

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: MICHAEL S. LEBRUN ^{MSL}
GENERAL MANAGER
DATE: APRIL 6, 2012



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM

Standing report to your Honorable Board -- *Period covered by this report is March 9, 2012 through March 23, 2012*

DISTRICT BUSINESS

Administrative

- Operations recruitment;
 - Mr. Francisco Maldonado is scheduled to start work at the District on April 9, 2012.
 - A second Maintenance Worker offer is pending.
- Supplemental Water Project financing ballot process is ongoing. Over 2,400 ballots have been returned. Ballots received by the close of the scheduled May 9, 2012, public hearing will be opened and counted. Results of the ballot will be announced at a public meeting scheduled for 3 p.m. on May 10, 2012. Administrative staff and the Assessment Engineer continue to field numerous questions on the overall funding process and supplemental water need.
- Dating back to July 1, 2004, Supplemental Water Project development costs exceed \$3.6M as of March 1, 2012 (summary attached).
- California Special District Association (CSDA) is seeking nominations for 2013-2015 Board of Directors. Staff will bring the item to your Board at the next regular meeting for discussion and direction (announcement attached).
- CSDA continues effort to reform public employee pension programs (e-news attached).
- CSDA Special District Legislative Days information (attached).
- Public television segment on value of tap water (flyer attached).
- Cucamonga Valley Water District President of Board of Directors editorial on value of water (attached).
- Water customers in rural areas have frequent problems (see attached news summary).
- Increase water system reliability through source diversification – Western Municipal Water District (news summary attached).
- Summary of recent CA Urban Water Conservation Council 20X2020 hearing by District consultant (summary attached).

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Connections Summary

Nipomo Community Services District
 Water and Sewer Connections

End of Month Report 2012

	Dec-11	JAN-12	FEB-12	MAR-12
Water Connections (Total)	4232	4232	4239	4239
Sewer Connections (Total)	3022	3022	3035	3035
Meters turned off (Non-payment)	23	28	22	18
Meters off (Vacant)	62	64	62	64
Sewer Connections off (Vacant)	20	24	22	22
New Water Connections	0	0	7	0
New Sewer Connection	0	0	13	0
Galaxy & PSHH at Orchard and Division Sewer Connections billed to the County	460	460		460

Meetings

Meetings attended:

- *March 26, Operations Crew Briefing*
- *March 26, Supplemental Water Project Ad Hoc*
- *March 27, Supplemental Water Project County Board of Supervisors*
- *March 28, Regular NCSD Board Meeting*
- *March 29, County Chapter CSDA*
- *March 30, Coordination with District Counsel*
- *April 2, Water sales with City of Santa Maria*
- *April 2, coordination with Board officers*
- *April 3, operations crew briefing*
- *April 4, County Energy Watch briefing*
- *April 5, Southland WWTF pre-bid meeting and walkthrough*

Meetings Scheduled:

- *April 11, Regular NCSD Board Meeting*
- *April 12, NMMA Technical Group*
- *April 12, Management Team coordination*
- *April 13, Finance and Audit Committee*
- *April 13, Coordination with District Counsel*

Safety Program

No accidents, injuries, or incidents to report.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks direction and input from your Honorable Board

ATTACHMENTS

- Supplemental Water Accounting Summary
- CSDA call for Nominations
- CSDA reform news
- CSDA SDLD announcement
- Public Television value of tap water
- March 22, 2012, Value of tap water op/ed
- March 23, 2012, Rural water customer challenges
- March 28, 12, Water reliability news
- April 4, 2012, summary of CUWCC hearing.

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**NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
SUPPLEMENTAL WATER PROJECT
MONTHLY REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
(FY JUNE 30, 2012)**

