


TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
 FROM: MARIO IGLESIAS  
 GENERAL MANAGER   
 DATE: MARCH 3, 2016

**AGENDA ITEM  
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 MARCH 9, 2016**

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**ITEM**

Standing report to your Honorable Board -- *Period covered by this report is February 8, 2016 through February 19, 2016.*

**DISTRICT BUSINESS**

**Administrative**

The District encourages residents to provide reports of any observed water waste. Staff follows up each report with phone calls and written notice to customers when warranted.

<u>Office Activities</u>	January 2016	February 2016	Year-to-Date
Reports of water waste followed up on	3	1	4
Accounts with abnormally high water usage	28	10	38
Leak Adjustments			
Units	2	4	6
Amount	\$ 93.74	\$ 1,488.06	\$ 1,581.80

**Water Resources**

**1) Total Production**

	February 2016	Year to date Jul-Feb 2016
Groundwater production	62.2	735.2
Supplemental water imported	52.7	430.5
<b>Total production/usage</b>	<b>114.9</b>	<b>1,165.6</b>

To meet the District's target of bringing into the community a minimum of 645 acre-feet of supplemental water for fiscal year 2015-16, the District must maintain an average of 53.75 acre-feet/month. Table 1 – Total Production shows the District imported 52.7 acft in February bringing the YTD total to 430.5 acft through the SWP. For the remaining 4 months of the fiscal year, the district will import 53.75 acft/month. By doing so, the District will achieve 215 acft of supplemental water and reaching the fiscal year objective of 645 acft of imported supplemental water.

**2) Production verse State Reduction Target for 2016**

	February 2016	Year-to-Date Jan-Feb 2016
Total production for FY 2015-16	114.9	1,165.6
Total production for 2013	136.3	1,698.4
Reduction	-21.4	-532.8
Percentage reduction	-15.7%	-31.4%
Target reduction per state	-28.0%	-28.0%
Over (under) target reduction	-12.3%	3.4%

The District's State-mandated reduction goal is 28%, month to month and cumulative. February was unseasonably warm and dry causing water consumption to increase. The community did not reach the State-mandated reduction goal for February, falling short by just over 12%. However, due to the community's efforts in prior months, overall conservation efforts were exceeded by 3.4% of the State's reduction target for Nipomo CSD.

**3) Production versus NMMA Reduction Target for the Period**

	February 2016	Year-to-Date
Total production for 2016	114.9	1,165.6
Average production for 2009-2013	122.0	1,648.7
Reduction	-7.1	-483.1
Percentage reduction	-5.8%	-29.3%
Taregt reduction per NMMA	-30.0%	-30.0%
Over (under) target reduction	-24.2%	-0.7%

Due to the Spring 2015 Key Wells Index results, NMMA public water purveyors (NCSD, Golden State WC, and Woodlands Mutual WC) are required to reduce groundwater production by 30%. The District remains in a Stage III Shortage conditions. While the month of February saw a short increase in consumption, the community's water use was still below the five-year average. Year to date, the community's conservation efforts are on target to meet a 30% demand reduction.

**4) GW Only Production versus NMMA reduction target for the period**

	February 2016	Year-to-Date
Total GW Production for FY 2015-16	62.2	838.0
Average GW Production for 2009-2013	122.0	1,648.7
Reduction	-59.8	-810.8
Percentage reduction	-49.0%	-49.2%

With completion of phase 1 of the SWP on July 2, 2015, the District has imported 430 acft of water. The impact on ground water pumping can be seen in Table 4 - GW Only Pumping above.

**5) Rainfall Gage**

Rainfall Summary (in inches)	Nipomo South (Southland Plant)	Nipomo East (Dana Hills Reservoirs)
The rainfall gage readings are from San Luis Obispo County's two rain gauges in the NCSD area.		
Monthly Total	0.39	0.47
Seasonal Total to Date	6.93	8.62
Average for the Year	16	18

**Safety Program**

- No accidents or incidents to report.

**Public Outreach**

- The following Public Outreach Program materials are attached:
  - A summary of recent outreach and education activities
    - District related outreach, advertising and news coverage
    - Press release log
    - Social media traffic summary and Website Statistics

**Other Items and News of Interest**

The following are included as attachments to this Report:

- California Special Districts Association Call for Nominations Seat B.
- Special District Risk Management Authority – Rates Reduced
- San Luis Obispo Planning and Building – February 9, 2016 New Water Requirements
- San Luis Obispo Planning and Building – Ordinance 3307
- Robert Enns – Special Districts Representative, LAFCO Board
- SB 555, Urban Retail Water Suppliers: Water Loss Management

**Supplemental Water Capacity Accounting**

The District is not currently accepting applications for new water service. No change from the previous report.

<b>Supplemental Water Available for Allocation</b>	500 AFY
<b>Supplemental Water Reserved (Will Serve Letter Issued)</b>	-5.8 AFY
<b>Subtotal Net Supplemental Water Available for Allocation</b>	494.2 AFY
<b>Supplemental Water Assigned (Intent-to-Serve Issued)</b>	-206.3 AFY
<b>Total Remaining Supplemental Water Available for Allocation</b>	<b>287.9 AFY</b>

NOTE: 206.3 AFY of water reservations represents approximately \$3.2 million in potential Supplemental Water Capacity Charges.

**Connection Report**

Nipomo Community Services District  
 Water and Sewer Connections

**END OF MONTH REPORT**

	JAN-15	FEB-15	MAR-15	APR-15	MAY-15	JUN-15	JUL-15	AUG-15	SEP-15	OCT-15	NOV-15	DEC-15
Water Connections (Total)	4344	4349										
Sewer Connections (Total)	3131	3136										
Meters turned off (Non-payment)	14	14										
Meters off (Vacant)	37	39										
Sewer Connections off (Vacant)	6	8										
New Water Connections	7	5										
New Sewer Connection	8	5										
Galaxy & PSHH at Orchard and Division Sewer Connections billed to the County	468	468										

**Meetings**

*Meetings Attended (telephonically or in person):*

- February 22, City of Santa Maria – UWMP
- February 22, Public Information Program
- February 23, Golden State Water Co. Coordination
- February 23, NMMA-TG Regular Monthly
- February 23, Groundwater Update – Brad Newton
- February 24, Regular Board Meeting
- February 25, Management Team
- February 26, NCMA Hearing – Santa Clara
- February 26, NCMA Hearing – Markman/Kim Planning
- February 29, County Partners Meeting
- March 1, Board Officers Meeting
- March 2, Public Information Program
- March 2, Blacklake Public outreach Planning
- March 3, Management Meeting

*Meetings Scheduled (one week out):*

- March 7, Willow Sewer Progress
- March 7, Finance and Audit Committee
- March 9, Regular Board Meeting
- March 10, Management Team
- March 11, GSWC Construction Water Meeting
- March 11, Bi-Monthly General Council Meeting

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff seeks direction and input from your Honorable Board

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Public Outreach Program Updates
- B. California Special Districts Association Call for Nominations Seat B.
- C. Special District Risk Management Authority – Rates Reduced
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ATTACHMENT A

**NCSO Outreach Summary  
March 2016**

<b>Date Started</b>	<b>Outreach</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date Completed</b>
2/3/2016	District Newsletter	2016 1st quarter newsletter for February distribution	Complete	2/19/2016
2/17/2016	Manager's Column	Article for Manager's Column in Adobe Press, pub date 2/26	Complete	2/22/2016
2/22/2016	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	2/22/2016
2/26/2016	District E-Newsletter	February E-Newsletter with quarterly newsletter link	Complete	2/26/2016
2/29/2016	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	2/29/2016
2/29/2016	Ad	Conservation ad in 3/4 Adobe	Complete	2/29/2016
2/29/2016	Regional Water Efficiencies Partners	Annual meeting with Santa Barbara and SLO Counties water providers	Complete	2/29/2016
3/2/2016	Chamber Newsletter	Conservation ad for Chamber of Commerce March newsletter	Complete	3/2/2016
2/19/2016	Social Media	Content posting	Complete; Ongoing	3/3/2016
2/19/2016	Website Updates	Home page; minutes; packets; community news; press releases; pre-qual contractors; etc	Complete; Ongoing	3/3/2016
2/2/2016	Blacklake Outreach	Outreach plan for Blacklake Sewer Assessment	<b>In Draft</b>	
2/26/2016	Ad	Spring set of conservation ads	<b>In Progress</b>	
3/2/2016	Blacklake Outreach	Draft of key messaging for wastewater treatment assessment	<b>In Progress</b>	
3/3/2016	Signs	Signs with conservation messages for posting in community	<b>In Progress</b>	

**DEBATE**

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He also suggested there should be a stronger push to grow employment opportunities in renewable energy industry. Ostrander also advocated strongly to raise the minimum wage. "In our district, we have 40 percent of our people work in what we call Tier 3 jobs," Ostrander said. "Tier 3 jobs are those low-end jobs that average \$12.43 in our community, and we live in a community that has the highest cost for housing in the United States. "Now, please, tell me how that works," he said. "You get \$12 an hour and you buy a \$500,000 house or pay \$22,000 to rent a house — it doesn't work." Republican candidate Justin Farned said it is time to promote

economic freedom for families and businesses across the Central Coast. "We need to send people to Washington who actually know what it means to balance a budget, to meet payroll and to create a job," Farned said. The candidates also discussed the polarization in Washington, and most stressed the importance of listening to what the other side has to say. "What we all see and what's clear is that Congress isn't a functional institution today, but it can be," Farned said. "It's necessary that we clean house and we work to get this working again for the American people." Schneider discussed the influence of money in Washington. "I think it's really unfortunate on Capitol Hill how much money has corrupted politics there, and it's really poisoned the well,"



Republican candidate, Assemblyman and 24th Congressional District candidate, Farned, views during the debate Thursday, Feb. 4, in the Spanos Theatre on the Cal Poly campus.

