

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: MICHAEL S. LEBRUN *ML*
GENERAL MANAGER
DATE: SEPTEMBER 5, 2014

AGENDA ITEM
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SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM

Standing report to your Honorable Board -- *Period covered by this report is August 9, 2014 through September 5, 2014.*

DISTRICT BUSINESS

Administrative

- The District's water supply is in trouble and the drought is making conditions worse. Demand for water in our area has increased steadily since the 1970's. All water needs across the Nipomo Mesa continue to be met by groundwater pumping – no other supply exists. On September 4th, the District conducted workshops to update the community on water supply conditions, the drought, and the District's response. Approximately, 100 members of the community attended the workshops.
- Nipomo area groundwater is in a *potentially severe* water shortage condition as defined by the court appointed group that monitors basin health. The District remains in Stage II (2) conditions in accordance with our recently adopted Water Shortage Response and Management Plan
- A renewed conservation outreach message "Reduce Your Use" is underway. The District Board of Directors has set a goal for 30% reduction in District groundwater pumping. Achieving this goal will help avoid the need for more severe cutbacks in the future.
- In July 2014 the District pumped 245 acre feet of water which equates to about 80 million gallons. July 2014 pumping is **15.7% lower** than the average for July 2009-2013. August pumping totals were not available in time for the agenda and will be provided at the meeting.
- The District uses escalating block water pricing to encourage water conservation. Water in the highest block cost 300% more than in the lowest. By design, escalating prices *reward* conservation and *penalize* water waste.
- Drought rates and/or water use restrictions may be necessary to further encourage water conservation if drought continues. Drought rates (premiums on top of existing rates) would impact all water rates and significantly increase the cost of water in top pricing blocks.
- Construction of the District's supplemental water pipeline is progressing on schedule, with initial water deliveries expected by July 2015.
- The District is actively recruiting to fill three vacancies. Ms. Luisa Cahua has accepted an offer of full-time employment with the District as a Secretary/Clerk and began her new role on August 25, 2014.
- The three seats on the Board of Directors will expire this December. Three candidates filed to fill the seats by the election deadline. No election will be held. The new term for the three seats will begin on December 5 and will be filled by Director Dan Gaddis, former Director Ed Eby, and newly elected Director Dan Woodson. The first Regular meeting of the new Board will be Wednesday December 10.

- In accordance with State requirements, the District has posted a record of reimbursements to officers and employees for fiscal 2013-2014 (attached).
- On August 14, the District received notification that it was selected to receive the 2014 McMurchie Excellence in Safety Award (attached). The award will be presented at the CSDA annual conference and Director Harrison will receive the award on the District's behalf.
- On August 22, the District received notice and recognition for having no paid property liability or worker's compensation claims for 2013-2014 fiscal year (attached).
- On August 27, staff renewed the contract with Science Discovery to provide conservation education to grade school students in the Nipomo community. The Science Discovery contract value for the coming year is \$2,000.
- On August 28, the District received a letter of appreciation for participating in statewide flood planning efforts (attached).
- On August 29, Dr. Brad Newton, on the District's behalf, provided a review of the County's technical memorandum characterizing the Santa Maria groundwater basin (attached).

Public Outreach

The following Public Outreach Program materials are provided:

- A summary of outreach and education activities
- Recent newsletter, press releases and press release log
- District related news coverage

Safety Program

- There was a minor vehicle accident involving two District service vehicles at the Southland facility. Damage was under \$5,000 and there were no injuries. Accident reports were completed by both staff involved. The District Safety officer has reviewed the accident reports, conducted post-accident investigation and training.

Customer Service Contact

During August 2014, four hundred and forty-three (443) customers came to the District office with service inquiries. Office administrative staff received an additional three hundred and twenty (320) phone call service inquiries during the month. Ninety percent (90%) of the inquiries were regarding billing and/or bill payment.

Fire Hydrant Metered Use

The District provides limited water sales via metered fire hydrant for construction and other in District requests and local county projects. Project specific hydrant meters are set upon request and a hydrant located adjacent to the District office is outfitted with a meter for common use.

During August 2014, two project specific hydrants were in service and metered a combined ninety-six (96) units of water use (72,000 gallons). Nearly 100% of this use is attributed to Speiss Construction and their work constructing the District Supplemental Water facilities. Additionally, nineteen (19) units of water (~14,250 gallons) were utilized at the common hydrant meter for County projects, including street sweeping.

Connection Report

Nipomo Community Services District
 Water and Sewer Connections

END OF MONTH CONNECTION REPORT 2014

	DEC-13	JAN-14	FEB-14	MAR-14	APR-14	MAY-14	JUN-14	JUL-14	AUG-14
Water Connections (Total)	4312	4313	4313	4314	4315	4315	4315	4319	4321
Sewer Connections (Total)	3104	3104	3104	3105	3107	3108	3108	3111	3112
Meters turned off (Non-payment)	37	11	19	6	28	13	38	15	25
Meters off (Vacant)	32	44	46	49	46	47	49	46	45
Sewer Connections off (Vacant)	11	12	14	16	16	17	18	16	16
New Water Connections	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	4	2
New Sewer Connection	2	0	0	1	2	1	0	3	1
Galaxy & PSHH at Orchard and Division Sewer Connections billed to the County	463	463	463	463	463	464	464	464	464

Other Items and News of Interest (Attachments to this Report)

- San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors August 19, 2014 Agenda
- San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors September 9, 2014 Agenda
- Atascadero Mutual Water Company annual survey of area water rates.
- Groundwater Regulations Assembly Bill 1739 and Senate Bill 1168 – news article and legislative summary.
- Soquel Creek Water Board delays plan to implement customer specific rationing criteria – news article.

Meetings

Meetings Attended (telephonically or in person):

- August 12, DWR Statewide Flood Master Plan
- August 13, Regular Board Meeting
- August 14, Quarterly All Staff Safety Meeting
- August 14, and 21, Management Coordination
- August 15, Board Officers
- August 19 and Sept 2, Director of Engineering and Operations
- August 20 and Sept 3, Director of Public Information
- August 21, NMMA Purveyors
- August 21, Blosser Road Water Main bid opening
- August 22, Board Officers and 4th District Supervisor Candidate Compton
- August 22, SLO County Special District General Managers
- August 27, Blacklake Development Presentation
- August 29, Board Officers
- September 2, Outreach and Rate Consultants
- September 3, Special Board Meeting
- September 3, Solid Waste Committee
- September 4, KSBY Interview
- September 4, Public Workshops

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Meetings Scheduled:

- *September 8, NMMA Technical Group*
- *September 9, County Energy Watch Program*
- *September 10, Southland Ribbon Cutting/Regular Board Meeting*
- *September 11 and 25, Management Coordination*
- *September 12 and 15, Customer Service Interviews*
- *September 15, Board Officers*
- *September 16, Blacklake Management Association*
- *September 17, CSDA SLO County Chapter*

RECOMMENDATION

Staff seeks direction and input from your Honorable Board

ATTACHMENTS

- A. 2013-2014 Reimbursement Report
- B. Safety Award Notification
- C. Property/Liability and Worker's Compensation recognition
- D. Flood Planning Participation
- E. Review of County Basin Characterization
- F. District Outreach Materials
- G. August 19, County Board of Supervisors Agenda
- H. September 9, County Board of Supervisors Agenda
- I. Rate Comparison
- J. Groundwater Regulation news and summary
- K. Soquel Creek Water District news

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NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

POST OFFICE BOX 326 NIPOMO, CA 93444

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RECORD OF REIMBURSEMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL CHARGES OF \$100 OR MORE TO OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES (CA. GOVT. CODE SECTION 53065.5)

JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>NATURE OF CHARGE</u>
07/29/13	140.00	Derek Calleja	Wastewater Exam Fee Reimbursement
09/18/13	120.00	Rigo Rodriguez	Boot Reimbursement
10/03/13	492.24	Derek Calljea	Travel Reimbursement
10/03/13	492.24	Francisco Maldonado	Travel Reimbursement
11/12/13	120.00	Scott German	Boot Reimbursement
01/15/14	120.00	Tyler Voelker	Boot Reimbursement
04/04/14	737.04	Richard Fernandez	Travel Reimbursement
05/22/14	114.68	Derek Calleja	Book Reimbursement
05/22/14	1035.76	Dan Gaddis	Travel Reimbursement
05/28/14	985.16	Bob Blair	Travel Reimbursement
05/28/14	934.50	James Harrison	Travel Reimbursement

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August 14, 2014

Mr. Michael LeBrun
General Manager
Nipomo Community Services District
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Nipomo, California 93444

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**NIPOMO COMMUNITY
SERVICES DISTRICT**

**Re: 2014 McMurchie Excellence in Safety Award
Workers' Compensation Program - Small Member Category**

Dear Mr. LeBrun:

We are pleased to inform you that at the August 7, 2014 Board meeting, the SDRMA Board of Directors selected Nipomo Community Services District as the small member category recipient of the McMurchie Excellence in Safety Award for the Workers' Compensation Program. Nipomo Community Services District was selected as a result of low Experience Modifier of .84, longevity in our program and earning 14 Credit Incentive Points for the 2013-14 program year.

Each year, SDRMA recognizes Safety Award recipients at the CSDA Annual Conference. This year's conference will be held at the Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel in Palm Springs, California. SDRMA Board President David Aranda will present the award to the District's representative during the SDRMA Awards Breakfast on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

There is no cost for CSDA and SDRMA members attending the Awards Breakfast. However, SDRMA Board Policy provides reimbursement for the following expenses for one District representative to attend and receive the award:

- Round-trip transportation to attend the conference Awards Breakfast on Wednesday, October 1, 2014
- One night's hotel accommodations and dinner (if applicable)

Please contact Wendy Tucker, Sr. Member Services Specialist at 800.537.7790 by September 5, 2014 to confirm the District's representative's attendance at the conference.

Congratulations on Nipomo Community Services District's selection as the McMurchie Excellence in Safety Award recipient for 2014!

Sincerely,
Special District Risk Management Authority

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Dennis J. Timoney, ARM
Chief Risk Officer

September 10, 2014

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August 22, 2014

Mr. Craig Armstrong
Board President
Nipomo Community Services District
Post Office Box 326
Nipomo, California 93444-0326



Re: No Paid Property/Liability Claims in 2013-14

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

This letter is to formally acknowledge the dedicated efforts of the Nipomo Community Services District's Governing Body, management and staff towards proactive risk management and loss prevention training. Your agency's efforts have resulted in no "paid" property/liability claims for program year 2013-14. A "paid" claim for the purposes of this recognition represents the first payment on an open claim during the prior program year and excludes property claims. This is a great accomplishment!

It is through the efforts of members such as Nipomo Community Services District that SDRMA has been able to continue providing affordable property/liability coverage to over 481 public agencies throughout California. In fact, 406 members or 84% in the property/liability program had no "paid" claims in program year 2013-14.

In addition to this annual recognition, members with no "paid" claims during 2013-14 earn 2 credit incentive points (CIPs) thereby reducing their annual contribution amount. Also, members with no "paid" claims for at least 3 consecutive program years may receive a lower "risk factor" which also reduces their annual contribution amount.

As SDRMA is dedicated to serving its members and preventing claims, we would appreciate your agency taking a moment and sharing with us what made your District successful in preventing property/liability losses. Our goal is to incorporate your successful ideas and suggestions into our loss prevention programs to benefit all members of SDRMA. Please forward any comments or suggestions to Dennis Timoney, SDRMA Chief Risk Officer at dtimoney@sdrma.org.

On behalf of the SDRMA Board of Directors and staff, it is my honor to congratulate the Governing Body, management and staff of Nipomo Community Services District for their commitment to proactive risk management and loss prevention training.

Sincerely,
Special District Risk Management Authority

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David Aranda, President
Board of Directors

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Re: No Paid Workers' Compensation Claims in 2013-14

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

This letter is to formally acknowledge the dedicated efforts of the Nipomo Community Services District's Governing Body, management and staff towards proactive loss prevention and workplace safety. Your agency's efforts have resulted in no "paid" workers' compensation claims for program year 2013-14. A "paid" claim for the purposes of this recognition represents the first payment on an open claim during the prior program year. This is a great accomplishment!

It is through the efforts of members such as Nipomo Community Services District that SDRMA has been able to continue providing affordable workers' compensation coverage to over 407 public agencies throughout California. In fact, 244 members or 60% in the workers' compensation program had no "paid" claims in program year 2013-14.

In addition to this annual recognition, members with no "paid" claims during 2013-14 earn 2 credit incentive points (CIPs) thereby reducing their annual contribution amount. Also, members without claims receive a lower "experience modification factor" (EMOD) which also reduces their annual contribution amount.

As SDRMA is dedicated to serving its members and preventing claims, we would appreciate your agency taking a moment and sharing with us what made your District successful in preventing work related injuries. Our goal is to incorporate your successful ideas and suggestions into our loss prevention programs to benefit all members of SDRMA. Please forward any ideas or suggestions to Dennis Timoney, SDRMA Chief Risk Officer at dtimoney@sdrma.org.

On behalf of the SDRMA Board of Directors and staff, it is my privilege to congratulate the Governing Body, management and staff of Nipomo Community Services District for their commitment to proactive loss prevention and safety in the workplace.

Sincerely,
Special District Risk Management Authority

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David Aranda, President
Board of Directors

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ATTACHMENT D

August 28, 2014

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NIPOMO COMMUNITY
SERVICES DISTRICT

STATEWIDE FLOOD
MANAGEMENT
PLANNING PROGRAM



Mr. Michael LeBrun, General Manager
Nipomo Community Services District
148 South Wilson Street
Nipomo, California 93444

Dear Mr. LeBrun:

On behalf of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), I would like to thank you for the cooperation and courtesy extended during the information-gathering meeting to representatives of the Statewide Flood Management Planning (SFMP) Program on Tuesday, August 12, 2014.

The SFMP Program is led by DWR through the FloodSAFE initiative and the Integrated Water Management (IWM) effort. The SFMP Program will help guide State decisions and inform federal management programs about policies and financial investments related to IWM throughout California.