REVENUES FY 2011-2012	<u>MONTH OF</u> <u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR</u> <u>7/1/2011 TO</u> <u>6/30/2012</u>
Supplemental Water Capacity Fees Collected	0.00	14,605.00
Interest Income (monthly & quarterly posting)	<u>222.97</u>	<u>3,351.58</u>
Revenue Subtotal	<u>222.97</u>	<u>17,956.58</u>
EXPENDITURES FY 2011-2012 (1)		
<u>CONSULTANTS</u>		
1590-A1 Feasibility Study (Cannon)	0.00	0.00
1590-A2 EIR Preparation (Wood & Assoc)	0.00	505.00
1590-A3 Estimate/Preliminary Schedule (Cannon)	0.00	0.00
1590-A4 Proposed Routes/Facilities (Cannon)	0.00	0.00
1590-A5 Prop 50 Grant Applicatin	0.00	0.00
1590-A6 Project Support (Cannon)	0.00	0.00
1590-A7 Groundwater Grant Assistance (SAIC)	0.00	0.00
<u>LEGAL</u>		
1590-B1 Shipsey & Seitz	1,364.00	20,776.80
1590-B2 McDonough, Holland & Allen	0.00	0.00
1590-B3 Richards, Watson & Gershon	0.00	0.00
<u>LAND ACQUISITION</u>		
1590-C1 Appraisals (Tarvin & Reeder Gilman)	0.00	0.00
1590-C2 Property Negotiations (Hamner Jewell)	1,600.00	10,958.67
1590-C3 Property Acquisitions	0.00	2,800.00
<u>FINANCIAL</u>		
1590-D1 Reed Group and Wallace Group	0.00	0.00
1590-D2 Lobbying	0.00	0.00
<u>ENGINEERING</u>		
1590-E1 Preliminary Engineering Design (AECOM)	0.00	0.00
1590-E2 Water Modeling by Carollo (City of Santa Maria)	0.00	0.00
1590-E3 Alternative Water Supplies (AECOM)	0.00	0.00
1590-E4 Project Information (AECOM)	0.00	0.00
1590-E5 Project Design (AECOM)	40,498.38	101,911.77
1590-E6 Pressure Testing	0.00	0.00
1590-E7 Peer Review	0.00	0.00
1590-E8 Pot Holing	0.00	0.00
<u>OTHER</u>		
1590-F1 FGL Environmental	0.00	0.00
1590-F2 Copy/Print	0.00	0.00
<u>PERMITS</u>		
1590-G1 Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District	0.00	0.00
<u>ASSESSMENT DISTRICT</u>		
1590-H1 Wallace Group	0.00	83,155.20
1590-H2 SLO County Reimbursement Agreement for JPA	0.00	11,476.99
1590-H3 Purveyor Partner Reimbursements to NCSD	0.00	0.00
1590-H4 A/D Financial Advisor	0.00	0.00
1590-H5 A/D Outreach/Education	27,607.62	133,693.04
<u>CONSTRUCTION</u>		
1590-I1 Construction Management (MNS)	0.00	360.00
1590-I2 Arborist (A&T Arborists)	0.00	0.00
<u>SALARY AND BENEFITS (2)</u>		
1590-Z1 Wages-Capitalized	3,621.03	30,689.57
1590-Z2 Payroll Taxes-Capitalized	52.50	596.86
1590-Z3 Retirement-Capitalized	920.96	7,641.35
1590-Z4 Medical-Capitalized	443.54	2,340.82
1590-Z5 Dental/Vision-Capitalized	55.33	271.61
1590-Z6 Workers Compensation-Capitalized	14.62	123.91
Expenditure Subtotal	<u>76,177.98</u>	<u>407,301.59</u>
Net Revenues less Expenditures	<u>(75,955.01)</u>	<u>(389,345.01)</u>
Beginning Fund Balance as of July 1, 2011		2,070,224.10
Ending Fund Balance as of February 29, 2012		<u>1,680,879.09</u>

(1) See attached "Supplemental Water Cost Summary" for more detail.

(2) Salary and Benefits of GM and District Engineer are allocated among NCSD projects and capitalized as part of the cost of the project.

**NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
SUPPLEMENTAL WATER COST SUMMARY**

A/C #	DESCRIPTION	7/1/2004 TO 6/30/2005	7/1/2005 TO 6/30/2006	7/1/2006 TO 6/30/2007	7/1/2007 TO 6/30/2008	7/1/2008 TO 6/30/2009	7/1/2009 TO 6/30/2010	7/1/2010 TO 6/30/2011	7/1/2011 TO 6/30/2012 February	GRAND TOTAL
1645	Reservation Fee-City of Santa Maria	37,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	37,500.00
1590-A1	Feasibility Study (Cannon)	25,887.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,887.29
1590-A2	EIR Preparation (Wood & Assoc)	29,037.48	87,100.23	16,053.83	45,407.70	76,544.11	500.00	0.00	505.00	255,148.35
1590-A3	Est/Preliminary Schedule (Cannon)	3,706.19	2,602.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,308.94
1590-A4	Proposed Routes/Facilities (Cannon)	5,050.07	520.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,570.07
1590-A5	Prop 50 Grant Application	2,757.00	6,210.00	0.00	1,857.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,824.60
1590-A6	Project Support (Cannon)	0.00	11,797.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,797.44
1590-A7	Groundwater Grant Assistance (SAIC)	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
1590-B1	Shipsey & Seitz	0.00	23,095.55	17,564.25	2,201.50	18,224.00	16,601.58	18,664.80	20,776.80	117,128.48
1590-B2	McDonough, Holland & Allen	0.00	34,177.28	15,871.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,048.93
1590-B3	Richard, Watson & Gershon	0.00	9,472.38	27,954.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	37,427.19
1590-C1	Appraisals (Tarvin & Reeder Gilman)	0.00	0.00	16,170.00	10,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	3,600.00	0.00	37,770.00
1590-C2	Property Negotiations (Hamner Jewell)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,250.00	14,748.75	36,481.90	10,958.67	77,439.32
1590-C3	Property Acquisitions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	673.00	2,772.00	600.00	2,800.00	6,845.00
1590-D1	Reed Group and Wallace Group	0.00	2,809.65	0.00	0.00	7,585.45	4,476.25	0.00	0.00	14,871.55
1590-D2	Lobbying	0.00	0.00	0.00	38,801.11	38,950.00	54,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	140,751.11
1590-E1	Preliminary Engineering Design (Boyle)	0.00	6,470.33	223,286.67	103,460.19	2,194.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	335,411.62
1590-E2	Water Modeling by Carollo (City of SM)	0.00	0.00	24,942.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,942.00
1590-E3	Alternative Water Supplies (Boyle)	0.00	0.00	164,230.48	70,772.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	235,002.49
1590-E4	Project Information (Boyle)	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
1590-E5	Project Design (AECOM)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	752,319.66	228,952.01	172,785.69	101,911.77	1,255,969.13
1590-E6	Pressure Testing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,682.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,682.92
1590-E7	Peer Review	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,571.05	37,349.25	12,134.80	0.00	57,055.10
1590-E8	Pot Holing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29,053.05	0.00	0.00	29,053.05
1590-F1	Lab Testing (FGL Environmental)	0.00	0.00	5,047.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,047.00
1590-F2	Copw/Print	0.00	0.00	740.24	1,022.01	0.00	0.00	52.07	0.00	1,814.32
1590-G1	Permits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	130.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	130.00
1590-H1	Assessment District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	83,030.71	21,227.92	56,931.64	83,155.20	244,345.47
1590-H2	SLO County Reimb Agreement-JPA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	36,503.80	6,799.89	11,476.99	54,880.68
1590-H3	Purveyor Partner Reimbursements to NCSO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(10,492.04)	0.00	(10,492.04)
1590-H4	A/D Financial Advisor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,835.63	0.00	8,835.63
1590-H5	A/D Outreach/Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	74,571.75	133,693.04	208,264.79
1590-I1	Construction Management (MNS)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	360.00	360.00
1590-I2	Arborist (A&T Arborist)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,830.00	0.00	0.00	2,830.00
1590-Z1	Wages-Capitalized	0.00	29,076.92	35,884.51	28,197.08	31,926.57	50,005.29	46,698.55	30,689.57	252,478.49
1590-Z2	Payroll Taxes-Capitalized	0.00	587.22	587.42	455.96	504.53	2,058.44	1,918.13	596.86	6,708.56
1590-Z3	Retirement-Capitalized	0.00	8,418.08	10,344.53	8,110.84	8,690.47	9,443.17	6,729.62	7,641.35	59,378.06
1590-Z4	Medical-Capitalized	0.00	2,861.36	3,367.02	2,564.88	2,757.36	3,390.94	3,352.92	2,340.82	20,635.30
1590-Z5	Dental/Vision-Capitalized	0.00	0.00	247.90	328.23	348.15	459.62	239.63	271.61	1,895.34
1590-Z6	Workers Compensation-Capitalized	0.00	260.35	341.83	225.21	259.81	271.21	277.61	123.91	1,759.93
		103,938.03	225,459.74	562,634.14	334,404.32	1,055,642.22	522,743.28	449,182.79	407,301.59	3,661,306.11

**NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION
DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE**

	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	PRINCIPAL BALANCE
				4,000,000.00
FY June 30, 2004	0.00	136,384.79	136,384.79	4,000,000.00
FY June 30, 2005	75,000.00	169,950.00	244,950.00	3,925,000.00
FY June 30, 2006	80,000.00	167,625.00	247,625.00	3,845,000.00
FY June 30, 2007	80,000.00	165,225.00	245,225.00	3,765,000.00
FY June 30, 2008	85,000.00	163,132.50	248,132.50	3,680,000.00
FY June 30, 2009	85,000.00	161,188.75	246,188.75	3,595,000.00
FY June 30, 2010	85,000.00	158,988.75	243,988.75	3,510,000.00
FY June 30, 2011	90,000.00	156,425.00	246,425.00	3,420,000.00
FY June 30, 2012	90,000.00	153,545.00	243,545.00	3,330,000.00
FY June 30, 2013	95,000.00	150,397.50	245,397.50	3,235,000.00
FY June 30, 2014	100,000.00	146,885.00	246,885.00	3,135,000.00
FY June 30, 2015	100,000.00	143,110.00	243,110.00	3,035,000.00
FY June 30, 2016	105,000.00	139,137.50	244,137.50	2,930,000.00

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2013-15 CSDA Board of Directors - Call for Nominations

Last week nomination information and forms were mailed to every CSDA voting member agency. The leadership of CSDA is elected from its six geographical regions. Each of the six regions has three seats on the board with staggered three-year terms. Candidates must be affiliated with an independent special district that is a CSDA regular member located within the geographic region they seek to represent. ([See Region Map](#))

The CSDA Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions related to CSDA's member services, legislative advocacy, education and resources. 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.

Commitment: Serving on the board requires one's interest in the issues confronting special districts statewide. A board member is expected to attend all board meetings held every other month, usually on a Friday at CSDA's office in Sacramento. Besides serving on the board, each board member is expected to participate on at least one committee, which usually meets three to four times a year in Sacramento. CSDA reimburses directors for their related expenses for board and committee meetings as outlined in board policy. In addition, all board members are expected to attend CSDA's two annual events: Special Districts Legislative Days (held in the spring) and the Annual Conference (held in the fall) as part of their obligation to the CSDA membership; expenses for these two events are not reimbursed by CSDA, even if a board meeting or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the event.

Nomination Procedures: Any regular member independent special district 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 must accompany the nomination. The deadline for receiving nominations is May 25, 2012. Nominations and supporting documentation may be mailed or faxed.

Click [here](#) for the nomination form.

Nominees will receive a Candidate's Packet in the mail. The packet will include campaign guidelines.

CSDA will mail ballots on June 8. The ballots must be received by CSDA no later than 5:00 p.m. August 3, 2012 and must be the original ballot (no faxes or emails). The successful candidates will be notified no later than August 7. All selected board members will be introduced at the Annual Conference in San Diego, CA in September.