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Schneider said. "I think that is a key part of what is causing a lot of the problems." The candidates are vying for the seat currently held by Congresswoman Lois Capps, who announced last year she would RETIRE at the end of her term. Capps has served the district since 1998. The 24th Congressional District includes all of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties along with a sliver of Ventura County. Kenny Lindberg covers Santa Barbara County for Lee Central Coast Newspapers. Follow him on Twitter.

**BUDGET**

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Expenditures are projected to be about \$465 million, with 2.5 percent of that number going toward salaries and benefits and 1.5 percent to pension rate increases. In 2007, the board implemented a five-year budget strategy, which quickly became a seven-year approach, to deal with a plethora of financial shortfalls the supervisors knew were on the horizon. At that time, the county faced a \$30-million

deficit and cuts were made every year to reduce the deficit to zero, which was accomplished with the 2014-15 fiscal year when the board entered budget hearings with a \$5.8-million surplus. Budget hearings for the 2016-17 fiscal year are scheduled for June 13 to 15 in the County Government Center, 1055 Montalere St., San Luis Obispo. Each day's hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in board chambers. April Chantillon covers South San Luis Obispo County for Lee Central Coast Newspapers. Follow her on Twitter @WorldNews.

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Emergency access would have only been allowed at the Highway 101 entrance to the winery, and developers proposed using a gate guarded 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to keep homeowners from accessing the freeway. Last year, project developers agreed to scale back the proposal, which is spread across two miles of the property that's actively farmed, to 83 lots in an effort to gain commission approval. They also agreed to not use one of the onsite wells for the subdivision's water supply. However, Caltrans objected to using the Highway 101 driveway for secondary access because of what Adam Fukushima, Caltrans District 5 representative, said was already

a "demonstrated safety concern out there," among other reasons. "That driveway isn't designed for residential use," Fukushima told commissioners. "It's not designed to go from 0 mph to 70 mph." Travis said the only way Caltrans would support using the driveway as secondary access is if it could be used every day by the homeowners, not just for emergency access, because that's the true meaning of a secondary access. "They aren't going to drive 4 1/2 miles back (across the property); that's their access," Craig said. Campbell said the commission was presented with the same conundrum it had in the past in terms of access to the project. He, along with others, didn't believe that could be rectified, as it's not feasible for developers to construct a frontage road for secondary access to the homes. "If they don't have a secondary access that the fire department and Caltrans can agree to, we've got a problem," said 4th District Commissioner Jina Harrison, who represents the area where the winery is located. He was the lone dissenter in the decision to not approve the tentative tract map and conditional-use permit for the project. Commissioners also briefly touched on water and their belief there won't be an adequate supply to support both the residential and agricultural uses in the future. "I share the skepticism of the public about the long-term water supply," Commissioner Jim Irving said. "In 10 years, a hard choice is going to have to be made. No one can see underground." April Chantillon covers South San Luis Obispo County for Lee Central Coast Newspapers. Follow her on Twitter @WorldNews.

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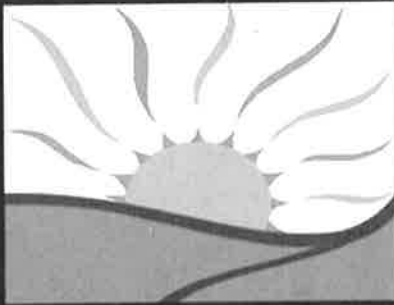
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Weekly News

February 22, 2016

*Nipomo Chamber of Commerce*  
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*Thursday, Feb 25th*  
*11:45-1:00pm*

*Speaker*  
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## *Eat, Drink & Mix*

### Nipomo Chamber Mixer

*March 10<sup>th</sup>, 5 to 7 pm*

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The Monarch Club and the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce welcome you for food, fun and networking! Learn more about what the Monarch Club has to offer and take this great opportunity to interact with other businesses in the Nipomo area. Businesses from surrounding communities are welcome.

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**Jessica Matson**

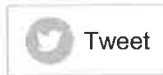
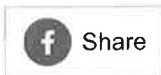
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### Reminder: Scheduled Water Rate Increase November 1st

In 2011, the Board of Directors approved a water rate increase schedule effective each November 1st for five years. The last of the scheduled water rate increases went into effect on November 1, 2015 and customers will see the increase beginning with their January/February bill for water use in November and December.

### Town Sewer Rate Increase January 1st

A rate increase for sewer customers in the Town Division was approved by the Board of Directors at its November 12, 2015 Special Meeting. Single family residential dwellings, which represent over 97% of the customer accounts, can expect to see an increase of \$0.305 (thirty cents) monthly or \$0.61 per bi-monthly billing period. The rate increase goes into effect January 1, 2016 and customers will see the increase beginning with their March/April sewer bill.

FEBRUARY 2016



# Nipomo Community Services District

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## Commitment to Service

### Providing the community with sustainable, quality services

The Nipomo Community Services District's mission is to provide its customers with reliable, quality, and cost-effective services now and in the future. The District is dedicated to providing excellent services for the community. Below are two recent recognitions we are proud to have received:

#### Services for the Community: Project of the Year

Nipomo Supplemental Water Project was recently recognized by the American Public Works Association (APWA), California Central Coast Chapter, as 2015 Project of the Year both in the "Environmental < \$15M" category and overall. This \$17 million public works project is the largest and most significant achievement in the District's 50 year history. With this important supplemental source of water now available to the Nipomo area, the District secured another tool to protect the community's way of life and property values. This supplemental water is part of a long-term solution to help balance the water needs of a thriving community with a dependable, sustainable groundwater basin on the Nipomo Mesa. To date, over 128 million gallons of water has been delivered through the pipeline. That means 128 million gallons of water has not been pumped from Nipomo's groundwater supply.



The Supplemental Water Project will now be submitted for potential National APWA recognition. Service in the Community: Keeping Nipomo Clean

The District received the Keeping Nipomo Clean award from the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce for our contribution to the Chamber's solid waste abatement program.

The Nipomo Chamber of Commerce contracts with Achievement House, who employs developmentally delayed adults, to provide the physical labor. The highly successful program was initiated three years ago and continues to be a success. The Chamber administers the program with grant funding from the District. The grant funds are generated by the District's solid waste franchise fee which is paid to the District by South County Sanitary (The Garbage Company) which all District customers help generate through their garbage bill.



District Director, Bob Blair, accepted the award on behalf of the District at the Chamber Installation Dinner in January.

#### Nipomo Community Services District

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# Commitment to Excellence - Serving Nipomo

## A Message from Your New General Manager



Mario Iglesias

This is my first opportunity to thank the residents of Nipomo for the warm welcome. My wife Carri and I have purchased a home in Nipomo. As we join the community, we are looking forward to making new friends. Our move to Nipomo will be our first move away from the Monterey Peninsula. We both agree we couldn't have picked a more idyllic setting.

Our move to Nipomo is coming along nicely. Carri will be seeking out community service work as a volunteer once our home is set up. Her years of experience working with the American Red Cross as well as her cheerful disposition and good humor will be an asset to the community.

Our two sons are grown and making their mark in the world. The older son Mario, is an active duty armor officer stationed in Michigan with his wife Michelle and two children, little Mario and Kelsey. Nathan, our second son works for Google in Sunnyvale and has served as an intelligence officer in the California National Guard since 2004. Collectively, they have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan on five different occasions. Both sons are state-side now but stand at the ready should they be called upon to deploy.

I have a lot to learn as the new General Manager for Nipomo Community Services District. My focus is on working with a team dedicated to securing a reliable water supply and maintaining a dependable wastewater system. These are the foundation assets on which a community builds its prosperity. I've come to this conclusion after sixteen years with California-American Water in Monterey, five years with the Aromas Water District and ten years with the City of Morgan Hill. These organizations faced a common challenge – providing affordable utility services to a community in a dynamic environment. Nipomo's future looks bright today because of the great work of many people. The community's willingness to engage in problem solving with their elected representatives is how success will continue. The District's dedicated and professional staff is ready to carry out the will of the people. I look forward to contributing to Nipomo Community Services District's mission of providing its customers with reliable, quality, and cost-effective services now and in the future.

**Coming up next on the General Manager's agenda:** Construction of Supplemental Water Project Joshua Road Pump Station Reservoir and Assessment of the Blacklake Wastewater Treatment Facility and sewer collection system.

Watch for more information in the coming months.

### Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

#### What rebates are available?

- NCSD offers a high-efficiency clothes washer rebate of \$75. Applications can be found on the District's website at [www.ncsd.ca.gov](http://www.ncsd.ca.gov) or in the office.
- SLO County offers various rebates including a toilet rebate. More information can be found on their website at [www.slocounty.ca.gov](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov)
- The State of California is offering a turf replacement rebate and a toilet rebate. Applications for both can be completed on their website at [www.saveourwaterrebates.org](http://www.saveourwaterrebates.org)

## Conservation Remains Strong

The District's conservation efforts remain strong and exceed the State's mandated 28% reduction.

In December, the District produced 111 acre feet or about 36 Million gallons of water to meet customer demand. This equates to a 37.5% reduction in overall production compared to December 2013 - the greatest reduction this year. Additionally, thanks to the arrival of supplemental water in July, groundwater pumping during December was 48% lower than the 5-year average for December. Good job, Nipomo!

As we approach spring months remember to keep irrigation systems turned down. The District is still in Stage III of its drought response and will remain so until at least late spring/early summer when area key wells are measured. As always, saving water also saves money!

