

**NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-1372
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENTAL WATER ACCOUNTING POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Nipomo Community Services District (“District”) is a party to a groundwater adjudication, Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District v. City of Santa Maria, etc. et al., Case No. CV 770214 (“Groundwater Litigation”); and

WHEREAS, the District’s current water supply is groundwater extracted from the Nipomo Mesa Management Area (NMMA) as established by the court in the Santa Maria Groundwater Litigation (also referred to as the Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area (NMWCA) by the County of San Luis Obispo, pursuant to County Ordinance 3090), of the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section VI D(1) of the June 2005 Stipulation as incorporated into the January 25, 2008, Final Judgment in the Groundwater Litigation, the Nipomo Mesa Management Area Technical Group has declared that a “Potentially Severe Water Shortage Condition” exists within the Nipomo Mesa Management Area; and

WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo County Department of Planning and Building’s 2004 Resource Capacity Study for the Water Supply in the Nipomo Mesa Area recommended a Level of Severity III (existing demand equals or exceeds dependable supply) be certified for the Nipomo Mesa Area and that measures be implemented to lessen adverse impacts of future development (said Study and referenced documents are incorporated herein by reference); and

WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors (“County”) in June 2007, certified the Nipomo Mesa Water Conservation Area as a Severity Level III, meaning that existing water demand equals or exceeds the dependable supply; and

WHEREAS, the resource protection goals of the San Luis Obispo County South County Area Plan includes the following:

- Balance the capacity for growth allowed by the Land Use Element with the sustained availability of resources.
- Avoid the use of public resources, services and facilities beyond their renewable capacities, and monitor new development to ensure that its resource demands will not exceed existing and planned capacities or service levels; and

WHEREAS, the District is constructing a supplemental water project to increase its available water supply and meet the District’s share of the court ordered commitment to bring a minimum of 2,500 AFY of supplemental water to the Nipomo Mesa Management Area (NMMA); and

WHEREAS, the District’s supplemental water project includes a 500 AFY capacity reservation for new development within the District’s existing boundaries consistent with the court order requirements that all new urban water demand within the NMMA be met with new developed water; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Supplemental Water Accounting Policy is to account for water reserved for all new development within the District against the 500 AFY supplemental water project capacity to ensure that the District does not over reserve or under reserve water for future development; and

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Water Accounting Policy will allow the District to track when it is getting close to fully accounting for and reserving the 500 AFY of supplemental water so that the District can plan for acquiring additional supplies; and

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WHEREAS, the policy shall apply to all new development applications initiated or renewed after January 25, 2008; and

WHEREAS, based on the Staff Report, Staff presentation, and public comment, the District Board of Directors finds:

- A. That the purpose and intent of this Resolution is consistent with the purposes found in the Judgment and Stipulation in the Ground Water Litigation imposing a physical solution to assure long term sustainability of the groundwater basin and the San Luis Obispo County's certification of a Severity Level III for the waters underlying the NMWCA and;
- B. That adopting this Resolution will ensure the water supply for the greater public benefit, with particular regards to domestic use, sanitation and fire protection by ensuring that all new urban demand within the District is satisfied with new developed water and;

WHEREAS, based on the Staff Report, Staff presentation, and public comment, the District Board of Directors further finds this Resolution is adopted for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of District water customers who depend on the underlying ground water basin as their source of water supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT THAT:

- 1. Exhibit "A", attached hereto, is hereby incorporated by this reference as the District's Supplemental Water Accounting Policy
- 2. The above Recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.


Upon the motion of Director Armstrong, seconded by Director Gaddis, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: Directors Armstrong, Gaddis, Eby, Woodson and Blair
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
CONFLICTS: None

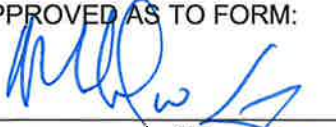
the foregoing resolution is hereby adopted this 8th day of April 2015.


CRAIG ARMSTRONG
President of the Board

ATTEST:


MICHAEL S. LEBRUN
General Manager and Secretary to the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


MICHAEL W. SEITZ
District Legal Counsel

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EXHIBIT A

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Background

The District is constructing a supplemental water project to increase its available water supply and meet the District's share of the court ordered commitment to bring a minimum of 2,500 AFY of supplemental water to the Nipomo Mesa Management Area (NMMA). In addition, the District's supplemental water project includes a 500 AFY capacity reservation for new development within the District's existing boundaries consistent with the court order requirements that all new urban water demand within the NMMA be met with new developed water.

Purpose

The purpose of the Supplemental Water Accounting Policy is to account for water reserved for all new development within the District against the 500 AFY supplemental water project capacity to ensure that the District does not over reserve or under reserve water for future development. In addition, the District needs to track when it is getting close to fully accounting for and reserving the 500 AFY of supplemental water so that the District can plan for acquiring additional supplies. The policy shall apply to all new development applications initiated or renewed after January 25, 2008.

Supplemental Water Accounting

The policy is based on the use of equivalent meters and five-year average total production for assigning a volume of supplemental water to new water connections. Based on the data from FY 09-10 to FY 13-14, a 1-inch equivalent meter will be assigned a volume of .53 AFY.

Supplemental water for all new water connections, residential and commercial, will be accounted for based on meter size. Meter capacity ratios, which are based on physical meter capacity, will be used to account for and reserve water for other size meters as follows:

METER SIZE	CAPACITY RATIO	ASSIGNED VOLUME
1 inch and Less	1.0	0.53 acre feet
1 and ½ inch	3.0	1.59 acre feet
2 inch	4.8	2.54 acre feet
3 inch	9.0	4.77 acre feet
4 inch	15.0	7.95 acre feet

Connections larger than 4-inch will be calculated as needed on a case by case basis.

Water will be assigned to new development when Intent-to-Serve letters, that are subject to expiration, are issued and reserved for new development when Will-Serve letters are issued.

Supplemental water accounting totals shall be reported to the Board monthly in the General Manager's report.

The Supplemental Water Accounting Policy shall be reviewed annually in January.