Board Seats Open for Nomination
([See Map](#))

Region 1 Seat A Mark Bryant, Garberville Sanitary District*

Region 2 Seat A Noelle Mattock, El Dorado Hills Community Services District*
Region 3 Seat A James Kohnen, Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District*
Region 4 Seat A Ann Mathews, Kern County Water Agency*
Region 5 Seat A Jack Curtis, Ventura River County Water District
Region 6 Seat A Jo MacKenzie, Vista Irrigation District*
Seat C Dewey Ausmus, North County Cemetery District

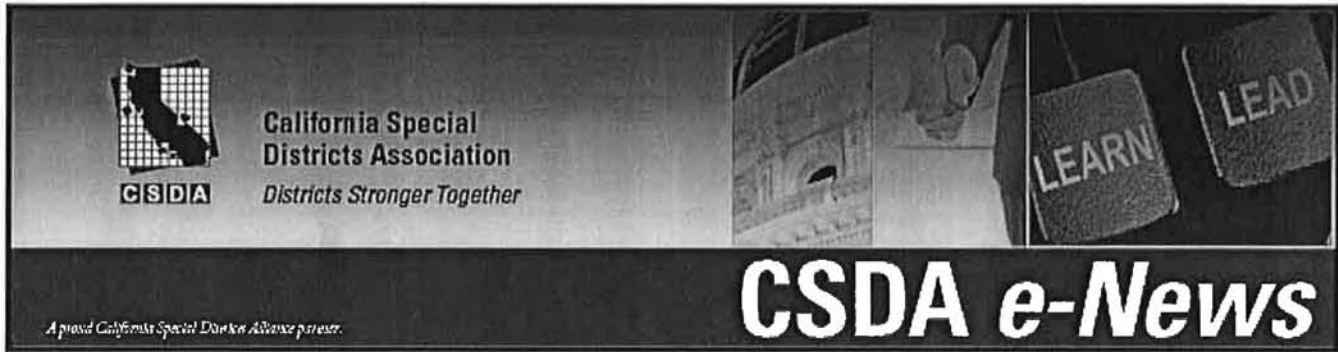
* = Incumbent is running for re-election

Please note: CSDA Bylaws outline the overall election process (Article III – Directors). In regard to Region 6, this year there are two seats open for election as outlined above, Seat A and Seat C. The current Director serving Seat C, Dewey Ausmus, is retiring from his district at the end of this year, so this seat will become vacant and the new individual elected will serve the remainder of the term (2 years) which will expire on December 31, 2014. Since there are two seats open for election, the individual with the most votes during this election will fill Seat A which is a full term (3 years) and the individual with the second most votes will complete the remaining term for Seat C (2 years). Member districts in Region 6 will be entitled to cast two votes (one per candidate) since there are two seats open for election.

If you have any questions or for a copy of the CSDA bylaws, please contact Charlotte Lowe at 877-924-2732 or charlottel@csda.net.

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Year of Reform?

Over the past year, CSDA and our members have been engaged and are tuning into the discussion around pension reform. Whether it was pension legislation last year, pension reform initiatives vying for the November ballot, the governor's 12-point plan and, more recently, the Legislative Conference Committee on Public Employee Pensions, there is no doubt that pension reform has gathered serious momentum and is part of the major political debate this year.

Last week, the word "reform" could be heard in the halls of the Capitol, but not in the context of pensions – instead it was in the context of workers' compensation reform. Last Wednesday the Assembly Insurance Committee and the Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committees held an informational hearing examining the impacts on injured workers in the workers' compensation system since the passage of Senate Bill 899 (Poochigian, Statutes of 2004).

Workers' Compensation Reform

After the workers' compensation reforms of 2002-2004, increasing medical treatment costs, judicial rulings undermining the legislature's adoption of an objective permanent disability rating system and a flood of payment disputes in the form of liens have weakened the legislature's reform efforts. Although employers saw relief following the last reforms, the relief was short lived and costs are on the rise. The average cost per workers' compensation indemnity claim in 2010 was \$65,495 – a 41 percent increase since 2005. According to the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services Workers' Compensation Premium Rate Rankings, California was ranked the fifth most expensive state for workers' compensation in 2010, previously ranked thirteenth in 2008.

There is a growing recognition that benefits for permanent disability need to be increased, however those benefit increases must be accompanied with cost-saving reforms. The Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and the Division of Workers' Compensation will hold a series of public meetings to provide open forum discussion on the current issues in workers' compensation and to gather information from stakeholders and members of the public on suggestions for improvements. For more information on attending these public meetings, please email iris@csla.net. Ideas for cost-savings in the system, an increase in permanent disability benefits and other reforms may be released by the Governor Jerry Brown's administration later this year.

Want to learn more?

- Read an op-ed written by Martin Brady, Chair of the California Coalition on Workers' Compensation and Executive Director of the School Insurance Authority [here](#).
- Read a white paper on workers' compensation reform written by the California Labor Federation [here](#).
- Watch the Joint Assembly Insurance and Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committees full informational hearing [here](#).
- Sign up for [SDLD](#) and participate in a roundtable discussion with DIR.