The information you provided will assist the SFMP Program to produce the Public Review Draft of *California's Water Management Investment Strategy: Using an Integrated Water Management Approach for a Sustainable Future*. The Investment Strategy will provide recommendations for improving and financing implementation of IWM. The final IWM Investment Strategy will be released in 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Seits at mark.seits@hdrinc.com or at (858) 712-8312. I can be reached at (559) 230-3317 or at ed.perez@water.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Edward V. Perez
Engineer, Water Resources
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3374 East Shields Avenue, Room A-15
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cc: John D'Ornellas, General Manager
Heritage Ranch Community Services District
4870 Heritage Road
Paso Robles, California 93446

David Athey, Director of Public Works
City of Atascadero
6500 Palma Avenue
Atascadero, California 93422

August 28, 2014

STATEWIDE FLOOD
M A N A G E M E N T
P L A N N I N G P R O G R A M

Mr. David Athey, Director of Public Works
City of Atascadero
6500 Palma Avenue
Atascadero, California 93422



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August 28, 2014

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TO: Michael LeBrun
RE: Review TM No. 2
DATE: August 29, 2014
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- 1 west, not making the southern turn but continue straight to most west well on I at
2 coast.
- 3 3. Cross-Section A-A' differs in the description of formations at depth between the
4 Santa Maria Fault and Wilmar Avenue Fault, as compared to Cross-Sections B-B'
5 and C-C' to the north. What is the basis for the interpretation of formations at
6 depth along A-A'?
- 7 4. In cross-sections B-B', C-C', D-D', is the characterization of the contact between Qa
8 or Qoa and QTpr along Wilmar Avenue fault at the channel boundary supported
9 by data? If not, then please use dashed line with question marks.
- 10 5. In cross-sections F-F', is the characterization of the contact between Qa and QTpr,
11 and Qds and Tot and FF, along Wilmar Avenue fault supported by data? If not,
12 then please use dashed line with question marks.
- 13 6. In cross-sections G-G', QTpt and Qds at Qa is dashed with question marks. Should
14 the characterization of the contact between Qa and QTpr and Qds along Los Berros
15 Creek also be dashed with question marks?
- 16 7. In cross-sections H-H', I-I', J-J', is the characterization of the contact between Qa
17 and QTpr at the channel boundaries supported by data? If not, then please use
18 dashed line with question marks.

19 **Performance of six pumping tests**

- 20 1. Previous Studies Section: page 13, last sentence of first paragraph.
21 "things" -> "thins"
- 22 2. Previous Studies Section: NMMA is explicitly referenced while no reference is
23 made to NCMA, instead city names or water district names are used. Recommend
24 a balanced approach to nomenclature and area referencing.
- 25 3. Aquifer Parameters Section: page 14, first paragraph defines terms subsequently
26 used in the text. However, the next paragraph uses "permeability" without a
27 formal definition in the above paragraph, yet notes that permeability is "hydraulic
28 conductivity". Permeability (L²) is not the same as hydraulic conductivity (L/T),
29 despite the common mixed use. Recommend defining all parameters used and
30 include dimensions or units, along with symbols.
- 31 4. 2014 Aquifer Tests Section: Recommend referencing all data descriptions to
32 specific Figure or Plot.

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RE: Review TM No. 2
DATE: August 29, 2014
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1 **Evaluation of surface water infiltration**

- 2 1. No comment.

3 **Assessment of areas for supplemental recharge**

- 4 1. General comment: Generally, recharge ponds will work best when located farther
5 inland over semi-confined to unconfined aquifers, whereas injection wells will
6 work best when located near the coast in confined aquifer conditions. Recharge
7 ponds would be best supplied by capturing storm water runoff, whereas injection
8 wells would be best supplied with recycled water from local treatment plants.
9 This general scenario would allow for aerially dispersed recharge at the inland,
10 upgradient side of the major production zones, and specific aquifer focused
11 recharge along the coast to prevent seawater intrusion.

12 **Elevation of offshore aquifers and seawater intrusion**

- 13 1. Previous Studies Section: page 34 – 35, there should be a paragraph between Todd
14 (2007) and NCMA 2013 Annual Report that summarizes NCMA 2009 Annual
15 Report, specifically describing the water quality observations in 30N02 from
16 5/11/2009 to 1/26/2010, and the response of municipal water agency to reduce
17 pumping and purchase surface water thus mitigating groundwater stress which
18 resulted in the water quality rebound.
- 19 2. Evaluation: page 36, last paragraph discusses the notable decline in groundwater
20 levels along the coast occurring between 2007 and 2009, but neglects to mention
21 the response of municipal water agency to reduce pumping and purchase surface
22 water thus mitigating groundwater stress as a significant contribution to recovery.
- 23 3. Evaluation: page 37, third paragraph describes the NCMA coastal sentry well
24 network. There should be a sentence specifically describing the water quality
25 observations of TDS and Chloride in 30N02 (screened from 175'-255') from
26 5/11/2009 to 1/26/2010, and the response of municipal water agency to reduce
27 pumping and purchase surface water thus mitigating groundwater stress which
28 resulted in the water quality rebound.

29 **Selection of four wells for installation of permanent pressure**
30 **transducers**

- 31 1. No comment.

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RE: Review TM No. 2
DATE: August 29, 2014
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1 **Summary**

- 2 1. No comment.

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**NCSO Outreach Summary
September 2014**

Date Started	Outreach	Description	Status	Date Completed
2/28/2014	Brochure	Creation of "Detecting Leaks" insert for "Water Meter" brochure	In Progress	
6/3/2014	Social Media	Creation of District social media accounts for information distribution	In Progress	
6/5/2014	Emergency Information	Pre-written emergency communications for local news, website, online outlets	In Progress	
6/12/2014	Social Media	Creation/review of District social media policy	In Progress	
7/10/2014	Emergency Communication Plan	Development of District's Emergency Communications Plan	In Progress	
7/8/2014	Truck Wrapping	Wrapping trucks with conservation messaging	In Design	
8/7/2014	Press Release	District's July Pumping Decreases – Conservation Efforts Recognized	Complete	8/8/2014
8/8/2014	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	8/11/2014
7/8/2014	District Newsletter	2014 3rd quarter newsletter for August distribution	Complete	8/18/2014
8/15/2014	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	8/18/2014
8/18/2014	Ad	Conservation 1/4 page ad in 8/22 Adobe	Complete	8/19/2014
8/19/2014	Press Release	Nipomo CSD Fall Election Decided!	Complete	8/20/2014
8/22/2014	Press Release	Nipomo CSD Holding Town Hall Meetings to Discuss Rates	Complete	8/22/2014
8/22/2014	Manager's Column	Article 19 for Manager's Column in Adobe Press, pub date 8/29	Complete	8/25/2014
8/25/2014	Chamber Newsletter	Conservation ad for Chamber of Commerce September newsletter	Complete	8/25/2014
8/22/2014	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	8/25/2014

**NCSO Outreach Summary
September 2014**

Date Started	Outreach	Description	Status	Date Completed
8/18/2014	SWWTF Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	Ordered keychains to commemorate project completion and Ceremony	Complete	8/25/2014
8/25/2014	Ad	Conservation 1/4 page ad in 8/29 Adobe	Complete	8/26/2014
8/25/2014	Ad	Town Hall 1/4 page ad in 8/29 Adobe	Complete	8/26/2014
8/20/2014	Conservation Banners	Movement and placement of conservation banners at District Office, Southland facility, Mary & Juniper	Complete	8/27/2014
8/21/2014	SWWTF Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	Creation and mailing of Ribbon Cutting Ceremony invitation	Complete	8/27/2014
8/28/2014	Conservation Education	Coordination with Native Garden regarding conservation education and Children's Garden ideas	Complete	8/28/2014
9/2/2014	Ad	Conservation 1/4 page ad in 9/5 Adobe	Complete	9/2/2014
8/29/2014	Chamber Email Blast	Conservation Tip for Chamber of Commerce weekly email update	Complete	9/2/2014
9/2/2014	Press Release	Nipomo CSD to Celebrate Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility Upgrade Completion	Complete	9/2/2014
8/8/2014	Website Updates	Conservation page update; press releases; reports; job posting updates	Complete; Ongoing	9/3/2014
8/22/2014	Recruitment	Creation and mailing of recruitment information for Wastewater Supervisor/Chief Plant Operator	Complete	9/3/2014
8/7/2014	Conservation Education	Review/coordination of Science Discovery's newsletter for upcoming 2014-2015 conservation education in local schools	Complete	9/4/2014
8/4/2014	Town Hall Meetings	Town Hall Meetings at Blacklake and NCSO Board Room regarding SW Rates and Water Shortage Response	Complete	9/4/2014

**NCSO Outreach Summary
September 2014**

Date Started	Outreach	Description	Status	Date Completed
9/4/2014	Ad	Special full page ad for Adobe's "Discover Nipomo" issue	In Progress	
9/5/2014	SWWTF Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	Creation of Ribbon Cutting Ceremony program and script	In Progress	

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Our Website Has Resources for You

CONSERVATION TIPS

The District's website provides tips on how to reduce water use at home. Visit www.ncsd.ca.gov and click on the "Conservation" quick link in the upper right of the home page.

SIGN UP FOR NEWS AND ALERTS

Sign-up on our website to receive meeting, news, and/or emergency notifications from the District.

YOU CAN ALSO CALL OR EMAIL ANY TIME

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, we want to hear from you. Feel free to contact us at info@ncsd.ca.gov or at 805-929-1133.

Go to: www.ncsd.ca.gov

Conservation Has No Age Limit

The District works with Science Discovery to provide conservation education in local schools. Students in grades 3-6 at Dorothea Lange Elementary and Nipomo Elementary submitted water conservation posters as part of a contest. All winners' art is displayed at the District office.



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- **Bringing in a New Supply of Supplemental Water**
- **Proposed Supplemental Water Charges**
- **Drought Response**



Drought Worsens and District Takes Action

Join Us at a Public Meeting to Learn More About Our Response to the Drought and About Proposed Supplemental Water Rates

Nipomo's water supply is in trouble. Our declining groundwater levels have been made worse by one of the most severe droughts in recent history. The District has been actively addressing water supply issues to ensure a sustainable water supply now and in the long-term.

See the Inside Pages to Learn How we Are Ensuring Community Water Supplies and What You Can Do To Help

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How We Have Responded to the Drought and are Meeting Community Water Supply Needs

Here Is What We are Doing

1. Implementing Water Shortage Response Program

This program, approved this spring, outlines the steps to be taken by the District during water shortages. The program has five stages and we are currently in Stage II. Because of the continued drought the District is asking for all customers to do their part in helping us achieve a 30% cutback in overall water use.

Achieving this goal will help reduce the possibility for more severe cutbacks in the future. Cutting water use is critical for another reason: as groundwater levels fall below sea level, this creates an increased risk of seawater intrusion and contamination of our groundwater with salty ocean water.

2. Bringing in a Supplemental Water Source

After years of engineering, environmental studies and public debate, an agreement is in place to buy water from Santa Maria. Construction is underway and delivery of the supplemental water is scheduled to begin in summer 2015.



Proposed New Supplemental Water Charge

When supplemental water deliveries begin, we will need to add a supplemental water charge to our customers' bills

The District's water rates are among the lowest in the region due to use of low-cost groundwater. However, this new water source requires an additional charge to pay for it.

Cost of Supplemental Water to Be Shared. The cost of the supplemental water pipeline as well as the water purchased from Santa Maria will be shared with our three neighboring water agencies.

Details of the Proposed Charge. The additional charge for supplemental water is proposed to include two amounts—a fixed charge for the facilities required to bring the water to Nipomo and a volume charge based on the amount of water used.

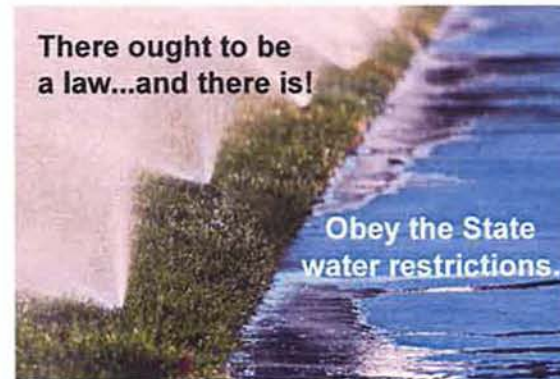
Average \$18 per month additional Cost. Average water use for a single family household is 36 units (about 27,000 gallons) per two-month billing cycle. The total bill for customers with median use is expected to be approximately \$18 per month more than the current bill (\$36 more per two-month billing cycle). This includes the supplemental water charges as well as a previously approved rate increase scheduled for fall 2014. Additional increases will be needed in the following years as additional pipeline facilities are completed and the volume of supplemental water delivered to Nipomo increases.

Drought Rates to Be Considered Next Year. If there is not adequate rainfall this coming winter, the groundwater level may fall to a severe level requiring mandatory water use cutbacks. The District is developing drought rates that would be implemented at that time to incentivize customers to further reduce their usage and to make up for the revenue loss from reduced water sales. A full public process to review planned drought rates will be undertaken next year.

The proposed supplemental rates are volume-based so customers who use less water will pay less and those who use more water will pay increasingly higher bills.

Here's What You Can Do To Reduce Your Use

Save Water, Save Money & Protect Limited Groundwater



Customers Cut Water Use Over 15% in July
THANK YOU!

But We Need a
30% Cut Back

If we all do our part, we can prevent damage to our aquifer during this extended drought and stay in compliance with State regulations.

Outdoors

- Cut down watering of landscapes. Most water usage is outdoors. It's OK to have brown spots in your lawn. The lawn will come back.
- Check irrigation system timers to insure settings are correct and watering times are minimized.
- Check for irrigation system leaks and overspray.

Indoors

- Check for leaks. Toilets are often "silent culprits." Stop by the office for free toilet tabs.
- Take shorter showers.
- Only wash full loads.
- Capture warm-up water from showers and sinks in buckets to flush toilets and water plants.

Follow State Prohibitions on Water Waste

Customers May Be Contacted by the District for Violations of the State Prohibitions

Your water District is requiring all customers to follow the State's emergency conservation regulations which prohibit the following:

- Watering outdoor landscapes so heavily that it causes runoff.
- Washing vehicles with a hose not fitted with a shut-off nozzle.
- Washing sidewalks and driveways except for health and safety purposes.
- Using potable water in a fountain that does not have a recirculation system.

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Conservation Information, Tips and Rebates at www.ncsd.ca.gov

Inside NCSD

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There are several ways to reduce your use indoors and outdoors.

The largest water consumption is outside, where landscaping is being excessively watered. You can see some significant water savings if you cut down your irrigation or turn it off altogether.

In an effort to do our part and reduce water use, the district has cut landscape irrigation, so you may begin to see some browning around the NCSD office.

The district has been actively promoting water conservation through our "Reduce Your Use" campaign, which provides tips on how customers can reduce water use and help keep overall district pumping down.

You may have seen some district banners around town and information items in your mail promoting the campaign.

The district's website also provides helpful tips and resources. I encourage you to visit our site at www.ncsd.ca.gov.

