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- The records also show that this property size is MERGE ACREAGE acres.
- You are in a location served by MERGE WATER PURVEYOR.
- Your property has been categorized as MERGE CATEGORY. Your property will qualify for MERGE BENEFIT UNITS "Benefit Units"¹. Your property is proposed to be assessed based on existing development. Based on review of your property and current County of San Luis Obispo land use policies, a preliminary determination indicates no further development potential on your property, and therefore you will not be assigned additional "Benefit Units" for future development potential.

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Nipomo Mesa Supplemental WATER Project Public Workshop Schedule:

ALL WATER PURVEYOR CUSTOMERS WELCOME

WORKSHOPS ARE SCHEULED IN JANUARY TO ADDRESS YOUR QUESTIONS.

A series of public workshops have been scheduled with project experts and your water company representatives to provide additional information on the Nipomo Mesa Supplemental Water Project and Funding Plan, and to address your questions.

Monday, January 23, 2012, 6:30 PM

Mesa Middle School 2555 Halcyon Rd., Arroyo Grande Focus: Rural Water Company

Saturday, January 28, 2012, 3:00 PM

Nipomo High School – Olympic Hall 525 North Thompson Road, Nipomo Focus: Nipomo Community Services District / Golden State Water Company

Monday, January 30, 2012, 6:30 PM

Woodlands/Trilogy Center, Avila Room 1490 Golf Course Lane, Nipomo Focus: Woodlands Mutual Water Company

Wednesday, February 1, 2012, 6:30 PM

Nipomo High School – **The Forum** 525 North Thompson Road, Nipomo Focus: Nipomo Community Services District / Golden State Water Company

For more information on the above Public Workshops... Call/Contact: Kari Wagner

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