### Keep Irrigation Systems Turned Down for the Next Few Months

- Cooler temperatures and moisture in the air mean less water is needed for your landscape. Turning down or shutting off outdoor irrigation through spring will:
- Help conserve our precious water resources
- Save some money on your water bill
- Protect landscapes from overwatering

## Nipomo Students Learn the Importance of Conservation



In January the District's Board of Directors presented students from Dorothea Lange Elementary, Dana Elementary and Nipomo Elementary with awards recognizing their efforts in the District's Conservation Poster Contest.

Through a partnership with Science Discovery, the District provided conservation education in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Dorothea Lange Elementary, Dana Elementary and Nipomo Elementary schools during the 2014-2015 school year. The students were given an opportunity to portray what they learned and submitted hand-drawn posters to the District in November. The goal of the poster contest was to encourage the wise use and conservation of water.

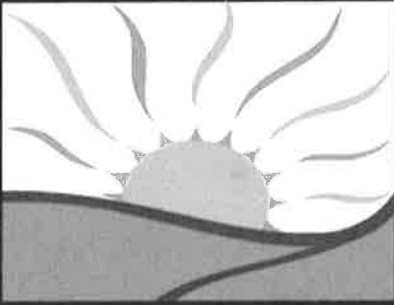
This year the District saw a record number of participants: 72 students from six classes participated and awards for first, second, third and Honorable Mentions were presented by Board President, Craig Armstrong. The posters will be displayed in the District office lobby.



**Jessica Matson**

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**From:** Nipomo Chamber of Commerce <info@nipomochamber.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 29, 2016 11:00 AM  
**To:** Jessica Matson  
**Subject:** Weekly News - February 29, 2016



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Dave Nilsen  
Chamber President  
Obispo Wealth Management

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**Weekly News**

**February 29, 2016**

**Announcing: A rebate program for residents of Arroyo Grande, Nipomo and San Luis Obispo!**



Rain Garden

By using rain-friendly practices on your property, you can help our community value our precious rainwater and protect our environment.

A new residential rebate program called "StormRewards" will help residents to design, install and pay for, rain-friendly practices.

Rebates up to \$999 will be available for rain-friendly projects such as rain gardens, pervious pavement, and rain barrels. A workshop to introduce the StormRewards Program will be held at the City Council Chambers in Arroyo Grande on March 3rd. The workshop will cover program eligibility and basic aspects of homeowner project design, construction and materials.



Rain barrels



AirVol Block Pervious Pavers

Who should attend?

- Residential homeowners
- Homeowner/mobile home associations
- Businesses interested in participating in the program as service providers such as landscape contractors and material suppliers.

**StormRewards Workshop Date and Location**

**Thursday, March 3, 2016**

**6-8 p.m.**

**215 E. Branch Street, Arroyo Grande (City Council Chambers)**

- Questions? Please contact: Nicole Smith, Program Manager at [nsmith@coastalrccd.org](mailto:nsmith@coastalrccd.org) or 772-4391.
- Learn more about the StormRewards Program and requirements at: [www.stormrewards.org](http://www.stormrewards.org).  
*(The StormRewards Program is a partnership between the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District, City of Arroyo Grande, and the City and County of San Luis Obispo).*



***Want to get involved?  
Group meets the first Wednesday of each month at the  
Nipomo Chamber of Commerce***





## Judge denies relief in water lawsuit

MARCH 01, 2016 7:30 PM • MIKE HODGSON MHODGSON@LEECENTRALCOASTNEWS.COM

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Mike Hodgson [mhodgson@leecentralcoastnews.com](mailto:mhodgson@leecentralcoastnews.com) Updated 16 hrs ago

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## CALIFORNIA DROUGHT

# State residents fall short in water savings

Associated Press

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BRIAN VAN DER BRUG Los Angeles Times

Houseboats at Bidwell Canyon Marina rise with the lake level at Lake Oroville on Jan. 21.

### SLO County water savings

Water supplier	Water savings Jan. 2016	Water savings June 2015-Jan. 2016	Conservation standard
Arroyo Grande City	28 percent	35.7 percent	28 percent
Cambria CSD	32.9 percent	36 percent	8 percent
Morro Bay City	20 percent	19.2 percent	28 percent
Nipomo CSD	29.4 percent	32.7 percent	12 percent
Paso Robles City	15.7 percent	30.5 percent	28 percent
Pismo Beach City	17.1 percent	25 percent	24 percent
San Luis Obispo City	14.7 percent	21.2 percent	12 percent

## FRANCISCO

Californians are starting to fall behind the state's mandatory 25-percent water conservation target even though the state remains in drought, state officials said Thursday.

As of January, water users have managed to use 24.8 percent less water since mandatory conservation began last year, the State Water Resources Control Board said.

The Central Coast conserved 18.2 percent. That misses the level Gov. Jerry Brown had ordered in what is now the state's fifth year of drought.

"Our numbers have slipped rather than plummeted," state water board chairwoman Felicia Marcus said. "Let's just keep it up" on conservation.

In San Luis Obispo County, three of the seven water suppliers who reported their usage for January were below the conservation goal the state had set for them. Morro Bay, Paso Robles and Pismo Beach all used more water than their statemandated goal. In contrast, Arroyo Grande, Cambria, Nipomo and San Luis Obispo met or exceeded their conservation goal for January.

The latest numbers mark the first time since June that urban Californians have missed the overall mandatory waterconservation target.

Water officials blamed warmer weather in January for urban users' slipping in conservation efforts, which have included cutting back on watering lawns and stricter enforcement for wasteful users. For the month of January, the conservation rate was 17.1 percent less when compared to the same period in 2013. That's down from December's savings rate.

California cities and towns overall have saved 1.1 million acre feet of water since January, putting them at 96 percent of another state conservation goal. That's enough to supply water to between 1 million and 2 million households for a year.

*Staff writer David Sneed contributed to this story.*

## Inside NCSD: A cautionary tale about water leaks



FEBRUARY 26, 2016 12:00 AM

Do you have an undetected water leak on your property?

Nipomo Community Services District reads water meters once every two months for billing purposes.

If a leak develops on the customer side of the meter and goes undetected until the next regular meter read, large amounts of water could be consumed by the customer, leading to large water bills.

How large is “large”? In the past year we have seen a few water bills in excess of \$2,000.

In all cases, the culprits were undetected leaks; and in nearly all cases, the customers were unbelieving that so much water could have been consumed on their properties otherwise undetected.

Most of those extreme cases involved landscape irrigation systems — including lateral lines to remote hose connections.

On this sand dune we affectionately call “The Mesa,” water infiltrates very quickly, and even large leaks can go undetected. Many smaller leaks or simply overwatering occur routinely in many homes.

Another tough-to-detect leak can occur within water-softening equipment when flushing of the system occurs excessively or continuously.

A customer’s best defense against a major water leak and a devastating water bill is knowledge.

If you have an irrigation system or water softener, make sure someone in the home is familiar with their operation and is checking and making seasonal adjustments.

Tune into your typical household water use so you know if and when the use is up unexpectedly. Reading the meter is easy, and a weekly read will quickly tell you if a leak has developed in your system.

The district has helpful information on how to read your meter. Visit us online or stop by the office.



Water is precious, and money is hard earned — let's do all we can to save all we can.

## SCAC seeking candidates for upcoming election

FEBRUARY 23, 2016 12:00 PM • STAFF REPORT

Nipomo area residents who want to help shape the future of the community are being sought to run for election to the South County Advisory Council in March.

The annual election will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 21, in the Nipomo Community Services District office, 148 S. Wilson St.

SCAC advises 4th District Supervisor Lynn Compton and the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors in general about issues affecting the South County Inland and Coastal Area from Los Berros Road south to the county line.

The council consists of two elected representatives from each of seven geographical areas in the South County, as well as two special interest representatives.

Members meet once a month to review and discuss proposed projects forwarded from the county and issues brought up by citizens, hear public testimony about them and then make recommendations to the county.

This year, a total of 10 positions are open for election with varying terms of office, said David Nilsen, Election Committee chairman.

A two-year position is open in each of the seven geographical areas, and a one-year position is open in both areas 5 and 7, Nilsen said. The public safety representative, a two-year position, is also up for election.

Voters in each geographical area elect their own representatives, but the public safety representative is voted on by the community at large.

To be included on the ballot, prospective candidates must submit an application by 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 7, when they will be presented to the public at a town hall meeting in the NCSD office.

Each candidate will have a chance to give a three-minute presentation on his or her background and answer questions from the audience, Nilsen said.

Applications, election procedures, geographical area boundaries, bylaws and other information about SCAC are available at <http://scac.ca.gov>.

