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**AGENDA ITEM  
D-8  
MARCH 25, 2026**

**CONSIDER ADDENDUM TO ADOPTED MITIGATED NEGATIVE  
DECLARATION FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL WATER PROJECT  
INTERCONNECTIONS TO ADDRESS A MINOR PROJECT CHANGE**

**ITEM**

Consider Addendum to the Adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Supplemental Water Project Interconnects to address a minor project change [RECOMMEND ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM TO THE ADOPTED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE INTERCONNECTION PROJECT].

**BACKGROUND**

The Nipomo Supplemental Water Project ("Project") delivers water purchased by the District from the City of Santa Maria and allows the District to reduce pumping from existing wells to reduce the potential for seawater intrusion on the Nipomo Mesa. The Project also increases the reliability of the District water supply by providing an additional source other than groundwater. The Project is consistent with the settlement agreement and the judgment related to the groundwater adjudication of the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin. Construction of the project has been phased to manage the high capital cost of the project as well as track with the phased water delivery schedule.

The allocation of Project costs as well as the distribution and use of Nipomo Supplemental Water is governed by the *Nipomo Supplemental Water Project Supplemental Water Management and Groundwater Replenishment Agreement*, an agreement between the District, Golden State Water Company ("GSWC") and Woodlands Mutual Water Company ("WMWC"). Prior to July 1, 2025, the District was offsetting its groundwater pumping with initial quantities of supplemental water. However, since July 2025, when the phased delivery requirements increased to 2500 acre-feet per year, the District has been required to deliver certain quantities of supplemental water to GSWC and WMWC.

Construction of the project is complete and in November 2025 the Board accepted the Supplemental Water Project Interconnections, which consisted of improving the existing GSWC interconnect at Primavera Lane and the existing WMWC interconnect at Via Concha, as well as construction of a new interconnect at the end of the District's water system on Lyn Road to provide water delivery to GSWC - Cypress Ridge ("GSWC-CR"). These interconnects allow the transfer of water between the District and the purveyors, as required by contract and the Stipulation.

The Project's final Mitigated Negative Declaration ("MND") was adopted by the District in February 2020. The MND included as part of its project description the installation of a 10-foot-tall above-ground antenna at each interconnection facility. During construction, it was determined that the actual antenna height required at each interconnection facility would be 40 feet based on data provided by a radio study performed for the Project. The MND addendum addresses the change in antenna height at each facility. This increase in height is permitted by the County of San Luis

Obispo Code. This addendum to the MND is necessary simply to create the original document and complete the historic record of the project. CEQA allows for an addendum to be adopted when technical changes or minor project changes are necessary to a previously adopted MND and no new significant environmental impacts are expected. This addendum merely notes the new antenna height and makes no additional change.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Interconnect costs have been shared with GSWC and WMWC in accordance with the provisions of the *Nipomo Supplemental Water Project Supplemental Water Management and Groundwater Replenishment Agreement*. There is no fiscal impact associated with this addendum.

**STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 1 – WATER SUPPLY – Actively plan to provide reliable water supply of sufficient quality and quantity to serve both current customers and those in the long-term future.

Goal 2. FACILITIES THAT ARE RELIABLE, ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSIBLE AND EFFICIENT. Plan, provide for and maintain District facilities and other physical assets to achieve reliable, environmentally sensible, and efficient District operations.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board, by motion and roll call vote, adopt a resolution approving the addendum to the adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Supplemental Water Project Interconnections.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Resolution 2026-XXXX SWP Interconnect MND Addendum
- B. Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration Dated March 2026

**MARCH 25, 2026**

**ITEM D-8**

**ATTACHMENT A**

**NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XXXX**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
APPROVING THE ADDENDUM TO THE ADOPTED MITIGATED NEGATIVE  
DECLARATION  
FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL WATER PROJECT INTERCONNECTS TO ADDRESS A  
MINOR PROJECT CHANGE**

**WHEREAS**, the Nipomo Community Services District (District) desires to construct three new underground facilities: the Golden State Water Company Interconnection Facility located at the intersection of Orchard Avenue and Primavera Lane, the Golden State Water Company – Cypress Ridge Interconnection Facility located at the intersection of Lyn Road and Red Oak Way, and the Woodlands Mutual Water Company Interconnection Facility located near the intersection of Via Concha Road and north of Trail View Place (herein the Project); and

**WHEREAS**, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires the District to assess the impact of the Project on the environment, circulate such assessment and hold a public hearing on the findings thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, appropriate public notice was given and the Board of Directors adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project on February 12, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, due to a minor change to the Project as constructed, District staff determined that an addendum to the MND is required to add accurate information, although there will be no new significant environmental effects or increased severity of any environmental impact. Increasing the height of certain radio antennae from 10 feet to 40 feet, required for technical functionality, is permitted by the San Luis Obispo County Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED** by the Board of Directors of the Nipomo Community Services District, as follows:

1. The attached addendum to the adopted Mitigation Negative Declaration for the Supplemental Water Interconnects Project is hereby adopted.
2. The above recitals, including referenced and associated documents, are incorporated herein by this reference and constitute further findings and evidence in support of the District's approval of this Resolution.
3. The Nipomo Community Services District, located at 148 S. Wilson St., Nipomo, CA, as lead agency, attention District General Manager, is the custodian of the documents and other materials which constitute the record of the proceedings upon which this Resolution and CEQA findings are based.

**NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-xxxx**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
APPROVING THE ADDENDUM TO THE ADOPTED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL WATER PROJECT INTERCONNECTS TO ADDRESS A MINOR  
PROJECT CHANGE**

Upon motion by Director \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Director \_\_\_\_\_, on the following roll call vote, to wit:

- AYES:**
- NOES:**
- ABSENT:**
- ABSTAIN:**

the foregoing resolution is hereby passed and adopted this 25th day of March, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PHIL HENRY**  
President of the Board

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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**RAY DIENZO, PE**  
General Manager and Secretary to the Board

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**MARCH 25, 2026**

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**ATTACHMENT B**



Addendum to the Mitigated Negative  
Declaration for the Nipomo  
Community Services District  
Interconnection Project, San Luis  
Obispo County, California

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2019129051

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FOR THE NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
INTERCONNECTION PROJECT,  
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
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# **1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS**

## **1.1 Introduction**

In February 2020, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Nipomo Community Services District (NCSD) approved the Nipomo Community Services District Interconnection Project (Approved Project) and certified a Mitigated Negative Declaration (2020 MND; SWCA Environmental Consultants 2020; State Clearinghouse No. 2019129051) for the Approved Project. The Approved Project included construction and operation of three new interconnection facilities to provide supplemental water to the Golden State Water Company (GSWC) and the Woodlands Mutual Water Company (WMWC) in the unincorporated community of Nipomo, San Luis Obispo County. The interconnection facilities would connect the NCSD pipelines to the GSWC and WMWC pipelines and allow for the delivery of water to GSWC and WMWC from the NCSD. The NCSD is proposing to amend the Approved Project scope to modify the design of each radio tower at all three interconnection facilities for the supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system (Revised Project).

## **1.2 Purpose of Addendum**

Pursuant to Section 21166 of CEQA and Section 15162(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, when a lead agency has certified an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Negative Declaration for a project, a subsequent EIR or negative declaration does not need to be prepared for the project unless the lead agency determines that one or more of the following conditions are met:

1. Substantial changes are proposed in the project which would require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
2. Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which would require major revisions of the previous EIR or Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or
3. New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the Negative Declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:
  - a. The project would have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or negative declaration;
  - b. Significant effects previously examined would be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;
  - c. Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or
  - d. Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

Preparation of an Addendum to a certified CEQA document is appropriate when some minor technical changes to the previously certified CEQA document are necessary and none of the conditions specified in Section 15162 are present.

### **1.3 Summary of Conclusions**

In accordance with Section 15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the NCS D has determined that this Addendum to the certified 2020 MND is necessary to document changes that have occurred in the project description since the 2020 MND was certified. The changes proposed are minor in nature and, as documented in Chapter 3, *Environmental Impact Analysis*, of this Addendum, would not result in any new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. Additionally, no new information of substantial importance that was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the 2020 MND was certified has been identified. Accordingly, preparation of a subsequent MND or EIR is not necessary pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15164. This determination is based on substantial evidence, as set forth in the following discussion of the Revised Project and the environmental impacts associated with the Revised Project.

This Addendum is not required to be circulated for public review per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(c). This Addendum and the previously certified 2020 MND together make up the environmental documentation for the Revised Project.

## **2 PROJECT AND REQUESTED AMENDMENT**

### **2.1 Summary of the Approved Nipomo Community Services District Interconnection Project**

#### **2.1.1 Approved Project Background**

The NCSD has historically relied on groundwater pumped from the Nipomo Mesa Management Area of the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin, an aquifer that has been adjudicated since 2008. In 2015, the NCSD completed a portion of the Nipomo Supplemental Water Project (NSWP), allowing the NCSD to receive imported water from the City of Santa Maria. The NSWP allows the NCSD and the other water suppliers on the Nipomo Mesa to reduce pumping from existing wells to slow the depletion of groundwater and to reduce the potential for seawater intrusion on the Nipomo Mesa. The NSWP is consistent with the settlement agreement (Stipulation) and the judgment related to the groundwater adjudication of the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin.

The NSWP partner purveyors within the Nipomo Mesa Management Area include WMWC and GSWC, both of which receive NSWP water under the Supplemental Water Management and Groundwater Replenishment Agreement (Replenishment Agreement) with the NCSD. Under the Replenishment Agreement and as provided in the Stipulation, GSWC and WMWC have a purveyor purchase allocation of 16.66% and 8.33%, respectively, of the total 2,500 acre-feet per year delivered through the NSWP to the NCSD. At the time the Stipulation and Replenishment Agreement was entered into, a third water supplier, Rural Water Company, was required to purchase an additional 8.33% of the water delivered through the NSWP. GSWC has since purchased Rural Water Company and is now responsible for Rural Water Company's 8.33% share. Per the NSWP, the three new interconnection facilities would allow for the maximum allocations of water delivery to the GSWC and the WMWC. The new interconnection facilities and appurtenances are consistent with the NSWP and would be operated and maintained by the NCSD.

#### **2.1.2 Approved Project Overview**

The Approved Project included construction and operation of three new underground interconnection facilities and associated aboveground improvements to provide supplemental water to the GSWC and the WMWC in the Nipomo Mesa. The interconnection facilities connect the NCSD pipelines to the GSWC and WMWC pipelines and allow for the delivery of water to GSWC and WMWC from the NCSD pursuant to the Replenishment Agreement. The three interconnection facilities associated with the Approved Project include the Golden State Water Company Interconnection Facility (GSWC Facility) at the intersection of Orchard Avenue and Primavera Lane, the Golden State Water Company – Cypress Ridge Interconnection Facility (GSWC-CR Facility) at the intersection of Lyn Road and Red Oak Way, and the Woodlands Mutual Water Company Interconnection Facility (WMWC Facility) near the intersection of Via Concha Road and north of Trail View Place (Figure 1).

The Approved Project was approved in 2020, and its components have been constructed. The Approved Project is described in detail below.

