

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 FROM: MARIO IGLESIAS
 GENERAL MANAGER
 DATE: April 8, 2016

**AGENDA ITEM
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 APRIL 13, 2016**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM

Standing report to your Honorable Board -- *Period covered by this report is March 10, 2016 through April 8, 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.

Office Activities

	Mar 2016	Year-to- Date
Reports of water waste followed up on	0	4
Accounts with abnormally high water usage	14	52
Leak Adjustments	4	10
Amount	\$634	\$2,216

Water Resources

1) Total Production

	Mar 2016	Year to date Jul-Mar 2016
Groundwater production	58.5	793.7
Supplemental water imported	<u>56.2</u>	<u>486.6</u>
Total production/usage	<u>114.6</u>	<u>1,280.3</u>

To meet the District's target of bringing a minimum of 645 acre-feet of supplemental water into the community 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 56.2 acft in March, bringing the YTD total to 486.6 acft through the SWP. For the remaining 3 months of the fiscal year, the district will import 53 acft/month. By doing so, the District will achieve 159 acft of supplemental water and reach the fiscal year objective of 645 acft of imported supplemental water.

2) Production verse State Reduction Target for 2016

	Mar 2016	Year-to-Date Jul-Mar 2016
Total production for FY 2015-16	114.6	1,280.3
Total production for 2013	<u>185.5</u>	<u>1,883.9</u>
Reduction	-70.9	-603.6
Percentage reduction	-38.2%	-32.0%
Target reduction per state	-28.0%	-28.0%
Over (under) target reduction	10.2%	4.0%

The District's State-mandated reduction goal is 28% month to month and cumulative. The community exceeded the State-mandated reduction goal by 10% for the month of March, and the cumulative by 4%.

3) Production versus NMMA Reduction Target for the Period

	Mar 2016	Year-to-Date
Total production for 2016	114.6	1,280.3
Average production for 2009-2013	<u>160.4</u>	<u>1,809.1</u>
Reduction	-45.7	-528.8
Percentage reduction	-28.5%	-29.2%
Target reduction per NMMA	-30.0%	-30.0%
Over (under) target reduction	-1.5%	-0.8%

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 March saw a small increase in consumption over February, the community's water use was close to the five-year average, exceeding it by 1.5%. 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

	Mar 2016	Year-to-Date
Total GW Production for FY 2015-16	58.5	896.5
Average GW Production for 2009-2013	<u>160.4</u>	<u>1,809.1</u>
Reduction	-101.9	-912.6
Percentage reduction	-63.5%	-50.4%

Table 4 looks at groundwater pumping only and excludes supplemental import water consumption. NCSD's ground water pumping reduction of 50.4% exceeds Stage III reduction of the NMMA endorsed Water Shortage Response plan by 20%.

5) Rainfall Gage

Rainfall Summary (in inches)	Nipomo South (Southland Plant)	Nipomo East (Dana Hills Reservoirs)
Monthly Total	0.04	0
Seasonal Total to Date	6.97	8.62
Average for the Year	16	18

The rainfall gage readings are from San Luis Obispo County's two rain gauges in the NCSD area.

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 Legislative Days
- Urban Water Management Plan – Schedule
- California Board of Pharmacy – GM Letter Providing Comment

Supplemental Water Capacity Accounting

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

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

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

Connection Report

END OF MONTH REPORT

Nipomo Community Services District

Water and Sewer Connections

	JAN-15	FEB-15	MAR-15
Water Connections (Total)	4344	4349	4349
Sewer Connections (Total)	3131	3136	3136
Meters turned off (Non-payment)	14	14	9
Meters off (Vacant)	37	39	44
Sewer Connections off (Vacant)	6	8	12
New Water Connections	7	5	0
New Sewer Connection	8	5	0
Galaxy & PSHH at Orchard and Division Sewer Connections billed to the County	468	468	468

Meetings

Meetings Attended (telephonically or in person):

- March 10, Willow Market Sewer Issue – WSC & Owner
- March 10, Management Team
- March 11, Southland WWTP – WMWC Constr. Water
- March 11, Mike Seitz – General Counsel
- March 15, New Tech High School
- March 15, Public Information Program Director
- March 16, Operations/Admin. Coordination
- March 17, Management Team
- March 18, Corp Yard Daily Briefing
- March 18, Blacklake Facilities Committee
- March 18, NMMA-TG Regular Monthly
- March 21, NMMA Water Purveyor Manager's
- March 21, Prop 1 Debrief
- March 22, Public Information Program Director
- March 23, Trail Hitch Property - Wood
- March 24, RWQCB – Blacklake WWTP Inspection
- March 24, Nipomo Chamber of Commerce
- March 24, Management Team
- March 25, NMMA Meet & Confer Prep

- *March 25, Mike Seitz – General Counsel*
- *March 25, Sup. Compton’s Office*
- *March 25, Greater Area CSD General Manager’s*
- *March 25, SLO County PW Director*
- *March 29, Public Information Program Director*
- *March 31, Crosby – Auditing*
- *March 31, Mike Seitz – General Counsel (Heal)*
- *April 1, SMVGW Litigation - Markman*
- *April 4, Management Team*
- *April 4, Board Officers*
- *April 5, Public Information Program Director*
- *April 5, Eng/Ops Planning Meeting*
- *April 6, GSWC Direct WQ*
- *April 7, UWMP – MKN Engineering*

Meetings Scheduled (one week out):

- *April 12, Corp Yard Morning Brief*
- *April 12, UWMP Planning Workshop*
- *April 13, Regular Board Meeting*
- *April 14, NCMA/NMMA Meet and Confer*
- *April 15, NMMA-TG*
- *April 15, Mike Seitz – General Counsel*
- *April 15, Management Team*

RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks direction and input from your Honorable Board

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Public Outreach Program Updates
- B. California Special Districts Association Legislative Days
- C. Urban Water Management Plan – Schedule
- D. California Board of Pharmacy – GM Letter Providing Comment

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ATTACHMENT A

**NCSO Outreach Summary
April 2016**

Date Started	Outreach	Description	Status	Date Completed
* 3/7/2016	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	3/7/2016
3/3/2016	Signs	Signs with conservation messages for posting in community	Complete	3/8/2016
* 3/9/2016	Press Release	Board Awards Contract for Supplemental Water Project Joshua Road Pump Station Reservoir	Complete	3/10/2016
* 3/14/2016	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	3/14/2016
* 3/14/2016	Ad	Conservation ad in 3/18 Adobe	Complete	3/14/2016
3/15/2016	UWMP	Planning of outreach schedule	Complete	3/17/2016
* 3/11/2016	UWMP	Postcard invitation to agencies for public workshop 4/12	Complete	3/18/2016
3/14/2016	Social Media	Campaign for Fix-a-Leak Week	Complete	3/18/2016
* 3/18/2016	Manager's Column	Article for Manager's Column in Adobe Press, pub date 3/25	Complete	3/21/2016
* 3/21/2016	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	3/21/2016
* 3/21/2016	Ad	Conservation ad in 3/25 Adobe	Complete	3/21/2016
3/18/2016	UWMP	Letter to County Administrator regarding public hearing 5/25	Complete	3/22/2016
* 3/23/2016	District E-Newsletter	March E-Newsletter with quarterly newsletter link	Complete	3/25/2016
* 3/28/2016	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	3/28/2016
* 4/4/2016	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	4/4/2016
4/4/2016	Chamber Newsletter	Conservation ad for Chamber of Commerce April newsletter	Complete	4/4/2016
4/4/2016	Ad	Conservation ad in 4/8 Adobe	Complete	4/4/2016
* 4/6/2016	Ad	SCS Spring Cleanup ad for 4/15 Adobe; promotion	Complete	4/6/2016
2/26/2016	Ad	Spring set of conservation ads	Complete	4/7/2016
3/4/2016	Social Media	Content posting	Complete; Ongoing	4/7/2016