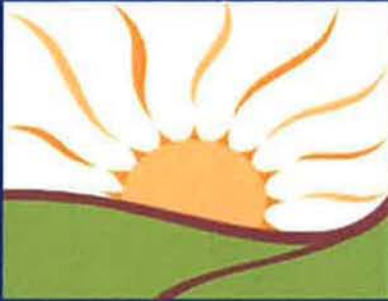
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Thank you to those who have already been reducing use. Let's keep up the good work.

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Richard Malvarose
Chamber President
Nipomo Properties

Monday News

August 18, 2014

Nipomo Chamber
Tuesday Morning Toast

Tuesday, August 19th
Nipomo Cowgirl Café
8:00-9:00am

501 Orchard Rd.
Nipomo

TMT is a great opportunity to meet and network with local community members and gain exposure for your business! Come enjoy breakfast or just a cup of coffee in this casual and fun setting!

Concerts on the Course
At Blacklake Golf Resort

Wednesday August 20th
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Urban Jazz

Chamber Hours

Monday through Friday
9 am to 5 pm

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Did you know...

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REDUCE YOUR USE

For more information on how to reduce water use, visit
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*Nipomo Chamber of Commerce
presents*

*32nd Annual
Nipomo's Best*

Octoberfest

October 11th-12th

Nipomo Regional Park

225 Pomeroy

(corner of Pomeroy & Tefft St.)

*This year is sure to be the biggest and best year
ever! We are excited to offer and bigger and
better kids attractions including rides, bouncers,
pony rides, face painting and more!*

*Are you a football fan and don't want to miss
your big game? The Beer garden will offer a
football tent for college and NFL game viewing!*

SPEAKING OUT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Always use the good stuff

Now what is the county waiting for, a car to fall in the potholes on West Tefft Street and Mary Avenue? Use the real asphalt this time, not cold mix, and it will last longer and be cheaper, as you won't have to do it each month.

Carm Myers
Nipomo

Gov. Brown earns praise

On his recent trip to Mexico, Gov. Brown and Mexican officials signed a climate pact that calls for promoting renewable energy, studying ways to control ozone-eating pollutants and sharing information on useful strategies. Although the governor has

been criticized for allowing hydraulic fracturing of California's Monterey shale, he has made addressing climate change one of the centerpiece of his administration.

He's been strong in enforcing the California Global Warming Solutions Act, which places limits on major polluters, and signed the law that requires a third of the state's electricity generation come from renewable sources.

While I am one of Gov. Brown's critics on fracking, I applaud his efforts to link drought in the west to global warming and to meet with scientists to be better informed on climate impacts. He uses the urgency of getting the word out on climate change: "That is why California is not acting alone."

We've already signed agreements with Washington and Oregon, British Columbia (and China ... to seek the same kinds of agreements to work on collaborative efforts to reduce the generation of heat-trapping gases."

Gov. Brown has also been strong in calling out the climate change deniers in Congress and demanding so be it that greenhouse reduction legislation, like a revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend.

Recent reports make it clear a carbon fee/dividend is a win for the economy and the environment.

Longer droughts, acidified oceans and melting ice caps makes it imperative that we act now.

TED HAMILTON
San Luis Obispo

Kranky



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New Tech High plans fundraising Casino Night

New Tech High School in Nipomo will hold a fundraiser next month and is seeking sponsorships to support this alternative high school located on the same campus as Nipomo High School. The second Casino Night will be held Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Oceano Community Center at 1425 70th St.

The donation for the event is only \$40 per person, and all proceeds will benefit the students and teachers of New Tech High.

Hosted by Casino Knights, the event will include a dinner from 5 to 6 p.m. and gaming from 6 to 9 p.m. with blackjack, craps and roulette, plus raffle prizes and a top chip-holder prize.

For more information about attending or sponsoring the event, call Jason Kaufman at 748-6070 or Sondi Farrell at 801-9120.

The Nipomo Chamber of Commerce will present the 32nd annual Nipomo's Best Octoberfest on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 11 and 12, at



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of Nipomo
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Frederick

Nipomo Community Park, and it promises to be the biggest and best ever.

The event will provide bigger and better kids attractions, including rides, bounce houses, pony rides, face painting and more. The beer garden will offer a football tent for college and NFL game viewing.

On Saturday, headliner bands

Steppin' Out and the Mean Gene Band will perform along with the Battles of the Bands w/ton or from last year, the Spaces Between.

Returning Sunday by popular demand will be the second Battle of the Bands competition and the first BBQ Tasting and Competition.

Organizers are accepting vendor applications that can be downloaded at www.nipomochamber.org. For more information, call 929-1583.

If you are interested in becoming a yoga teacher or simply want to embrace and improve your own dedication to this wonderful health and wellness activity, the Yoga Shack is offering teacher training sessions starting Saturday, Sept. 5, and running through Nov. 9.

The 200-hour teacher training certification consists of an in-depth study for practitioners who are ready to dive deeper into the art and science of yoga. Participants will explore the origins and history of Hatha yoga, Pranayama techniques

and the effects on the body, how yoga asanas support theories of modern medical science and the fundamental principles of yoga and how they work in asana and information about diet and the importance of eating whole, organic foods.

They also will study the art of sequencing asanas for an intelligent practice, the key muscles of yoga and how they work in asana and information about diet and the importance of eating whole, organic foods.

For more information, contact Lori and Tommy Anderson at 931-3131 or Google "Yoga Shack Nipomo."

Founded in 1994, the San Luis Obispo County Latino Outreach Council is a non-profit organization consisting of a policy board of 15 individuals who represent various sectors of the community.

The LOC is dedicated to facilitating the equal and full participation of all members of the Latino community in the life and affairs of the county. The council also promotes

progress in the Latino community through advancement in education, participation in community affairs and increasing knowledge about and access to relevant services.

The LOC also works to identify and facilitate the removal of barriers that inhibit the Latino community's achievement of its goals.

More information about the SLO Latino Outreach Council is available at www.facebook.com/LatinoOutreachSLO, by email at LatinoOutreachSLO@gmail.com and by calling me at 929-1120.

On Sept. 14, the Jewish Film Festival will show "The Star-gon Queens" while viewers are munching on bagels with smoked whitefish and dipping coffee, tea or minozas.

The movie will air from 10 a.m. to noon at the San Luis Obispo Museum of Art. Tickets are only a donation of \$10.

Jacqueline Frederick is a lawyer and former in Nipomo and can be reached at jffred@aol.com at 929-1123.

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Nipomo Chamber
August Luncheon

Thursday, August 28th
Speaker - Richard Malvarose
How to Hire our Veterans

Blacklake Golf Resort
1490 Golf Course Ln - Nipmo
11:45-1:00pm

Please RSVP with lunch selection

**Italian Grinder - Salami, mortadella, provolone, mayo,
lettuce, tomato, olives & pepperoncinis on grilled
ciabatta**

or

**Club Salade - Mixed green salad, shredded cheese,
tomato, cucumber, bacon crumbles & deli turkey.**

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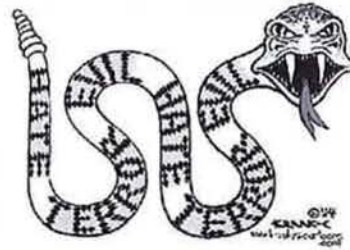
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Michael Luthin is the general manager of the Nipomo Community Services District. He can be reached by calling 929-1133 or by email at mjl@ncsd.ca.gov.

Kranky



Nipomo in Bloom still growing, adds work day

The Nipomo in Bloom project continues to sprout and grow.

You may have noticed last weekend that the center median on West 10th Street was closed up, thanks to the Five Cities Eco Rotary Club members and George Delgado of the Rotary Club of Nipomo.

That fine group of volunteers started working at 7 a.m. Sunday at the median, then moved on to the hanging baskets in Old Towne, trimming the dead flowers and weeding.

I'd like a special thank you to my fellow participants: Kim Dickson, Bob Collins, Jim Walker, David Peraza, Julie Tizano-Schumann and Steve Schumann.

From now on, there will be a regular Nipomo in Bloom work day at 7 a.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month, with volunteer meeting in the CVS



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Jacqueline Frederick

of just surviving.

The next seminar will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at the Hind Proprietors conference facility in San Luis Obispo.

You will learn about financial markets and how they affect you, how to plan for your financial future and how to make wise decisions to give you financial security.

Andrea Wasko and Meghan Gilbert are successful businesswomen who figured out how to retire at a relatively young age by strategically planning their financial futures, and they want to share their knowledge and techniques with you.

They are not investment advisors, and there are no commitments other than to learn from them. That is the way of giving back.

Registration is required, as space is limited. A light meal and refreshments will

be served. For reservations and more information, call 242-2185 or visit www.economicwellbeing.com.

The Nipomo Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon cutting for the Nipomo Community Services District's upgraded Southland Wastewater Treatment Facility at 509 Southland St. at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10.

The Latino Outreach Council of San Luis Obispo County will present "Fiestas Patrias" — a highly colorful and festive event to commemorate Mexican Independence from Spain — on Thursday, Sept. 18.

The free celebration will take place from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in San Luis Obispo Mission Plaza, concurrently with SLO's popular Thursday Night Farmers Market.

"Many people think Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of Mexican independence," said Joseph Castro

of Latino Outreach Council vice chairman. "It's not. Since 1810, the real Mexican Independence, Grito de Dolores and Aniversario de la Independencia, is celebrated starting on the evening of Sept. 15 and continues through the next day," he said.

The celebration commemorates Father Miguel Hidalgo and Costilla's Grito de Dolores, when the end of Spanish rule occurred in Mexico.

Additionally, in 1825, the Republic of Mexico officially declared Sept. 16 its national Independence Day, or Día de la Independencia.

Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican event that commemorates the initial victory of Mexican forces over French forces in the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862.

Although it's celebrated widely in the United States, in Mexico it's only a bank holiday.

The San Luis Obispo celebration of "Fiestas

Patrias" will feature live music, singing and dancing with several groups.

They include the Artee Dancers, several local folklorico dancing groups, Mariachi Internacional Mexicana, along with flamenco guitar by Akusa and the New World Baroque Orchestra.

The Consulate of Mexico will also hold the El Grito, which officially declares the independence of Mexico, along with a flag ceremony.

"Fiestas Patrias" is free to attend. Local food vendors will be available at the event selling a tasty variety of Mexican food entrees.

"This is an event everyone will love," Castro said. "We hope to have a wonderful celebration."

For more information, contact Castro 234-5954 or jcastro@cpslo.org.

Jacqueline Frederick is a lawyer and former in Nipomo and can be reached at jpf@ncsd.ca.gov or 929-1120.

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2. You need a new job. *the latest job listings*
3. You've outgrown your apartment. *homes for sale & for rent*
4. Your car is kaput. *and cars for every budget*
5. You're craving a night on the town. *restaurants, bars, events, movies & more*
6. You're dying to know who won the game. *sports news*
7. You need something to talk about on your date. *local, national & world news*
8. You're looking for a laugh. *comics*
9. You need a plumber, electrician - or a realtor! *professional services listing and advertisements*
10. You want to learn new skills. *recipes and how-to articles*

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ARROYO GRANDE

Harvest Church
■ Times: 9 and 10:30 a.m.
Sundays
■ Location: 124 W. Branch St.
■ Info: 489-2037
■ www.gharvest.org

First United Methodist
■ Times: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. (youth meal)
Sundays: 7 p.m. (Widow's days)
■ Location: 275 N. Hakyoa Road
■ Info: 483-2692
■ www.umcshp.westky.com

Berean Bible Church
■ Times: 10 a.m., 5 p.m.
Sundays (worship)
■ Location: 310 N. Hakyoa Road
■ Info: 489-0511
■ www.bereanbiblechurch.org

Cahary Chapel
■ Times: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (youth groups meet) Sundays
■ Location: 1333 Maple St.
■ Info: 481-2320
■ www.cahary.org

St. John's Lutheran
■ Times: 8:30 and 10:40 a.m. Sundays (worship); 9:00 a.m. (youth and adult forums, Sunday school)
■ Speaker: Pastor Randy Quinette
■ Sunday message title for 12th Sunday of Pentecost: "An Answer With Lifelong Questions," based on Matthew 10:21-28
■ Location: 959 Valley Road
■ Info: 489-1259

Unity Church - Five Cities
■ Times: 10 a.m. Sundays
■ Location: 789 Valley Road
■ Info: 788-4777

Peace Lutheran
■ Times: 8:30 a.m. (adult Bible study), 10 a.m. (youth worship)
■ Location: 244 N. Oak Park Blvd.
■ Info: 489-2708

Grace Bible
■ Times: 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Sundays
■ Location: Corner of James Way and Rodeo Drive
■ Info: 489-4200, www.gracevine.com

St. Barnabas' Episcopal

■ Times: 8 and 10 a.m. Sundays; 10 a.m. Wednesdays (healing service with communion)
■ Location: 301 Trinity Ave.
■ Info: 489-2990
■ www.sanbarnabas.org

GROVER BEACH
Hilside Church
■ Time: 10:30 a.m. (worship service)
■ Location: 1535 Newport Ave.
■ Info: 489-4608
■ www.hilsidegroverbeach.com

Central Coast Baptist
■ Times: 11 a.m. (worship)
■ Location: 153 S. Ninth St.
■ Info: 489-2150
■ www.centralcoastbaptist.com

First Presbyterian
■ Times: 10 a.m. (worship), 11 a.m. (fellowship hour) Sundays
■ Location: 1830 Farroll Road
■ Info: 473-2766
■ www.groverbeachchurch.org

Oak Park Christian Church
■ Times: 9 a.m. and

10:30 a.m. Sundays with children's programs and adult classes. Youth: 9 a.m. Sunday and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Small groups throughout week
■ Location: 386 N. Oak Park Blvd.
■ Info: 481-7051, www.oakparkchristian.org

Zion Assembly Church of God
■ Times: 1:30 p.m. (Bible classes), 2 p.m. (worship) Sundays;
■ 6 p.m. Thursdays (adult Bible study)
■ Location: 1535 Newport Avenue
■ Info: 489-9110

GUADALUPE
Guadalupe Community Church
■ Times: 11 a.m. (worship) Sundays
■ Speaker: Pastor Jim Wickstrom
■ Message: "Singing Songs of Praise to God in Six Stanzas"
■ Location: 4635 Sixth St.
■ Info: www.guadalupecommunitychurch.org

NIPOMO
Lighthouse Christian

Center
■ Times: 10 a.m. Sundays
■ 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays (youth service)
■ Location: 726 W. Tenth St.
■ Info: 929-4475
■ www.nipomolighthouse.com

Nipomo Community Baptist Church
■ Times: 10 a.m. (Sunday school), 11 a.m. (worship) Sundays
■ Location: 545 Orchard Road
■ Info: 305-1465

Nipomo Christian Church
■ Time: 10:15 a.m. Sundays
■ Location: 110 N. Thompson Road
■ Info: 929-3053

New Beginnings Community Church
■ Times: 10 a.m. Sundays,
■ 8:45 a.m. (Bible studies for teens, adults)
■ Location: Dana Elementary School, 920 W. Tenth St.
■ Info: 929-6780, www.nbcn.org

First Baptist Church of Nipomo
■ Times: 9:45 a.m. (Sunday school), 11 a.m. (worship), 6 p.m. Sundays; 7 p.m.

