TO:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** 

FROM:

MICHAEL S. LEBRUN MSL

GENERAL MANAGER

DATE:

JULY 06, 2012



## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

## **ITEM**

Standing report to your Honorable Board -- Period covered by this report is June 23, 2012 through July 6, 2012.

## **DISTRICT BUSINESS**

### **Administrative**

- Water bills for most of the District's west-side will mail on July 9. For these customers, this is
  the first bill that will represent two full irrigation months under the four-tier conservation rate
  structure your Board implemented on November 1, 2011. In preparation, door hanger notices
  were circulated to all customers with above normal water use alerting to the pending high bill.
  Additionally, District bills now show a breakdown of water use and charges by rate tier.
- July 3, 2012 County Public Works letter soliciting water supply projects to replace the District's supplemental water intertie pipeline project in the County's Prop. 84 Implementation Grant.

## **Connection Report**

Nipomo Community Services District Water and Sewer Connections	End of Month Report			2012			
	Dec-11	JAN-12	FEB-12	MAR-12	2 APR-12	MAY-12	JUN-12
Water Connections (Total)	4232	4232	4239	4239	4239	4240	4240
Sewer Connections (Total)	3022	3022	3035	3035	3035	3036	3036
Meters turned off (Non-payment)	23	28	22	18	28	13	39
Meters off (Vacant)	62	64	62	64	68	67	63
Sewer Connections off (Vacant)	20	24	22	22	27	28	25
New Water Connections	0	0	7	0	0	1	0
New Sewer Connection	0	0	13	0	0	1	0
Galaxy & PSHH at Orchard and Division Sewer Connections billed to the County	460	460	460	460	460	460	460

## Meetings

## Meetings attended:

- June 25, Water Resource Policy Committee
- June 25, call with SLOCO Public Works Director
- · June 27, regular Board Meeting
- June 28, Management Coordination
- June 29, NMMA Technical Group
- June 29, coordination with General Counsel
- July 2, coordination with Board Officers
- July 3, SLOCO Property Services and Planning regarding Park/Park and Ride proposal

## Meetings Scheduled:

- July 11, regular Board Meeting
- July 20, San Luis Obispo County CSDA Meeting

## Safety Program

No accidents incidents or injuries to report

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks direction and input from your Honorable Board

## **ATTACHMENTS**

July 3, 2012 County Letter

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# SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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July 3, 2012

«To\_Name»

Subject:

Proposition 84 Round 1 Implementation Grant -Water Supply Project

Solicitation

Dear «Name»:

On August 16, 2011, the San Luis Obispo County Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Region (SLO Region) was awarded \$10.4-million for the IRWM Plan's top three projects that were competitive for the grant (ready to proceed, regional, multiple benefits – quality, supply and flood control): Los Osos Wastewater Project (\$5.8-million), Flood Control Zone 1/1A Waterway Management Program (\$2.2-million), and Nipomo Supplemental Water Project (\$2.3-million). The need to identify a potential replacement water supply project for the implementation grant recently became apparent due to the Prop 218 assessment vote not passing in Nipomo.

The Nipomo Community Services District (NCSD) intended to secure funding of the Nipomo Supplemental Water Project through formation of an assessment district. However, the Prop 218 assessment vote did not pass, leaving the NCSD to secure alternative funding sources and/or consider an alternative scaled-down water supply project. The NCSD Board is considering a scaled-down water supply project and will determine whether or not it will move forward with such a project by mid-August 2012.

The State Department of Water Resources (DWR) has indicated that if the Nipomo Supplemental Water Project does not proceed, the SLO Region has the opportunity to replace that project with another water supply project that has been vetted though the IRWM process. Competitive projects are those that are ready to proceed, have adequate funding in place (with a maximum of \$1.2-million from the implementation grant funding), and have multiple/regional benefits. If your agency has eligible water supply project(s) for the Regional Water Management Group to consider, please submit information by July 31<sup>st</sup> (see submittal information below).

Please note that a related discussion will occur at the special Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) meeting scheduled for Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. County Public Works Staff will go to the County Board of Supervisors in late July/early August to seek direction to proceed with identifying a recommended replacement water supply project and to determine whether or not the County will submit projects to the

Regional Water Management Group for consideration. The two projects being considered are the Shandon and Santa Margarita State Water turn-outs, for the purpose of reducing dependence on the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin and drought reliability, respectively.

It is anticipated that the WRAC IRWM Subcommittee will review and evaluate the water supply projects submitted, and will make a recommendation for the potential replacement water supply project. On September 5<sup>th</sup>, the WRAC, as the main advisor to the RWMG for the region, will be considering what replacement project should be recommended to DWR via the County. Table 1 indicates the recommended implementation grant funds allocation should the Nipomo Supplemental Water Project not proceed.