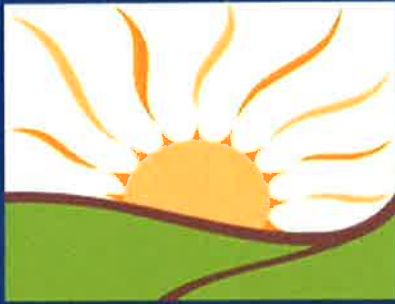
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3/4/2016	Website Updates	Home page; minutes; packets; press release; compensation report; calendar; etc	Complete; Ongoing	4/7/2016
2/2/2016	Blacklake Outreach	Outreach plan for Blacklake Master Plan	In Draft	
2/2/2016	Blacklake Outreach	Timeline for Master Plan/Outreach	In Draft	
3/2/2016	Blacklake Outreach	Key messaging for Blacklake Master Plan/Assessment	In Draft	
3/8/2016	Community Outreach	Materials for St. Joseph Community Festival 5/1	In Progress	
3/25/2016	Blacklake Outreach	Outreach slides on needed repairs	In Progress	
4/1/2016	SB 272	Catalog of District Enterprise Systems in accordance with SB272	In Progress	

* Included in Packet

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Weekly News

March 7, 2016

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HOW TO: Fill a sandbag build a sandbag barrier

a. Work with another person, with one of you holding the bag while the other shovels sand or other material. The first shovelful is placed on the edge of the bag to keep the bag open. The bag holder should bend at the waist, with elbows resting on knees. The shoveler gets rounded scoops of sand and fills the bag to just one-third full. Avoid injury by not twisting while shoveling.



b. Fold over the open end of the bag in a triangle to prevent sand from leaking out. Close-knit burlap bags are recommended.



c. Your finished bags will look like this:



sandbag, 1/3 full, open end folded over - top view



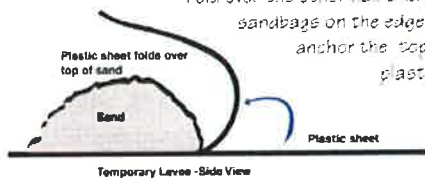
sandbag, open end folded over - side view

d. Place a line of bags with the folded side up, with folded edges facing the direction of water flow. Stomp each bag into place. Like you would with bricks, stagger the next layer of bags over the folded tops of the bags underneath. Stomp each layer of bags. To give the structure stability, the base should be 1.5 times wider than the height. (Example, 6 ft. wide by 4 ft. high)

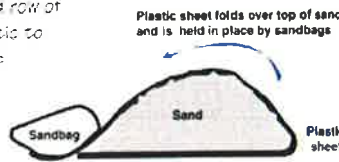


e. When you don't have time to build a sandbag barrier, use a temporary levee to raise low areas. Prepare ahead by buying 20-foot-wide sheets of plastic (6-10 mil thickness). Lay out the length you need and place sand, dirt, or gravel on the half facing your property.

Fold over the other half and place a solid row of sandbags on the edge of the plastic to anchor the top edge of the plastic sheet.



Temporary Levee - Side View



Temporary Levee - Side View

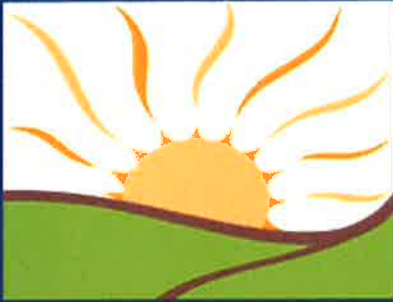
f. In locations where water could rise with no current, such as at lake shores, lay visquine plastic on the ground and up to walls, and form a half pyramid of sandbags. Cover doors and vents with plywood.



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Symptoms of Poor Maintenance:

1

- Erosion
- Water runoff and swampy areas
- Obstructions of spray
- Plants performing poorly
- Water spraying on the street or sidewalk

Problems with Sprinkler Heads and Valves:

2

- Head clogged, leaking, or broken
- Valve leaking
- Plants blocking sprinkler
- Head pushed too far into the ground or spraying in the wrong direction
- Sprinkler spacing not providing even coverage on turf grass

Low Water Pressure:

3

- Pop-up stem not extending
- Spray not reaching intended watering area
- Doughnut shaped dry areas in turf

High Water Pressure:

4

- Pipe keeps breaking
- Sprinkler nozzles blown off
- Spray is misting or fogging or spray is overshooting desired area

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REFUGE

FROM PAGE A1

located five miles north-west of Guadalupe, and the refuge boundary covers 1.6 miles of beach-front, extending three miles inland.

There is some access from the beach and the Oso Flaco Lake parking lot for those willing to make the trek on their own.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center also often collaborate to lead walks and tours of the refuge, but otherwise the site is undisturbed.

The area is home to federally endangered species that include La Graciosa thistle, marsh sandwort, Gambel's quail, the red-legged frog and the Western snowy plover.

And the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has plans to keep it that way.

A draft of a new Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for the wildlife refuge has been made available to the public on the fws.gov website.

The plan is intended to provide guidance for managing the refuge for

up to 15 years.

The public will have a chance to weigh in on three alternatives for the refuge and any other aspects of the area they would like to discuss at the meeting from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Ramona Garden Center on Ramona Avenue.

Alternative A would continue the current level of wildlife and habitat management and public use.

Alternative B would expand wildlife and habitat management and increase visitor-serving and environmental education activities.

Alternative C would reduce or eliminate many of the current management activities and would close the refuge to all public access.

"The problem is now that our funding level for refuges has declined somewhat since 2010, so we're trying to balance the level of access with the resources we have," said Mark Pelt, chief of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Natural Resources Division's Pacific South-west Region.

The final decision will include public feedback and could combine aspects of each alternative.

LUCAS

FROM PAGE A1

I've been answering questions from around the country via my communications director and they've been vetting my ideas from the Wall Street Journal on down."

"The Solution" took Lucas 11 years to produce and outlines his ideas in five main categories — all meant to bring jobs to the area.

It looks at energy, infrastructure, education, gun

control and immigration.

The best path to energy is to invest in 10 state-of-the-art AP1000 nuclear power plants, Lucas said.

For improving the infrastructure, Lucas has a unique idea that involves asking Apple CEO Tim Cook to bring his cash assets to America instead of keeping them off shore.

"He has \$200 billion sitting offshore," Lucas said. "He can't bring it in because it's (in the) 40 percent tax bracket." Lucas suggests Cook's money be taxed at 15

percent and another 10 percent be put into a superfund that would help pay for infrastructure needs.

On education, Lucas believes it is the nation's responsibility to redefine the way it educates the worldwide population.

He suggests international high schools be created at closed military bases and the worldwide education facilities be funded from aid packages.

On gun control, Lucas favors the right for citizens to carry a concealed

weapon provided they meet certain criteria and provide a DNA sample, along with fingerprints.

When it comes to illegal immigration, Lucas favors a 90-day registration period for those who enter the United States illegally.

After a process where undocumented residents provide DNA and fingerprints, along with a legal address, they would be given a registration card, Lucas said.

After seven years, they would be given citizenship.

VARIAN

FROM PAGE A1

On a Facebook page titled "Arroyo Grande Memories" former students on Monday began posting their fondest memories of Varian, who also taught physical education classes at Arroyo Grande High School in the early 1960s.

"She was an amazing individual in so many ways. So gracious, kind and full of integrity," Melanie Martin, who worked at Varian Arabians in the late 1990s, wrote on the page.

"Those who are not



Sheila Varian, shown riding her spade bit horse, Muretta V, died Sunday, March 6, 2016, at her ranch in rural Arroyo Grande. She was 78.

involved with Arabians may not realize she was a worldwide icon in horsemanship and Arabian

breeding. People all over the world are mourning her passing." Varian began riding at

8 at her family's home in Halcyon, just outside Arroyo Grande.

The Varian Arabians ranch was started with the help of her parents when she was 14, and Varian had been breeding horses there since 1954.

Prior to becoming ill, Varian partnered with the California Range Land Trust in an effort to maintain her ranch in perpetuity.

The trust is still accepting donations to preserve the ranch, but memorial donations should be directed to www.crowdise.com/protectvarianarabiansranch.