Wednesdays
■ Location: 112 Orchard Ave.
■ Info: 929-4422

Nipomo Presbyterian
■ Time: 10:30 a.m. Sundays
■ Location: Intersection of Los Berron/Thompson exit and Highway 101
■ Info: 473-8059

The City Church
■ Times: 10 a.m. Sundays; 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays (adults); 6:30 p.m. Thursday (youth)
■ Location: Church meets Sundays at Nipomo High School's Olympic Hall; youth and adults meet at 640 S. Frontage Road during week
■ Info: 929-8990
■ www.thecitycc.org

All For Christ
■ A congregation of Grace Communion International
■ Time: 10 a.m. Sundays
■ Location: 200 E. Diana St.
■ Info: 459-2050
■ http://all4-chr.org

OCEANO
Center for Creative Thought
■ Time: 10 a.m. Sundays
■ Location: 1580 Railroad

Road
■ Info: 541-1971, www.centerforcreativethought.org

Open Door Church
■ Times: 9:45 a.m. (Sunday school), 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
■ (family fellowship) Sundays
■ Location: 19th and Ocean
■ Info: 489-1678

The Church of God Prophecy
■ Times: 10 a.m. Sundays
■ Location: 1710 Ocean St.
■ Info: 710-3036

Pismo Beach Community Presbyterian
■ Time: 11 a.m. Sundays
■ Location: 990 Deliver St.
■ Info: 773-2535

Christian Science Society
■ Times: 11 a.m. Sundays (lesson-sermon), 3 p.m. Wednesday (readings)
■ Location: 1190 Bello St.
■ Info: 773-2472

New Life Community Church
■ Times: 9 and 11 a.m. Sundays (worship); 6 p.m. Saturdays (adult service)
■ Location: 990 James Way
■ Info: 489-2524
■ www.newlifepismo.com

Government Calendar
Tuesday
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors - Canceled
Lucia Mar Unified School District - 7 p.m.,

George O'Connor Board Room, 602-G Orchard St., Arroyo Grande
Pismo Beachs City Council - 5:30 p.m., council chambers, City Hall, 760 Mattie Road,

Pismo Beach
Arroyo Grande Planning Commission - 9 p.m., City Council Chambers, 215 E. Branch St., Arroyo Grande
Wednesday

San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority - 9:30 a.m., supervisors chambers, County Government Center, 1055 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo

San Luis Obispo Council of Governments - 9 a.m., supervisors chambers, County Government Center, 1055 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo

Thursday
Pismo Beach Parks, Recreation and Beautification Commission - 6 p.m., council chambers, City Hall, 760 Mattie Road, Pismo Beach

Where is God, anyway?

As young as she could tell me about the first time I had the family live on an acre. She was busy getting things ready when she found her five-year-old son making peanut butter sandwiches. "What are you doing, Honey?" she asked. "Well," the boy replied, "you said we were going to go into the city and I thought we might see God so I'm making Him some sandwiches." "That's nice," she said, "but how do you plan to eat them?"

Oh. The truth is, though, that so many of us, too, feel that we need some kind of faith to reach God. We pray, but our prayers are bouncing off the ceiling, that our needs are lost in the huge room of a hurting world. But if you are just seeing God's presence every day, it would be okay. If you would like to feel God's presence more deeply, join us. The Saginaw Friends Fellowship is pleased and full to meet you.

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SPEAKING OUT

Rubes



The sitting duck – not surprisingly, even more vulnerable when upright

GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

- TUESDAY**
- San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors – 9 a.m., board chambers, County Government Center, 1055 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo
 - Arroyo Grande City Council – 5 p.m., City Council Chambers, 215 E. Branch St., Arroyo Grande
 - Grover Beach Planning Commission – 6:30 p.m., council chambers, City Hall, 154 S. Eighth St., Grover Beach
 - Pismo Beach Planning Commission – 6:30 p.m., council chambers, City Hall, 760 Matie Road, Pismo Beach
- WEDNESDAY**
- Nipomo Community Services District – 9 a.m., district office, 148 S. Wilson St., Nipomo
 - California Coastal Commission – 9 a.m., Smith River Rancheria, 350 N. Indian Road, Smith River
 - Oceano Community Services District – 6:30 p.m., district office, 1655 Front St., Oceano
- THURSDAY**
- San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission – 9 a.m., supervisors chambers, County Government Center, 1055 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo

Fundraiser planned to 'Keep the Wheels Rolling' with hot food

Five Cities Meals on Wheels will hold its annual fall fundraiser, "Keep the Wheels Rolling," at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, on the grounds of the historical Pitkin Conrow Estate in Arroyo Grande.

The Victorian home at 780 Valley Road will provide a beautiful setting for an event that will offer a delicious barbecued meal by the Five Cities Kiwanis Club and live music, along with silent and live auctions.



Bits and Pieces of Nipomo
Jacqueline Frederick

Since 1975, Five Cities Meals on Wheels has been a small, independent non-profit organization that has delivered in a big way each week of every year by preparing and delivering hot, balanced meals to homebound residents in the South County.

The organization managed by volunteers delivers nutritious food to people of all ages and socioeconomic levels. However, most of their clientele are local, elderly citizens.

Tickets are \$35 each, and proceeds will help support the organization's programs.

Donations for the auctions and open sorships are also welcomed.

To sponsor, donate and purchase tickets, call the Five Cities Meals on Wheels office at 773-1033 or board President Dick Strubhan at 773-0803.

Older Towns Nipomo Association will host a special event to raise money to construct a neighborhood park on the vacant lot across from Old Town Nursery on West Tefft Street.

The development of the park will coincide with the

construction of a Park 'N Ride lot. The county owns the property; however, the community must raise the money to develop the park.

The first OTNA Leao to be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Edwards Barn will feature a no-host cocktail hour, light appetizers, a buffet-style dinner, Hawaiian dancers and a silent auction.

The dinner menu will include kabina pork, tri-yaki chicken, rice, macaroni salad, green salad, dessert and beverages, followed by dancing to the music of Unfinished Business at 8 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased for only \$50 per person by calling 598-6083 or emailing delgea-ske@yhs.com.

Be sure to wear your Hawaiian outfit and practice for the hula-hoop contest.

Nipomo Community Services District held two public meetings Thursday to provide information about the district's response to the drought and proposed supplemental water rates.

The proposed supplemental water charge will be volume-based; therefore, customers who use less water will pay less, and those who use more water will pay increasingly higher bills.

NCSd hopes that will be an incentive to reduce water use.

The district recently reported customers did cut back by 13 percent in July, but the goal is for a 30-percent cutback.

Some ideas on how to reduce water use are to check for irrigation system and toilet leaks, take shorter showers, capture water from showers and sinks in buckets to water plants and reduce landscape watering.

Two major events are coming up Saturday, Sept. 20.

The Women's Shelter of San Luis Obispo will host its annual benefit for its South County services. The theme this year is "From Russia to SLO With Love," and the fundraising dinner will feature Russian décor, entertainment, beverages and food.

The cocktail hour will start at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and entertainment, in the South County Regional Center, 800 W. Branch St., Arroyo Grande.

Be transported around the world to Russia and also enjoy silent and live auctions with some fabulous prizes.

For tickets, contact me at 929-1120 or call 781-6401, ext. 201.

Another great event from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos' first dinner and dance fundraiser – "Dancing Under the Stars"

The event at the Dana Adobe, 671 S. Oak Glen Ave., will include music by a DJ, a Mexican-style tamale dinner, beverages and a silent auction.

Tickets are only \$35 and can be reserved by calling 929-5679.

This Sunday, don't forget to go to Discover Caves Park in Shell Beach for the monthly Art in the Park, where some of your favorite artists will once again display their wares in the beautiful setting overlooking the beach.

Jacqueline Frederick is a lawyer and farmer in Nipomo and can be reached at jfreder@aol.com or 929-1120.

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Cordially Invites You to Attend the

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY
for the

**Upgraded Southland Wastewater
Treatment and Reclamation Facility**



Light refreshments and plant tours immediately following the ceremony

Wednesday,
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9:00 AM



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Nipomo Community Services District is seeking candidates for



WASTEWATER SUPERVISOR/CHIEF PLANT OPERATOR

Salary Range: \$75,108 to \$91,296 annually

Excellent benefits including fully paid medical insurance

THE OPPORTUNITY: The District is recruiting for an experienced professional to manage its wastewater systems. The position oversees the daily operation and maintenance of a newly constructed 0.9 MGD extended aeration activated sludge wastewater treatment and land disposal facility, a 0.2 MGD reclaimed wastewater treatment plant, 13 sanitary sewer pump stations, the District's ELAP certified laboratory, and supervision of 5 wastewater staff.

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND CERTIFICATES: Equivalent to the completion of high school and four (4) years of progressive field experience in the operation and maintenance of wastewater collection and treatment facilities. Must possess a Grade III Wastewater Treatment Operator Certificate issued by California State Water Resources Control Board. Must possess a valid California Class "C" driver's license, maintain a satisfactory driving record and be insurable to operate District vehicles.

KNOWLEDGE OF: Modern wastewater treatment plant operation practices and techniques; state and federal laws governing the operation of wastewater plants; construction and operation of tertiary treatment facilities; principles of supervision; budgeting and accounting practices.

BENEFITS:

- Health, Dental and Vision: District pays 100% of premiums for employee and dependents.
- California Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)
 - Candidates currently enrolled in the PERS system: 3% @ 60. Employee pays employee portion.
 - Candidates new to the PERS system or who have had more than a six-month break from PERS: 2% @ 62 with a 6.5% contribution.
- Survivor Benefit: Employee is required to contribute \$2.00 per month.
- Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan is available.
- 10 days of vacation first 5 years increasing to 20 days after 10 years.
- 12 paid holidays per year.
- Sick leave accrued at 8 hours per month.

TO BE CONSIDERED: All applicants are required to complete and submit a District employment application including a current DMV printout and California Grade 3 Wastewater Operator Certificate to the Nipomo Community Services District Office, 148 South Wilson Street, Nipomo, CA 93444. Applications are available at the District's Office or at the District's website at www.ncsd.ca.gov.

This is a confidential process and will be handled accordingly throughout the various stages of the process. References will not be contacted until mutual interest has been established. The first review of applications will take place on September 26, 2014. This position is open until filled; however, candidates are encouraged to apply early in the process for optimal consideration. Applications will be reviewed and evaluated throughout the recruitment process. The most qualified candidates will be selected to take a written exam and appear before a panel for an oral exam. Ideally, the Wastewater Supervisor will join the Nipomo Community Services District in December 2014, or sooner. Finalist candidates will be required to sign a release form to authorize preliminary reference calls and verifications to be conducted. Employment history, degrees obtained, and other certificates/accomplishments will also be verified.

Should you have any questions regarding this position or the recruitment process, please call Mr. Peter Sevcik at (805) 929-1133. Confidential inquiries are welcomed.

THE TOWN OF NIPOMO

Nipomo is located in southern San Luis Obispo County on the Central Coast of California approximately halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco. The area enjoys a mild climate throughout the year. Highway congestion/commute traffic is virtually unheard of. There is a diversity of property types in the area including tract homes, golf course homes, and homes on acreage with equestrian facilities. There is convenient access to beaches. Pismo Beach, Shell Beach, Oceano Dunes State Vehicle Recreation Area, and Los Padres National Forest are all within 5 miles of Nipomo and provide hiking trails and other recreational opportunities. There are over seventy holes of golf between the three public courses in the immediate area. Nipomo is unincorporated and maintains a small town atmosphere. The public school district (Lucia Mar Unified) is highly regarded. Nipomo High School is just ten-years new. Local colleges include Cal Poly University and Cuesta Community College in San Luis Obispo and Hancock Community College in Santa Maria. A full array of youth sports activities are offered through school and independent programs making Nipomo an excellent place to raise your family.



THE DISTRICT


Nipomo Community Services District is an independent special district formed in 1965. The District is governed by a five-member elected Board of Directors. The District is financially sound with nearly 100% of its income generated from customer rates and charges.

There are 17 staff positions at the District making for a true teamwork-oriented staff where everyone knows everyone and a commitment to professionalism is shared by all.

The District's elected Board has a track record of supporting staff with competitive compensation and necessary equipment and facilities upgrades. This all adds up to making Nipomo Community Services District an outstanding career opportunity.



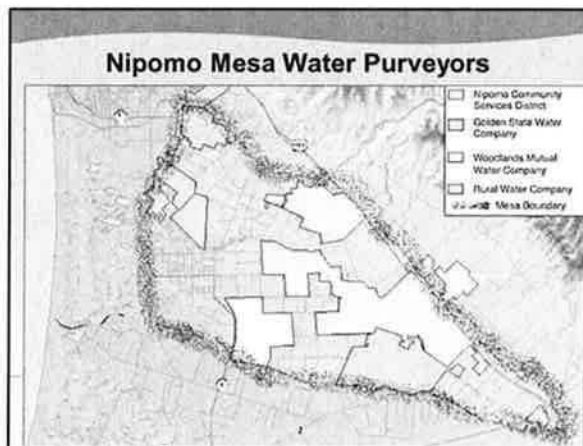

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September 4th
2014

Nipomo CSD
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**How We are Responding to the Drought
and
Meeting Community Water Supply Needs**



Our Water Problem


The Nipomo Mesa has
only ONE source of water . . .