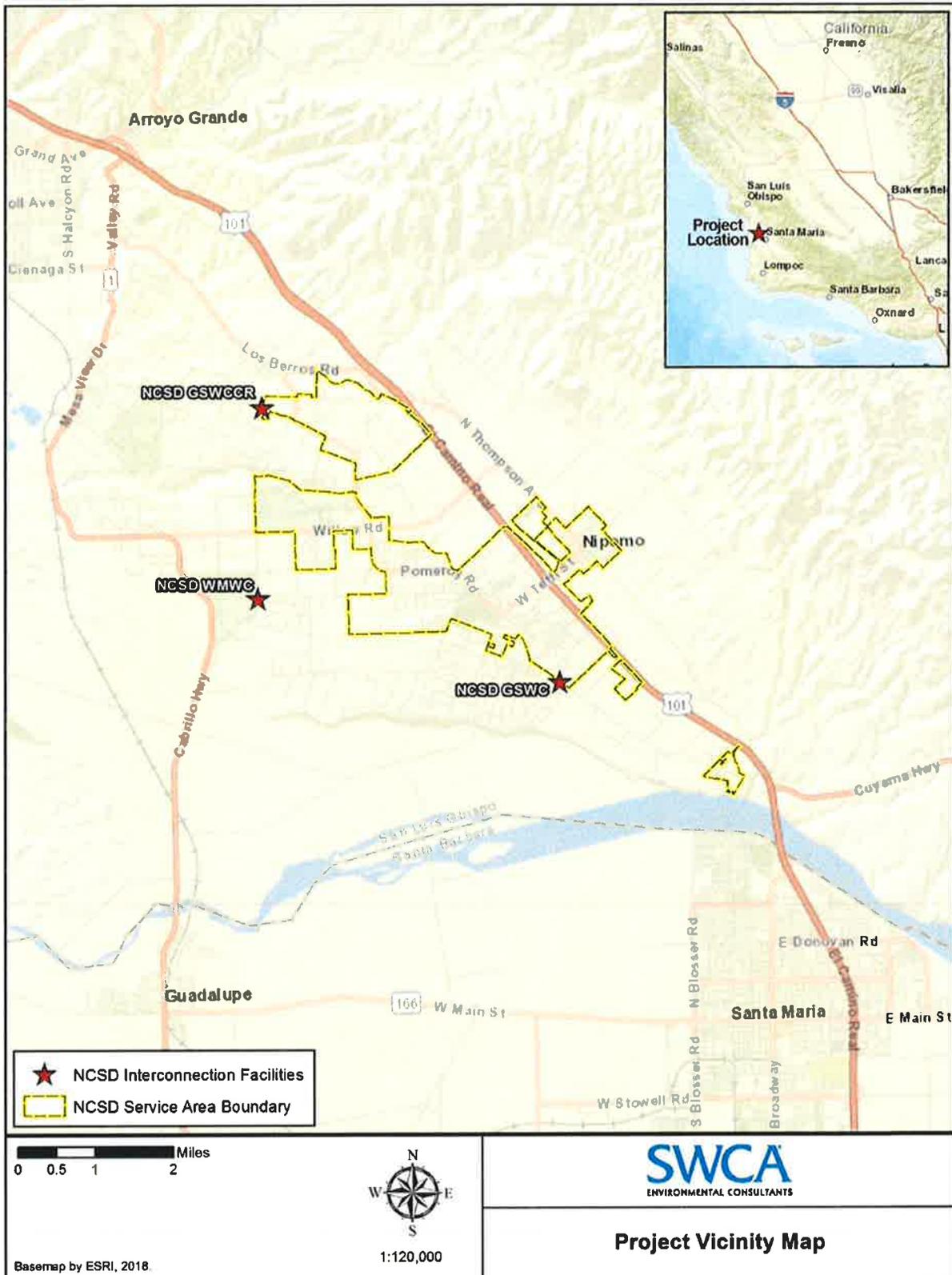


Figure 1. Project vicinity map.

### **2.1.2.1 GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY INTERCONNECTION FACILITY**

The GSWC Facility is outside the southwest portion of the NCSD's service boundary on the southern corner of the Primavera Lane and Orchard Road intersection (adjacent to Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 092-422-001; see Figure 1). The GSWC Facility connected to the existing Primavera Booster Pump Station, which is currently inactive and has served as an emergency interconnection between the NCSD and GSWC. Improvements occurred primarily underground and required an 8 × 4-foot precast concrete vault to be installed 4 feet below the existing grade. The vault was covered by a 4 × 4-foot double-leaf aluminum access hatch installed at ground level. The new interconnection facility also required demolition of the existing vault and associated piping and valves and the installation of new flow control valves, isolation valves, appurtenances, and above grade electrical and control panels that were approximately 8 feet wide and 2 feet tall. Improvements occurred within the County of San Luis Obispo's roadway right-of-way. The estimated depth of excavation for the vault and associated piping was approximately 5 feet, requiring the removal of approximately 10 cubic yards of material. The total area of site disturbance was approximately 500 square feet and increased the total impervious surface area by 50 square feet. No additional access requirements for the GSWC Facility were anticipated and site disturbance including vegetation removal was minimal. Construction of the GSWC Facility and associated appurtenances lasted approximately 4 months.

The GSWC Facility was tied into the NCSD's existing 6-inch waterline on Orchard Road at the southwestern end of the NCSD's service area and tied directly into the GSWC distribution system via a 6-inch waterline at the existing interconnection.

### **2.1.2.2 GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY – CYPRESS RIDGE INTERCONNECTION FACILITY**

The GSWC-CR Facility is within the western portion of the NCSD's service area boundary on the north side of Lyn Road, approximately 435 feet northwest of Red Oak Way (adjacent to APN 091-063-033; see Figure 1). This facility will be used to provide NSWP water to the former Rural Water Company's service area. Improvements primarily occurred underground and required an 8 × 4-foot precast concrete vault to be installed 4 feet below the existing grade. The vault was covered by a 4 × 4-foot double-leaf aluminum access hatch installed at ground level. The new interconnection also required installation of new flow control valves, isolation valves, appurtenances, and above grade electrical and control panels that was approximately 8 feet wide and 2 feet tall. Improvements occurred within the County of San Luis Obispo's roadway right-of-way. The depth of excavation for the vault and associated piping was approximately 5 feet, requiring the removal of approximately 10 cubic yards of material. The total area of site disturbance was approximately 500 square feet and increased the total impervious surface area by 50 square feet. No additional access requirements for the GSWC-CR Facility were anticipated and site disturbance including vegetation removal was minimal. Construction of the GSWC-CR Facility and associated appurtenances lasted approximately 4 months.

The GSWC-CR Facility was connected to an existing NCSD 10-inch waterline underneath Lyn Road at the northwestern boundary of NCSD's water service area and connected to a new GSWC 8-inch waterline that was installed by GSWC to serve its Cypress Ridge service area (see the Golden State Water Company: Cypress Ridge NCSD Interconnection Pipeline Project Mitigated Negative Declaration, State Clearinghouse No. 2018071025).