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PHILLIPS 66

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Crude oil is currently piped to the facility, and company representatives have said the project is necessary to keep the industry viable and protect the 200-plus head-of-household jobs the refinery provides.

"You can't run a manufacturing business, which we are, without a raw product," Jim Anderson, Santa Maria Refinery maintenance supervisor, told the commission. "We need to get raw material into the refinery."

Plans also call for extending the existing rail spur and constructing five parallel tracks and a rack area to allow unloading up to five oil trains per week, not to exceed 250 a year, although during the very first hearing in February, Phillips representatives said the company was willing to scale the project back to three trains a week.

Each train would consist of three locomotives, two buffer cars and 80 rail cars carrying approximately 27,300 gallons each, which would total approximately 2.19 million gallons of crude oil.

The proposal has caused major outcry from citizens locally as well as hundreds of individuals across the state who dominated the first two meetings last month.



Chuck Williams makes his point in favor of Phillips 66's proposed rail spur project Friday, March 11, during the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission hearing at the County Government Center.

Friday's meeting, however, started with a much different tone than the previous three hearings, as most of the morning's speakers spoke in support of Phillips' proposal, with many speaking in Spanish through a translator.

Many of the speakers were members of the

United Steel Workers Union and took a union-sponsored bus from the Carson area.

"We all know how hard it is to find jobs that pay a living wage," Los Angeles-area resident Hector Olivus said through a translator. "Phillips 66 and the United Steel Workers provide those jobs."

Others who spoke in support of the proposal told the commission they believe the majority of the individuals who don't want to see the project approved would also like to see the oil and gas industry shut down.

Opponents have repeatedly cited the potential health and safety risks associated with hauling crude oil via train as reasons for turning down the project, while supporters say it is critical and necessary to keep the oil refining industry viable.

The commission began its deliberations in the late afternoon and continued the hearing to April 15. A date in May has also been set aside for deliberations.

Commissioner Jim Irving said he wouldn't be surprised if the entire process took several years.

Brian Beres D.D.S.

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URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN PLANNING WORKSHOP

**The Nipomo Community Services District invites you to its
Local Agency Coordination Meeting for the
Draft Urban Water Management Plan
Tuesday, April 12, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
at NCS D's Jon S. Seitz Board Room (148 S Wilson St., Nipomo)**

Every five years, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) requires that water suppliers like the NCS D update its Urban Water Management Plan. During preparation of this update, the NCS D encourages involvement from coordinating agencies.

Contact: info@ncsd.ca.gov | RSVPs encouraged, but not required

The **Adobe** Press.com

Inside NCSD: Spring a good time to check irrigation



MARCH 22, 2016 12:48 PM

Spring is in the air. Now that the clocks have been changed, have you checked to make sure your irrigation timer is set appropriately? Spring is a great time to give that system a look-over and make any needed adjustments.

It is also a great time to walk around your property and check for any leaks. 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 reading, large amounts of water could be consumed by the customer, leading to large water bills.

Most large leaks involve 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 around many homes.

Inside the home, toilets are often “silent leakers” and can go undetected. The district has some toilet tabs available that will help you check your toilets.

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 overwatering or 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, is checking them and is making seasonal adjustments.

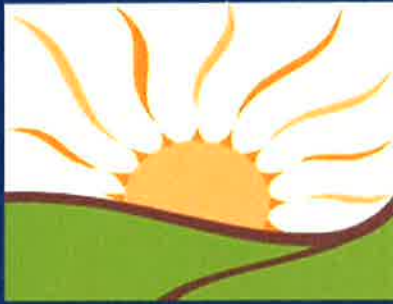
Being aware of your typical household water use will help you know if and when the use increases unexpectedly. The water meter at your property is a tool that can help you determine if a leak has developed in your system.

The district has information on how to read your meter. Visit us online or stop by the office at 148 S. Wilson St.

Water is precious, and money is hard-earned. Saving water can save you money.

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*Nipomo Chamber
Luncheon
Thursday, March 24th
11:45-1:00pm*

*Speaker - Ruth Brackett
Olde Towne Nipomo Association
Update*

*Please RSVP with menu selection
Turkey & Avocado Sandwich on Sourdough Bread
with fries
or
Chicken Taco Salad
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BITS AND PIECES OF NIPOMO

Special Cesar Chavez Day celebration this Saturday

A special celebration of Cesar Chavez Day will take place this Saturday, March 26, at the Cesar Chavez Native Garden, located at the corner of Osage Street and Camino Camballo, behind Nipomo Community Park.

The event from noon to 3 p.m. will feature entertainment including mariachi and folkloric dancers. Food will include a barbecue and tacos.

There will also be a tree planting in memory of the late Fulvio Pacheco, who worked with Cesar Chavez.

This is a free event open to the public. For more information, contact Rose Ballesteros at 305-8601.

Nipomo Community Presbyterian Church will have a huge rummage sale from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Friday, April 8, and Saturday, April 9, at 1233 N. Thompson Ave. at Highway 101.

The sale will include such items as kitchenware, collectibles, tools, clothing, sporting goods, jewelry and much more. Proceeds will go to help support local community needs.

For more information, email wjcook12@yahoo.com. It is that beautiful time of the year again when the Five Cities Orchid Society will present its spectacular 21st annual Central

Coast Orchid Show and Sale on April 2 and 3.

This year the theme is "Orchid Foolery."

The show will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the South County Regional Center, 800 W. Beach St., Arroyo Grande.

At this show you will find the most impressive collection of orchid plants, as well as the winners of the orchid competition.

General admission is only \$6 for adults. For more information, call 929-5749.

If you are a senior, the Nipomo Area Senior Center at 200 E. Dana St. in Old Towne Nipomo is a gathering place to meet friends, enjoy a meal, play games and attend exercise classes.

A potluck meeting is held at 1 p.m. every third Wednesday. In addition, the facility with a full commercial kitchen is available to rent for private parties and meetings.

For more information, call the center at 929-1815. Save the date for the ninth annual Comedy Night to be held from 6 to 10 p.m. April 30 at Thousand Hills Ranch in Pismo Beach.

The event will include food prepared by 14 local restaurants, beer and wine from a number of local wineries and breweries, music and entertainment by cowboy comedian Bill Martin.

In addition, there are always wonderful silent auction items

for sale and a very spirited and competitive live auction. Proceeds will go to the expansion of Arroyo Grande Community Hospital emergency room. For tickets, call 904-5484.

Save May 1 for Fiesta Latina, an evening of gourmet Mexican food, mariachi entertainment and dancing to Latin music at the Edwards Barn, presented by the Latino Outreach Council. For tickets, contact me at 929-1120.

Acqueline Frederick is a lawyer and farmer in Nipomo and can be reached at jflaw@aol.com or 929-1120.

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RUBES



"He can't see because his eyes are made of coal. He can't smell because his nose is a carrot. ... And he's always cold. For a guy with a mouth made of tiny little pebbles, he sure complains a lot."

INSIDE NCS D

Spring a good time to check home for leaks

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It is also a great time to walk around your property and check for any leaks. Nipomo Community Services District reads water meters once every two months for billing purposes.

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The district has information on how to read your meter. Visit us online or stop by the office at 148 S. Wilson St.

Water is precious, and money is hard-earned. Saving water can save you money.

Mario Iglesias is the general manager of the Nipomo Community Services District. He can be reached by calling 929-1133 or by email at info@ncsd.ca.gov. For more information, visit <http://nipomocsd.com>. Follow NCS D on Facebook or on Twitter @NipomoCSD.

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Water bill high? Check for leaks.

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Friday, March 25, 2016

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Water: Above the Fold

A message from the General Manager



Having a story on the front page is a goal for every reporter. Having a story above the fold on the front page means your story is the headline of the day. You may have noticed Sunday's edition of the Tribune, "Water Worries in San Luis Obispo" was the headline of the day. Then on Wednesday, an article in the Santa Maria Times about water conservation and an article in the Tribune about a desalinization project were both placed above the fold. Should this surprise anyone? The controversies surrounding

water, who gets it and who doesn't, where it comes from and where it goes has been fare served up in kitchen table conversations for generations, especially in California and, especially during drought years.