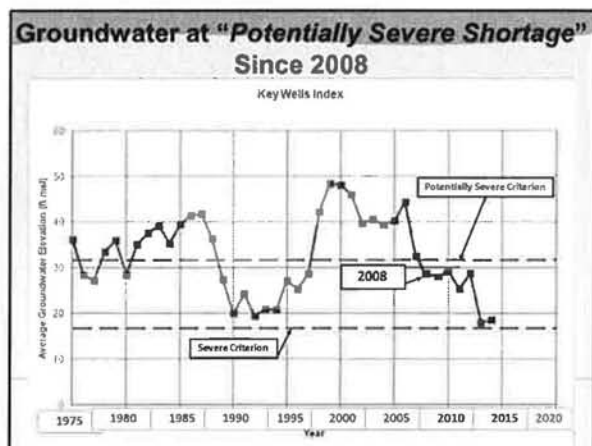
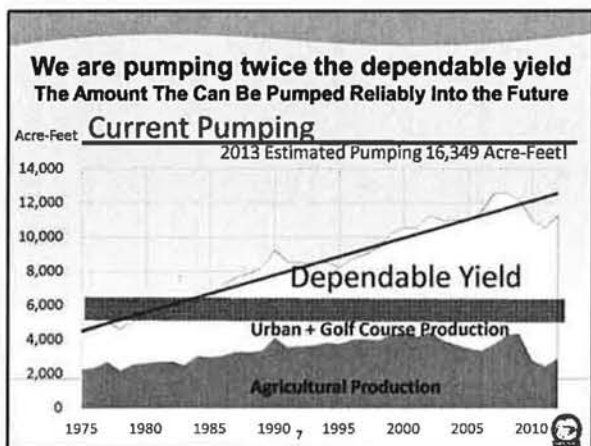
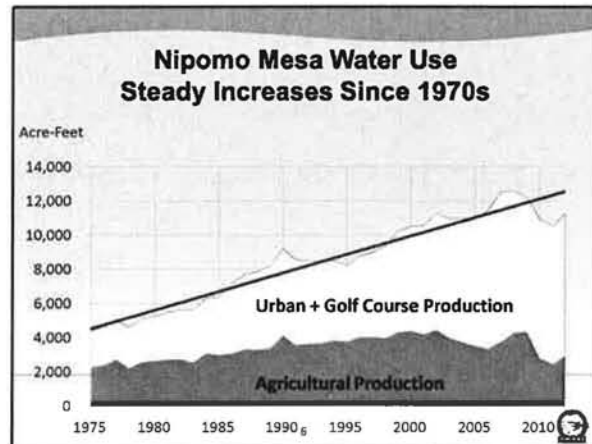
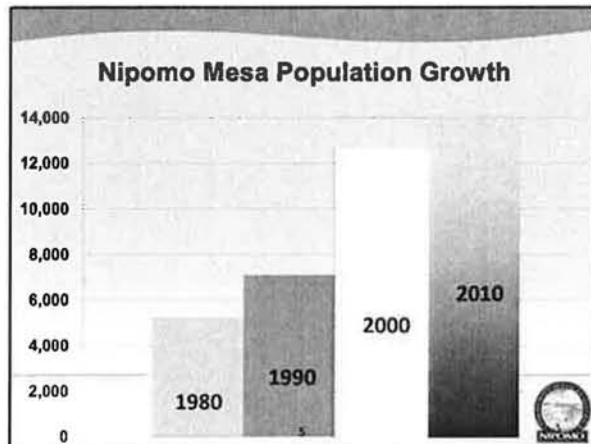
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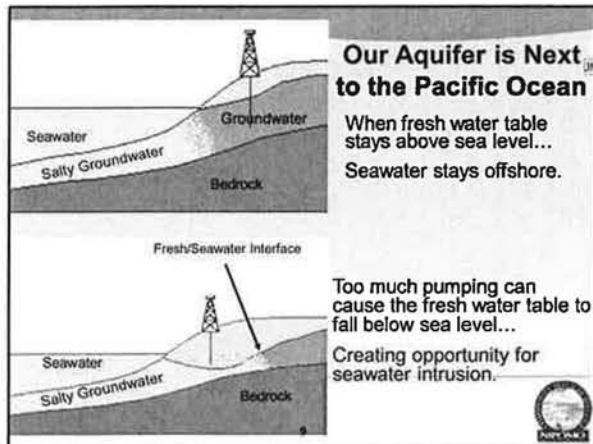


**Groundwater Levels Are
Dropping.**

Here's Why...







Seawater Intrusion Would Contaminate Our Groundwater.

Regional Seawater Intrusion Problem

	Los Osos	Five Cities Area	Nipomo Mesa
Aquifer shared with the Pacific Ocean	X	X	X
Decreasing well levels	X	X	X
Pumping freshwater wells below sea level	X	X	X
Seawater intrusion documented	X	X	Not yet...
Freshwater Wells Permanently Lost to Seawater Intrusion	X	Not yet...	Not yet...

Looming Likelihood of Seawater Intrusion

ALL cases of seawater intrusion elsewhere started with:

1. Pumping aquifers beyond the dependable yield
2. Consistent dropping of water levels in wells
3. Well levels falling below sea level

We are experiencing all three of these conditions

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JM2

Space

Jessica Matson, 8/25/2014

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JM3 Space - Separate out
Jessica Matson, 8/25/2014

Water Shortage Response Plan
#2 Water Shortage Response & Management Plan
 Follows Five Water Shortage Stages tied to court approved groundwater condition measurements


Stage	Trigger	Response
1	All Times	Conservation Education
2	Potentially Severe Water Shortage	More Intensive Education
3	Severe Water Shortage	30% Reduction in Groundwater
4	Severe Water Shortage More Than 1 Year or is Triggered by Both Key Wells Index and Coastal Criterion	50% Reduction in Groundwater
5	Severe Water Shortage More Than 2 Years with Both Key Wells Index and Coastal Criterion Triggered	60% Reduction in Groundwater

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Water Shortage Response Plan
#2 Water Shortage Response & Management Plan
POTENTIAL RATES

In the event the District reaches water shortage stages 3, 4 or 5, rates could increase to:

- motivate people to conserve increasing amounts of water; and
- balance financial loss from reduced water sales.




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Assuring Adequate Water Supplies
More Details on Proposed
Water Shortage Rates

If Another Dry Year in 2015...

- Groundwater may fall to *Severe Level*
- This may trigger stages 3, 4, or 5 of water shortage response plan – and water shortage rates could be adopted in early 2015
- Water shortage rates would incentivize customers to further reduce their usage and to make up for the revenue loss from reduced water sales.



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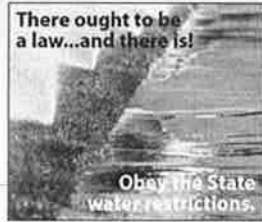
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Also Following State Mandated Water Waste Prohibitions

Water Waste is Prohibited –
Examples of Water Waste:

- Washing down driveways and sidewalks
- Excessive watering of landscapes or watering that causes excess runoff
- Using a hose without a shut-off nozzle to wash vehicles
- Using potable water in a fountain unless water is recirculated

There ought to be a law...and there is!



Obey the State water restrictions.


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Assuring Adequate Water Supplies # 3 Unified, Regional Program

Collaborating with

- neighboring water suppliers
- the County of San Luis Obispo
- the Groundwater Court


to ensure an effective and coordinated Basin wide water shortage response that all participate in



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Assuring Adequate Water Supplies # 4 Conservation Promotion

Advertisements Newsletters Banners Web
And more...



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Assuring Adequate Water Supplies #4 Conservation Promotion

Saving Water Also Saves Money

- NCSO has a 4-tiered rate structure
- The rate structure rewards conservation and penalizes waste
- Board of Directors sets goal for 30% reduction in pumping



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Assuring Adequate Water Supplies #4 Conservation Promotion

Customers Cut Water Use Over 15% in July
Thank You!
But We Need a 30% Cut Back

Most water usage is from outdoor landscaping.



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**Must Implement Effective Water Shortage Plan:
Cutbacks in Use and Bring in New Water**

**These Actions Are Designed to Alleviate or
Prevent**

- Seawater Intrusion - Contaminated Groundwater
- Permanent Loss of Fresh Water Wells
- Extreme Water Rationing
- Prolonged Water Shortages
- Significant Negative Property Value Impacts

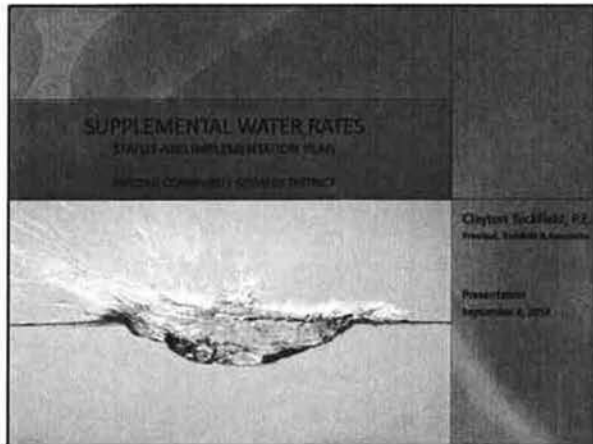
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Questions?

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Agenda

- Current Water Rates
- Supplemental Water Rates
 - How these new District charges affect your bill
- Status of Water Shortage Rates
- Proposed timeline to implementation

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 Windy Hill Study

Current Rates

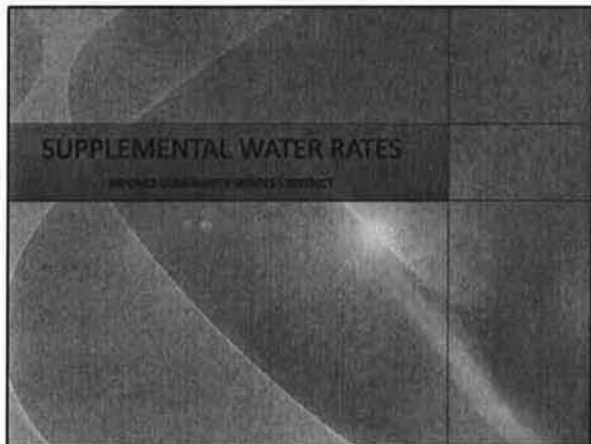
Tiers and Increases Remain

- Approved water rate changes
 - November 1, 2014: 9.5% Increase
 - November 1, 2015: 9.5% Increase
- Single-family residential bi-monthly volume rates

- Tier 1: 0-24 Ccf.....	\$1.97 per Ccf
- Tier 2: 25-40 Ccf.....	\$2.46 per Ccf
- Tier 3: 40-100 Ccf.....	\$3.45 per Ccf
- Tier 4: Over 100 Ccf.....	\$5.91 per Ccf

- (Ccf is one hundred cubic feet or 7.48 gallons)

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Supplemental Water Rates

- Series of presentations and discussions were conducted with District Committees and District Board
- Conclusion is to have a small fixed charge and a volume charge for Supplemental Water
 - Fixed charge recovers project replacement, small portion of project debt service, and contribution to fund reserve
 - Volume charge recovers cost of Supplemental Water from Santa Maria and District Operation and Maintenance Expense related to Supplemental Water delivery

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Supplemental Water Project Fixed Costs

Bi-Monthly Fixed Costs	
Supplemental Water Project Annual Replacement	\$40,456
Difference Between Prop Taxes Received and Debt Service	13,517
<u>Contribution to Fund Reserve</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total Bi-Monthly Fixed Costs	\$63,973
Estimated FY 2015-16 Equivalent Meters	4,847
Bi-monthly Fixed Charge per Equivalent 1 inch Meter	\$13.20

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Volume Charge for Supplemental Water

	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2016	July 1, 2017
Pass-Through Supplemental Water Costs			
Supplemental Water Cost (\$ per AF)	\$1,703	\$1,777	\$1,860
Supplemental Water DBM Cost (\$ per AF)	\$107	\$110	\$114
Pass-Through Cost of Supplemental Water (\$ per AF)	\$1,810	\$1,888	\$1,974
Minimum Annual Supplemental Water Contract Allocation (AF)	645	800	800
Yupomo CSD Share of Supplemental Water (AF)	430.09	533.44	533.44
Total Annual Cost of Supplemental Water	\$778,610	\$1,006,632	\$1,022,845
Projected Annual Water Sales with Demand Response (Ccf)	1,005,895	1,094,308	1,010,924
Supplemental Water Volume Charge per Ccf	\$0.774	\$1.003	\$1.041

Notes:
 [1] AF is defined as acre feet.
 [2] Ccf is defined as hundred cubic feet.

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Median SFR Bill with Supplemental Water Fixed and Volume Charges

	Without Project	July 1, 2015	Nov 1, 2015	July 1, 2016	July 1, 2017
Median	Nov 1, 2014	With Project ^[1]	With Project ^[2]	With Project ^[3]	With Project ^[3]
Use (ccf)	Water Rates ^[1]	645 APY	645 APY	800 APY	800 APY
22	\$82.77	\$113.00	\$120.97	\$126.01	\$126.84

Notes:
 [1] No Supplemental Water.
 [2] 645 APY (acre-feet per year) total Supplemental Water delivered. District share is 430.09 APY.
 [3] 800 APY (acre-feet per year) total Supplemental Water delivered. District share is 533.44 APY.

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SFR Bills with Supplemental Water Fixed and Volume Charges

Description	Units	Without Project		July 1, 2015		Nov 1, 2015		July 1, 2016		July 1, 2017	
		Nov 1, 2014	Water Rates ⁽¹⁾	With Project ⁽²⁾	845 AFY	With Project ⁽³⁾	845 AFY	With Project ⁽²⁾	800 AFY	With Project ⁽³⁾	800 AFY
Very Low	10	\$55.85	\$77.79	\$83.24	\$85.53	\$85.91					
Low	20	\$78.45	\$107.33	\$114.68	\$119.26	\$120.02					
Median	22	\$82.77	\$113.00	\$120.97	\$126.01	\$126.84					
Average	35	\$119.37	\$160.43	\$171.94	\$180.19	\$181.56					
High	80	\$281.55	\$356.45	\$383.20	\$401.72	\$404.76					
Very High	120	\$486.33	\$592.41	\$638.76	\$666.24	\$670.80					

Notes:
 (1) No Supplemental Water.
 (2) 845 AFY (acre-feet per year) total Supplemental Water delivered. District share is 430.09 AFY.
 (3) 800 AFY (acre-feet per year) total Supplemental Water delivered. District share is 523.44 AFY.