### 2.1.2.3 WOODLANDS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY INTERCONNECTION FACILITY

The WMWC Facility is outside the NCSD's service area boundary near the intersection of Via Concha Road and Trail View Place in the Woodlands planned development (see Figure 1). Improvements occurred primarily underground and required replacing an existing 8-inch NCSD unmetered emergency intertie with an 8 × 4-foot precast concrete vault installed 4 feet below the existing grade. The vault was covered by a 4 × 4-foot double-leaf aluminum access hatch installed at ground level. The new interconnection also required installation of new flow control valves, isolation valves, appurtenances, and above-grade electrical and control panels that were approximately 8 feet wide and 2 feet tall. The WMWC Facility required electrical service from Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) and included the extension of power lines from an existing PG&E power pole to a new power pole along Camino Caballo and the underground installation of a 3-inch electrical conduit from the new power pole to the WMWC Facility. All improvements associated with the WMWC Facility occurred in the Woodlands, a master-planned community, on APN 091-600-009. The NCSD was required to acquire permanent easements from the Woodlands Master Association to install the interconnection facility and appurtenances. The depth of excavation for the vault and associated piping was approximately 5 feet, requiring the removal of approximately 35 cubic yards of material. The total site disturbance was approximately 900 square feet and increased the total impervious surface area at the site by 50 square feet. The WMWC Facility also required the construction of a new 12-foot-wide all-weather access drive via Camino Caballo, requiring the removal of existing vegetation including nine eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus* sp.) trees. Construction of the WMWC Facility and associated appurtenances lasted approximately 4 months.

## 2.2 Revised Project Description

The Revised Project consists of the Approved Project as described in Section 2.1 above, in addition to antennae design changes to accommodate the SCADA system. The Approved Project design included installation of a 10-foot-tall aboveground antenna at each interconnection facility. The proposed antennae consisted of thin metal poles that connected at the top of the aluminum vault box and extended vertically. Figure 2 depicts an example of the original antenna design proposed at each facility. Each interconnection facility is now proposed to have a 40-foot-tall radio tower that would replace the 10-foot-tall antennae. Each new radio tower would be separate from the vaults and would be attached to a concrete pad; in addition, a metal three-sided cage would be installed around each tower to protect and stabilize it. As a result, minor additional ground disturbance would occur within existing paved/disturbed areas, and one additional small eucalyptus tree would be removed at the WMWC Facility. Figure 3 depicts an example of the proposed radio tower structure to be installed at each facility. It is helpful to note that the 40-foot-tall radio tower would not conflict with County of San Luis Obispo height limits for radio antennas, which are generally exempt from the County's standard height limits when 50 feet or less in height (County of San Luis Obispo Land Use Ordinance Section 22.10.090[C][2][c][1]).



**Figure 2. Representative photograph of the originally proposed 10-foot-tall antenna design.**



**Figure 3. Representative photograph of the currently proposed 40-foot-tall radio tower design.**

### **3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

The following discussion describes the effects of the Revised Project, as outlined above. This evaluation determines whether the Revised Project would result in any new significant impacts or substantially more severe impacts than those identified in the 2020 MND.

#### **3.1 Aesthetics**

The 2020 MND determined that the Approved Project would have less-than-significant impacts related to aesthetics. The Revised Project would result in the addition of a 40-foot-tall radio tower for the SCADA system at each interconnection facility, in place of the 10-foot-tall antenna that was part of the original Approved Project design.

None of the interconnection facility sites are located within or within the viewshed of any designated or unofficial scenic vistas. The 2020 MND determined that the Approved Project would have no impact on scenic vistas, and the Revised Project would be consistent with this determination. Similarly, none of the interconnection facility sites are located within or within the viewshed of an officially designated State Scenic Highway. The 2020 MND determined that the Approved Project would have no impact associated with damaging scenic resources within a State Scenic Highway, and the Revised Project would be consistent with this determination.

All three interconnection facility sites are in non-urbanized areas. The 2020 MND determined that while the Approved Project would include limited removal of existing trees and vegetation and establishment of new aboveground electrical control panels and other components (such as the communications antennae), vegetation and tree removal would not result in a substantial noticeable change to the sites as seen from public vantage points. In addition, these changes to the visual characteristics of each site would be consistent with the existing visual character and quality of the sites and their surroundings. Therefore, the 2020 MND concluded that the Approved Project would not substantially degrade visual character or quality of public views and would not conflict with applicable zoning or other regulations governing scenic quality.

The Revised Project would increase the maximum height of proposed interconnection facility components, and the proposed 40-foot-tall radio towers would be more visually prominent than the originally proposed 10-foot-tall antennae. However, the proposed radio towers would not have a significant visual impact on the visual characteristics of each site and surrounding areas due to the structures' height restriction of 40 feet, their narrow width, and visual permeability through the proposed metal, three-sided cage around each tower (see Figure 3). In addition, the removal of the additional small tree at the WMWC Facility would not significantly alter the overall vegetative character of the area. Therefore, the Revised Project would not substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site or its surroundings.

The 2020 MND determined that the Approved Project would have no impact related to glare or lighting affecting day or nighttime views of the area. The proposed radio towers would not include any additional reflective surfaces with the potential to increase glare or lighting. Accordingly, the Revised Project would be consistent with the 2020 MND finding of no impact for light and glare adverse impacts.

Based on the analysis provided above, potential impacts associated with aesthetics would be less than significant, and no mitigation is required. Accordingly, the Revised Project would not result in any new potentially significant impacts or more severe impacts related to aesthetics than what was disclosed in the 2020 MND.

## 3.2 Agriculture and Forestry Resources

The 2020 MND determined that the Approved Project would have no impact related to agriculture and forestry resources. The Revised Project would include installation of a 40-foot-tall radio tower at each interconnection facility, instead of the 10-foot-tall antenna that was included in the Approved Project design. The Revised Project would include installation of the radio towers within the existing developed footprint of the Approved Project, and no additional ground-disturbing activities would occur. The Revised Project would also result in the removal of one additional eucalyptus tree on the WMWC Facility site. As described in the 2020 MND, eucalyptus trees are a nonnative species and do not meet the definition of forestland. As such, the Revised Project's impacts related to agriculture and forestry resources would be consistent with the Approved Project, and the Revised Project would have no impacts related to agriculture and forestry resources. Accordingly, the Revised Project would not result in any new potentially significant impacts or more severe impacts related to agriculture and forestry resources than what was disclosed in the 2020 MND.