It used to be that politics and religion were the taboo subjects you avoided at cocktail parties and family gatherings. Unlike the softer sciences around politics and religion however, water is a bit more tangible. We can all agree that water is a necessity for daily existence.

Water is what sustains our way of life. It is highly valued when it is in short supply, and rarely thought of in times of plenty. Imagine trying to sell your home with a disclaimer in your closing documents stating there is a limit on how much water the property can use. Is this our future?

I'm now in week 10 as the General Manager for the Nipomo Community Services District (NCSD) and I believe Nipomo's future looks bright. The air is just as crisp, the sunshine is just as radiant, but the opportunities to make a positive difference are even more plentiful in Nipomo than I remember during week 1. Why? There is a common theme I hear from the diverse group of people I've met. The people of Nipomo love and enjoy their lives in Nipomo and are committed to their town's success. Many are transplants from more densely populated communities and they've come to enjoy the open space Nipomo offers. They enjoy the parks, the lack of traffic, the clean air, and they appreciate the underlying services NCSD provides them.

News headlines on water issues will fall below the fold as rain falls on the surrounding hills and mesa. But NCSD will continue to look for ways to better serve the community. Our goal is to secure an adequate water supply to meet the needs of the community, rain or shine, now and in the future in order to preserve property values and allow people to pursue the wonderful lifestyle only Nipomo can offer.

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Less Conservation in February, but Overall Goal Met

The District's conservation efforts took a dip during February due to warmer temperatures but overall exceed the State's mandated 28% reduction by 3.4%.

In February, the District produced 114 acre feet or about 38 Million gallons of water to meet customer demand. This equates to a 15.7% reduction in overall production compared to February 2013. Additionally, thanks to the arrival of supplemental water in July 2015, groundwater pumping during February was **49%** lower than the 5-year average for February.

The District continues to be in Stage III of its Drought Response and Management Plan and conservation efforts are still encouraged. Keep up the good work, Nipomo!

Supplemental Water Receives Project of the Year



In February, the Nipomo Supplemental Water Project was recognized by the American Public Works Association (APWA), California Central Coast Chapter, as the 2015 Overall Project of the Year < \$15M and in the Environmental category.

This \$17 million public works project is the largest and most significant achievement in the District's 50 year history. [Read More](#)

Reminder



Town Sewer Rate Increase on March/April Bills

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 went into effect January 1, 2016 and customers will see the increase beginning with their March/April sewer bill.

Rebates Available

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[High-Efficiency Clothes Washer](#), \$75

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[Rain-Friendly Projects Rebate](#), Up to \$999

State of California

[Turf Replacement](#), Up to \$2,000

[Toilet](#), \$100

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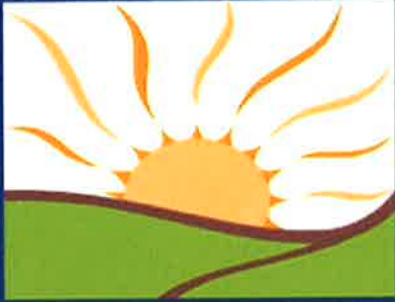
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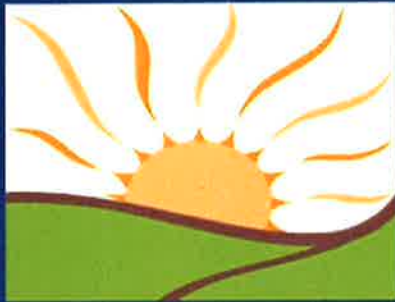
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Clean~Up Week

April 18 – 22, 2016

Rules & Regulations

CLEAN-UP WEEK

A community service provided free to single family residential customers of South County Sanitary Service.

ON THE CURB

Place your Clean-Up Week garbage on the curb no later than 6:00am on your regular garbage collection day. Don't block your waste wheelers, we still run automated trucks.

CONTAINER NOTES

Clean-Up Week garbage may be placed in standard trash cans or tied into bundles.

MORE CONTAINER NOTES

Standard trash containers will be emptied and left on the curb. Boxes and plastic bags will be taken away with your garbage. If you want your non-standard containers left behind, *please mark or place a note on them.*

CONTAINER SIZE

Containers or bundles of garbage must weigh 75 pounds or less and must measure four feet or less in overall length. **No hazardous materials will be taken.**

Garbage, greenwaste, & recycling combined for 12 cans, bags, or bundles **plus your waste wheelers.** Excess garbage will be left on the curb.

TWELVE standard trash cans (32 gallons each) OR the equivalent in bags, boxes, or bundles. Each not to exceed 75 pounds and four feet in length

BULKY ITEMS (PLEASE CALL FIRST)

The following special prices are valid only during Clean-Up Week *Items must be on the curb to qualify for these special prices. You must call one week before your collection day.*

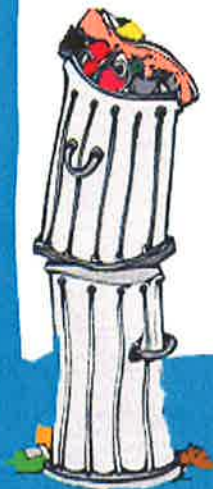
\$10 EACH -LIMIT TWO OF EACH. OVERLY LARGE ITEMS REQUIRING TWO MEN TO HANDLE WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL COST BY QUOTE ONLY
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Board Awards Contract for Supplemental Water Project Joshua Road Pump Station Reservoir

At its March 9th Regular Meeting the District's Board of Directors awarded the bid for Supplemental Water Project Joshua Road Pump Station Reservoir to Pacific Hydrotech Corporation in the amount of \$2,463,375 with a Change Order Contingency in the amount of \$250,000.

The Board also authorized two Task Orders; one with MNS Engineers Inc. for construction management services in the amount of \$466,932 and the other with AECOM for engineering services during construction in the amount of \$133,985.

As part of the community's plan for protecting its water supply, this bid package represents the cost to construct an integral piece of the larger Supplemental Water Project. Water purchased by the District from the City of Santa Maria and imported through the Supplemental Water Project pipeline allows the District to reduce pumping from its existing wells. Taking action to slow the depletion of groundwater to reduce the potential for seawater intrusion on the Nipomo Mesa is a shared responsibility of all groundwater users on the basin. By providing an additional source of water other than groundwater, the Project increases the reliability and security of the community's water supply. Construction of Phase 1 was authorized by the Board in June 2013 with the first delivery of water commencing on July 2, 2015.

The Supplemental Water Project Joshua Road Pump Station Reservoir will consist of construction of a 500,000 gallon partially-buried concrete reservoir at the Joshua Road Pump Station along with the related piping, electrical, instrumentation, grading, and landscape improvements. The Project will increase delivery capacity to at least 800 AFY and provide operational flexibility.

The Project is scheduled to begin April 2016 and be completed by January 2017.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 13th, 9AM, District Jon S. Seitz Board Room, 148 South Wilson, Nipomo.

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

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Established in 1965 to meet the health and sanitation needs of the local community, Nipomo Community Services is pleased to provide a wide variety of services throughout its district including the provision of water, sewer, and waste management services as well as lighting and drainage in limited areas. The mission of Nipomo Community Services District is to provide its customers with reliable, quality, and cost-effective services now and in the future.

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Staff Report Mar 14, 2016

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The contract calls for construction of a partially buried 500,000-gallon concrete reservoir at the Joshua Road Pump Station along with related piping, electrical, instrumentation, grading and landscape improvements, a district spokesman said.

The project will increase the water delivery capacity from the current 600 acre-feet per year to at least 800 acre-feet per year and provide operational flexibility, the spokesman said.

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District directors authorized construction of the first phase in June 2013, and the first water from Santa Maria was delivered to the NCS D system July 2, 2015.

Future phases are expected to eventually increase the capacity to 3,000 acre-feet per year.

Importing water from Santa Maria will allow the district to reduce the amount of water it pumps from its existing wells in an effort to reduce the overdraft of the groundwater basin and reduce the potential for seawater intrusion.