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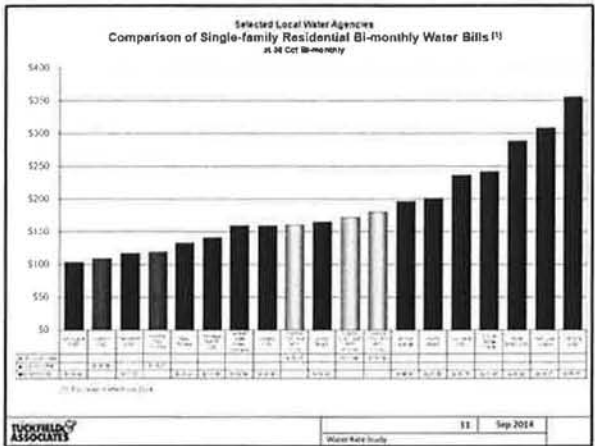
SFR Bill % Change with Supplemental Water Fixed and Volume Charges

Overall impacts including water rates and SW rates

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Very Low	10	9.6%	37%	7.0%	2.8%	0.4%					
Low	20	9.6%	37%	7.0%	4.0%	0.6%					
Median	22	9.6%	37%	7.1%	4.7%	0.7%					
Average	35	9.6%	34%	7.2%	4.8%	0.8%					
High	80	9.6%	27%	7.8%	4.3%	0.8%					
Very High	120	9.5%	22%	7.8%	4.3%	0.7%					

Notes:
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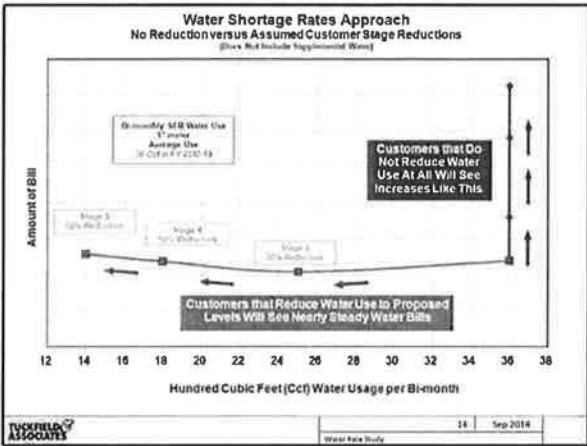
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Water Shortage Rates

- Water shortage rates presented at public workshop on May 5 and at Board meeting May 15
 - Public comment received, Board direction provided
- Approach consisted of....
 - Estimating water sales volume targets for each Drought Stage
 - Including additional District costs expected with each stage
 - Estimating customer reaction through Price Elasticity Factors
 - Setting rates to recover same revenue
- Water shortage rates rely on customer reaction to higher pricing with voluntary reductions in consumption

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
Water Shortage Rates Deferred


- Calculation of water shortage rates is complicated by scheduled rate changes and proposed Supplemental Water rates
- District does not meet court requirements for water shortage rates yet
- District is increasing reserves to cover loss of revenue from conservation
- District is deferring consideration of water shortage rates until future need

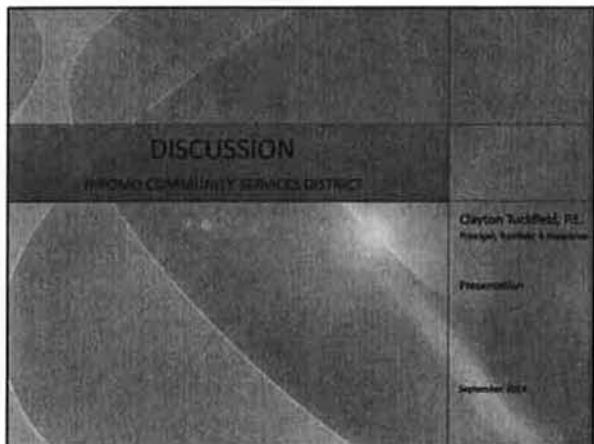
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STATUS AND TIMELINE

WINDY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Current Status	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft rate study report by September 10, 2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of current Water Rates to ensure adequate revenue • Review of adequate Capacity Charges for new connections • Proposed Supplemental Water rates ▪ Final rate study report scheduled for presentation September 24, 2014 	
	17 Sep 2014
<small>Water Rate Study</small>	<small>Water Rate Study</small>

Proposed Timeline	
September 4	Conduct public workshops
September 10	Draft Rate Study Report before the Board
September 24	Board to approve draft Rate Study Report Direct staff to prepare Prop 218 Notices for Supplemental Water Rates
November 19	Public Water Rate Hearing for Supplemental Water
Winter/Spring 2015	Water Shortage Rate Consideration if Necessary
	18 Sep 2014
<small>Water Rate Study</small>	<small>Water Rate Study</small>



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5/14/2014	Supervisor Ray Presents the Certificates of Appreciation for Solid Waste Removal to the District and Nipomo Chamber of Commerce	5/16/2014	5/16/2014	Adobe	5/23/2014						
5/28/2014	NCS D Board of Directors Review Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget and Schedules Adoption Hearing	5/29/2014	5/29/2014								
6/19/2014	NMMA TECHNICAL GROUP RELEASE SPRING 2014 GROUNDWATER INDEX	6/19/2014	6/20/2014	Adobe	6/27/2014						
6/25/2014	NCS D Board of Directors Dedicate District Board Room to the Late Jon S. Seitz	6/26/2014	6/26/2014	Adobe	6/30/2014						
6/25/2014	NCS D Board of Directors Recognize Nipomo Students for Efforts in Conservation Poster Contest	6/26/2014	6/26/2014	Adobe	6/30/2014						
7/1/2014	A New Appeal for Nipomo: USE LESS WATER (Reduce Your Use)	7/1/2014	7/1/2014	New Times	7/2/2014	Tribune	7/5/2014	Adobe	7/11/2014		

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8/19/2014	Nipomo CSD Fall Election Decided!	8/20/2014	8/20/2014	Tribune	8/25/2014	Adobe	8/22/2014				
8/22/2014	Nipomo CSD Holding Town Hall Meetings to Discuss Rates	8/25/2014	8/26/2014	Tribune	8/25/2014	Adobe	8/29/2014	KSBY	9/4/2014		
9/2/2014	Nipomo CSD to Celebrate Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility Upgrade Completion	9/2/2014	9/4/2014	Adobe	9/2/2014						

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: August 8, 2014
Contact: Michael S. LeBrun, General Manager
Nipomo Community Services District
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District's July Pumping Decreases – Conservation Efforts Recognized

Nipomo CSD is thanking their customer's for the collective conservation effort. In July, the District pumped 245 acre feet or about 80 Million gallons of groundwater to meet customer demand. This is a nearly 16% improvement (reduction) compared to the District's five year average for July.

July and August are typically the District's largest production months due to irrigation demands of its customers. Many many water agencies are seeing increased demand for water due to drought conditions. A decrease in District pumping shows that customers are doing good work overall on conservation.

General Manager, Michael LeBrun, states "We want to thank all of our customers who have worked hard to reduce water demand in the midst of drought. If we all continue to work together, we can reach 30% reduction and prevent damage to our aquifer during this extended drought. Let's keep up the good work!"

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Nipomo CSD Fall Election Decided!

At the close of the election filing period at 5PM on August 13, 2014 three candidates had filed for the three available seats on the District's five-member elected Board of Directors. This means there will be no election for the District this fall.

The three seats will be filled as follows:

Director Dan Gaddis maintains his seat and begins his second term.

Former Director Ed Eby (served December 2004 to November 2012) will return to the Board, and

Mr. Dan Woodson has been elected to the Board for his first time. Dan is a long-time resident of the Nipomo area and active in the South County Advisory Committee. Mr. Woodson served on the District's Supplemental Water Alternatives Evaluation Committee in 2012/2013.

The new term begins December 5, 2014 and the new Directors will be seated at the December 10, 2014 Regular Board meeting.

The Board will lose twenty years of experience when Directors Larry Vierheilig (12 years) and Jim Harrison (8 years) finish their current terms. Director Harrison is the Board's current Vice President and served as Board President. Director Vierheilig served as Vice-President for five consecutive years from 2009 through 2013. During this period the District had four different General Managers yet stayed on track with \$40M in water and wastewater capital improvement projects and maintained an excellent operational and regulatory record. The District will miss these two community leaders.

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Nipomo CSD Holding Town Hall Meetings to Discuss Rates

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The District has succeeded in obtaining a much needed supplemental water source and is constructing essential, but costly facilities to bring that water to the community. Construction is underway and delivery of the supplemental water is scheduled to begin in summer 2015.

The District's water rates are among the lowest in the region due to its use of low-cost groundwater. However, when supplemental water deliveries begin, the District will need to add a supplemental water charge to customers' bills.

The cost of the supplemental water pipeline as well as the water purchased from Santa Maria will be shared with the District's three neighboring water agencies.

The additional charge for supplemental water is proposed to include two amounts—a fixed charge for the facilities required to bring the water to Nipomo and a volume charge based on the amount of water used.

The total bill for customers with median use (36 units per two-month billing cycle) is expected to be approximately \$18 per month more than the current bill (\$36 per two-month billing cycle). This includes the supplemental water charges as well as a previously approved rate increase scheduled for fall 2014. Additional increases will be needed in future years as additional pipeline facilities are completed and the volume of supplemental water delivered to Nipomo is increased to allow decreased pumping of depleted groundwater supplies.

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Elected Leaders to be Present**

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The Upgrade is a \$13 million public works project primarily supported by District sewer fees and the sale of \$6 million in bonds. The upgrade was completed in July and finished on schedule and within budget.

Thanks to the quality of construction the facility will serve the community for decades to come.

The 9 am Ceremony will be at the Southland Facility located at 509 Southland St in Nipomo. Elected officials scheduled to attend include California 33rd District Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian and San Luis Obispo County 4th District Supervisor Caren Ray.

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The Adobe Press

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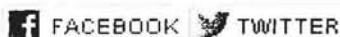
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Candidates set for November election

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The candidates for November's election for special district, city and school district races are now set in San Luis Obispo County, where numerous individuals will run unopposed, handily keeping their seats when voters go to the polls in a few months.

A trio of seats are up for re-election on the Nipomo Community Services District board; however, no election will be held for the race as only three individuals are seeking the four-year terms.

The candidates are former NCSD Director Ed Eby, incumbent Director Dan Gaddis and William "Dan" Woodson.

All five incumbents — Don Stewart, Mark Millis, Colleen Martin, Chad Robertson and Vern Dahl — on the Lucia Mar Unified School District board of trustees will retain their seats on the dais as no one is challenging any of them in the upcoming election.

In Oceano, voters will decide whether appointed incumbent Jennifer Blackburn will remain on the Oceano Community Services District board of directors or be replaced by one of two challengers — ousted OCSD General Manager Lonnie Curtis or Michael Ebinger, a retired businessman.

There will be no election for the other two seats up for re-election on the board. Incumbents Lori Angello and Karen White are running unopposed.

Voters also won't be casting ballots in the race for four seats on the Avila Beach Community Services District's board of directors because the number of candidates equals the number of seats up for election.

The candidates are appointed incumbents Shanna Richards and Steve Waldron, incumbent Pete Kelley and retired business owner Lynn Helenius.

The race for two four-year seats on the Port San Luis Harbor Commission will go to election. Incumbent commissioners Drew Brandy and Brian "Craig" Kreowski are being challenged by Mary Matakovich and Justin Hodges.

In the South County's city races, Arroyo Grande Mayor Tony Ferrara is running unopposed.

However, voters will cast ballots for two four-year seats in the City Council race, which will see incumbents Tim Brown and Joe Costello on the ballot as well as political newcomer Barbara Harmon.

Pismo Beach Mayor Shelly Higginbotham is being challenged for her seat by Shell Beach resident Kevin Kreowski.

There are also two four-year council seats up for election in Pismo, and the candidates are Sheila Blake, Marcia Guthrie and incumbents Mary Ann Reiss and Kris Vardas.

Former Grover Beach Mayor John Shoals is looking to take back the gavel and will challenge incumbent Mayor Debbie Peterson for her seat.

In Grover's council race, candidates Barbara Nicolls and Mariam Shah are running unopposed.

To register to vote in the Nov. 4 election, visit www.slocounty.ca.gov/clerk/Elections.htm.

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No election for Nipomo services district's new directors

By Cynthia Lambert

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The Nipomo Community Services District won't hold an election this fall, as three candidates have filed for three open seats on the board of directors.

The new directors will be seated at the district's Dec. 10 regular board meeting. Each will serve a four-year term.

They include Dan Gaddis, who has served one term on the board; Ed Eby, who served on the board from December 2004 to November 2012; and Dan Woodson, who joins the board for the first time. Woodson has been active with the South County Advisory Council.

Current board members Larry Vierheilg and Jim Harrison are not running for re-election; they'll serve through the end of their terms later this year.

Harrison has been on the board eight years and is currently vice president; Vierheilg has served 12 years, with five of those as vice president.

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Nipomo to hold meetings on proposed water rate increase

By Cynthia Lambert

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• If you go ...

The Nipomo Community Services District will hold two town hall meetings Sept. 4 on proposed rate increases. They will be held at 3 p.m. at the Blacklake Golf Resort club house, 1490 Golf Course Lane, and at 6:30 p.m. in the district board room, 148 S. Wilson St.

Nipomo residents may soon see their water rates rise to pay for construction of a pipeline and additional water from Santa Maria.

The Nipomo Community Services District is holding two town hall meetings Sept. 4 for its customers to learn more about the proposed rates.

The increase would include a fixed charge for the facilities required to bring the water to Nipomo, plus a volume charge for the amount of water used, according to a news release. The fixed charge is proposed at about \$13.20 a month.

District officials estimate that an average customer — someone using 36 units, or 26,928 gallons, every two months — would see his or her bill increase by \$18 a month. This cost includes a previously approved rate increase scheduled for fall 2014.

Any actions imposed by the district board would apply only to the district's customers, including about 12,000 people and 40 businesses.

However, the cost of the pipeline and additional water will be shared with the district's neighboring water agencies, including Golden State Water Co., Rural Water Co. and Woodlands Mutual Water Co.

Nipomo district officials are building the pipeline in phases. Water should start flowing by summer 2015.

District customers will face additional rate increases as two more phases are completed and the community receives more water, according to the news release.

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Staff report

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Nipomo Community Services District directors will mark the completion of the Southland Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility upgrade with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10.

Members of the public are invited to attend the event at the facility located at 509 Southland St., at South Frontage Road, district officials said.

The \$13-million upgrade — completed in July on schedule and within budget — is providing cleaner treated wastewater that exceeds the discharge requirements in the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board permit.

Improvements to date did not increase the volume of wastewater the plant is capable of treating, but future phases will provide the plant with the ability to handle higher flows, officials said.

“Thanks to the quality of construction, the facility will serve the community for decades to come,” said Michael LeBrun, district general manager.

The cost of the project was primarily supported by district sewer fees and the sale of \$6 million in bonds, LeBrun said.

A number of elected officials are scheduled to attend the ribbon cutting, including 33rd District Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian, R-San Luis Obispo, and San Luis Obispo County 4th District Supervisor Caren Ray.

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Sep 4, 2014 7:11 AM by **Lindsay MacLeod, KSBY News**

Town Hall meetings set to discuss new water supply in Nipomo

The City of Nipomo is holding two town hall meetings Thursday so the public can learn more about a supplemental water supply and proposed supplemental water charges to pay for the new water.

The city secured a source for the water, and right now crews are building facilities to transport the water to the community.

The project should be done by next year. The average water bill will increase by \$18.