## 3.3 Air Quality

The 2020 MND determined that the Approved Project would have less-than-significant impacts related to consistency with an approved clean air plan and other emissions (such as odors), and potentially significant but mitigable impacts related to cumulatively considerable emissions of criteria pollutants for which the region is in non-attainment and exposure of sensitive receptors to pollutant concentrations. The 2020 MND identified mitigation measures AIR-1 and AIR-2 to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level through implementation of dust control measures and construction equipment emissions control measures.

The Revised Project would not result exacerbate any project impacts related to air quality. As such, impacts related to air quality would be less than significant with mitigation, consistent with those identified in the 2020 MND. Accordingly, the Revised Project would not result in any new potentially significant impacts or more severe impacts related to air quality than what was disclosed in the 2020 MND.

## 3.4 Biological Resources

The 2020 MND determined that the Approved Project would have potentially significant but mitigable impacts related to special-status species, less-than-significant impacts associated with consistency with local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, and no impacts associated with riparian habitats, sensitive communities, state or federally protected wetlands, wildlife movement corridors, and consistency with an adopted habitat conservation plan.

The 2020 MND determined that the interconnection facility sites had potential to support silvery legless lizard (*Anniella pulchra pulchra*), which is a Species of Special Concern (SSC) as designated by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The 2020 MND identified Mitigation Measure BIO-1 to require preconstruction surveys for silvery legless lizards and require individuals to be captured and relocated by a qualified biologist to suitable habitat outside the work area. The Revised Project would not result in the expansion of the project footprint; therefore, potential impacts to this species would be consistent with the Approved Project and would be less than significant with implementation of Mitigation Measure BIO-1.

The WMWC Facility is also approximately 0.25 mile from a known overwintering site for monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*; Woodlands Village Monarch Habitat Site 3167), a candidate species for

protection under the Endangered Species Act and listed as a U.S. Forest Service Sensitive Species. The monarch butterfly typically uses eucalyptus and pine (*Pinus* sp.) tree stands near the coast for fall (autumnal) and winter roosts. Monarch butterfly overwintering habitat is delineated into shelter and core habitat zones. The shelter zone is defined as the area where trees and other vegetation, human-made structures, and topography provide wind protection and other microclimate conditions that support monarch clustering and/or aggregation. The shelter zone delineates the outer boundary of an overwintering site and surrounds the core zone, when defined. The core zone is the general area within an overwintering site that contains the trees where monarchs cluster. The core zone is defined by the location of monarch clustering observations.

The Revised Project would result in the removal of one additional eucalyptus tree on the WMWC Facility site. However, based on a review of the Xerces Society Western Monarch Count Map of Overwintering Sites, the nearby overwintering site consists of densely vegetated eucalyptus woodland habitat, the WMWC Facility site is fairly open and exposed and lacks suitable shelter habitat, and the area between the overwintering site and the WMWC Facility site has no connectivity due to existing single-family residential uses and open spaces (Xerces Society for Vertebrate Conservation 2025). Therefore, the WMWC Facility site does not support suitable habitat for overwintering monarch butterflies, and the Revised Project would not result in any impacts to this species.

The Revised Project's proposed tree removal would have potentially significant impacts to nesting birds protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act if nests are present during tree removal activities. The 2020 MND identified Mitigation Measure BIO-3, which required the implementation of preconstruction surveys and establishment of no-work buffers if nesting birds are detected within proximity to proposed work areas. With implementation of Mitigation Measure BIO-3, the Revised Project's impacts to nesting birds would be less than significant with mitigation, consistent with the Approved Project.

Consistent with the Approved Project, the Revised Project would not result in any new potentially significant impacts associated with riparian habitats, sensitive communities, state or federally protected wetlands, wildlife movement corridors, or consistency with an adopted plan or policy protecting biological resources or an adopted habitat conservation plan.

Based on the analysis provided above, the Revised Project would not result in any new impacts or more severe impacts associated with biological resources beyond what was disclosed in the 2020 MND.

### **3.5 Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources**

The 2020 MND determined that the Approved Project would have no impact related to a change in the significance of historic resources, and potentially significant but mitigable impacts related to a change in the significance of previously unidentified archaeological resources, disturbance of previously undiscovered human remains, and adverse changes to tribal cultural resources. Mitigation Measures CUL-1 and CUL-2 were identified in the 2020 MND to require implementation of an inadvertent discovery protocol in the event that archaeological resources or human remains are encountered during project ground-disturbing activities.

The Revised Project would not result in any additional ground disturbance outside of the Approved Project's areas of disturbance or require excavation at a greater depth than the Approved Project; therefore, the Revised Project would not result in any new impacts or more severe impacts associated with cultural resources or tribal cultural resources beyond what was disclosed in the 2020 MND.

### **3.6 Geology and Soils**

The 2020 MND determined that the Approved Project would have less-than-significant impacts or no impacts related to seismic risks, soil erosion, unstable geologic units, expansive soil, and septic suitability. The 2020 MND determined that the Approved Project would have potentially significant but mitigable impacts related to potential damage to previously undiscovered paleontological resources and identified Mitigation Measure GEO-1, which required a stop-work protocol in the event of a paleontological discovery during construction activities and evaluation of any discoveries pursuant to applicable guidelines set forth by the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology. Upon implementation of this mitigation measure, the Approved Project's impacts associated with geology and soils were determined to be less than significant with mitigation.

The Revised Project would not exacerbate any project impacts related to geology and soils because the ground-disturbing activities of the Revised Project would occur within the footprint of the Approved Project and the Revised Project would not result in an increased depth of excavation of project components. As such, the Revised Project impacts related to geology and soils would be consistent with those of the Approved Project. Therefore, the Revised Project would not result in any new impacts or more severe impacts associated with geology and soils beyond what was disclosed in the 2020 MND.

