

**NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1655**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NIPOMO  
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AMENDING THE CASH RESERVE  
POLICY FOR THE DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Nipomo Community Services District ("District") intends that the District will at all times have sufficient capital available to meet its operating, replacement, capital projects and debt service payments; and

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to establish sound financial policies to promote favorable bond ratings in capital markets so that bonds may be used for future financing of District projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to reserve capital for unanticipated and unforeseeable expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to establish a buffer should revenue estimates in any year not meet projections; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cash Reserve Policy has been amended and is hereby presented at this meeting and it is appropriate at this time for the Board of Directors to consider approval of the adoption of the amended Policy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Nipomo Community Services District:

**SECTION 1.** The above recitals are true and correct.

**SECTION 2.** The Cash Reserve Policy, as amended, in the form presented at this meeting attached hereto Exhibit "A" are hereby approved and adopted.

**SECTION 3.** The officers of the District are hereby directed to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper in order to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

**SECTION 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Upon a motion by Director Hansen, seconded by Director Gaddis, on the following roll call vote, to wit:

**AYES:** *Directors Hansen, Gaddis, Woodson, Eby and Malvarose*  
**NOES:** *NONE*  
**ABSENT:** *NONE*  
**CONFLICTS:** *NONE*

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The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023



**RICHARD MALVAROSE**  
President of the Board

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL EFFECT:

  
**MARIO IGLESIAS**

General Manager and Secretary to the Board

  
**CRAIG STEELE**

District Legal Counsel

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**PURPOSE**

A key element of prudent financial planning is to ensure that sufficient funding is available for current operating, capital and debt service needs. Additionally, fiscal responsibility requires anticipating the likelihood of, and preparing for, unforeseen events. Nipomo Community Services District (District) will strive at all times to have sufficient funding available to meet its operating, capital and debt service obligations as well as to protect its creditworthiness. The District is committed to maintaining a financial structure that provides adequate and predictable revenues at the lowest possible cost to meet forecasted needs and operational objectives.

It should be noted that the District has a Debt Management Policy that establishes parameters for evaluating, issuing and managing the District's debt. The District's Debt Management Policy should be considered prior to committing to any new financial obligations.

The adequacy of the targeted cash reserve year-end balance ranges and/or annual contributions to each fund will be reviewed annually during the budgeting process or when a major change in conditions threatens the reserve levels established within this policy.

**OPERATING FUNDS**

**WATER FUND (FUND #125)**

Purpose: To ensure sufficient cash resources are available to fund daily administration, operations and maintenance of providing water services. (Funded from rates and charges)

Target Criteria: To meet the District's cash flow needs and unbudgeted expenses, the Water Fund cash reserves, including the Water Rate Stabilization Fund #128, should be equal to or greater than twelve months (360 days) of annual budgeted operating expenses (not including Funded Replacement).

After adoption of the budget and within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year, the Board of Directors shall review the cash reserves, and if there is excess above the reserve requirement based on the cash reserve balance as of the fiscal year just completed, the Directors may approve a transfer of the excess balance from Water Fund #125 to the Funded Replacement Water Fund #805.

**TOWN SEWER FUND (FUND #130)**

Purpose: To ensure sufficient cash resources are available to fund daily administration, operations and maintenance of providing waste water services. (Funded from rates and charges)

Target Criteria: To meet the District's cash flow needs and unbudgeted expenses, the Town Sewer Fund cash reserves, including the Town Sewer Rate Stabilization Fund #135, should be equal to or greater than six months (180 days) of annual budgeted operating expenses (not including Funded Replacement).

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After adoption of the budget and within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year, the Board of Directors shall review the cash reserves, and if there is excess above the reserve requirement based on the cash reserve balance as of the fiscal year just completed, the Directors may Approve a transfer of the excess balance from the Town Sewer Fund #130 to the Funded Replacement Town Sewer Fund #810.