If you're interested in learning more, the first meeting takes place at 3:00 p.m. Thursday at the Black Lake Club House, which is located at 1490 Golf Course Lane. The second meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at District's Board Room, which is located at 148 S. Wilson.

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4/7/14 - 4/13/14	344	259	880	2.56	0:02:38	50.58%	62.50%	Tue 4/8	Board meeting, Water shortage press release, Accounting award press release
4/14/14 - 4/20/14	330	261	878	2.66	0:02:55	41.82%	64.55%	Fri 4/18	Announcement of Board meeting, clean-up week ad
4/21/14 - 4/27/14	393	305	985	2.51	0:02:47	44.02%	65.14%	Mon 4/21	Board meeting, public meeting ad
4/28/14 - 5/4/14	329	268	807	2.45	0:02:43	45.90%	64.44%	Mon 4/28	Public meeting ad
5/5/14 - 5/11/14	428	326	1094	2.56	0:03:07	39.72%	61.68%	Mon 5/5	Announcement of Board meeting, public meeting re water shortage and rates, press release on declaration of stage II drought
5/12/14 - 5/18/14	433	344	1084	2.5	0:02:17	36.95%	67.44%	Mon 5/12	Board meeting; press releases
5/19/14 - 5/25/14	348	281	830	2.39	0:02:29	48.85%	62.36%	Tue 5/20	
5/26/14 - 6/1/14	391	330	973	2.49	0:02:11	37.60%	68.29%	Sat 5/31	
6/2/14 - 6/8/14	878	679	2166	2.47	0:02:28	32.00%	65.95%	Mon 6/2	
6/9/14 - 6/15/14	610	465	1396	2.29	0:02:21	39.67%	58.36%	Mon 6/9	
6/16/14 - 6/22/14	494	367	1068	2.16	0:01:49	45.55%	51.42%	Fri 6/20	
6/23/14 - 6/29/14	414	307	993	2.4	0:02:34	39.61%	50.00%	Tue 6/24	
6/30/14 - 7/6/14	304	252	766	2.52	0:02:17	45.39%	61.18%	Th 7/3	Board Agenda/Packet
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7/28/14 - 8/3/14	272	226	765	2.81	0:02:23	47.79%	56.62%	Mon 7/28	
8/4/14 - 8/10/14	272	219	597	2.19	0:01:48	49.26%	56.25%	Fri 8/8	

September 10, 2014

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AGENDA

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County Administrator



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Tuesday, August 19, 2014

CONSENT AGENDA

9:00 AM

REVIEW AND APPROVAL

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

BOARD BUSINESS

HEARINGS

CLOSED SESSION

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AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 PM

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

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5:00 PM

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9:00 FLAG SALUTE

CONSENT AGENDA – REVIEW AND APPROVAL

The items listed on this portion of the agenda are scheduled for consideration as a group. The staff recommendations will be approved as outlined within the staff report. Any Supervisor may request an item be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda to permit discussion or change the recommended course of action for an item.

Consent Agenda - Agricultural Commissioner Items:

1. Request to reappoint Jean-Pierre Wolff to the Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board as the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District Representative, due to term ending August 27, 2014 and request to reappoint Mark Pierce to the Agricultural Advisory Liaison Board representing Agricultural Finance, due to term ending August 27, 2014. All Districts.

Consent Agenda - General Services Agency Items:

2. Request to approve a 5-year extension of the rental agreement with the Senior Nutrition Program, and Amendment No. 5 to remove the dining room area and the provision to provide food service at the Health Campus, located at 2180 Johnson Avenue in San Luis Obispo. District 3.

Consent Agenda - Public Works Items:

3. Request to approve an agreement for professional engineering services with SCS Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$73,983 for the preparation of the selection and design of a groundwater extraction and treatment system for the Los Osos Landfill and authorize a budget adjustment, in the amount of \$129,500 from Capital Projects Facilities Planning Reserves. District 2.
4. Submittal of a resolution approving the Huasna Road Repair Project and adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA), and direct staff to proceed with associated project development activities. District 4.
5. Request to approve of map Tract 2718 "Vista Montana", a proposed subdivision resulting in 8 lots by Henri DeGroot and reject the offers of dedication for Los Berros Road, El Campo Road and Vista Montana, and act on the attached resolutions to: accept the relinquishment of rights of ingress and egress along El Campo road and Los Berros Road; accept the offer of dedication for additional widening of Sevada Lane; approve the agreement granting an open space easement to the County and imposing a deed restriction for the environmentally sensitive area; approve a deed restriction no-build zone preserved as open space, Los Berros Road at El Campo Road near Arroyo Grande. District 4.

Consent Agenda - Sheriff - Coroner Items:

6. Request to declare two firearms surplus property and transfer the weapons to Central Coast Veterans Memorial Museum. All Districts.

Public Comment Period:

7. The general public comment period is intended to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's purview that are not scheduled on the current agenda. Individuals interested in speaking are asked to fill out a "Board Appearance Request Form" and submit it to the Clerk of the Board prior to the start of general public comment. When recognized by the Chair, each individual speaker may address the Board and is limited to a MAXIMUM of three (3) minutes or a reasonable period of time as determined by the Board Chairperson.

Board Business:

8. Submittal of a report on the status of Affordable Care Act implementation in San Luis Obispo County. All Districts.

Board Business - Public Works - Board Sitting as Flood Control District

9. Submittal of a resolution declaring surplus and emergency drought relief water for Zone 3 of the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District in the amount of 2,327 acre feet for Water Year 2014-15, and finding that the project is exempt from Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA). Districts 3 and 4.

Hearings:

10. Hearing to adopt an ordinance regulating outdoor water use to Mondays and Thursdays only within applicable County Service Areas (10A-Cayucos, 16-Shandon, 23-Santa Margarita, and 12-Avila Valley), in accordance with the drought emergency water conservation regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board, and finding that the project is exempt from Section 21000 et seq. of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA). Districts 1, 2, 3 and 5.

Closed Session Items:

11. I. PERSONNEL (Gov. Code, section 54957.) It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session to: 1. Consider Public Employee Appointment for the Position of Director of Child Support Services.
- II. PENDING LITIGATION (Gov. Code, section 54956.9.) It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session concerning the following items: Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation (Gov. Code, section 54956.9(a).) (Formally initiated) 2. People of the State of California v. Sani, et al.; 3. People of the State of California v. Welsh, et al.; and 4. Mountain Cascade, Inc. v. SLO Co. Flood Control & Water Conservation District, et al.
- III. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Gov. Code, section 54957.6.) It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session to have a conference with its Labor Negotiator Tami Douglas-Schatz concerning the following employee organizations: 5. San Luis Obispo Government Attorney's Union; 6. SLOCEA-Trades and Crafts; 7. Deputy County Counsel's Association; 8. Sheriffs' Management; 9. SLOCPPOA; 10. Deputy Sheriff's Association; 11. DAIA; 12. SLOCPMPOA; 13. SLOCEA-Public Services, Supervisors, Clerical; 14. Unrepresented Management and Confidential Employees and 15. ASLODS.

RECESS1:30 REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Presentations:

12. Presentation of the 2013 Conservationists of the Year Award from the Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District. All Districts.

Hearings:

13. Hearing to consider a resolution approving the assessment for cost recovery and to close the abatement procedures for the Inquito property located at 480 Mesa Grande Drive in the community of Shandon. Resolution # 2013-184. District 1.
14. Hearing to consider a Temporary Commercial Outdoor Entertainment License Application by Visit San Luis Obispo County for the event "Sunset SAVOR the Central Coast"; exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). District 5.

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ATTACHMENT H

AGENDA

Dan Buckshi
County Administrator



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Frank R. Mecham, Vice-Chairperson, 1st District
Bruce Gibson, Chairperson, 2nd District
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Caren Ray, 4th District
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Tuesday, September 09, 2014

CONSENT AGENDA	9:00 AM
REVIEW AND APPROVAL	
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	
BOARD BUSINESS	
HEARINGS	
CLOSED SESSION	
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AFTERNOON SESSION	1:30 PM
REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION	
BOARD BUSINESS	
ADJOURNMENT	5:00 PM

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9:00 FLAG SALUTE

CONSENT AGENDA – REVIEW AND APPROVAL

The items listed on this portion of the agenda are scheduled for consideration as a group. The staff recommendations will be approved as outlined within the staff report. Any Supervisor may request an item be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda to permit discussion or change the recommended course of action for an item.

Bid Opening:

1. Letter transmitting plans and specifications (Clerk's File) for Olde Towne Nipomo Park & Ride Lot, Nipomo, for Board approval and advertisement for construction bids. Bid opening date set for Thursday, October 9, 2014. District 4. +

Consent Agenda - Administrative Office Items:

2. Request to approve the FY 2014-15 through FY 2017-18 agreement with Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation in the amount not to exceed \$500,000 (\$125,000 per fiscal year) to provide professional independent auditing services. All Districts.
3. Thirty-day update on current drought conditions and related management actions for Board's review of the continuing need for the March 11, 2014 proclamation of local emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8630. All Districts. +
4. Request to appoint Will Clemens to the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency of the former City of Arroyo Grande Redevelopment Agency. District 4.

Consent Agenda - Auditor - Controller - Treasurer - Tax Collector Items:

5. Submittal of a resolution approving FY 2014-15 Final Budget Actions. All Districts.
6. Request to approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$123,700 to establish a maintenance project for office remodel costs associated with consolidation of the Auditor-Controller's and Treasurer-Tax Collector's offices. All Districts.

Consent Agenda - General Services Agency Items:

7. Request to approve Consent to Assignment and Assumption of the Site J lease agreement at the San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport from Barbara Cooper-Ferrini dba West Coast Air Service, a sole proprietorship, to West Coast Air Service LLC. District 3.

Consent Agenda - Health Agency Items:

8. Request to approve a FY 2014-15 renewal contract with Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo in an amount not to exceed \$290,504 to provide mental health services to youth and adults in accordance with the Mental Health Services Act and services in support of the 2011 Public Safety Realignment Implementation Plan. All Districts.
9. Request to approve a FY 2014-15 renewal contract with San Luis Coastal Unified School District in the amount not to exceed \$90,059 under which the County will provide on-site support in addition to educationally related mental health services in the District's special education classes. Districts 2 & 3.
10. Submittal of a resolution proclaiming September 9, 2014 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day. All Districts.

11. Request to approve a FY 2014-15 renewal contract with Sanford L. Friedlander, M.A., L.P.T., L.M.F.T. in the amount of \$491,886 to provide mental health crisis intervention services. All Districts.
12. Request to approve renewal FY 2014-15 contracts with Coast Unified School District and San Miguel Joint Unified School District in the cumulative amount not to exceed \$95,034 to provide drug and alcohol prevention counseling services. Districts 1 & 2.
13. Request to approve: 1) a three year renewal agreement (Clerk's File) with the California Department of Public Health for FY 2014-15 through 2016-17 in a total amount not to exceed \$2,371,527 for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) program; and 2) authorize the Health Agency Director or designee to sign any amendments to the recommended agreement that do not increase the level of General Fund Support. All Districts.

Consent Agenda - Planning & Building Items:

14. Submittal of a resolution approving an agreement establishing Restrictions and Obligations for real property adjusted by Lot Line Adjustment COAL 13-0098 With Stephen B. Samerjan, III, Trustee of the Lifetime Benefit Trust. District 2.
15. Submittal of a resolution to approve an Avigation Easement from JLK Commercial LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, for the San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport. District 3.
16. Request to authorize the use of Alternative Publication Procedures for the Fall 2014 General Plan Amendment Cycle. All Districts.
17. Request to approve a renewal agreement with Economic Vitality Corporation (EVC) in the amount of \$148,775 to implement the San Luis Obispo County Clusters of Opportunity Economic Strategy. All Districts.

Consent Agenda - Probation:

18. Request to accept \$50,000 in Recidivism Reduction Grant Program funds from the Board of State and Community Corrections. All Districts.

Consent Agenda - Public Works Items:

19. Submittal of bid opening report for South Higuera Street Rehabilitation Project, San Luis Obispo County, to award the subject contract to Souza Construction, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$195,977. District 3.
20. Request to amend the FY 2014-15 Fixed Asset List for Fund Center 405 – Public Works Internal Service Fund (ISF) in the amount of \$10,000, and to purchase one All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV). All Districts.
21. Submittal of a resolution authorizing execution of notice of completion and acceptance for the Sidewalk Improvements for Crocker Street in Templeton. District 1.

22. Submittal of a resolution vacating a portion of River Street, a paper street, and the east half of the Alley Way in Block 56 by Summary Vacation, and finding that the project is exempt from section 21000 et seq. of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA), in the unincorporated community of Oceano. District 4.
23. Request approval of Parcel Map CO 05-0190, a proposed subdivision resulting in 2 lots by Daniel and Thomas Herlihy and reject the offer of dedication for slope easement, Nipomo. District 4.
24. Request to: 1) approve and execute, subject to phased notices to proceed, a sole source agreement for professional engineering services with Cannon in the amount of \$86,810 for final design of the County Service Area No. 23 (CSA 23 - Santa Margarita)/Atascadero Mutual Water Company /Garden Farms Community Water District Emergency Intertie Project; and 2) authorize the Public Works Director to sign future amendments to the agreement. District 5.

Consent Agenda Public Works - Board Sitting as Flood Control District:

25. Submittal of a resolution to continue emergency contracting for Nacimiento Water Pipeline repairs and continue the authorization of the Director of Public Works to execute contracts up to \$425,000. District 1. †

Consent Agenda - Sheriff - Coroner Items:

26. Request to approve a contract with DataWorks Plus, LLC, in the amount of \$50,000 from CAL-ID funds to purchase a booking photograph repository system. All Districts.

Public Comment Period:

27. The general public comment period is intended to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters within the Board's purview that are not scheduled on the current agenda. Individuals interested in speaking are asked to fill out a "Board Appearance Request Form" and submit it to the Clerk of the Board prior to the start of general public comment. When recognized by the Chair, each individual speaker may address the Board and is limited to a MAXIMUM of three (3) minutes or a reasonable period of time as determined by the Board Chairperson.

Board Business:

28. Submittal of a resolution commending the Save Cayucos Pier Committee, acceptance of a \$235,000 donation from Save Cayucos Pier Committee for pier reconstruction and lighting, and approval of a corresponding budget adjustment to move donation funds into the Cayucos Pier Restoration project. District 2
29. Request by Chairperson Bruce Gibson to discuss and appoint one of three applicants to the Airport Land Use Commission: Eric Schaefer, Michael Cripe or Robert Tefft. All Districts.