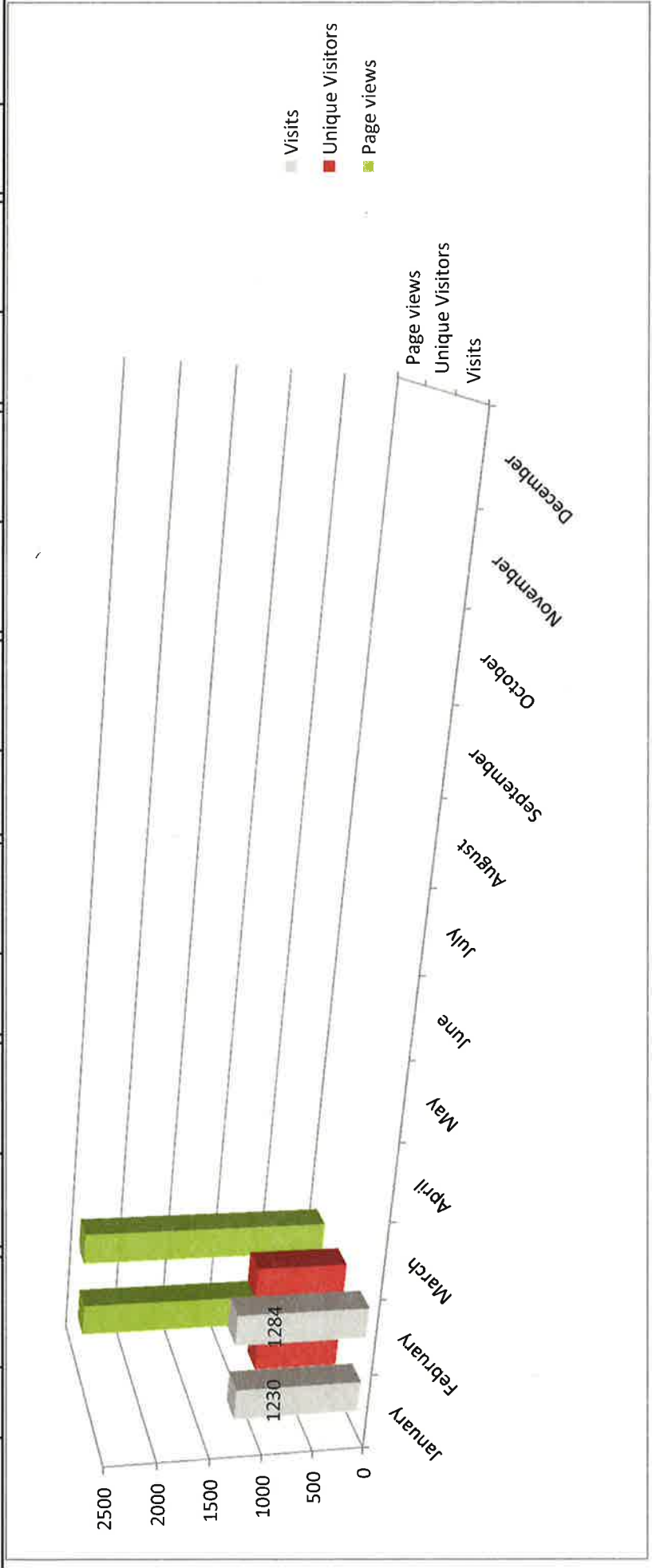
Completed applications can be returned by U.S. mail to SCAC Election Committee, P.O. Box 2355, Nipomo, CA 93444, or by e-mail to Nilsen at [dave@obispowm.com](mailto:dave@obispowm.com).

Applications also can be delivered in-person to a member of the election committee prior to the 6:30 p.m. start of the March 7 town hall meeting.



Website Traffic Summary

2016	Visits	Chg from Prev Mo	Unique Visitors	Chg from Prev Mo	Page views	Chg from Prev Mo	Pages/ Visit	Chg from Prev Mo	Avg. Visit Duration	Chg from Prev Mo	Bounce Rate	Chg from Prev Mo	% New Visits	Chg from Prev Mo
January	1230		836		2426		1.97		0:01:31		57.48%		54.96%	
February	1284	4.39%	902	7.89%	2457	1.28%	1.91	-3.05%	0:01:20	-12.09%	57.09%	-0.68%	56.93%	3.58%
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2016 Twitter Summary

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Week	List Growth (Followers)	Re-tweets (shared)	Mentions/Favorites (comments)	Link Visits (visits to links)	Content Views (impressions)	Most Popular Post
2015	125					
12/4/15 - 1/7/16 (35 days)						Remember to turn those sprinklers off for at least 48 hrs after significant rainfall. <a href="http://fb.me/7EEVnXFAd">http://fb.me/7EEVnXFAd</a> (199 views) UPDATE: More sandbags have arrived at the District office. Sand is available near the back parking lot off Dana St. <a href="http://fb.me/2argHabmZ">http://fb.me/2argHabmZ</a> (181 views)
1/8/16 - 1/21/16 (14 days)	8	8	6	36	3,200	There's a lot of rain coming down in #Nipomo right now. Reminder: turn off those sprinklers! <a href="http://fb.me/7x43wCsoZ">http://fb.me/7x43wCsoZ</a> (55 views)
1/22/16 - 2/4/16 (14 days)	5	0	2	4	587	The Agenda and Packet for the January 27th Regular Board Meeting has been posted on the District website.... <a href="http://fb.me/7Cdg9BLVk">http://fb.me/7Cdg9BLVk</a> (128 views)
2/5/16 - 2/18/16 (14 days)	4	2	1	8	931	Agenda and Packet for the February 10, 2016 Regular Board Meeting has been posted on the District's website.... <a href="http://fb.me/3q6CPXrEv">http://fb.me/3q6CPXrEv</a> (230 views)
2/19/16 - 3/3/16 (14 days)	4	3	2	3	862	Thank you @bradpomerance for having #Nipomo CSD Director Eby on #CharterLocalEdition recently! <a href="https://youtu.be/2_oIBKMY5OE">https://youtu.be/2_oIBKMY5OE</a> (209 views)
		4	4	0	1,000	

2016 Facebook Summary

FACEBOOK

Week	New Users	Comment Likes	Comment Shares	User Posts	*Content Views	Most Popular Post
2015	56					
12/4/15 - 1/7/16 (35 days)	1	5	0	2	640	Still have your tree? Beginning the week of Jan 4th-8th on your garbage service day, South County Sanitary will remove your Christmas tree for free. Place in your green waste bin or on your curb. (208 views)
1/8/16 - 1/21/16 (14 days)	4	1	0	1	166	There's a lot of rain coming down in #Nipomo right now. Reminder to turn off those sprinklers! (42 views)
1/22/16 - 2/4/16 (14 days)	1	11	0	1	294	Thank you to the Nipomo Chamber of Commerce for presenting the District with the Keeping #Nipomo Clean Award at tonight's 2016 Installation dinner. (106 views)
2/5/16 - 2/18/16 (14 days)	1	9	0	1	396	Thank you for the article, SLO Tribune! Nipomo pipeline project gets public works award (217 views)
2/19/16 - 3/3/16 (14 days)	0	6	2	1	171	In addition to the State's turf replacement rebate, the San Luis Obispo County Planning and Building Department has implemented a Cash-for-Grass program for #Nipomo homeowners. (32 views)

March 9, 2016

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ATTACHMENT B



**California Special  
Districts Association**  
*Districts Stronger Together*

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SERVICES DISTRICT

**DATE:** February 19, 2016  
**TO:** CSDA Voting Member Presidents and General Managers  
**FROM:** CSDA Elections and Bylaws Committee  
**SUBJECT: CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
SEAT B**

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The Elections and Bylaws Committee is looking for Independent Special District Board Members or their General Managers who are interested in leading the direction of the California Special Districts Association for the 2017 - 2019 term.

The leadership of CSDA is elected from its six geographical networks. Each of the six networks has three seats on the Board with staggered 3-year terms. Candidates must be affiliated with an independent special district that is a CSDA Regular member located within the geographic network that they seek to represent. (See attached Network Map)

The CSDA Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions related to CSDA's member services, legislative advocacy, education and resources. The Board of Directors is crucial to the operation of the Association and to the representation of the common interests of all California's special districts before the Legislature and the State Administration. Serving on the Board requires one's interest in the issues confronting special districts statewide.

**Commitment and Expectations:**

- Attend all Board meetings, held every other month at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
- Participate on at least one committee, meets 3-5 times a year at the CSDA office in Sacramento.  
*(CSDA reimburses Directors for their related expenses for Board and committee meetings as outlined in Board policy).*
- Attend CSDA's two annual events: Special Districts Legislative Days (held in the spring) and the CSDA Annual Conference (held in the fall).
- **Complete all four modules of CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy within 2 years.**  
*(CSDA does not reimburse for expenses for the two conferences or the Academy classes even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the events).*





**California Special  
Districts Association**  
*Districts Stronger Together*

## 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Network: \_\_\_\_\_ (see map on back)

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE BE SURE THE PHONE NUMBER IS ONE WHERE WE CAN REACH THE CANDIDATE)

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form and a Board resolution/minute action supporting the candidate and Candidate Information Sheet by fax or mail to:

CSDA  
Attn: Charlotte Lowe  
1112 I Street, Suite 200  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(877) 924-2732      (916) 442-7889 fax

***DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS – May 20, 2016***



**California Special  
Districts Association**  
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## 2016 CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

The following information **MUST** accompany your nomination form and Resolution/minute order:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Elected/Appointed/Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Service with District: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you have current involvement with CSDA (such as committees, events, workshops, conferences, Governance Academy, etc.):

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2. Have you ever been associated with any other state-wide associations (CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

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3. List local government involvement (such as LAFCo, Association of Governments, etc.):

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4. List civic organization involvement:

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**\*\*Candidate Statement** – Although it is not required, each candidate is requested to submit a candidate statement of no more than 300 words in length. **Any statements received in the CSDA office after June 2, 2016 will not be included with the ballot.**

March 9, 2016

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ATTACHMENT C



1112 I Street, Suite 300  
Sacramento, California 95814-2865  
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NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

February 18, 2016

Mr. Michael LeBrun  
General Manager  
Nipomo Community Services District  
Post Office Box 326  
Nipomo, California 93444-0326

**RE: 2016-17 Rates and District's Loss Experience**

Dear Mr. LeBrun:

On behalf of the Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors we are pleased to announce the Board took action on February 3, 2016, approving no rate increase for the Property/Liability Program Package for 2016-17! **This will be the seventh year in a row with no rate increases.** Any additional revenue needed to balance the budget will be funded from Rate Stabilization Reserves which have been set aside for that purpose. Your agency's actual annual contribution amount for 2016-17 may vary compared to 2015-16 as a result of any coverage limit changes, outside policy pricing, scheduled item additions/deletions, risk factor adjustments and Credit Incentive Program (CIP) points earned.