The first phase was financed by issuing bonds. District customers are repaying the bonds and paying for the cost of the water itself through their water bills.

Other water purveyors that pump from the basin — Golden State Water Co. and Woodlands Mutual Water Co. — are also contributing their share of the cost, but land owners served by private wells are not.

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SOUTH COUNTY

Nipomo groundwater suit tentatively denied

Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach and Pismo Beach sought to halt new developments in Nipomo

Nipomo is overpumping the shared groundwater basin below the Mesa, suit claimed

Santa Clara judge said the suit did not fall within the court's jurisdiction

BY KAYTLYN LESLIE

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A closer look at the cities' request

The cities of Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach and Pismo Beach asked the court to issue an order that would indefinitely prohibit Nipomo water agencies and San Luis Obispo County from the following:

A Approving new developments or additional entitlements that require water in the Nipomo Mesa Management Area. A Issuing building permits for new developments that require water in the Nipomo Mesa Management Area. A Issuing "will serve" letters promising water service to a project in the Nipomo Mesa Management Area. A Using water from the supplemental pipeline project or any other imported water for any purpose other than reducing the demand for groundwater pumping within the Nipomo Mesa Management Area. A Reducing, removing, lifting or modifying existing mandatory water conservation requirements in a way that increases groundwater demand. A Granting new well permits. A Granting replacement well permits that increase the pumping rate or total amount pumped annually.

A Santa Clara court has tentatively denied a lawsuit from several South County cities claiming water providers in Nipomo are not complying with an almost decade-old

stipulation and judgment to restrict groundwater pumping in the Santa Maria groundwater basin, though final judgment is still pending a hearing in May.

In a tentative ruling Feb. 26, Judge Peter Kirwan denied a request by South County cities to halt new development on the Nipomo Mesa until water providers can import more water, saying the request was not within the court's jurisdiction. The ruling was contested, but the Santa Clara County Superior Court upheld the decision to tentatively deny the request without prejudice.

The ruling is tentative until both parties meet and discuss basin solutions, and they appear before the court for a hearing May 12.

In his ruling, Kirwan said that although Nipomo water providers did not appear to be complying with a 2008 judgment requiring them to bring in 2,500 acre-feet of supplemental water per year, a court order to limit issuing building permits for already-approved developments would be outside the power of the court.

The lawsuit, filed in Santa Clara County Superior Court on Sept. 29 by the cities of Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach and Pismo Beach, comes as part of an almost twodecade-long legal battle over water rights in the basin.

In a 2005 stipulation and 2008 judgment, a Santa Clara County Superior Court judge divided control of the portion of the basin that rests in southern San Luis Obispo County between two management areas: The Northern Cities Management Area representing Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach, Oceano and Pismo Beach; and the Nipomo Mesa Management Area, which represents the four Mesa water providers, the Nipomo Community Services District, Golden State Water Co., Rural Water Co. and Woodlands Mutual Water Co.

At the same time, the judge ordered the Nipomo Community Services District to build a supplemental water pipeline and purchase a minimum of 2,500 acre-feet of water per year from Santa Maria to help offset new development and decrease groundwater pumping on the Mesa. (One acre-foot of water is equal to about 325,851 gallons, or enough to serve three households for a year.)

The services district celebrated the completion of its first phase of the pipeline project last

year after several years of delays. The project is not expected to bring in 2,500 acre-feet of water — the amount ordered by the judge — until approximately 2025.

In their suit, the South County cities claimed that the Nipomo services district had not made a good faith effort to bring in that additional water, and that overpumping in the basin is creating a pumping depression below the Mesa that prevents underground recharge from reaching the Northern Cities Management Group's portion of the basin.

The motion filed by legal counsel for the three South County cities asked the court to enforce the 2005 stipulation and 2008 judgment. The cities sought restrictions on water pumping and new development in the Mesa area until the Nipomo Mesa Management Group can import 2,500 acrefeet of supplemental water into the area, secure additional supplemental water sources that cover its increased water demand, implement a plan that ensures new water demand does not require groundwater pumping in excess of its 2005 pumping levels, and reverse the pumping depression below the Mesa.

The lawsuit also asked the court to restrict San Luis Obispo County from issuing building projects for already-approved developments that would increase groundwater pumping in the region.

The judge agreed that the Nipomo Mesa Management Area does not seem to have complied with all the requirements of the 2005 stipulation and 2008 judgment, but said the court does not have the jurisdiction to order a stop on all new development. Further, he said, doing so would likely result in litigation from the developers whose projects had already been approved.

"Any attempt to withhold building permits on this basis would impact non-parties who relied in good faith on the approval of their new developments and would likely result in new litigation," Kirwan wrote in his ruling. "The NCMA (Northern Cities Management Area) parties also fail to establish how the court can order the County of San Luis Obispo to take (or refrain from taking) any action with regard to its powers as a governmental agency (e.g. issuing building permits).

"The relief requested by the NCMA parties goes beyond what is contemplated in the stipulation (i.e. a physical solution), and other steps should be taken first as an attempt to resolve these issues."

Both management groups were ordered to meet and discuss possible solutions to prevent further negative impacts of groundwater pumping on the basin.

The parties are scheduled to return to court May 12.

Judge sides with Nipomo in South County water dispute

March 14, 2016



A Santa Clara judge has tentatively rejected a legal bid by three South County cities to halt new development and new groundwater pumping on the Nipomo Mesa. [\[Tribune\]](#)

As part of a longstanding battle over the use of the Santa Maria groundwater basin, the cities of Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach and Pismo Beach filed suit against Nipomo Mesa water providers last year. The South County cities alleged Nipomo

Mesa water providers have over pumped the basin, which is preventing underground recharge from reaching the northern part of the basin and is raising the risk of saltwater intrusion in wells.

Attorneys for the three South County cities filed the lawsuit in Santa Clara Superior Court. They requested a court order prohibiting new wells, new development and new water entitlement on the Nipomo Mesa until the overpumping stops and more water is imported to the area.

In 2008, a judge ordered Nipomo to import 2,500 acre feet of water. The Nipomo CSD then embarked on a project to build a water pipeline from Santa Maria to the Mesa.

The CSD recently completed the first phase of the project, but it was only projected to bring in 650 acre-feet of water in the first year. The pipeline is not expected to deliver 2,500 acre-feet of water annually until around 2025.

On Feb. 26, Santa Clara Judge Peter Kirwan, known as an expert in

water law, issued a tentative ruling that stated the Nipomo Mesa water providers did not appear to be complying with the 2008 judgment. However, the court does not have the power to stop all new development, Kirwan ruled.

If the court were to put a halt to new development, it would likely trigger lawsuits from developers whose projects have already been approved, Kirwan stated.

Both sides of the South County groundwater dispute must now meet and discuss solutions. They are then scheduled to appear in court on May 12.

A closer look at the cities' request

The cities of Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach and Pismo Beach asked the court to issue an order that would indefinitely prohibit Nipomo water agencies and San Luis Obispo County from the following:

A Approving new developments or additional entitlements that require water in the Nipomo Mesa Management Area. A Issuing building permits for new developments that require water in the Nipomo Mesa Management Area. A Issuing "will serve" letters promising water service to a project in the Nipomo Mesa Management Area. A Using water from the supplemental pipeline project or any other imported water for any purpose other than reducing the demand for groundwater pumping within the Nipomo Mesa Management Area. A Reducing, removing, lifting or modifying existing mandatory water conservation requirements in a way that increases groundwater demand. A Granting new well permits. A Granting replacement well permits that increase the pumping rate or total amount pumped annually.

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Nipomo CSD awards \$2.5 million contract for reservoir

BY KAYTLYN LESLIE
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The Nipomo Community Services District Board of Directors awarded the bid for its Joshua Road pump station reservoir to Pacific Hydrotech Corp., of Perris, California, for \$2.5 million at its meeting Wednesday.

The 500,000-gallon reservoir is part of the district's supplemental water project, and will help increase how much water the district can pipe in from Santa Maria, according to a district news release. The project will increase delivery capacity to at least 800 acre feet a year.

