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District Board Adopts Ordinance for Abandonment of Private Water Wells

At its January 10th Regular meeting, District Board of Directors adopted an Ordinance adding Nipomo CSD District Code Sections 3.05.080 requiring the abandonment of water wells under certain circumstances.

The Board agreed this action was necessary in order to protect and preserve the sustainability of the Nipomo Mesa's groundwater resources.

In 2008 a Court Order demanded that the Nipomo CSD bring another source of water onto the Nipomo Mesa. The District accomplished this by building the Nipomo Supplemental Water Project.

Nipomo CSD customers continue to pay for the capital investment costs of the Nipomo Supplemental Water Project needed to bring the project to full capacity and continue to pay the City of Santa Maria for water brought onto the Nipomo Mesa. The Board agreed that the positive impact of the Project to area groundwater resources would be diminished if Nipomo CSD's water users were also able to produce well water on property also receiving Nipomo CSD water.

All Nipomo CSD ratepayers financially support the Supplemental Water Project through their rates. The Ordinance prohibits Nipomo CSD water users to increase the need and demand for supplemental water by supplementing their existing demand with groundwater. A 2005 Stipulation requires new urban uses on the Nipomo Mesa to provide a source of supplemental water to offset the water demand associated with the new urban use. Since 2013, the District has required water service applicants to abandon all wells on their parcel prior to receiving District water service. The adopted Ordinance is consistent with the District's current practice and provides clarity to applicants and staff by identifying specific, logical exemptions.

The Ordinance takes into consideration those individuals who invested in and utilized both sources of supply prior to the Ordinance and may allow them to continue using both sources.

Next Scheduled Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 24th, 2018, 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.