### **3.7 Noise**

The 2020 MND determined that the Approved Project would have a less-than-significant impact associated with groundborne vibration and no impact related to exposure of people to excessive noise associated with airport facilities. The Approved Project would have a potentially significant but mitigable impact related to generation of a substantial temporary increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of local standards. The 2020 MND identified Mitigation Measures NOISE-1 and NOISE-2 to require all construction activities to occur within daytime hours and all construction equipment with internal combustion engines to be equipped with mufflers. Upon implementation of these mitigation measures, the Approved Project was determined to have less-than-significant impacts associated with noise.

The Revised Project would not exacerbate any project impacts related to noise because the locations, equipment used, and duration of proposed construction activities would be consistent with the Approved Project. Therefore, the Revised Project would not result in any new impacts or more severe impacts associated with noise beyond what was disclosed in the 2020 MND.

### **3.8 Utilities and Service Systems**

The 2020 MND determined that the Approved Project would have potentially significant but mitigable impacts related to construction of new water utility infrastructure and that with implementation of Mitigation Measures BIO-1 through BIO-3 (described under Section 3.4, *Biological Resources*, above), impacts would be reduced to less than significant. The 2020 MND determined that all other potential impacts associated with the Approved Project related to utilities and service systems would be less than significant or no impact would occur.

The Revised Project would not exacerbate any environmental impacts associated with construction of new utility infrastructure, as described in the resource areas above. As such, with implementation of Mitigation Measures BIO-1 and BIO-3, impacts related to utilities and service systems would be less than significant and no additional mitigation would be required. Therefore, the Revised Project would not

result in any new impacts or more severe impacts associated with utilities and service systems beyond what was disclosed in the 2020 MND.

### **3.9 Other Issue Areas with Less-Than-Significant Impacts**

The 2020 MND determined that the Approved Project would have less-than-significant impacts related to energy, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation, and wildfire. The Revised Project would not exacerbate any project impacts related to these issue areas because the scale and scope of the construction activity footprints, equipment, and duration would be consistent with the Approved Project, construction of the proposed radio towers would be subject to the same regulatory requirements as the other components of the Approved Project, and long-term operational impacts would be negligible. As such, the Revised Project would not result in any new impacts or more severe impacts associated with these issue areas beyond what was disclosed in the 2020 MND.

## **4 CONCLUSION**

This MND Addendum to the 2020 MND demonstrates that the environmental analysis, impacts, and mitigation requirements identified in the 2020 MND remain substantively unchanged by the project modifications described herein. This Addendum demonstrates that the Revised Project would not require major revisions to the 2020 MND because the changes do not result in any new or substantially increased significant environmental effects pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162(a)(1) and Section 15162(a)(2). Further, no new information of substantial importance has been identified indicating that 1) mitigation measures that are considerably different from those analyzed in the 2020 MND would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment and 2) the project proponents have declined to adopt the mitigation measures or alternative, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 (a)(3)(D). Therefore, based on the criteria established in Sections 15162 and 15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Revised Project does not involve any conditions that would require preparation of a subsequent or supplemental MND or EIR.

## **5 REFERENCES**

SWCA Environmental Consultants. 2020. *Nipomo Community Services District Interconnection Project Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration*. February. SWCA Environmental Consultants; San Luis Obispo, California.

Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. 2025. Map of Overwintering Sites. Available at: <https://westernmonarchcount.org/map-of-overwintering-sites/>. Accessed December 17, 2025.

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FROM: RAY DIENZO, P.E. *R.D.*  
GENERAL MANAGER  
DATE: MARCH 18, 2025



**CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION COASTAL NETWORK SEAT C NOMINATION**

**ITEM**

Consider nomination opportunity for the California Special Districts Association (“CSDA”) Coastal Network Seat C [RECOMMEND CONSIDER NOMINATING A NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (“District”) DIRECTOR TO FILL THE COASTAL NETWORK MEMBER SEAT C ON CSDA]

**BACKGROUND**

This nomination period is for Coastal Network Seat C on CSDA. One seat is for a three-year term that expires in December 2026. The three-year term is January 2027 to December 2029.

Your Board may nominate a candidate to fill the one Coastal Network available seat. The nomination period ends on April 10, 2026. Details on how the candidate will be selected are included in the attached CSDA-supplied notice [Attachment A].

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Minor budgeted staff time to prepare these materials.

**STRATEGIC PLAN**

7.2 Maintain productive communication and relationships with key stakeholders, such as city, County, State and Federal legislators, service clubs, etc. As appropriate, plan and assign for this role.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends your Board, by motion and roll call vote, direct staff to forward your Board’s nomination, should you have one, of a candidate to fill the vacant CSDA Coastal Network Seat C.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**MARCH 25, 2026**

**ITEM E-1**

**ATTACHMENT A**



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

**DATE:** February 9, 2026  
**TO:** CSDA Voting Member Presidents and General Managers  
**FROM:** CSDA Elections and Bylaws Committee  
**SUBJECT:** CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
SEAT C

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The Elections and Bylaws Committee is looking for Independent Special District Board Members or their General Managers who are interested in leading the direction of the California Special Districts Association for the 2027 - 2029 term.

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

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

**Commitment and Expectations:**

- Attend all Board meetings, usually 4-5 meetings annually, at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
- Participate on at least one committee, meets 3-5 times a year at the CSDA office in Sacramento.  
*(CSDA reimburses Directors for their related expenses for Board and committee meetings as outlined in Board policy).*
- Attend, at minimum, the following CSDA annual events: Special Districts Legislative Days - held in the spring, and the CSDA Annual Conference - held in the fall.  
*(CSDA does **not** reimburse expenses for the two conferences even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event)*
- Complete all four modules of CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy within 2 years of being elected.  
*(CSDA does **not** reimburse expenses for the Academy classes even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event).*

**Nomination Procedures:** Any Regular Member district in good standing is eligible to nominate one person, a board member or managerial employee (as defined by that district's Board of Directors), for election to the CSDA Board of Directors. **A copy of the member district's resolution or minute action and Candidate Information Sheet must accompany the nomination. The deadline for receiving nominations is April 10, 2026. Nominations and supporting documentation may be mailed or emailed.**

Mail: 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814  
Fax: 916.442.7889  
E-mail: [amberp@csda.net](mailto:amberp@csda.net)

**Once received, nominees will receive a candidate's letter. The letter will serve as confirmation that CSDA has received the nomination and will also include campaign guidelines.**

CSDA will begin electronic voting on June 9, 2026. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. July 24, 2026. The successful candidates will be notified no later than July 31, 2026. All selected Board Members will be introduced at the CSDA Annual Conference in Palm Desert, CA in August 2026.