In addition, the SDRMA Board of Directors has a policy requiring an annual review of losses for each individual member agency and comparing those losses to the loss experience of all members of the Authority. The purpose of the policy is to develop a process that:

- *Fairly and equitably rates members;*
- *Equalizes contributions based on a member's exposures and loss experience; and*
- *Encourages members to focus on preventing claims and improving their loss experience.*

The analysis of individual members' losses and the comparison of their losses to the loss experience for all SDRMA members involves only members with multiple losses/claims and where their loss experience exceeds the established baseline. The policy also requires that member's annual contribution amounts be increased to reflect member losses above the established baseline and conversely, decreased if losses are below the established baseline (detailed loss history attached).

***We are pleased to inform you that as a result of the improved loss experience by Nipomo Community Services District over the last several years, we are reducing the District's "risk factor" from 1.0 to 0.85.*** The reduced risk factor will result in a sizable reduction in the cost of the District's property/liability coverages – except for any additions the district will make to their scheduled items (i.e. vehicle and/or property), changes in Credit Incentive Program (CIP) points earned or any outside policies invoiced through SDRMA. ***This adjustment will result in a decrease of approximately 15% in the District's "Net Package Contribution" for the 2016-17 program year.***

*Other Important Items to Note:*

- SDRMA's Safety/Claims Education Day/Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 29 at the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel in Newport Beach. For more information, please visit our website at [www.sdrma.org](http://www.sdrma.org) and click on "Register for a Training Workshop" on the right side of the page.
- The Employment Law Legal Hotline provides upper level management access to free employment law related legal advice on behalf of the public agency employer. Contact Dennis Timoney, Chief Risk Officer at 800.537.7790 or by email at [dtimoney@sdrma.org](mailto:dtimoney@sdrma.org) for more information.
- Members intending to withdraw for the 2016-17 program year are required to submit a "Notice of Intent to Withdraw" according to SDRMA Bylaws by April 1. However, members must have completed

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February 19, 2016

Ms. Lisa Bognuda  
Finance Director/Assist GM  
Nipomo Community Services District  
Post Office Box 326  
Nipomo, California 93444-0326

**RE: Property/Liability Longevity Distribution**

Dear Ms. Bognuda,

On February 3, 2016, the SDRMA Board of Directors approved a longevity distribution for the seventh year in a row. The Longevity Distribution Policy was adopted by the Board to recognize and reward members for their loyalty and commitment to SDRMA programs. The policy is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Board's strategic business plan and helps ensure pool stability by rewarding members for remaining in our Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation programs.

**This year, the Board approved a longevity distribution in the amount of \$856,492 for Property/Liability members and \$327,076 for Workers' Compensation members.** For the Property/Liability program, over 90% of members will receive the distribution credit and for the Workers' Compensation program, over 86% of members will receive the distribution credit.

Congratulations! Since you have participated in our Property/Liability Program for 21 years as of June 30, 2015, your agency will receive a longevity distribution credit on your 2016-17 renewal invoice in the amount of \$8,251. We encourage you to share this valuable news with your governing body!

There is no action required by your agency. Every member that has completed the 3 full program year initial commitment period for the Property/Liability program is eligible to receive a longevity distribution credit when they renew coverage. The longevity distribution may be declared by the Board of Directors each year only after all Board policy reserve requirements have been met. The amount available for the longevity distribution is the amount of investment earnings on reserves above the Board approved confidence level for each program as of June 30. The distribution is weighted based on the member's length of time in that program and the amount of the member's annual contributions compared to the total contributions of all pool members.

**REMINDER** – We hope to see you at our Annual Membership Meeting and Safety/Claims Education Day on March 29, 2016 at the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel and Spa! Visit our website, [www.sdrma.org](http://www.sdrma.org) and click on "Register for a training workshop" in the right-hand column for more information.

Thank you for your participation and helping make SDRMA a premier risk management provider! If you have any questions, please contact the SDRMA Finance Department at 800.537.7790 or 916.231.4141.

Sincerely,  
Special District Risk Management Authority

  
David Aranda, President  
Board of Directors

February 19, 2016

Ms. Lisa Bognuda  
Finance Director/Assist GM  
Nipomo Community Services District  
Post Office Box 326  
Nipomo, California 93444-0326

**RE: Workers' Compensation Longevity Distribution**

Dear Ms. Bognuda,

On February 3, 2016, the SDRMA Board of Directors approved a longevity distribution for the seventh year in a row. The Longevity Distribution Policy was adopted by the Board to recognize and reward members for their loyalty and commitment to SDRMA programs. The policy is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Board's strategic business plan and helps ensure pool stability by rewarding members for remaining in our Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation programs.

**This year, the Board approved a longevity distribution in the amount of \$856,492 for Property/Liability members and \$327,076 for Workers' Compensation members.** For the Property/Liability program, over 90% of members will receive the distribution credit and for the Workers' Compensation program, over 86% of members will receive the distribution credit.

Congratulations! Since you have participated in our Workers' Compensation Program for 11 years as of June 30, 2015, your agency will receive a longevity distribution credit on your 2016-17 renewal contribution invoice in the amount of \$379. We encourage you to share this valuable news with your governing body!

There is no action required by your agency. Every member that has completed the 3 full program year initial commitment period for the Workers' Compensation program is eligible to receive a longevity distribution credit when they renew coverage. The longevity distribution may be declared by the Board of Directors each year only after all Board policy reserve requirements have been met. The amount available for the longevity distribution is the amount of investment earnings on reserves above the Board approved confidence level for each program as of June 30. The distribution is weighted based on the member's length of time in that program and the amount of the member's annual contributions compared to the total contributions of all pool members.

**REMINDER** – We hope to see you at our Annual Membership Meeting and Safety/Claims Education Day on March 29, 2016 at the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel and Spa! Visit our website, [www.sdrma.org](http://www.sdrma.org) and click on "Register for a training workshop" in the right-hand column for more information.

Thank you for your participation and helping make SDRMA a premier risk management provider! If you have any questions, please contact the SDRMA Finance Department at 800.537.7790 or 916.231.4141.

Sincerely,  
Special District Risk Management Authority



David Aranda, President  
Board of Directors

March 9, 2016

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## SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

# DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING

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February 9, 2016

Subject: New Water Requirements

Dear Applicant,

Our records indicate that you have an active building permit in an area subject to new water restrictions. If you do not intend to continue with the building permit process please disregard this letter. If you intend to move forward with your permit in the future you may be subject to new water requirements as a result of a recently adopted amendment to the County Code. On October 27, 2015 the County Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance 3307, an amendment to Title 19, the Building and Construction Ordinance. Building permits issued after November 26, 2015 are subject to the new requirements even if your application was submitted prior to the effective date of the ordinance.

### **Water Offsets Required**

Ordinance 3307 requires all new construction in the Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area and the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin to offset projected water use at a 1:1 ratio. Water use must be offset at time of building permit issuance. This requirement applies to any permit not yet issued as of November 26, 2015.

The County operates water conservation programs in each of the basins to save water through lawn removal and/or retrofits of older plumbing fixtures with high efficiency fixtures in residential dwellings. Water offset credits can be purchased as part of the permit fee process in order to meet the requirement for typical residential development.

The cost of offset credits is set to equal to the cost of time and materials in generating the water savings. Standard required offset amounts for residential development and associated costs are listed for each of the applicable areas in the following tables.



<b>Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area</b>		
<b>Dwelling Type*</b>	<b>Gallons per Day</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Single Family Dwelling	250	\$4440
Secondary	125	\$2,220
Guest House	42	\$746
Addition	No offset required. Building Code requires that all existing fixtures in the home be water efficient.	
Replacement	No offset required. Building Code requires that all existing fixtures in the home be water efficient.	

<b>Paso Robles Groundwater Basin</b>		
<b>Dwelling Type*</b>	<b>Gallons per Day</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Single Family Dwelling	300	\$4,854
Secondary	150	\$2,427
Guest House	50	\$809
Addition	No offset required. Building Code requires that all existing fixtures in the home be water efficient.	
Replacement	No offset required. Building Code requires that all existing fixtures in the home be water efficient.	

\*For other types of projects information about projected water use will need to be submitted prior to permit issuance.

For additional information please visit:

[www.pasobasin.org/existing-water-conservation-requirements/](http://www.pasobasin.org/existing-water-conservation-requirements/)

for requirements related to the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin

Or

[www.sloplanning.org/new-water-requirements](http://www.sloplanning.org/new-water-requirements)

for requirements related to the Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area

### **Well Metering and Monitoring**

Ordinance 3307 also requires that any well associated with new construction install a well meter. The property owner, or a person designated by the property owner, must read the water meter and record the water use on or near the first day of the month. This information does not need to be submitted to the County but may be subject to inspection only by code enforcement pursuant to an investigation. Meter installation must be verified by the County Public Works Department.

Prior to framing inspection, please contact Ray Dienzo in the Department of Public Works at (805) 788-2110 to schedule an inspection. An inspection fee of \$375 will apply.

For general questions about the new water requirements, contact Cheryl Ku at (805) 781-1366 or [c Cochran@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:c Cochran@co.slo.ca.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cheryl Ku".

Cheryl Ku, Planner  
Planning and Building Department  
County of San Luis Obispo



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### Water Neutral New Development in the Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area

In response to ongoing water scarcity concerns, on October 27, 2015 the Board of Supervisors adopted Water Neutral New Development requirements for the Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area. All new buildings must offset projected water use at a 1:1 ratio and install meters on wells serving the new use. You will need to obtain an offset clearance and a well meter inspection for your proposed project prior to permit issuance.

#### Obtain Offset Clearance

You may choose to obtain offset clearance in one of two ways:

1. Purchase offset credits through a County-run Water Conservation Program

The County operates a turf removal incentive (Cash for Grass) in the Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area to generate water savings. The Cash for Grass Program provides incentives for property owners to replace turf with water efficient landscaping. New development applicants can pay for these programs in order to save the amount of water that their new building will use. The cost of water offset credits equals the cost of performing retrofits and operating the Cash for Grass program.