**BLACKLAKE SEWER FUND (FUND #150)**

Purpose: To ensure sufficient cash resources are available to fund daily administration, operations and maintenance of providing waste water services. (Funded from rates and charges)

Target Criteria: To meet the District's cash flow needs and unbudgeted expenses, the Blacklake Sewer Fund cash reserves, including the Blacklake Sewer Rate Stabilization Fund #155, should be equal to or greater than six months (180 days) of annual budgeted operating expenses (not including Funded Replacement).

After adoption of the budget and within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year, the Board of Directors shall review the cash reserves, and if there is excess above the reserve requirement based on the cash reserve balance as of the fiscal year just completed, the Directors may approve a transfer of the excess balance from the Blacklake Sewer fund #150 to the Funded Replacement Blacklake Sewer Fund #830.

**WATER RATE STABILIZATION FUND (FUND #128)**

Purpose: To serve as a buffer to water rates during any period where there are unexpected increases in operating costs or decreases in revenues. In addition, in a severe drought or extremely wet conditions, it is reasonable to expect that water sales could fluctuate significantly. As such, this fund will absorb these types of fluctuations in operations and help stabilize rates and enable smooth or level increases to rates despite uneven increases in underlying costs or variations in annual revenues received. This fund should not be used to artificially suppress rates (i.e. to sustain rates at levels below the costs of service). (Funded by rates and charges)

Target Criteria: Minimum reserve requirement of \$400,000.

**TOWN SEWER RATE STABILIZATION FUND (FUND #135)**

Purpose: To serve as a buffer to sewer rates during any period where there are unexpected increases in operating costs or decreases in revenues. This fund should be used to enable smooth or level increases to rates despite uneven increases in underlying costs or variations in annual revenues received. This fund should not be used to artificially suppress rates (i.e. to sustain rates at levels below the costs of service). (Funded by rates and charges)

Target Criteria: Minimum reserve requirement of \$300,000 set by Bond Indenture Agreement for the Revenue of Certificates of Participation Series 2012.

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**BLACKLAKE SEWER RATE STABILIZATION FUND (FUND #155)**

Purpose: To serve as a buffer to sewer rates during any period where there are unexpected increases in operating costs or decreases in revenues. This fund should be used to enable smooth or level increases to rates despite uneven increases in underlying costs or variations in annual revenues received. This fund should not be used to artificially suppress rates (i.e. to sustain rates at levels below the costs of service). (Funded by rates and charges)

Target Criteria: Minimum reserve requirement of \$50,000.

**BLACKLAKE STREET LIGHTING (FUND #200)**

Purpose: To ensure sufficient cash resources are available to fund administration, operations and maintenance of providing street lighting services for Blacklake Village. (Funded by annual assessment to property owners in Blacklake Village)

Target Criteria: Minimum reserve requirement of \$17,000.

**FUNDED REPLACEMENT-BLACKLAKE STREET LIGHTING (FUND #205)**

Purpose: The reserves can be used for both short-term and long-term purposes. The objective of the Funded Replacement Fund is to provide monies for the current and future replacement of existing capital assets as they reach the end of their useful lives. (Funded by annual assessment to property owners in Blacklake Village)

Target Criteria: Minimum reserve requirement of \$25,000.

**LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT (FUND #250)**

Purpose: To ensure sufficient cash resources are available to fund administration, operations and maintenance of providing landscape maintenance to the property owners of Tract 2409. (Funded by annual assessment to property owners in Tract 2409 aka Vista Verde Estates)

Target Criteria: Minimum reserve requirement of \$20,000.

**SOLID WASTE (FUND #300)**

Purpose: To ensure sufficient cash resources are available to fund solid waste programs, rate stabilization and to cover operating costs in the event that the District may find itself operating solid waste collection, disposal and recycling functions should its business partner now franchised to do these functions be unable to continue to provide these services due to an unforeseen event. This reserve provides assurance that solid waste services remain uninterrupted during an extended disruption to service provider. (Funded by Franchise Fees)

Target Criteria: Minimum reserve requirement of \$150,000.

