TO: Board of Directors, NCSD

I'm writing as a concerned citizen regarding the construction costs of the proposed Miller Park in Nipomo.

According to the assessment report, , there is a recommendation that the NCSD board pledge a portion of the existing property tax reserve (\$1,754,553) to development of the portions of Miller Park that cannot be developed through grants and/or donations.

I'm assuming that if the board is willing to spend any, or all of these tax reserves, on a park for one of our citizens' memorial for her husband, (Peg Miller). . . that we have all the supplemental water that we need for our present and future needs. If that's not the case, I find it unconscionable that you would think it's OK with the tax-paying public, to use our 'water' money in this manner.

I'm sure Jim Miller was an upstanding member of society in Nipomo, and if Ms Miller wants a park to memorialize her husband, I suggest she pay for it. It's unscrupulous to ask the tax-payers to use 'water' money to pay for her husband's memorial park.

According to the assessment report, there will be grants and donations to help pay for the construction of the park, but how do you know how much that will be? Exactly how much WILL come out of the tax reserve? You don't know the answer to that yet. . .and my feeling is that ANY amount is too much. Then, of course, the taxpayers will be forced, through taxes to maintain the park, and NCSD will be required to pay a portion of that as well.

I honestly believe that your focus and our monies need to be used for our water crisis. The poor argument that only a small amount might be spent is not important. Any amount is too much.

Maybe a public meeting might be in order to assess the public opinion on this.

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