The table below shows the standard gallons per day and corresponding cost of offset credits for a new single family dwelling, secondary unit, guest house, and an addition.

Dwelling Type	Gallons per Day	Cost
Single Family Dwelling*	250	\$4440
Secondary*	125	\$2,220
Guest House*	42	\$746
Addition	No offset required. Building Code requires that all existing fixtures in the home be water efficient.	
Replacement	No offset required. Building Code requires that all existing fixtures in the home be water efficient.	

\* A well meter inspection fee of \$375 is also required.

The standard use amount for a new single family dwelling is based on an average of indoor and outdoor water use estimates from water provider data in the Nipomo Area. Outdoor water use accounts for the majority of residential water use in the Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area and is assumed mostly consumed or lost to evapotranspiration. Outdoor water use of new residential dwelling units is assumed to be slightly less than the

current estimated outdoor water use due to proposed new landscaping requirements and increasing interest in water conservation. All proposed landscaping must comply with applicable county codes.

The standard offset amounts shall apply unless specific and adequate evidence, as determined by the Director of Planning and Building, is submitted during the building permit application process indicating that some other offset amount is more appropriate (e.g., use of greywater system).

OR

2. Hire a licensed plumber to perform retrofits in the Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area

You may choose to offset water use by hiring your own licensed plumber directly to perform retrofits in the Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area. Replacement fixtures must be the same or higher performing as the fixtures provided through the County's program. You must provide verifiable evidence and applicable forms. In addition, the County's licensed plumber will perform an inspection on 30% of the retrofitted homes. An inspection fee of \$133 per inspection will be due prior to permit issuance. Please contact the Planning and Building department to obtain detailed requirements, savings calculation methods, and forms prior to beginning retrofits.

### **Well Metering and Monitoring**

Meters are required for new wells or for existing wells serving new development in Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area. Proof an inspection conducted by the Department of Public Works for the well meter must be submitted prior to building permit issuance.

Prior to Final Inspection, you will need to schedule a well meter inspection with Public Works to verify that a meter The well meter inspection fee is \$375.

Property owners or a person designated by the property owner must read the water meter and record the data on or near the first day of the month. These records must be maintained by the property owner, but do not need to be submitted to the County.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 805-781-1366 or [ccochran@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:ccochran@co.slo.ca.us). Information is also available online at [www.pasobasin.org](http://www.pasobasin.org).

March 9, 2016

ITEM F

ATTACHMENT E

**ORDINANCE NO. 3307**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 19 OF THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CODE, THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION ORDINANCE, BY AMENDING SECTION 19.07.042 RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION IN THE PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER BASIN AND THE NIPOMO MESA WATER CONSERVATION AREA**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Title 19, Chapter 19.07, Section 19.07.042 of the San Luis Obispo County Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 19.07 - Plumbing Code

**19.07.042 - Water Conservation Provisions.** The requirements in this section shall apply to all new installations and, where specifically required, to existing structures.

(a) **Water fixtures.** Water fixtures shall comply with current requirements of the California Energy Commission and Department of Water Resources.

(b) **Existing structures.** In existing buildings all fixtures, including replacement water fixtures, shall conform to the above requirements.

(c) **Other requirements.**

(1) Spas, hot tubs, fountains and other decorative bodies of water shall be equipped with recirculating systems and shall be designed to operate without a continuous supply of water.

(2) Vehicle wash facilities shall have approved water reclamation systems which provide for reuse of a minimum of 50 percent of the wash water. Hoses, pipes, and faucets for manual application of water to vehicles at such facilities shall be equipped with positive shut-off valves designed to interrupt the flow of water in the absence of operator applied pressure.

(3) Water supply piping shall be installed so that each dwelling unit may be served by a separate water meter.

(d) **Paso Robles Groundwater Basin and Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area.** In addition to the requirements in Subsections a, b and c above, the requirements in Subsections d.1 through d.4 shall apply to all new development that uses water from the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin (excluding the Atascadero Sub-basin), and the Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area as shown on maps in this Subsection.

(1) **Offset Required.** Prior to issuance of a construction permit for a new structure with plumbing fixtures on property that overlies and/or uses water from the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin, (excluding the Atascadero Sub-basin) or the Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area the developer of such new structure shall obtain an Offset Clearance from the Department of Planning and

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Building verifying that new water use has been offset at a 1:1 ratio. Water savings must come from the same groundwater basin as the proposed new development. Applicants shall meet offset requirements by complying with Subsection 2 or 3 below.

i. **Applicability:** Construction permits for development approved through discretionary permits in the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin (excluding the Atascadero sub-basin) shall instead comply with the offset ratio required in Section 22.94.025 of the Land Use Ordinance.

ii. **Offset Clearance Process:** Applications for an Offset Clearance shall include evidence that projected water use (based on actual water data or by approved assumptions about the water demand for that use) has been offset at a 1:1 ratio through verifiable evidence or through a County Approved Water Conservation Program. Water savings must come from the same groundwater basin as the proposed new development.

(2) **County Approved Water Conservation Programs.** Applicants shall meet the offset requirement by purchasing credits from a County Approved Water Conservation Program operating in the same groundwater basin as the proposed project or by complying with one of the alternatives in Section 3. Approved programs achieve water savings in existing development and make credits available for purchase. The cost of offset credits is set so as to be equal to the cost of achieving water savings. Programs may include but are not limited to plumbing retrofit programs and turf removal incentive programs.

(3) **Alternatives.** As an alternative to a County Approved Water Conservation Program, or in areas where such a program is not available, applicants for new development may meet the offset requirements for their project through one of the following alternatives.

i. **Applicant-performed plumbing retrofits.** Applicants may meet the water offset requirement for their proposed project by retrofitting existing fixtures in homes within the same groundwater basin as the proposed project. Applicants shall adhere to the following:

A. Retrofit work must be performed and verified by a licensed plumber.

B. The water savings credits that will result from each retrofitted fixture shall be established by resolution for each geographic area. After retrofit work has been completed and verified, applicants shall submit detailed evidence that enough fixtures have been retrofit to offset the water use of the proposed new development.

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ii. Water Conservation Program for Public Facilities. Applicants may choose to fund a water conservation program for public parks, school grounds, or other public facilities in the same groundwater basin as the proposed project. The program to be funded will have been prepared by a California-licensed landscape architect for the County Parks Department, a school district or another public entity, as applicable. The program shall be reviewed and approved by the owner of the public facility, and shall identify water savings and associated costs of conservation measures such as irrigation system replacement and/or repairs, installation of "smart controllers," removal of turf, replacement of high water using landscape material, and amendments to soils. The water conservation program shall clearly identify the expected water savings from implementation of the program.

iii. Areas Served by a Community Service District. In areas served by a Community Service District (CSD), the CSD may certify that equivalent water use has been offset through an approved program or project.

(4) **Termination.** The provisions of this section for the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin (excluding the Atascadero Sub-basin) shall expire upon the effective date of a final and adopted Water Code section 10720 et seq. groundwater sustainability plan(s) by a local groundwater sustainability agency or agencies, covering the entirety of the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin within the land use jurisdiction of the County of San Luis Obispo.

### (5) **Water Meter Installation and Reading.**

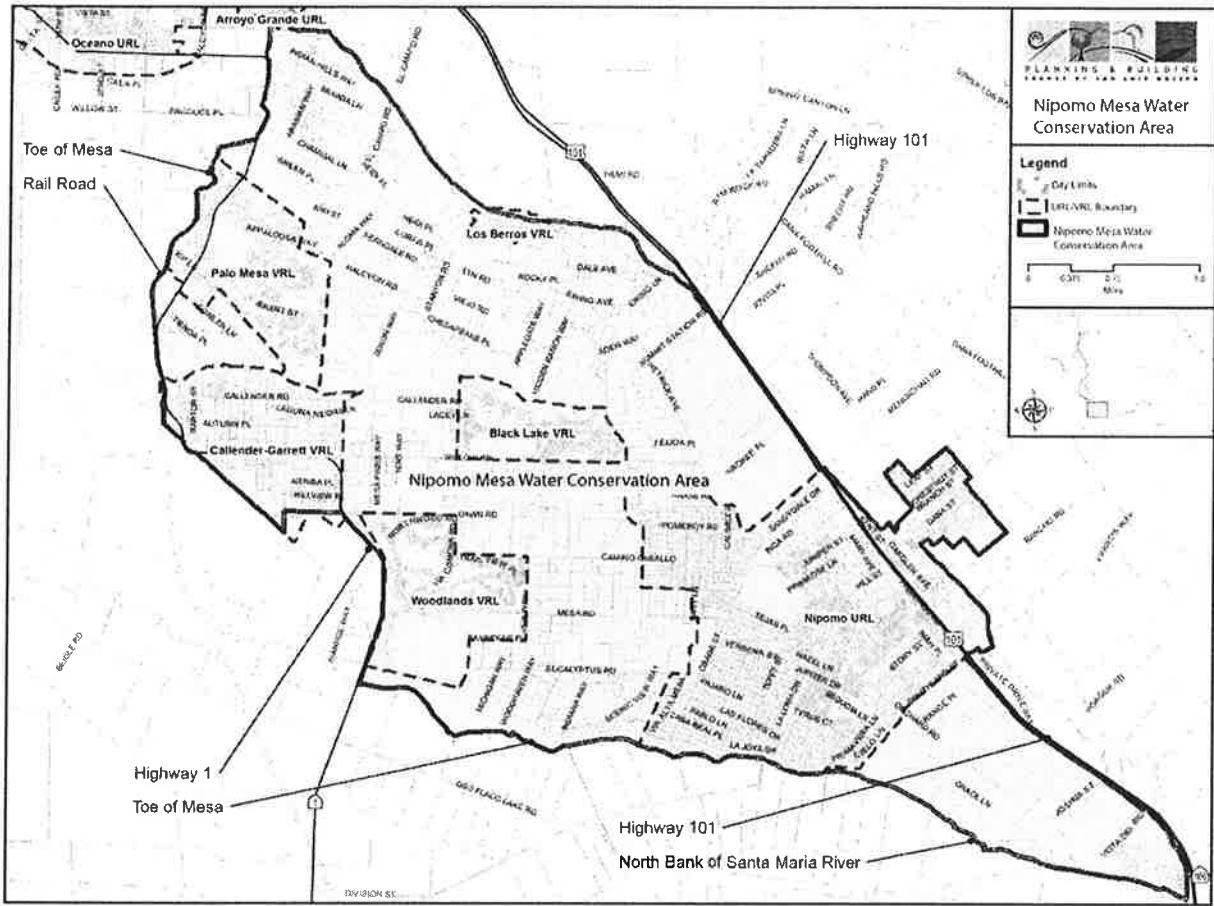
i. All new or existing wells that serve new development that overlies or use water from the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin (excluding the Atascadero Sub-basin) or the Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area must have a well meter installed. The meter shall be used to measure all groundwater used from that well.