The Board also authorized two task orders; one with MNS Engineers Inc. for construction management services in the amount of \$466,932 and the other with AECOM for engineering services during construction in the amount of \$133,985, according to the news release.

The project is scheduled to begin in April and set to be completed by January 2017.

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Mario Iglesias



Craig Armstrong



Dan Allen Gaddis



Nipomo Community Services District approved a contract with **Mario Iglesias** as general manager. Iglesias has 32 years of experience in the utility industry. The district's board also elected Director **Craig Armstrong** as the board president and Director **Dan Allen Gaddis** as the board vice president.

The Vista Irrigation District board of directors elected **Richard Vásquez** as its president and **Marty Miller** as its vice president for 2016 at its annual organizational meeting.



The Dublin San Ramon Services District Board of Directors elected **D.L. (Pat) Howard** as president and **Richard Halket** as vice president for 2016.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors unanimously voted to appoint **John Varela** to fill its District 1 seat, vacated by **Dennis Kennedy**.

The Vallecitos Water District Board of Directors elected **Mike Sannella** to serve as president and **Craig Elitharp** to serve as vice president for 2016. ■



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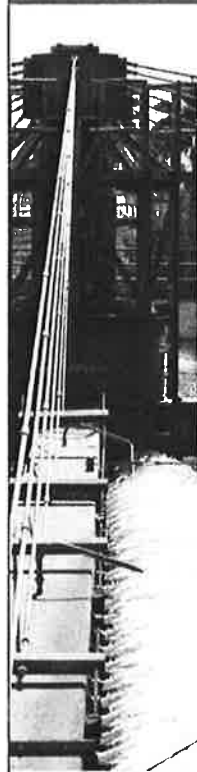
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For additional information and to apply, visit: <http://www.ocsd.com/jobs>. The closing date is **Friday, March 11, 2016**. The OCS D is seeking a candidate who can begin working on **July 1, 2016**.



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Nitrate levels in groundwater have SLO County water quality officials concerned about rural residential wells

BY CAMILLIA LANHAM

Get tested.

It sounds like that oft-repeated mantra from a sex education textbook. But, this time it has nothing to do with STDs. Actually, it's all about groundwater. And specifically, it deals with nitrate—often used as a growing aid for row crops like strawberries and leafy greens.

Before your eyes roll back into your head and you stop reading, think about this: Wouldn't you want to know what you're drinking?

Leslie Terry, an environmental health specialist with the SLO County Office of Environmental Health, thinks you should. And so does Angela Schroeter, a senior engineering geologist with the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. Why? During the most recent board meeting, Schroeter presented the results of two-plus years' worth of testing about 4,000 groundwater wells on Central Coast farmland for nitrate contamination.

"The important thing that we're learning from this data is that nitrate contamination is pretty widespread on the Central Coast," Schroeter told *New Times*. "And that's significant because of the health impacts."

Too much nitrate can inhibit the blood's ability to carry oxygen. It can lead to something known as blue-baby syndrome: Babies start to turn blue because oxygen isn't getting where it needs to go in their bodies.

In SLO County, of the 1,398 wells sampled, 14 percent exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for nitrate, which tops out at 10 milligrams per liter of water. Concentrations higher than that are considered to be unhealthy for humans to consume. Basically, if SLO's city water tested above that standard, the water wouldn't be delivered to customers. One well in the county tested at 12 times that standard, ringing in at 124 milligrams per liter.

Monterey County is definitely worse off, with 34 percent of the 1,244 wells tested showing above that MCL. And Santa Barbara County? Of the 867 wells tested, 28 percent had nitrate levels above the MCL. One well held water with 870 milligrams per liter of nitrate: That's 87 times what's considered to be safe.

"Many domestic well owners, and even the staff at county environmental health—the many counties: Monterey, Santa Barbara, SLO—were unaware of the scope," Schroeter said. "So what we are trying to figure out at the water board is the best way to inform [people]."

A 2013 update to the Ag Order was put into place in part to make sure that people drinking water with excess nitrate levels are notified. Owners of farmed land with domestic wells that tested above the MCL are also required to provide safe drinking water to the people living on that land.

However, Schroeter said the Regional Water Quality Board's regulatory authority ends on farmed land—technically speaking, potential polluters. Residential properties without commercially irrigated land in the rural areas of the county are not required to test domestic wells for nitrate contamination.

"They're not polluting, but they are being impacted," Schroeter said. "If you're on a domestic well, you should get your water tested every year."

But nobody can make you do it.

And that's unfortunate, according to Terry with SLO County environmental health, because often people who live on wells don't really know that much about them. They don't know what's in the water they consume—whether it's nitrate, pesticides, arsenic, or whatever else.

South SLO County had the majority of the hits for wells testing over the maximum nitrate level, which makes sense because it's an agricultural area, Terry said, adding that it's not the only area the county is worried about as far as drinking water goes.

"We're concerned about everybody; we want everybody to test their water at the end of the day. And people are so reluctant to test their water, and I don't really understand why," Terry said. "A nitrate test is like \$20. It's like fill up a bottle and drop it off. ... It's so shocking why people don't do it."

Editor Camillia Lanham found out it costs \$25 to get water tested for nitrate at Abalone Coast Analytical. Email her at clanham@newtimeslo.com.

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After a challenging month, Santa Maria gears up to conserve more water

Abby Hamblin ahamblin@leecentralcoastnews.com Updated 2 hrs ago



Len Wood, Staff

Zodiac Aerospace in Santa Maria replaced lawns with drought-resistant landscaping at their new building on Skyway Drive. This is an example of the many efforts within the city to meet conservation goals.

In the last month of the state's mandated period of water conservation, Santa Maria hit its lowest percentage of water savings since it started.

The city officially achieved its required 16-percent savings from May 2015 to February 2016, but it limped across the finish line at just 6 percent for February.

Residents will have a chance to turn that number around with the beginning of a new period of state-required water conservation starting this month, however.

In February, the State Water Resources Control Board announced that, with California still experiencing severe drought despite some recent rainfall, emergency water regulations should continue until October.

"After four years of extreme drought, there is still a need for Californians to keep up their stellar conservation practices," Water Resources Control Board Chairwoman Felicia Marcus said.

Santa Maria's efforts to meet its own mandate — 16 percent savings each month — throughout the initial period of regulation have, for the most part, indeed been "stellar."

The first four-straight months, the city met or exceeded expectations, and since then, if it missed the mark, it was usually only by 1 or 2 percent.

Utilities Director Shad Springer, who gives a monthly report to the City Council on the city's conservation efforts, said repeatedly the city is doing what it needs to do to survive the period, and it did.

That has included many city efforts to reduce water use on landscaping at city buildings, parks and fields around town.

It also included taking on some suggested rules from the state, like banning the use of water for landscapes during or within 48 hours after measurable rainfall.

A full list of the state's rules can be found on the city's website.

City officials have tried to keep the rules as simple as possible by sticking with state requirements and not adding city-specific rules in addition, and they say they believe the strategy is working.

However, with a new period of conservation requirements beginning this month, and on the heels of a challenging February, city residents are being reminded that things can't just go back to normal.

"I think all of the interest in the drought in the last couple years and the talk ... that message has really been driven home," Springer said. "It's almost become the new normal."

Officials hope February's low 6-percent savings will be a one-time thing.

The required 16-percent savings was determined based on how much water each California city used per month in 2013, and that's what made last month's goal tough to meet, Springer said.

However, he said it's not a major red flag for several reasons and February was expected to be the most difficult month.

"It was very warm in February, with little rainfall, and that is different than the weather we saw in February of 2013," Springer said. "So I think, overall, based on those challenges, we were still able to come out with lower use than we were at three years ago in February. It's still a good sign."

So how will the city adjust going forward? Springer said he thinks rainfall in March, which tends to encourage city residents to turn off their sprinklers, should help get things back on track.

But only time will tell.

Santa Maria resident Irene Martinez said she doesn't mind having to continue to conserve and that everyone should do their part.

"Everyone needs to put effort into it. I try to conserve as much as I can," Martinez said.

Richard Detty said he's seen city residents taking the message to heart.