#### **Expiring Terms**

(See enclosed map for Network breakdown)

<b>Northern Network</b>	Seat C – Fred Ryness, Director, Burney Water District*
<b>Sierra Network</b>	Seat C – Pete Kampa, General Manager, Groveland Community Services District*
<b>Bay Area Network</b>	Seat C – Antonio Martinez, Director, Contra Costa Water District*
<b>Central Network</b>	Seat C – Curtis Jorritsma, General Manager, Hilmar County Water District*
<b>Coastal Network</b>	Seat C – Vince Ferrante, Director, Moss Landing Harbor District*
<b>Southern Network</b>	Seat C – Nikki Winslow, District Director, Altadena Library District*

(\* = Incumbent is running for re-election)

**CSDA will be using a web-based online voting system allowing your district to cast your vote easily and securely.** *Electronic Ballots will be emailed to the main contact in your district June 9, 2026. All votes must be received through the system no later than 5:00 p.m. July 24, 2026.*

*Districts can opt to cast a paper ballot instead; but you must contact Amber Phelen by e-mail [amberp@csda.net](mailto:amberp@csda.net) **by April 24, 2026** in order to ensure that you will receive a paper ballot on time.*

**CSDA will mail paper ballots on June 9, 2026 per district request only.**

If you have any questions, please contact Amber Phelen at [amberp@csda.net](mailto:amberp@csda.net).



**California Special  
Districts Association**  
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## 2027-2029 TERM BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

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

Title/District: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

CSDA  
Attn: Amber Phelen  
1112 I Street, Suite 200  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(877) 924-2732

amberp@cda.net

***DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS:***

**April 10, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**



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

## 2027-2029 TERM - CSDA BOARD CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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2. What other state-wide associations have you been involved with? (such as CSAC, ACWA, League, etc.):

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

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4. List your involvement in civic and/or non-profit organization:

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



California Special Districts Association  
**DISTRICT NETWORKS**



**2026 Board of Directors by Networks**

**Northern Network**

Greg Orsini, *McKinleyville Community Service District*  
 Fred Ryness, *Burney Water District*  
 Kevin Phillips, *Paradise Irrigation District*

**Sierra Network**

Steve Palmer, *Donner Summit Public Utilities District*  
 Pete Kampa, *Groveland Community Services District*  
 Noelle Mattock, *El Dorado Hills Community Services District*

**Bay Area Network**

Kathryn Slater-Carter, *San Mateo County Harbor District*  
 Ryan Clausnitzer, *Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District*  
 Antonio Martinez, *Contra Costa Water District*

**Central Network**

Curtis Jorritsma, *Hilmar County Water District*  
 Patrick Ostly, *North of River Sanitary District*  
 Lorenzo Rios, *Clovis Veterans Memorial District*

**Coastal Network**

Scott Duffield, *Heritage Ranch Community Services District*  
 Vincent Ferrante, *Moss Landing Harbor District*  
 Elaine Magner, *Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District*

**Southern Network**

Don Bartz, *Phelon Pinon Hills Community Services District*  
 Jo MacKenzie, *Vista Irrigation District*  
 Nikki Winslow, *Altadena Library District*

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
 FROM: RAY DIENZO, P.E. *RD*  
 GENERAL MANAGER  
 DATE: MARCH 19, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM  
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 MARCH 25, 2026**

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**ITEM**

Standing report to your Honorable Board -- *Period covered by this report is 2/22/2026 – 3/21/2026.*

**DISTRICT BUSINESS**

**Administrative**

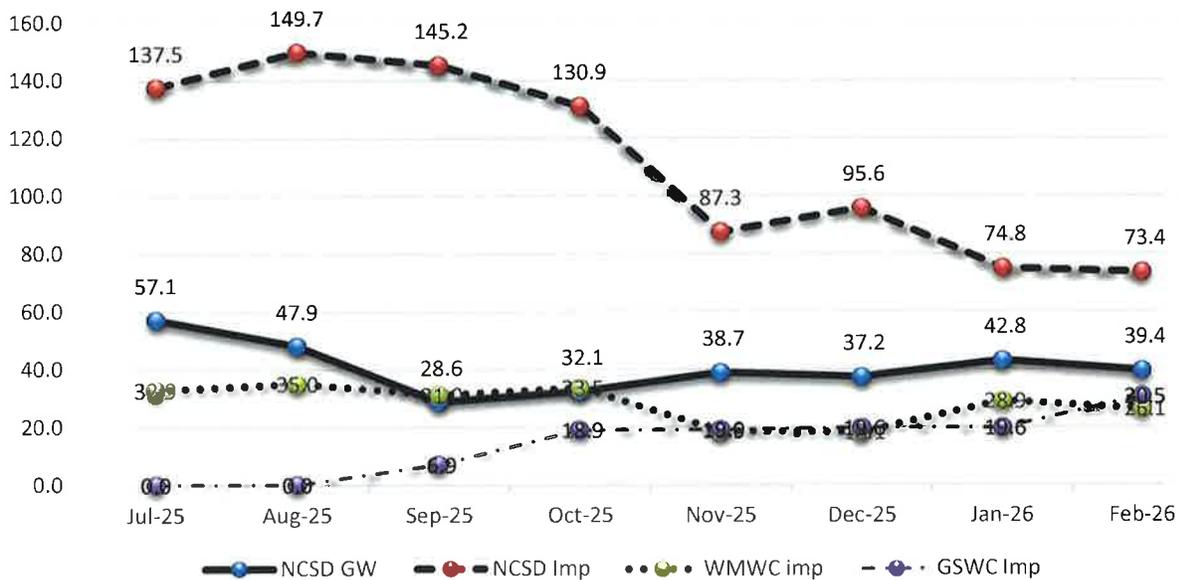
The District encourages residents to report any observed water waste. The District also maintains an accounting of leak adjustments to measure non-revenue water lost to leaks and tracks late fee waivers. The table below provides monthly and calendar year data.