ii. Meter installation must be verified by the County Public Works Department prior to building permit issuance. The configuration of the installation shall conform to the Water Well Metering Standards and Installation Guidelines set forth by the Department of Public Works and incorporated into the Public Improvement Standards.

iii. Property owners or responsible party designated by the property owner must read the water meter and record the water usage on or near the first day of the month. These records must be maintained by the property owner or responsible party and may be subject to inspection only by code enforcement pursuant to a violation investigation.



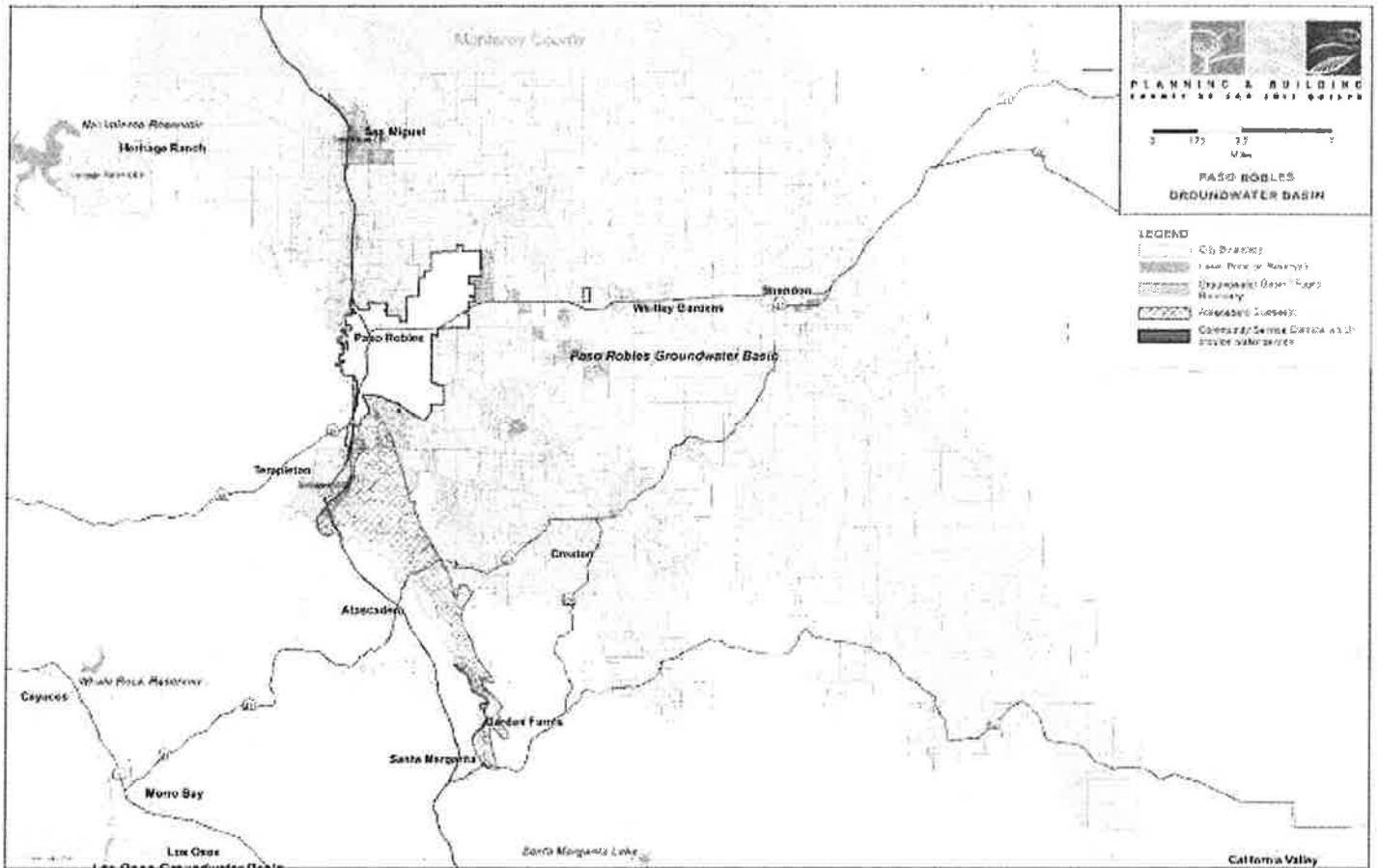
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Source: County of San Luis Obispo Planning and Public Works Departments, 2014  
Map created September 24, 2014

Figure 7-1 – Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area

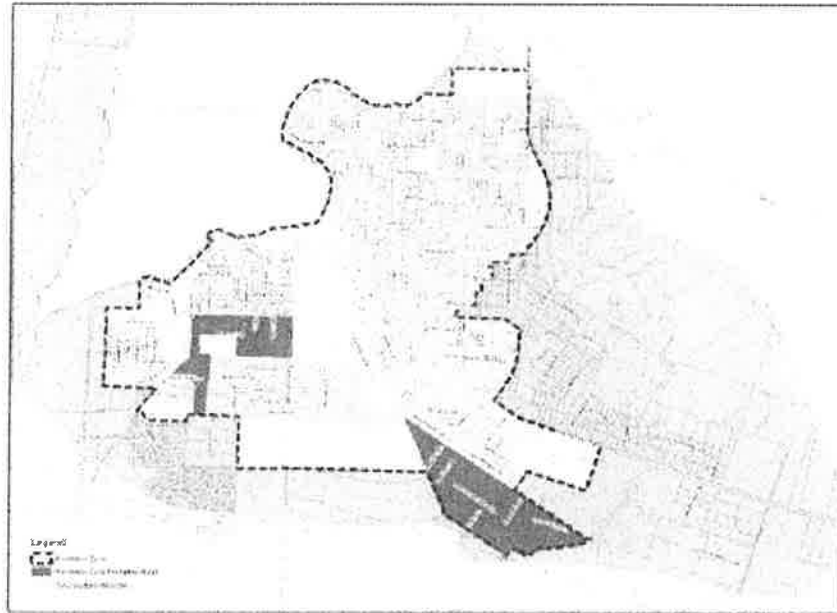
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**Figure 7-2 – Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Excluding the Atascadero Sub-basin**

(e) Los Osos Groundwater Basin. In addition to the requirements in subsections (a), (b) and (c) above, the requirements in subsections (e)(1) through (e)(10) below shall apply to all new development that uses water from the Los Osos groundwater basin shown in Figure 7-3.

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**Figure 7-3. Los Osos Groundwater Basin and Prohibition Zone, not to scale**

(1) The developer of any new structure that uses water from the Los Osos groundwater basin shall install plumbing fixtures that meet the following requirements:

- i. Toilets rated at no more than 1.28 gallons per flush (HET);
- ii. Showerheads rated at no more than 2.0 gallons per minute;
- iii. Bathroom sink aerators with a volume of no more than one gallon per minute;
- iv. Hot water circulation systems for master bathrooms and kitchens if the furthest plumbing fixture unit in these rooms is greater than twenty pipe-feet from the hot water heater;
- v. Commercial structures shall use urinals rated at no more than 0.5 gallons per flush;
- vi. New residences shall be plumbed for grey-water systems pursuant to Chapter 16 of the Uniform Plumbing Code.

(2) Prior to issuance of a construction permit for a new structure with plumbing fixtures that use water from the Los Osos groundwater basin, the developer of such new structure shall retrofit plumbing fixtures in existing structures within the Los Osos groundwater basin, but outside the Prohibition Zone as shown in figure 7-23. The number and type of plumbing fixtures to be installed shall be as required in the equivalency table as adopted and codified in Appendix A. The equivalency table indicates the point values of existing fixtures which may be retrofitted and the corresponding

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point requirements for each newly constructed or remodeled structure. A package of proposed retrofits and water conservation requirements must add up to no less than the minimum requirements established in Appendix A.

(3) Any addition of one hundred twenty square feet or more to an existing structure that uses water from the Los Osos groundwater basin shall require the replacement of plumbing fixtures in the entire structure with the following types of plumbing fixtures:

- i. Toilets rated at no more than 1.28 gallons per flush (HET);
- ii. Showerheads rated at no more than 2.0 gallons per minute;
- iii. Bathroom sink aerators with a volume of no more than one gallon per minute;
- iv. All urinals in commercial structures shall be replaced with urinals rated at no more than 0.5 gallons per flush.

(4) Any remodel of an existing structure that uses water from the Los Osos groundwater basin that requires a construction permit pursuant to this title, shall require the replacement of plumbing fixtures in the entire structure with the following types of plumbing fixtures:

- i. Toilets rated at no more than 1.28 gallons per flush (HET);
- ii. Showerheads rated at no more than 2.0 gallons per minute;
- iii. Bathroom sink aerators with a volume of no more than one gallon per minute;
- iv. All urinals in commercial structures shall be replaced with urinals rated at no more than 0.5 gallons per flush.