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**DRAINAGE (FUND #400)**

Purpose: To ensure sufficient cash resources are available to operate and maintain the Nipomo Drainage Maintenance District 76-02 (storm water conveyance system and basin serving Folkert Oaks Mobile Home Park and adjacent properties on Juniper Street). (Funded by a 1% ad valorem property tax rate)

Target Criteria: Minimum reserve requirement of \$50,000.

**FUNDED REPLACEMENT- WATER (FUND #805)**

Purpose: The reserves can be used for both short-term and long-term purposes. The objective of the Funded Replacement Fund is to provide monies for the current and future replacement of existing capital assets as they reach the end of their useful lives. The District recognizes that the Funded Replacement fund may only be sufficient to pay a portion of the full cost of future capital asset replacements and other sources of replacement funding may be needed, such as a bond issuance. This fund will also help normalize the impact of the capital asset replacements on future water rates. (Funded by water rates and charges and interest earnings)

Target Criteria: No minimum target is maintained

**FUNDED REPLACEMENT- TOWN SEWER (FUND #810)**

Purpose: The reserves can be used for both short-term and long-term purposes. The objective of the Funded Replacement Fund is to provide monies for the current and future replacement of existing capital assets as they reach the end of their useful lives. The District recognizes that the Funded Replacement fund may only be sufficient to pay a portion of the full cost of future capital asset replacements and other sources of replacement funding may be needed, such as a bond issuance. This fund will also help normalize the impact of the capital asset replacements on future town sewer rates. (Funded by Town sewer rates and charges and interest earnings)

Target Criteria: No minimum target is maintained

**FUNDED REPLACEMENT- BLACKLAKE SEWER (FUND #830)**

Purpose: The reserves can be used for both short-term and long-term purposes. The objective of the Funded Replacement Fund is to provide monies for the current and future replacement of existing capital assets as they reach the end of their useful lives. The District recognizes that the Funded Replacement fund may only be sufficient to pay a portion of the full cost of future capital asset replacements and other sources of replacement funding may be needed, such as a bond issuance. This fund will also help normalize the impact of the capital asset replacements on future Blacklake sewer rates. (Funded by Blacklake sewer rates and charges and interest earnings)

Target Criteria: No minimum target is maintained

## **NON-OPERATING FUNDS**

### **SUPPLEMENTAL WATER FUND (#500)**

Purpose: The revenue generated from the Supplemental Water Capacity Charge accumulates in this fund and its use is restricted to projects, programs and expenditures that reduce the District's reliance on groundwater as its sole water supply. (Funded by development capacity charges and interest earnings)

Target Criteria: No minimum target is maintained.

### **PROPERTY TAX (FUND #600)**

Purpose: District's share of the 1% ad valorem tax on real property collected by the County of San Luis Obispo and distributed to the District pursuant to Article XIII A of the California Constitution. (Funded by property taxes and interest earnings)

Target Criteria: No minimum target is maintained, however, the annual property tax revenue stream is pledged to pay the annual debt service for the 2013 Certificates of Participation and the 2013 Refunding Revenue Bonds.

### **WATER CAPACITY CHARGES (FUND #700)**

Purpose: The revenue generated from the Water Capacity Charge accumulates in this fund and is used to offset new development related capital improvements as outlined by the District's Capital Improvement Plan. (Funded by development capacity charges and interest)

Target Criteria: No minimum target is maintained.

### **TOWN SEWER CAPACITY CHARGES (FUND #710)**

Purpose: The revenue generated from the Town Capacity Charge accumulates in this fund and is used to offset new development related capital improvements as outlined by the District's Capital Improvement Plan. (Funded by development capacity charges and interest earnings)

Target Criteria: No minimum target is maintained.