What's New With Pension Reform

Pension reform continues to be a key issue in the Legislature. The Conference Committee on Public Employee Pensions has announced their next hearing on April 13, 2012, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Chino, CA where the committee will examine *Pension Reform and the 37 Act Retirement Systems – Exploring Issues Unique to those Systems*.

Chaffey College Community Center
5890 College Park Avenue, Room 101
Chino, CA 91710

In the meantime, catch an interesting debate held at the Sacramento Press Club last Wednesday between Marcia Fritz, president of the California Foundation for Fiscal Responsibility and Dave Low, chairman of Californians for Retirement Security, [here](#).

CSDA's Special Districts Legislative Days (SDLD) will feature a pension panel with Steve Maviglio, spokesperson for Californians for Retirement Security, Dan Pellissier, president of California Pension Reform and Karon Green, consultant to the Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee and the Conference Committee on Pension Reform.

If you are interested in the pension reform debate – this is a must attend event! Register now [here](#).

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Focused Services & Fiscal Sustainability

With a struggling economy and a perpetual multi-billion dollar state budget deficit, many policies that affect special district budgets or address fiscal sustainability are now at the forefront of political discussion. Issues such as the dissolution of redevelopment agencies, increasing pressure for pension reform and additional challenges to local budgets will be the focus of CSDA's 2012 Special Districts Legislative Days (SDLD).

Along with CSDA's advocacy efforts in Sacramento to protect special district finances and educate policymakers on the effective service delivery provided by special districts, it is critical that you engage!

What you can do:

Visit CSDA's Grassroots Action Center at csda.net to read about the proposals impacting special districts, and find action items so you can engage now!

Register for SDLD to hear directly from policymakers about some of the proposals directly affecting special districts. You will also have the opportunity to communicate with legislators about the critical services your district provides, along with examples of your district's efforts to increase efficiency and create a higher value of service for Californians.

Keynote Speakers



California State Treasurer Bill Lockyer

Thursday, May 17

On November 7, 2006, Californians elected Bill Lockyer as the 32nd State Treasurer and on November 2, 2010, re-elected him to serve a second term. Treasurer Lockyer's public service career has spanned more than three decades. From 1999-2006, he served as California Attorney General. Prior to his election as Attorney General in 1998, Treasurer Lockyer served 25 years in the California Legislature. He culminated his Capitol career as Senate President pro Tempore, crafting agreements to balance the state budget and make government work better for taxpayers.

California Department of Finance, Chief Deputy Director of Budget, Michael Cohen

Wednesday, May 16

Mr. Cohen advises Governor Jerry Brown on the state budget and serves as the department's

REGISTER

REGISTRATION FEES

CSDA Member: \$225

Non-Member: \$275

TOP 5 REASONS TO ATTEND

1. Efforts underway in Sacramento could significantly affect special district **pension benefits** offered to current and new employees.
2. Redevelopment agencies (RDAs) have been dissolved and special districts must now determine the impact to their revenues and services, as well as engage on new RDA oversight boards. These boards will make decisions ultimately **affecting property tax receipts**.
3. Interactive roundtable discussions with our partners and experts will allow you to hear about **industry-specific issues** for each type of district—such as the State Fire Board roundtable on SRA Fees.
4. **Pre-arranged legislative visits** and a hosted reception enable you to build relationships with your state legislators and their Capitol staff.
5. Opportunities to **network with other special district leaders** throughout the state and share your unique experiences and ideas.



CONVENIENTLY LOCATED

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lead contact with the State Legislature. From 1997 to 2010, Mr. Cohen worked at the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), most recently as deputy legislative analyst. He previously served as the LAO's director of state administration and as a local government finance analyst. Mr. Cohen earned a Master's Degree in Public Affairs from the Lyndon B. Johnson School at the University of Texas and a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Studies from Stanford University.

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Roundtable Discussions

Roundtable discussions hosted by industry experts and local government partners provide attendees with an opportunity to ask detailed questions and learn about issues specific to your type of district. See more than one roundtable that interests you? We'll be playing musical chairs halfway through to allow attendees to participate in more than one roundtable! The following organizations will be hosting roundtables:

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[California Association of Public Cemeteries](#)
[California Association of Recreation and Park Districts](#)
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LEGISLATIVE VISITS

Wednesday, May 16 | 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Let your Senator and Assembly Member know about the critical services your district provides in their legislative district and about collaborative efforts your district is engaged in to increase efficiency and value at the local level!

In order to reserve enough time for scheduling, please register by April 27 to guarantee your spot in these visits.



LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

Wednesday, May 16 | 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Network with legislators and legislative staff at SDLD's legislative reception, this year being held at Chops, an award winning restaurant and bar across the street from the Capitol and a favorite amongst the Capitol community.

New "California's Water" Segment Showcases the Value of Tap Water

Submitted by Sarah Langford on Wed, 03/28/2012 - 2:54pm



Public television viewers throughout the state will find out what it takes to deliver safe and reliable water when the latest "California's Water" segment hits the airwaves in April.

The 30-minute segment, titled "Water: The Best Deal Around," showcases the value of tap water service and explains many of the factors affecting the cost of treating and delivering water today. Produced by Huell Howser and underwritten by ACWA, the segment debuts April 3 on KPBS in San Diego and KVIE in Sacramento. Additional airdates are scheduled throughout the state through June. The segment is also available on acwa.com.

