

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 FROM: MICHAEL S. LEBRUN *MSL*
 GENERAL MANAGER
 DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2011

**AGENDA ITEM
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 OCTOBER 12, 2011**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM

Standing report to your Honorable Board -- *Period covered by this report is September 24, 2011 through October 7, 2011.*

DISTRICT BUSINESS

Administrative

- Tracked water rate increase protest votes and resolved returned notices with address discrepancies.
- Responding to questions from the community on supplemental water project.
- Operations positions interviews scheduled for later half of October.
- News of Interest (all items are attached to this report)
 - State Water Board proposes **38%** fee increase with NO expansion of service level. Fee is tied to State budget crisis.
- Service Connections

Nipomo Community Services District
 Water and Sewer Connections

End of Month Report 2011

	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Water Connections	4158	4164	4168			
Sewer Connections	2987	2991	2994			
Meters turned off	73	69	59			
Sewer Connections off	33	34	30			
New Water Connections	2	6	0			
New Sewer Connection	0	4	3			
Galaxy & PSHH Sewer Connections billed to the County	460	460	460			

Conservation

- San Luis Obispo County specific landscape and gardening website development (GardenSoft Project) is progressing. The website is approximately six-weeks from live launch.
- Active Washer Machine Rebate Advertising
- Local Nursery Man/Author David Fross schedule to speak at District sponsored event (Saturday October 15, 2011, 9AM at the District Offices, 148 South Wilson, Nipomo) flyer attached.

Meetings

Meetings attended:

- *September 26, Santa Maria In-Stream Flow Study*
- *September 28, Regular Board Meeting*
- *September 28, Supplemental Water Outreach Ad-hoc*
- *September 29, Management Coordination*
- *September 29, Operations Capital Improvements*
- *September 30, Coordination with District Counsel*
- *October 3, Coordination with Board Officers*
- *October 4, On-site with Vista Verde Landscape contractor*
- *October 4, Coordination with District Engineer*
- *October 5, Coordination with Utility Superintendent*
- *October 5, Tribune Reporter on supplemental water project*
- *October 6, SLO County Public Works, supplemental water project.*

Meetings Scheduled:

- *October 10, Home Builders Association, supplemental water*
- *October 10, Supplemental Water Outreach Ad-hoc*
- *October 11, NMMA Technical Group*
- *October 12, Regular Board Meeting, Rate Hearing*
- *October 13, Management Coordination*
- *October 14, Presentation on Mesa water issues to Pismo Coast Realtor Association*
- *October 14, Coordination with District Counsel*

Safety Program

- No accidents or incidents to report.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks direction and input from your Honorable Board

ATTACHMENTS

- Water Conservation Presentation Flyer
- CSDA e-News; State Water Board to raise fees

NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

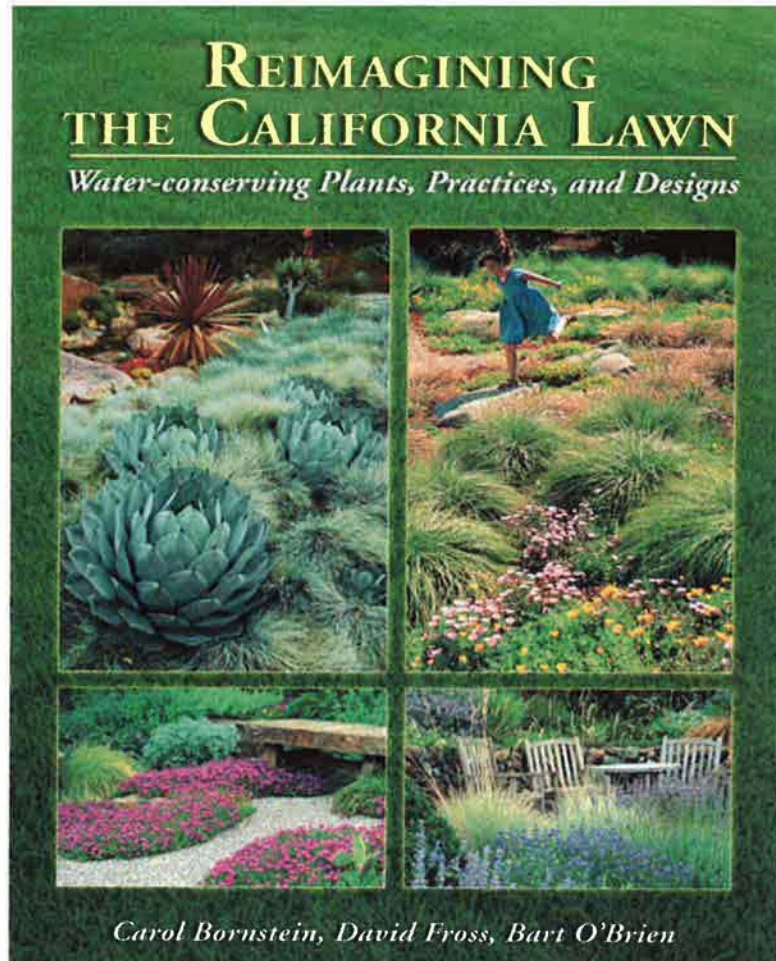
148 S. Wilson, Nipomo, CA

Saturday, October 15th at 9:00AM

David Fross, founder of Native Sons Wholesale Nursery, will be holding a presentation based on his latest book "Reimagining the California Lawn." David's presentation features water-conserving plants from around the world and offers design ideas to help you create a vibrant and colorful garden that complements our Mediterranean climate. He will present alternatives to the traditional lawn that will reduce water use and maintenance while beautifying the landscape and attract hummingbirds and butterflies. The program will feature photography and samples of plant materials and installed gardens. David will be available to answer questions and sign his latest book.

Free for NCSD Customers

Seating is limited. Please RSVP to Merrie at 929-1133 or Larry at 929-6710 by Friday, October 14th- space is limited.





State Water Board Adopts Fee Increases

Last week, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted emergency regulations to significantly increase the current annual water quality fee schedule that will go into effect by November of this year.

Specifically, this change in fee schedule will increase all Waste Permit Discharge Fund fee programs an average of 37.8 percent above the current 2010-11 fee schedule, including an increase of 60.6 percent for most National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System fees. The rise in fee revenue will not provide an expansion in service level but is needed to cover the cost of \$27.6 million in State budget reductions for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Due to many stakeholder concerns over program inefficiencies that heighten the chance of future increases, the SWRCB instructed its staff to develop a plan with stakeholders to relate performance measures to program targets, ascertain areas where the SWRCB has authority concerning funding and align funding with program priorities.

For more information including the board meeting agenda, detailed staff report, public comment letters and more, please click [here](#).

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