<b>OFFICE ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Feb-26</b>	<b>Jan 26 – Dec 26</b>
Leak Adjustments	2	7
Leak Adjustment Amount	\$434.50	\$13,554.75
Late Fee Waivers	11	15
Late Fee Waiver Adjustment Amount	\$164.44	\$233.77

**Water Production, Delivery, and Demand**

The District's water sources are a combination of groundwater and imported water. Imported water is received from the City of Santa Maria and an allotted portion is delivered to Woodlands Mutual Water Company and Golden State Water Company. The table and chart below summarize the water data for the current month and the year to date; all values are in acre-feet ("AF").

	Feb-26	Year to Date Jul 25- Jun 26
A. Total NCSD Groundwater Production	39.4	323.7
B. Total Supplemental Water Imported (B1+B2+B3)	130.0	1233.0
B1. Supplemental Water used by NCSD	73.4	894.6
B2. Supplemental Water Delivered to WMWC	26.1	224.0
B3. Supplemental Water Delivered to GSWC	30.5	114.4
Total NCSD Water Demand (A+B1)	112.8	1218.3



Under the current Stage 2 of the NMMA Water Shortage Response Stages, the District's targeted groundwater pumping reduction goal is to pump no more than 2026 AFY (20% reduction of 2009-2013 average District GW Pumping of 2533 AFY). With the increased volume of imported water, the District is projected to pump less than 1000 AF this fiscal year. The District is on pace to pump 583 AF of Groundwater for the FY 2025-26.

**Other Items**

- Dana Reserve Project – Anticipate start in May 2026
- Strategic Plan Update – Process underway. Workshop date anticipated 4/15.
- Countywide Water Action Team / DESAL update Staff attended the 8/19/2025 meeting to receive an updated presentation on the Countywide desalination plan criteria and site alternatives.
  - o On Monday, September 15, the County conducted a Virtual Community Meeting and Engagement Session for the County's DESAL Plan. Visit [slocounty.ca.gov/desal](http://slocounty.ca.gov/desal) for links to the video recording and presentation slides.
  - o Staff attended the 11/17/2025 – the group discussed and narrowed the plan to five (5) alternatives for potential facility sites.
  - o The meeting on 3/16/2026
    - Discussed alternatives sites and governance
    - Public meeting for South County, April 28, 6-8pm, Ramona Community Center, 993 Ramona Ave, Grover Beach, CA.
- Grants Update
  - o Cybeseurtiy Grant – application submitted on 3/13/2026
    - This grant is through CalOES. We are requesting \$100K to assist with our network server upgrades for FY 2026-27. If awarded, the District will need to match 30%
  - o Local Hazard Mitigation Grant – after the repairs are complete with the Southland WWTP lightning strike, staff will investigate projects for future hazard mitigation. The grounding system is an urgent repair project and would not meet the timeline of future mitigation.
  - o Federal FY 2027 Community Project Funding – staff considered submitting an application, but we did not meet the required grant conditions. But we thanked Congressman Carbajal's office for notifying us of the opportunity.

**Status of Board of Directors Requests**

- Progress of lightning damage repairs at the Southland WWTP
  - o Staff has received the initial payment from our insurance company.
  - o Upgrade the grounding system work commenced – the timing of this project is urgent and will not meet the timeline for grant funding; staff will include this work in the insurance claim
  - o A progress report is anticipated at the next quarterly engineer’s report

**Monthly Investment Policy Report**

Pursuant to Section 8.A of the District’s Investment Policy, we will be posting a summary of our current investments every month.

Pursuant to Section 8.A. of the Investment Policy  
**Nipomo Community Services District**  
 Investments  
 February 28, 2026

<u>Investments</u>	<u>CUSIP</u>	<u>Purchased</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Yield to Maturity</u>	<u>Par Value(1)</u>
Certificate of Deposit - Oxford Bank	69141NAL8	4/4/2025	4/10/2026	3.90%	\$ 240,000
Certificate of Deposit - Morgan Stanley Salt Lake	61690D2C1	4/8/2025	10/12/2027	4.10%	\$ 244,000
Certificate of Deposit - Morgan Stanley NY	61776NPY3	4/8/2025	10/12/2027	4.10%	\$ 244,000
<b>Subtotal Total</b>					<b>\$ 728,000</b>

(1) Par Value is the Face Value of the investment when it matures

<u>Investments</u>	<u>PMIA Quarter to Date Rate as of 2/28/2026 (2)</u>	
Local Agency Investment Fund-LAIF	3.90%	\$ 14,233,634
<b>Subtotal Total</b>		<b>\$ 14,233,634</b>

(2) Interest accrued daily, paid quarterly  
 PMIA-Pooled Money Investment Account

**TOTAL \$ 14,961,634**

**Summary of Electronic Transfers (greater than \$500,000)**

<u>Transfer Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

**Upcoming Water Resource and Other Meetings**

4/1/2026	- Water Resources Advisory Committee	1:30 PM	SLO Library Community room
4/2/2026	- Administration Committee	1:00 PM	District Board Room
4/14/2026	- Finance and Audit Committee	1:00 PM	District Board Room
4/15/2026	- Strategic Plan Workshop (special meeting)	9:00 AM	District Board Room
4/22/2026	- NCSD Board Meeting	9:00 AM	District Board Room
4/23/2026	- SLO CSDA Quarterly Meeting	11:30 AM	Rooster Creek Tavern, Arroyo Grande

4/28/2026 - DESAL Community Outreach Meeting

6:00 PM

Ramona Community  
Center, Grover Beach

**Safety Program** – No issues

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff seeks direction for format changes or future information your Board would desire to be included in future general manager reports.