On this journey, Huell visits the West Basin Municipal Water District and Las Virgenes Municipal Water District to highlight key aspects of providing reliable water and some factors driving the cost, including the rising costs of energy, treatment chemicals and the need to expand and replace facilities.

As Huell notes in the segment, even with rising costs tap water is an exceptional value that compares favorably with other every day household services. Customers of public water agencies get more than just a product for their money. They are getting a reliable service that includes ongoing maintenance, sophisticated water quality testing and treatment, highly trained personnel, adequate flows for fire protection and robust water supplies and infrastructure to support the economy. Simply put, they are getting one of the best deals around.

The segment is the 25th in the series, which has been coordinated and underwritten by ACWA since 2006. It is being distributed to series contributors in the coming weeks and is posted on ACWA's website, along with background information on the topic.

Air dates include:

KPBS (San Diego)

Tuesday, April 3 at 5 p.m.

KVIE (Sacramento)

Tuesday, April 3 at 7 p.m.

KCET (Los Angeles)

Tuesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m.

KIXE (Redding)

Tuesday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m.

KCSM (San Mateo)

Monday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 15 at 7:30 p.m.

The true value of our water

By Kathleen J. Tiegs

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We often take for granted some of the most essential things we need to survive, including water. Most people don't think about where their water comes from or the process it must endure before it is served at the tap. At the Cucamonga Valley Water District, we think about it for you, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

From time to time we survey customers to gain a better understanding of their awareness and concerns regarding their water supply and the services we provide. The results from a recent survey conducted by an independent polling firm indicated that 90 percent of our customers approve of the service and product that they receive from CVWD. Yet, only 53 percent of customers reported that they believed the price they paid for their service was reasonable, which is not surprising - because who really wants to pay another "bill"?" - however, it demonstrated to us that some customers may not be aware of what it takes to bring water to their tap on a daily basis.

In light of this, I wanted to take this opportunity to share some thoughts on the true value and cost of your water supply.

CVWD has a diverse water supply; nearly 40 percent of our customer's water is imported from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta over 400 miles away. Imported water is our most unreliable and expensive source, but without it we would not be able to meet the full needs of the nearly 50,000 homes and businesses that we serve on a daily basis. Once this water it is delivered to our service area, it must be treated to a level that meets state and federal water quality standards.

In addition, nearly 50 percent of CVWD's supply is groundwater that is pumped from a collection of wells located in two aquifers deep below the earth's surface. Although not nearly as expensive as imported water, pumping groundwater is energy intensive and it must be stored in a system of reservoirs strategically located to ensure reliable service to our customers.

We are also fortunate to have local canyon water supplies available to help quench the thirst of our customers. Although this is the purest of our water supply sources and least expensive, it must still be treated at a water treatment facility before it enters our distribution system.

Finally, CVWD has developed alternative sources such as recycled water which is used to irrigate landscaping, keeping our community green and beautiful. Currently the cost of recycled water is less than that of our drinking water supply; but it does require an entirely separate system of pipes and reservoirs.

CVWD is able to supply high quality water to our customers and manage this service for less than one \$0.01 per gallon, 24 hours a day, 365 days per year

Today, there's not much you can buy for a penny per gallon. On average a gallon of gas costs over \$4; a gallon of coffee will cost you \$16; and you will pay about \$3.50 for a gallon of milk. These are all critical household expenses for the average American and none of them would be possible without the complement of water. But for one penny per gallon, a customer receives more than just water; they are assured of a secure and reliable water supply available when they need it.

Our mission and commitment to customers is to provide a high quality product and excellent service at a competitive price. CVWD strives to increase customer awareness of the value of water and the service that we provide. Capturing and producing a gallon of water is no easy feat and we believe that once you try us and experience our quality service you will also agree that CVWD tap water is "the best deal around."

Kathleen J. Tiegs is president of the board of directors of Cucamonga Valley Water District.

Rural water customers struggle with frequent problems

By Carol Ferguson, KBAK - KBFX - Eyewitness News - BakersfieldNow.com Published: Mar 23, 2012 at 5:55 PM

LAMONT, Calif. (KBAK/KBFX) - Another small, rural water system is struggling to keep the taps flowing.

Some neighbors using water from the San Joaquin Mutual Water Co. say service has been shut down too much. Other residents say they're doing the best they can with an old water system. Friday morning, resident Paul Hewitt was looking over a hole in the ground, where water spurted from a pipe not far from their well equipment.

"Our water is turned on right now," Hewitt stressed. "But that's a pipe in the ground leaking right there that has to be fixed in the next few hours."

San Joaquin Mutual serves just over 60 families in an area south of Highway 58, near Weedpatch Highway and Redbank Road. As with other small districts, it's property owners who each own the water system. This system has had its share of problems.

"We had a brand new well pump fail yesterday," Hewitt said. He said the wrong replacement pump was shipped, then a second pump was brought in, but didn't work. "Round three was successful last night, and we got our water turned back on," he said.

But that was Thursday night, and resident Lacey Silva had gotten home to a house with no water.

"When we come home, the water's off," Silva complained. "And we don't know why."

Silva said she thought the water situation had improved. Things had been worse.

"In the last year, it's been out quite a bit," she said. "I'd say at least twice or three times a month."