TABLE 1							
Project	Grant Funding Requested (2010 application)	Grant Funding Award Distribution (Award by DWR 8/16/11)	Recommended Award with a Replacement Water Supply Project				
Los Osos Community Wastewater Project	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 5,845,444	\$7,000,000				
Flood Control Zone 1/1A Waterway Management	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000				
"Plan B" Replacement Water Supply Project	\$0	\$0	\$1,145,444				
IRWM Implementation Grant Administration	\$55,556	\$55,556	\$55,556				
TOTAL	\$11,555,556	\$10,401,000	\$10,401,000				

Please provide information, using the attached form, on water supply projects your agency would like the Regional Water Management Group to consider <u>by July 31<sup>st</sup></u>. Project information should be submitted to:

County of San Luis Obispo, Public Works Department Attn: Courtney Howard/ Carolyn Berg County Government Center, Room 207

San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

choward@co.slo.ca.us; cberg@co.slo.ca.us

Please note that should NCSD determine that it will move forward with a water supply project, water supply projects collected during this solicitation will be considered for the upcoming Round 2 IRWM Implementation Funding cycle (in addition to other projects collected in a subsequent project solicitation period).

We appreciate your adherence with this schedule, so that project evaluation and recommendations can be adequately performed.

Sincerely,

COURTNEY HOWARD, P.E.

Water Resources Engineer for IRWM Lead Agency

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«M\_1\_Name»

«M 2 Name»

«M\_3\_Name»

Attachment

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TO:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** 

FROM:

MICHAEL S. LEBRUN WM

GENERAL MANAGER

DATE:

JULY 6, 2012

**AGENDA ITEM** 

JULY 11, 2012

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## <u>ITEM</u>

Review Committee meeting minutes.

## BACKGROUND

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

June 25, 2012 Water Resources Policy Committee

## RECOMMENDATION

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

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Water Resources Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

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## NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

## MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012 10:00 A.M.

# SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ED EBY, CHAIRMAN MIKE WINN, MEMBER PRINCIPAL STAFF
MICHAEL S. LEBRUN, GENERAL MANAGER
LISA BOGNUDA, ASST GM/FINANCE DIRECTOR
JON SEITZ, GENERAL COUNSEL
PETER SEVCIK, DISTRICT ENGINEER

## MEETING LOCATION - District Board Room 148 S. Wilson Street, Nipomo, California

## CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Eby called the Special Meeting of June 25, 2012, to order at 10 a.m. and led the flag salute. At roll call, both committee members were present.

## 2. REVIEW COMMITTEE PURPOSE, GOALS, AND PROCESS

Staff introduced the item and gave an overview of the committee process. There was no public comment. Committee directed to staff to continue with effort to develop a scaled down version of an intertie project with City of Santa Maria

## 3. FORMATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL WATER ALTERNATIVES EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Staff introduced the item. Director Eby and Director Winn discussed the process followed in developing the draft bylaws.

### **Public Comment:**

<u>San Saltoun</u>, Nipomo resident, stated he likes the draft bylaws and feels the committee may need to consider both near-term and long-term water resources solutions.

<u>Dave Watson</u>, Nipomo resident, likes the idea of a citizens' committee. Looks forward to making an application himself. States the financial members may need to be versed in both public and private financing approaches.

<u>John Hollenbeck</u>, Atascadero resident and interested person expressed interest for serving on the committee. He expressed concerns over committee membership potentially precluding future contract opportunities.

Committee members Eby and Winn further discussed draft bylaws and directed edits to the bylaws.

Chairman Eby reopened public comment.

<u>John Hollenbeck</u>, voiced concern that some committee members may become uninterested or have difficulty staying engaged in the review process if their knowledge base is too narrow.

The Committee responded that there would be ample work for all committee members and that diversity of background will be considered on selection.

The process forward to develop the citizens' Supplemental Water Alternatives Evaluation Committee is;

- Forward the proposal to form the committee and the draft proposed bylaws to the full NCSD Board for consideration.
- Should the Board approve formation of the citizen's committee; the Policy Committee will form a Selection Committee per the bylaws formula, develop qualifications for membership and an application form.

#### Committee Direction to Staff:

The Committee directed that the draft bylaws for the citizens' committee, as amended, be presented to the Board of Directors and General Counsel, with the Committee recommendation that a citizen's committee be formed to evaluate supplemental water alternatives.

#### Additional Public Comment:

<u>Sam Saltoun</u>, Nipomo resident, commented that the federal government requires members of citizens' review/selection committees sign disclosure statements and agree to a three year 'non-involvement' clause to avoid the appearance of conflict.

<u>John Hollenbeck</u>, commented that perhaps there could be additional non-voting members of the committee that, given their non-voting status, could maintain the right to be considered for any work the committee's recommendation might result in.

## 4. STATUS REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTAL WATER PROJECT (SANTA MARIA INTERTIE PIPELINE) PHASING TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Staff introduced the item and reviewed the staff report. The District gave the project consultant (AECOM) notice to proceed on June 18. In accordance with the approved budget and schedule, a draft feasibility review is due on or about July 16. The Policy Committee would consider the draft memo, provide feedback and direct a final draft be prepared for review by the Board of Directors.

The Policy Committee expressed concern about the County's willingness to keep the District in consideration for the \$2.3M Department of Water Resources grant award and asked if AECOM might be able to complete the review more quickly.

#### Committee Direction to Staff:

Keep the Committee and Board of Directors apprised on AECOM's progress.

## 5. SET NEXT WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee tentatively set Monday July 2, 2012, 10am as next meeting.

#### ADJOURN

Chairman Eby adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.