(5) The planning director (or designee) is authorized to make determinations for fixtures or projects not specifically designated in the equivalency table in Appendix A.

(6) The equivalency table in Appendix A may be amended by the planning director from time to time to reflect changes in water use and/or water savings.

(7) Owners of existing structures that are retrofitted under this program shall agree to allow their water purveyors to release water use figures to the department of planning and building in order to gauge the effectiveness of the program to the extent allowed by California Law.

(8) Upon retrofitting of the required number of fixtures, the developer shall submit evidence

of the completed retrofits to the department of planning and building. This evidence shall consist of a retrofit verification declaration completed and executed by a licensed plumber and/or contractor. The retrofit verification declaration shall be assigned to and used for development of a specific property or properties or land use permit and shall not be transferred to another parcel.

(9) Upon submittal to the San Luis Obispo County department of planning and building of a completed and executed retrofit verification declaration accompanied by the required fee, the developer shall be issued a water conservation certificate from the department of planning and building. Once the water conservation certificate is issued, the new structure may receive final occupancy approval. The water conservation certificate shall be assigned to and used for development of a specific property or properties or land use permit and shall not be transferred to another parcel, except as provided in the following subsection (e) (10).

(10) Water Conservation Certificates that were issued for vacant parcels inside the Prohibition Zone prior to the effective date of this ordinance may be transferred to specified vacant parcels or land use permits for vacant parcels outside the Prohibition Zone one time before January 1, 2019, except when the County is in a drought emergency as proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors. These water conservation certificates are encouraged to be transferred to vacant parcels with approved Minor Use Permits.

SECTION 2. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portion of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3: Before the expiration of 15 days after the adoption of this ordinance by the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, it shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, together with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the ordinance.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment by the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance was evaluated in and is consistent with the Certified Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Countywide Water Conservation Program (SCH# 20140810) per Section 15162 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines. Said Environmental Impact Report complies in all respects with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for purposes of adoption of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6: In accordance with Government Code Section 25131, after reading the title of this Ordinance, further reading of the Ordinance in full is waived.

INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015, and PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015, by the following roll call to vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Frank R. Mecham, Adam Hill and Bruce S. Gibson

NOES: Supervisors Chairperson Debbie Arnold and Lynn Compton

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

Debbie Arnold  
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

County of San Luis Obispo,  
State of California

ATTEST:

TOMMY GONG  
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors  
County of San Luis Obispo, State of California

By: Annette Ramirez  
Deputy Clerk

[SEAL]

ORDINANCE CODE PROVISIONS APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CODIFICATION:

RITA L. NEAL  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: /s/ Whitney McDonald  
Deputy County Counsel

Dated: September 29, 2015

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO) ss.

I, **TOMMY GONG**, County Clerk of the above entitled County, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors thereof, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order entered in the minutes of said Board of Supervisors, and now remaining of record in my office.

Witness, my hand and seal of said Board of Supervisors on November 2, 2015.

**TOMMY GONG,**  
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Annette Ramirez  
Deputy Clerk

March 9, 2016

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2/29/2016

Robert Enns  
Cayucos Sanitary District  
PO Box 333  
Cayucos, Ca. 93430

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Nipomo Community Services District  
Attn: Michael LeBrun  
PO Box 326  
Nipomo, Ca 93444

**Dear Michael,**

As a follow up to David Church's email informing you that I have been selected to represent Special Districts on the LAFCO Board, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the ten Districts that voted for me. I had some very worthy opponents and am both, honored and humbled that you've placed your trust in me. My time spent as an alternate for the past two years will serve to benefit all 34 Special Districts.

Not only am I thankful for your support, but also for all the candidates who offer to serve their communities and seek solutions for public problems. It is not easy to put oneself out there in such a public forum, so I give credit to those with the initiative to do so.

I cannot do this job without the involvement and openness of the people I represent. If your District has any questions that require LAFCO consideration, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email through the Cayucos Sanitary District office at [clerk1csd@cayucossd.org](mailto:clerk1csd@cayucossd.org).

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve,



Robert Enns  
Cayucos Sanitary District  
Board President



March 9, 2016

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ATTACHMENT G

**Bill Title:** Urban retail water suppliers: water loss management.

**Spectrum:** Partisan Bill (Democrat 5-0)

**Status:** (*Passed*) 2015-10-09 - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 679, Statutes of 2015. [SB555 Detail]

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BILL NUMBER: SB 555 CHAPTERED

BILL TEXT

CHAPTER 679

FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OCTOBER 9, 2015

APPROVED BY GOVERNOR OCTOBER 9, 2015

PASSED THE SENATE SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

PASSED THE ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 17, 2015

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JULY 16, 2015

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JULY 7, 2015

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 16, 2015

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 7, 2015

INTRODUCED BY Senator Wolk

(Coauthors: Senators Allen and Pavley)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Chu and Rendon)

FEBRUARY 26, 2015

An act to add Section 10608.34 to the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 555, Wolk. Urban retail water suppliers: water loss management.

Existing law requires the state to achieve a 20% reduction in urban per capita water use in California by December 31, 2020, and requires the state to make incremental progress towards this goal by reducing per capita water use by at least 10% on or before December 31, 2015. Existing law requires each urban retail water supplier to develop urban water use targets and an interim urban water use target, in accordance with specified requirements.

This bill would require each urban retail water supplier, on or before October 1, 2017, and on or before October 1 of each year thereafter, to submit a completed and validated water loss audit report for the previous calendar year or previous fiscal year as prescribed by rules adopted by the Department of Water Resources on or before January 1, 2017, and updated as provided. The bill would require the department to post all validated water loss audit reports on its Internet Web site in a manner that allows for comparisons across water suppliers and to make these reports available for public viewing. This bill would require the department to provide technical assistance to guide urban retail water suppliers' water loss detection programs. The bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board, no earlier than January 1, 2019, and no later than July 1, 2020, to adopt rules requiring urban retail water suppliers to meet performance standards for the volume of water losses. This bill would require the board to contribute up to \$400,000 using funds available for the 2016-17 fiscal year towards procuring water loss audit report validation assistance for urban retail water suppliers.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 10608.34 is added to the Water Code, to read:

10608.34. (a) (1) On or before January 1, 2017, the department shall adopt rules for all of the following:

(A) The conduct of standardized water loss audits by urban retail water suppliers in accordance with the method adopted by the American Water Works Association in the third edition of Water Audits and Loss Control Programs, Manual M36 and in the Free Water Audit Software, version 5.0.

(B) The process for validating a water loss audit report prior to submitting the report to the department. For the purposes of this section, "validating" is a process whereby an urban retail water supplier uses a technical expert to confirm the basis of all data entries in the urban retail water supplier's water loss audit report and to appropriately characterize the quality of the reported data.

The validation process shall follow the principles and terminology laid out by the American Water Works Association in the third edition of Water Audits and Loss Control Programs, Manual M36 and in the Free Water Audit Software, version 5.0. A validated water loss audit report shall include the name and technical qualifications of the person engaged for validation.

(C) The technical qualifications required of a person to engage in validation, as described in subparagraph (B).

(D) The certification requirements for a person selected by an urban retail water supplier to provide validation of its own water loss audit report.

(E) The method of submitting a water loss audit report to the department.

(2) The department shall update rules adopted pursuant to paragraph (1) no later than six months after the release of subsequent editions of the American Water Works Association's Water Audits and Loss Control Programs, Manual M36. Except as provided by the department, until the department adopts updated rules pursuant to this paragraph, an urban retail water supplier may rely upon a subsequent edition of the American Water Works Association's Water Audits and Loss Control Programs, Manual M36 or the Free Water Audit Software.

(b) On or before October 1, 2017, and on or before October 1 of each year thereafter, each urban retail water supplier shall submit a completed and validated water loss audit report for the previous calendar year or the previous fiscal year as prescribed by the department pursuant to subdivision (a). Water loss audit reports submitted on or before October 1, 2017, may be completed and validated with assistance as described in subdivision (c).

(c) Using funds available for the 2016-17 fiscal year, the board shall contribute up to four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) towards procuring water loss audit report validation assistance for urban retail water suppliers.

(d) Each water loss audit report submitted to the department shall be accompanied by information, in a form specified by the department, identifying steps taken in the preceding year to increase the validity of data entered into the final audit, reduce the volume of apparent losses, and reduce the volume of real losses.

(e) At least one of the following employees of an urban retail water supplier shall attest to each water loss audit report submitted to the department:

- (1) The chief financial officer.
- (2) The chief engineer.
- (3) The general manager.

(f) The department shall deem incomplete and return to the urban retail water supplier any final water loss audit report found by the department to be incomplete, not validated, unattested, or incongruent with known characteristics of water system operations. A water supplier shall resubmit a completed water loss audit report within 90 days of an audit being returned by the department.

(g) The department shall post all validated water loss audit reports on its Internet Web site in a manner that allows for comparisons across water suppliers. The department shall make the validated water loss audit reports available for public viewing in a timely manner after their receipt.

(h) Using available funds, the department shall provide technical assistance to guide urban retail water suppliers' water loss detection programs, including, but not limited to, metering techniques, pressure management techniques, condition-based assessment techniques for transmission and distribution pipelines, and utilization of portable and permanent water loss detection devices.

(i) No earlier than January 1, 2019, and no later than July 1, 2020, the board shall adopt rules requiring urban retail water suppliers to meet performance standards for the volume of water losses. In adopting these rules, the board shall employ full life cycle cost accounting to evaluate the costs of meeting the performance standards. The board may consider establishing a minimum allowable water loss threshold that, if reached and maintained by an urban water supplier, would exempt the urban water supplier from further water loss reduction requirements.