors

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Caren Ray is sworn in as the newest member of the Arroyo Grande City Council in May 2010.

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The City Council member from Arroyo Grande was one of three finalists for the 4th District seat

By Tribune staff — newsroom@thetribunenews.com

Caren Ray, a city councilwoman from Arroyo Grande, has been appointed to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors to succeed Paul Teixeira, who died in June of a heart attack.

Gov. Jerry Brown made the appointment, but it hasn't yet been publicly announced.

Ray was one of three candidates who had face-to-face interviews with the governor's appointments staff in Sacramento, which meant they were finalists for the job. The 4th District covers much of the South County, including Nipomo and Arroyo Grande.

The other two candidates were Mike Winn of Nipomo and Mike Byrd of Arroyo Grande.