Dave Patterson disagrees.

"It's not out too much," Patterson said, adding the outages have never been for full days. Patterson is a resident and also on the board of directors for the water company.

He's lived in the area for more than 20 years, and said things got very bad with the water system several years ago when they lost service for about two months. At that time, they had to rely on supplies from a nearby water district.

But, things got bad again this summer.

"We had a 100 horsepower pump failure last July," Hewitt explained. He said replacing it cost \$15,000. Since he moved into the neighborhood not too long ago, Hewitt has been the go-to guy to deal with water problems.

"I just happened to accidentally adopt the job from the (water) board members," Hewitt said. He and his family have a experience with water systems.

Hewitt said this one never got regular maintenance over the years, and that's not unusual.

"Most of these mutual water companies in the area don't have enough income or enough money to provide standard maintenance," he said. And Hewitt could point to worn out pipes that have been removed and replaced, and an old pump with signs of wear and damage.

So, what's the solution to get water service back to being reliable?

"We would need to have a second, backup well," Hewitt said.

And after being told of his idea, Silva agreed. "Maybe a second well could be, I think, the best idea," she said.

Of course, the small district would need to get the additional funds for that from their small group of residents. But, Silva also sees the logic to that. "I think that would be a great idea, as long as we get the community together," she said.

Another resident told Eyewitness News the neighbors had been told the government would help them with funds for a new well, or to help them hook into a nearby system. That woman would still like to see that happen.

This neighbor thinks Hewitt is doing the best he can to keep the system going. He's not being paid for this work.

Another area just to the south is dealing with a similar situation. Residents in the Athal Mutual Water Company had their wells go out earlier this month. A property owner in that area told Eyewitness News on Friday that water is being hauled in to temporary tanks to provide water service. He said a site is being prepared to drill a new well, and that work could start any day.

Back at San Joaquin Estates, Hewitt said getting a backup well is important, but he also stresses that residents should conserve water use.

Patterson hopes more residents will get involved with finding the best ways to keep the water running.

"Come to the (water board) meetings," he said. "It's a problem, but it's solvable. We're working on it."

Posted on: March 28, 2012

Western Increases Reliable Source of Local Water

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – March 28, 2012 – Western Municipal Water District recently completed its Western Water Recycling Facility expansion project, which will bring a much-needed local, secure source of recycled water for the region.

The approximately \$50 million expansion project is the largest, single construction project Western has undertaken in its 50-plus year history. “The Western Water Recycling Facility increases our local water supply by providing recycled water to irrigate parks, schools and landscapes,” said Jeff Sims, Western’s chief operations officer. “Recycled water helps us to use the right source of water for the right use in our region.”

The expansion has increased the facility’s capacity to 3 million gallons of wastewater treated per day and upgraded it to tertiary treatment, the highest level of treatment. Prior to the expansion, the facility treated 1 million gallons of water a day at secondary treatment levels.

That water was provided to the General Archie Old Golf Course and the Riverside National Cemetery for irrigation purposes. Now with tertiary treatment, Western is able to provide recycled water to additional nonpotable water use customers.

As part of its Strategic Plan, Western is committed to finding local sources of water for customers to ease their use on costly and less reliable imported water supplies. Coupled with Southern California’s growing population and demand for water, it’s essential for Western to continue to diversify water supplies.

“Now more than ever, we are facing uncertainty to our water supply as regulatory issues continue to limit the amount of water imported from Northern California and water supply challenges threaten the availability of water in the Colorado River and northern supply,” said John Rossi, Western’s general manager. “This expansion project is just one way Western is diversifying our water supply portfolio and securing our region’s water supply.”

Western Municipal Water District provides water supply, wastewater disposal and water resource management to the public in a safe, reliable, environmentally sensitive and financially responsible manner.

Michael LeBrun

From: Spencer Waterman [swaterman@wsc-inc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 6:11 PM
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Subject: RE: HOT NEWS Presentations Available from the 20x2020 Hearing on March 14, 2012
Attachments: Roseville.pdf; San Diego.pdf; Santa Rosa.pdf; Southern Nevada Water Authority.pdf

Hi Michael,

I reviewed the four presentations from CUWCC's 20x2020 Hearing held on March 14, 2012. Each presentation described how each agency has been affected by SB7 and their plans to meet the 20x2020 target. Unfortunately, there is nothing really new or groundbreaking for the District from these presentations. The District is experiencing similar water use trends and is implementing similar water use conservation and efficiency measures as the agencies described in their presentations. The highlights of each presentation are shown below:

- Water Use Efficiency in Sacramento by John Woodling, Executive Director of the Regional Water Authority (RWA)
 - o John provided written commentary and a summary of the RWA's 22 water providers' experience and issues with the development, Implementation, and compliance of SB7
 - o Gpcd measurement is sometimes inequitable and does not serve well when comparing water agencies from different parts of the state or agencies with different customer bases
 - o Largest savings are in outdoor water use efficiency efforts
 - o Ancillary benefits of efficiency and conservation include reduced energy use/costs and improvement in water quality
 - o Hard to balance reduced demand and subsequent reduced revenue with water use efficiency investments and fixed costs
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
 - o MWD co-sponsored the development of SB7 and is a co-founder of CUWCC
 - o Water efficient devices and landscapes, recycled water, and support of new water conservation technology are the major tools MWD foresees using to achieving their 20x2020 target
- California Urban Water Agencies (CUWA)
 - o CUWA's 10 agencies are on track to meet the 20x2020 target
 - o Comparison of gpcd between different agencies is misleading due to differences in commercial and industrial uses, demographics, and climate
 - o Water sales have been low in recent years due to multiple factors and may rebound in the coming years, making it a challenge to project future demand
 - o Another goal related to SB7 is long-term water reliability through diversifying water supplies. CUWA agencies have had significant growth in recycled water use, desalination, and agricultural conversions to urban uses.
- Looking Ahead: The Future of Urban Water Conservation by Tracy Quinn of the National Resources Defense Council
 - o Some conservation options that are currently available include conservation pricing, multi-family submetering, advanced metering infrastructure, more accurate meters, water loss reduction, energy efficient technologies, and pool covers
 - o Alternative sources of water including graywater reuse, rainwater capture and reuse, stormwater recharge, and recycled water use will help achieve 20x2020 targets

I happened to be attending CUWCC's Plenary Meeting webinar on the same day of this hearing. I listened to a few presentations from different agencies describing their turf replacement programs. The presentations are attached for your use. Too bad CUWCC didn't have these presentations prior to the turf replacement memo!

If you have any questions or would like any further detail, please let me know.

Thanks,

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FYI

Spencer, Please take an hour or two of time to review and summarize the hearing topics and advise on any potential issues/topics for NCS D.

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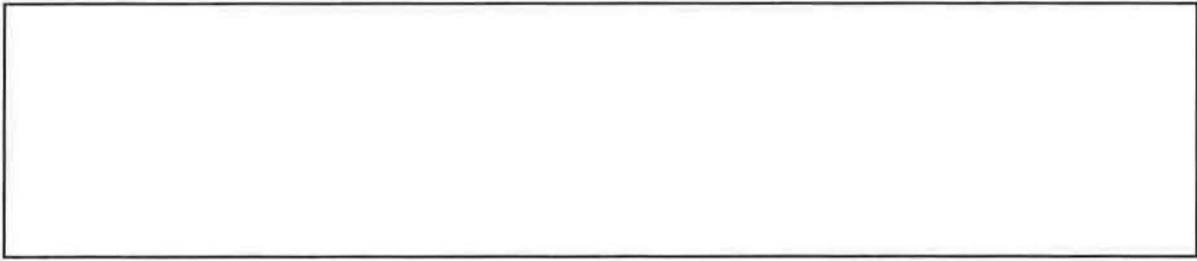
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Subject: HOT NEWS Presentations Available from the 20x2020 Hearing on March 14, 2012



HOT NEWS

Presentations Available from the 20x2020 Hearing on March 14, 2012

View presentations from the 20x2020 hearing on March 14, 2012:

- **Water Efficiency in the Sacramento Region**
 - **The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**
 - **CUWA Member Agencies**
 - **Looking Ahead: The Future of Urban Water Conservation**
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DATE: APRIL 6, 2012



COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM

Review Committee meeting minutes.

BACKGROUND

The following meetings were held for which meeting minutes are being provided:

- March 15, 2012, Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that your Honorable Board discuss the meeting minutes as appropriate.

ATTACHMENTS

- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Minutes

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NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MARCH 15, 2012

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Vierheilg called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Chairman Vierheilg and Director Gaddis were in attendance along with staff members Michael LeBrun, Lisa Bognuda and Tina Grietens. There were no members of the public present.

2. REVIEW EMPLOYEE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA)

The last COLA approved on July 1, 2009. Pursuant to Resolution 2006-1000, Staff computed the COLA for July 1, 2012 to be 3%. At the last Finance and Audit Committee Staff was directed to survey Templeton CSD, Heritage Ranch CSD and Cambria CSD and find out if they granted a COLA FY 2011-12 and if they plan to grant a COLA in FY 2012-13 as well as how they compute the COLA. Staff presented the findings to the Finance Committee. The prior year COLA's for the surveyed CSD's ranged from 2%-4% and this year's projected COLA ranges from 0% to 3%. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors they approve a 1.5% COLA effective July 1, 2012. This is ½ of the computed COLA of 3%.

3. REVIEW ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE DRAFT 2012-2103 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

The Committee reviewed the following schedules:

- Proposed Fixed Asset Purchases (Page 3A)
- Proposed Fleet Schedule (Page 3B)
- Proposed Funded Replacement Projects (Page 3C)
- Proposed Capital Improvement Projects (Pages 3D)
- Proposed Five Year Capital Improvement Plan (Pages 3E-3F)
- Proposed District Personnel (Page 3G)
- Proposed 2012-2013 Organizational Chart (Page 3H)

The Committee agreed to add a new computer server to Fixed Assets for \$20,000. The Committee also recommended that only two vehicles be replaced instead of three in Fiscal Year 2012-213 (one heavy duty utility truck and one light duty utility truck). Other minor corrections were suggested. Staff also discussed with the Committee the need to have a Personnel Committee meeting to discuss job descriptions/position reclassifications. Director Vierheilg and Gaddis are also on the Personnel Committee.

4. ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

The next Finance and Audit committee Meeting will be held on Friday, April 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.