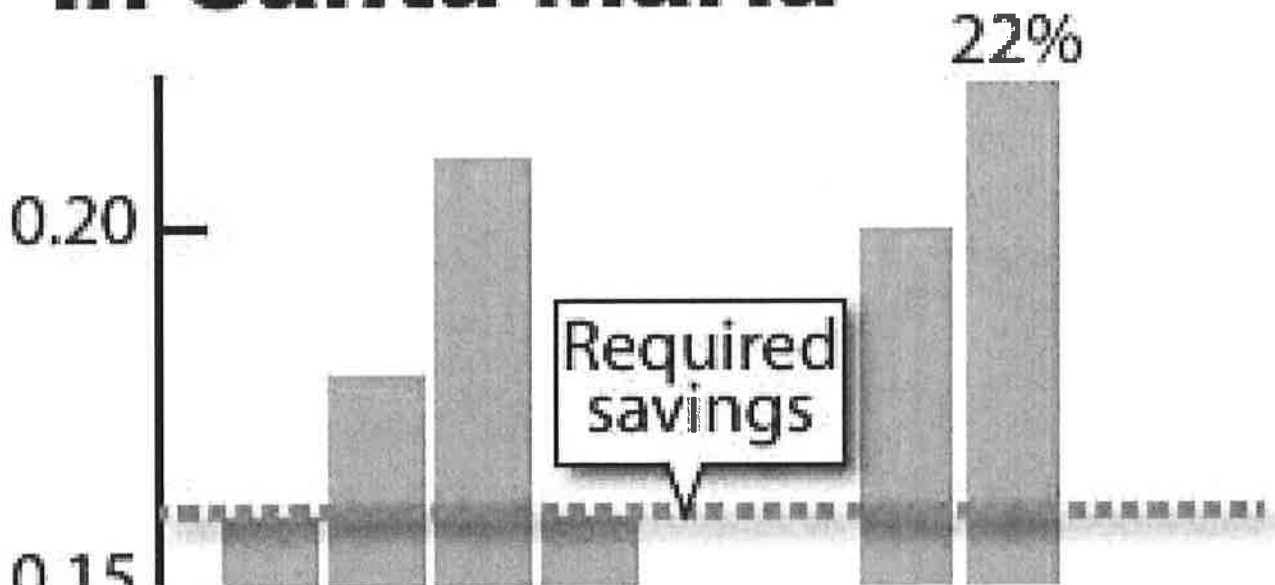
"I own property and even had one resident call me and ask if it's OK to wash their car," Detty said.

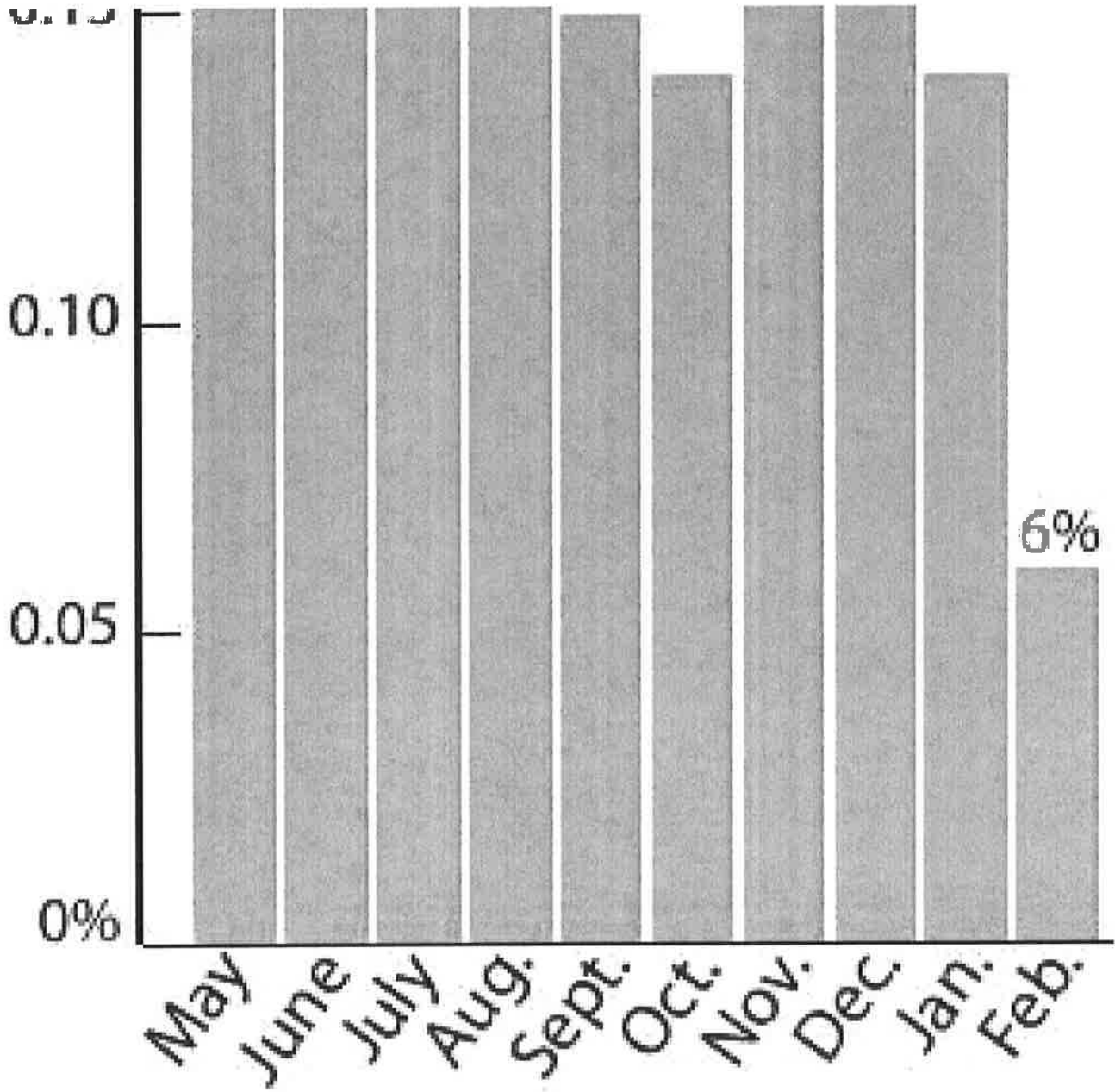
Springer said he doesn't think imposed regulations will need to change to make it to October with a cumulative savings of 16 percent again, but city staff are monitoring conservation efforts one month at a time.

"I think there's some opportunity to remind our customers and ratepayers of the ongoing conservation requirements by the state of California and encourage continued conservation," Springer said.

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Desal expansion plan for Diablo Canyon advances

**Supervisors unanimously agree to spend \$900,000 to begin groundwork for upgrade
Expansion of facility could produce 1,300 acre-feet of water for the South County
7-mile pipe would connect plant to Lopez Lake water system**

BY DAVID SNEED

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Citing the need for more drought resiliency, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors is enthusiastically backing a proposal to expand Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant's desalination plant to supply as much as 1,300 acrefeet of water a year to South County residents. That would be enough water to supply 4,000 homes.

Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday to spend \$900,000 to do the planning and permitting for the project, which calls for 7 miles of pipe to be laid connecting the plant's reverse osmosis system to the Lopez Lake pipeline in Avila Beach.

"This comes down to diversifying our water supply," Supervisor Lynn Compton said. "If we don't do this now, we are going to be criticized for not doing anything."

The project is expected to take at least two years to complete and could cost as much as \$36 million. The water would be used in the Five Cities and Avila Beach areas. The cost of building and operating the pipeline would be paid by the customers who use the water. Wade Horton, county public works director, said it was too early to know how much a typical customer's water bill would increase to

pay for the pipeline.

"I think this is an opportunity we can't afford to miss," Supervisor Bruce Gibson said.

Diablo Canyon is licensed to produce as much as 1.5 million gallons of water a day but only produces about 40 percent of that, or about 600,000 gallons. An acre-foot of water is 325,853 gallons.

The water from the desalination plant would be used by the cities of Pismo Beach, Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach and the Oceano and Avila Beach community services districts. All of those entities have submitted letters of interest in the project but have not formally signed on yet.

The South County is facing an impending water crisis. The area's main water source is Lopez Lake, which is only 30 percent full and was not refilled as hoped by El Niño rains this winter.

The South County's groundwater basin is dropping and is in danger of saltwater intrusion. And deliveries from the State Water Project have been unreliable in recent years because of the drought.

"We are in a very fragile situation," Supervisor Adam Hill said. "We have only two years of water left, and we need to do something."

Supervisor Frank Mecham said the desalination plant is attractive because it relies on seawater rather than rainfall.

"There is no free lunch here," he said. "This is going to cost money, but I think it will be money well spent if we can get to the final process."

PG&E, which owns Diablo Canyon Power Plant, built the desalination plant to process seawater that serves as the plant's sole source of water. The company supports the proposal to sell its excess water to South County service providers.

"PG&E is strongly committed to supporting our local communities and finding innovative ways to support the areas in which we serve and where our employees live," PG&E spokesman Tom Cuddy said. "This is another positive development in this process and we look forward to continuing to collaborate with the county."

Not everyone at Tuesday's hearing supported the desalination expansion, however.

Brad Snook of the local Surfrider Foundation said the project is too expensive and

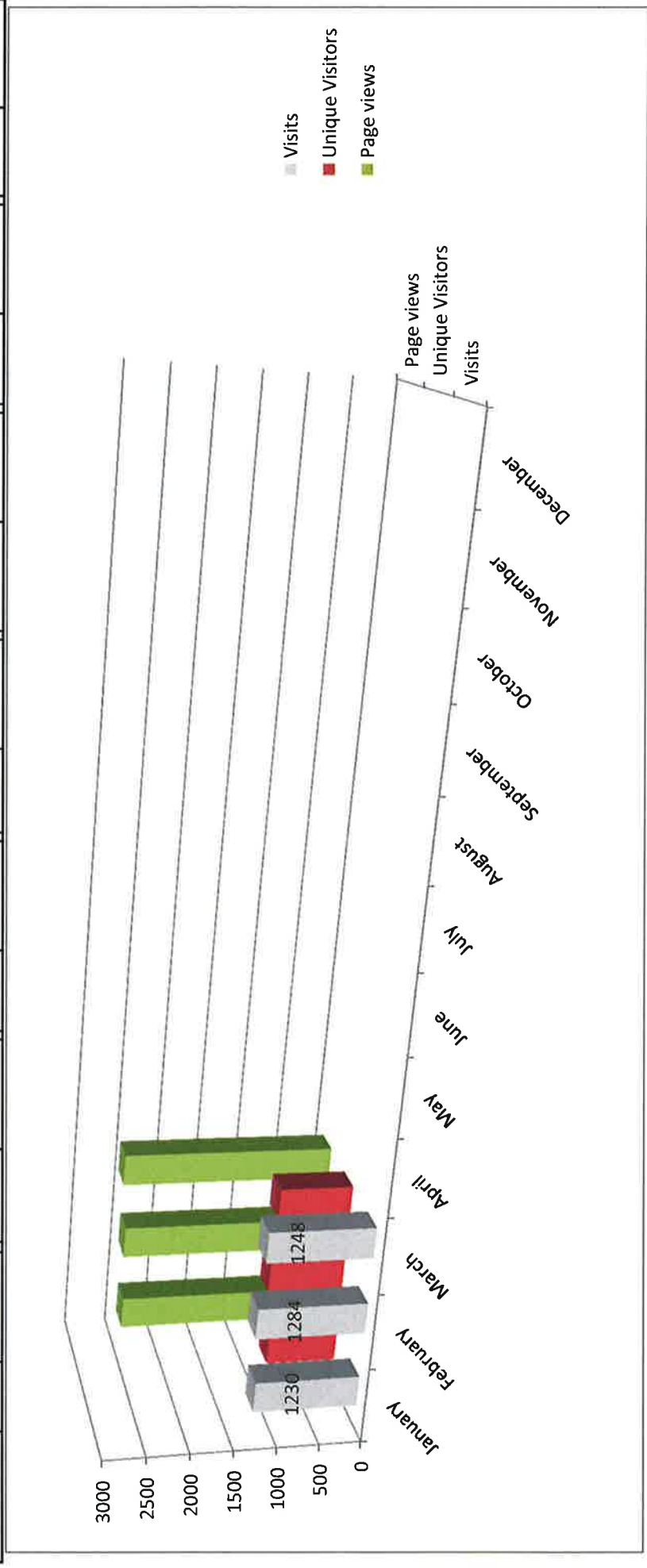
the county should be looking at cheaper options.

"You are not looking at the entire package because you are not looking at recycled water," he said.

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11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY AND PUBLIC OUTREACH PRESENTATION
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	LUNCH: LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING
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ATTACHMENT C

URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

COMPLETION SCHEDULE

Tentative Schedule	Approx. Dates
Kickoff Meeting	2/12/16
Agency Coordination	Ongoing
Progress Meeting	4/6/16
Agency Coordination Workshop	4/12/16
Administrative Draft to NCSD	4/13/16
Administrative Draft Comments from NCSD	4/27/16
NCSD Board Meeting #1 for presentation of Public Draft UWMP	May 11, 2016
NCSD Board Meeting #2 for Approval of Draft UWMP	June 8, 2016
Final Submittal to the State	7/1/16



Nipomo Community Services District

**URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
PLANNING WORKSHOP**

**The Nipomo Community Services District invites you to its
Local Agency Coordination Meeting for the
Draft Urban Water Management Plan
Tuesday, April 12, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
at NCSD's Jon S. Seitz Board Room (148 S Wilson St., Nipomo)**

Every five years, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) requires that water suppliers like the NCSD update its Urban Water Management Plan. During preparation of this update, the NCSD encourages involvement from coordinating agencies.

Contact: info@ncsd.ca.gov | RSVPs encouraged, but not required

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ATTACHMENT D

NIPOMO COMMUNITY

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March 15, 2016

Mrs. Lori Martinez
California Board of Pharmacy
1625 N. Market Blvd., N219
Sacramento, CA 95834

Dear Mrs. Martinez:

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA BOARD OF PHARMACY PROPOSED REGULATIONS

On behalf of the Board Members of Nipomo Community Services District (NCSD), I am writing to provide comment regarding the California Board of Pharmacy proposed regulations to section 1776.1 of Article 9.1 of Division 17 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. It is NCSD's opinion that the proposed regulations will significantly limit the options for the public to dispose of their unwanted medicine. The reasons are twofold.

1. The California Board of Pharmacy proposed regulations are more burdensome than the federal regulations adopted by the Department of Justice on September 9, 2014. For example, the proposed regulations increase the record keeping requirements without any apparent benefit. There are also additional requirements and restrictions on how unwanted medicine can be collected and disposed of.

2. The California Board of Pharmacy proposed regulations will preempt local programs. In San Luis Obispo County there is a requirement that every pharmacy provides the public with an option to disposal of unwanted medicine. If this requirement is preempted, many of these pharmacies will no longer provide the public with a method of disposal of unwanted medicine.

NCSD oversees two wastewater treatment plants (WWTP). As with most wastewater treatment facilities, the WWTPs are not designed to and therefore not effective in removing pharmaceuticals from the waste stream.

Keeping pharmaceuticals out of the groundwater to the extent possible should be a priority. This objective is more effectively and efficiently achieved by addressing the problem at the point of entry. California should be looking to enhance the collection of unwanted medicine at facilities that are capable of managing disposal of these products. Too often the option people are left with when faced with discarding unwanted medicines is to flush them down the drain.

One solution to preventing pharmaceuticals from entering the groundwater is to provide the public with easy access to designated disposal sites. Residents of California would be better served if the California Board of Pharmacy were to adopt the Department of Justice regulations issued on September 9, 2014.

Sincerely,

NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Mario Iglesias
General Manager

c: NCSD Board Members