Hearings:

30. Hearing to consider a resolution to establish Underground Utility District No. 31 along San Luis Street between San Rafael Street and First Street in Avila Beach and finding that the District is exempt from Section 21000 et seq. of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA). District 3.
31. Hearing to consider a resolution to establish Underground Utility District No. 32 along South Bay Boulevard between Turri Road and Morro Bay city limits north of the Town of Los Osos and approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Morro Bay to identify the project management authority for the portion of Utility District No. 32 located within the Morro Bay City Limits and finding that the District is exempt from Section 21000 et seq. of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA). District 2.

Closed Session Items:

32. I. PENDING LITIGATION (Gov. Code, section 54956.9.) It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session concerning the following items: Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation (Gov. Code, section 54956.9(a).) (Formally initiated) 1. Barrette v. State of California, et al.

RECESS1:30 REPORT ON CLOSED SESSIONBoard Business:

33. Presentation of options for an ordinance regulating the exportation of groundwater. All Districts.

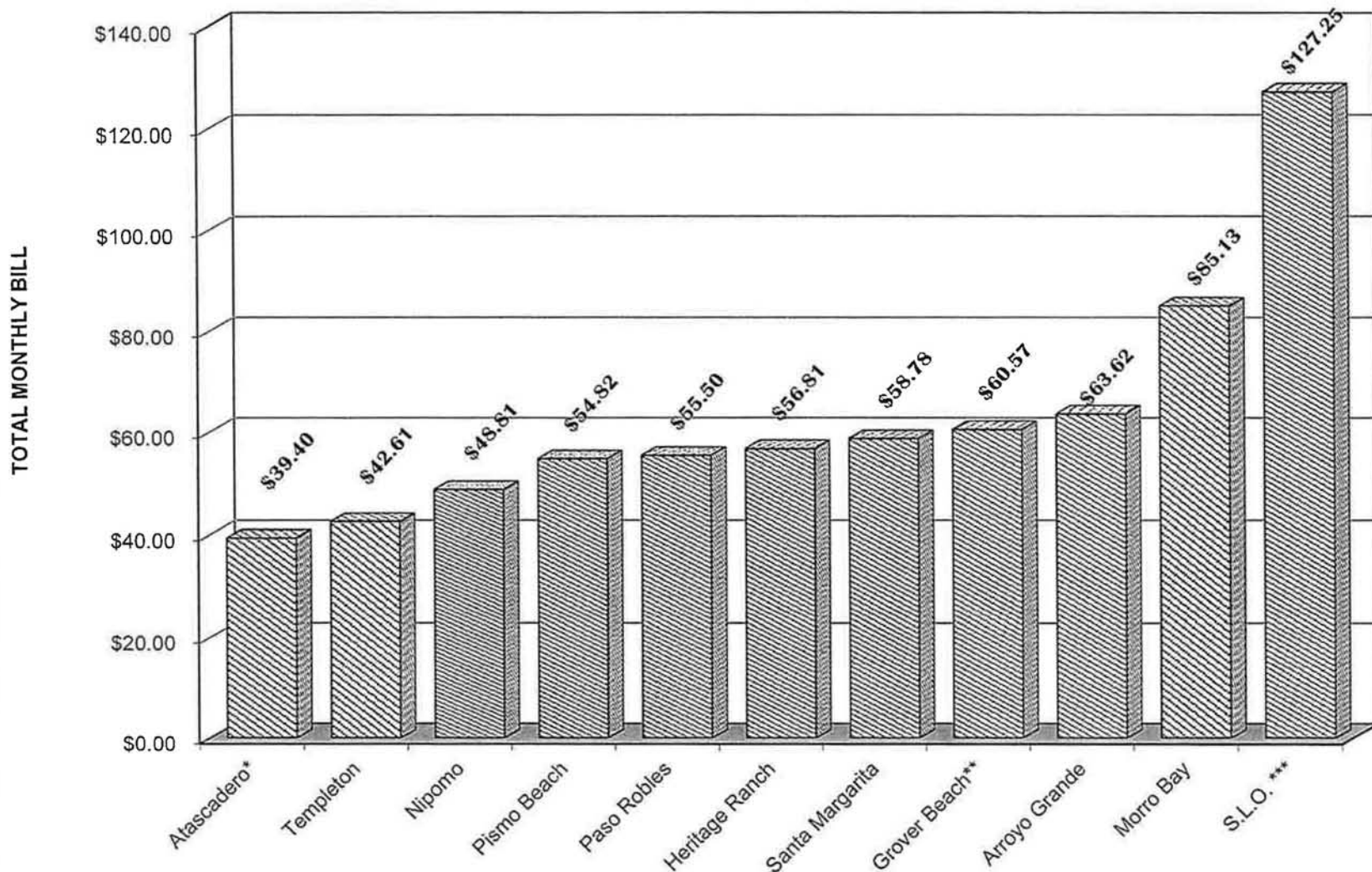


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ATTACHMENT I

**CENTRAL COAST AREA
COMPARABLE COST OF WATER
BASED ON 11,220 GALLONS/MONTH (1,500 CF/MONTH)
AS OF JULY 1, 2014**



*Atascadero - Includes \$2.50/month NWP Surcharge

**Grover Beach - Includes a 1% utility tax applied to the water portion of the bill

***SLO - Includes a 5% utility users tax applied to the water portion of the bill

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ATTACHMENT J

Historic California groundwater regulations head to Gov. Jerry Brown

By Jeremy B. White, jwhite@sacbee.com

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California could soon become the last state in the West to regulate water pulled from beneath the earth, with the Legislature on Friday advancing an unprecedented groundwater-management strategy.

The Legislature passed the three-bill package after lengthy debate about whether state government should oversee pumping from the water table. Lawmakers argued over the long-term fate of California's water supply as a severe drought puts water scarcity at the forefront of public consciousness.

"Every single member on this floor recognizes that we've been overdrafting our groundwater not just in the last year, not just since the drought started, but for decades," said Assemblyman Roger Dickinson, D-Sacramento. "Proponents know it, and opponents concede it. The question is not what will happen if we act, the question is what are the consequences if we fail to act?"

But critics from both parties said the legislation would upend more than a century of water law and create another layer of bureaucracy. They said the measures threatened to make a bad drought situation worse by restricting farmers and other property owners' ability to pump water to help make up for sharp reductions in surface water.

Central Valley Assembly members whose districts encompass California's sprawling farm belt stood in unison against the bill. Assemblyman Adam Gray, D-Merced, said any groundwater legislation should have the same level of backing as the revised water bond lawmakers recently put on the ballot with near-unanimous support.

"We need to put a measure off this floor that can have the same kind of consensus and support that the water bond did," Gray said. "But we've chosen to move forward as a divided house, and I think that's an extraordinary mistake on an issue of this magnitude."

Dickinson's measure, Assembly Bill 1739, had already cleared the Senate and emerged from the Assembly on Friday by a 44-29 tally. It moved in tandem with a related measure, Senate Bill 1168, that on Friday passed the Assembly 45-26 before the Senate sent it to Gov. Jerry Brown on a 24-10 vote.

The bills are structured so the governor must sign both for either to take effect, along with a third bill emerging out of negotiations this week between legislative leaders and the Governor's Office.

The legislative package would compel water-basin managers in certain areas to craft groundwater plans guarding against overdrafts. The state would review the plans and reserve the power to step in if they are not prepared or enforced.

California can regulate water diverted from streams and reservoirs but currently lacks the authority for state-level oversight limiting how much water is pumped out of the ground. Landowners are generally free to extract any water that lies beneath their property.

As deliveries from surface sources have evaporated during a severe drought, farmers and others have turned to water from wells. Up to 65 percent of California's water supply could flow from underground this year, according to a California Water Foundation report, up from an estimated 40 percent in regular years.

That increased use has drained aquifers at a rate scientists call unsustainable, in some places causing the San Joaquin Valley to sink measurably as a result. A California Department of Water Resources study found that, in about half of the thousands of wells surveyed, water levels had plummeted to their lowest point in a century.

California has historically resisted broad state-level controls over groundwater even as other Western states have adopted them. Deference to local property rights has trumped the desire for an expansive state role.

But with the drought straining water supplies and setting off a well-drilling frenzy, local water managers have begun accepting the notion that regional authority need not be absolute, according to Timothy Quinn of the Association of California Water Agencies. He called the bill a necessary remedy for what has been “a simmering crisis for half a century.”

“This bill is built around the notion that local agencies are in the best place to solve this problem – let’s give them the tools and the flexibility to solve this problem locally,” Quinn said, but “there is a backstop. If the locals don’t respond responsibly, then the state is allowed to step in. Local management should be focusing on long-term sustainability for their economy and their environment.”

Agricultural groups remained largely opposed to the groundwater package. A letter from a broad coalition of growers that included heavyweights like the California Farm Bureau Federation denounced Dickinson’s bill and said the measure “severely threatens existing water rights” and could spur litigation.

“We believe the legislation would result in a forced reduction in California’s agricultural economy and also the devaluation of land in large areas of the state,” the letter warned. “This in turn would directly and substantially impact property tax collections in many areas, and the services and programs that are dependent upon them.”

As the legislative session raced to its end-of-August conclusion, some of those interests worked to craft an alternative bill. Sen. Tom Berryhill, R-Twain Harte, who authored the alternative, rejected the Democratic package as a hastily constructed solution to a complex issue.

“These bills in their current form will not help advance sustainable groundwater management,” Berryhill said during Wednesday’s Senate floor debate.

It was the second time in as many weeks lawmakers focused on momentous water-related legislation. They previously passed a new \$7.5 billion bond that voters will approve or reject in November.

In addition to borrowing money for surface-storage projects and environmental stewardship, the bond would allocate \$900 million for groundwater. Within that outlay, \$100 million would go to regional management.

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Read more here: <http://www.sacbee.com/2014/08/29/6665672/historic-california-groundwater.html#storylink=cpy>

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

AB 1739 (Dickinson)

As Amended August 22, 2014

Majority vote

ASSEMBLY: 48-24 (May 28, 2014) SENATE: 26-11 (August 27, 2014)

Original Committee Reference: W., P. & W.

SUMMARY: Requires, together with SB 1168 (Pavley) of the current legislative session, that in all basins and subbasins designated high and medium priority by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) that a locally-formed groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) adopt a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) unless the basin or subbasin is adjudicated or otherwise being sustainably managed. Requires adoption of a GSP by January 31, 2020, if the basin or subbasin is in a critical condition of overdraft, or by January 31, 2022, for all other high and medium priority basins or subbasins.

The Senate amendments:

- 1) Enact this bill contingently with SB 1168 so that both bills together form the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Act) and associated provisions.
- 2) Make legislative findings including, but not limited to, California's high reliance on groundwater to meet its water needs; the necessity of integrated surface and groundwater management in order to meet the state's water management goals; that failed wells, deteriorated water quality, environmental damage, and irreversible land subsidence occur when groundwater is not properly managed; that sustainable groundwater management is part of the implementation of the California Water Action Plan; and that sustainable groundwater management will respect overlying and other property rights.
- 3) Provide GSAs, as created by SB 1168, with authorities to regulate groundwater extraction through well spacing rules, temporary and permanent transfers of groundwater extraction allocations within the agency's boundaries, accounting rules, and other approaches. Prohibits a GSA from issuing permits for well construction, modification, or abandonment except as authorized by a county.
- 4) Allow DWR or a GSA to provide technical assistance to entities that extract groundwater and direct DWR to use its best efforts to provide assistance to any GSA that requests it.
- 5) Require DWR to develop best management practices through a public process, as specified, and publish those best management practices on its internet web site.
- 6) Provide a GSA with financial authorities to impose regulatory fees to fund the preparation, adoption, and amendment of a GSP and authorities, consistent with the California Constitution, to fund acquisition of lands, water supply, water treatment, and other activities to implement the GSP.

- 7) Provide a GSA with capabilities and remedies to enforce its GSP including, but not limited to, civil penalties.
- 8) Require DWR to periodically review GSPs to evaluate whether they meet minimum requirements, are likely to achieve their sustainability goals, and do not adversely affect the ability of an adjacent basin to implement its GSP or achieve its sustainability goals.
- 9) Require, by June 1, 2016, that DWR develop emergency regulations regarding:
 - a) GSP components;
 - b) Coordination of multiple GSPs for a basin; and,
 - c) Alternative compliance, including submitting an existing plan as a functional equivalent of a GSP or submitting an analysis of basin conditions that demonstrates the basin is being sustainably managed.
- 10) Require DWR to post all notices it receives pursuant to GSA formation on its Web site within 15 days of receipt.
- 11) Require a GSA to submit its adopted GSP to DWR for evaluation, as specified, and posting on its Internet Web site.
- 12) Allow a local agency to submit an alternative to DWR for evaluation if it believes that alternative satisfies the Act.
- 13) Allows the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to designate a basin as "probationary" if one or more of the following occurs:
 - a) By June 30, 2017, no local agency or collection of local agencies has either formed a GSA or submitted an alternative form of compliance;
 - b) By January 31, 2020, no local agency or collection of local agencies has adopted a GSP for a high or medium priority basin in a critical condition of overdraft or DWR has not approved an alternative form of compliance;
 - c) By January 31, 2022, no local agency or collection of local agencies has adopted a GSP for a high or medium priority basin not in a critical condition of overdraft or DWR has not approved an alternative form of compliance;
 - d) After January 31, 2020, DWR, in consultation with the State Water Board, determines:
 - i) The GSP is inadequate or not being implemented in a manner that will likely achieve the sustainability goal; and,
 - ii) The State Water Board has determined that the groundwater basin is in a condition of long-term overdraft or in a condition where groundwater extractions result in significant depletions of interconnected surface waters.

- 14) Require the State Water Board to identify deficiencies in a probationary basin and allow a minimum of 180 days for a local agency or GSA to remedy those deficiencies and, if the deficiencies are not remedied, adopt an interim plan after public notice and hearing.
- 15) Require an interim plan to include an identification of the actions that are necessary to correct the condition of long-term overdraft or the condition where groundwater extractions result in significant depletions of interconnected surface waters, a time schedule for those actions, and a description of how the actions will be monitored for effectiveness, among other requirements.
- 16) Allow the State Water Board to require reporting of groundwater extractions in areas that are either in a probationary basin, or not being managed by any local agency; and, charge fees to recover the cost of groundwater management.
- 17) Allow the State Water Board to exclude extractions from reporting if they are subject to a local plan or program that adequately manages groundwater within the portion of that basin to which that plan or program applies, or if those extractions are likely to have a minimal impact on basin withdrawals.
- 18) Require coordination between local land use planning efforts and groundwater management planning efforts.

EXISTING LAW:

- 1) Provides the State Water Board with broad powers to regulate the waste and unreasonable use of water, including groundwater.
- 2) Categorizes groundwater as either a subterranean stream flowing through a known and definite channel or percolating groundwater. Groundwater that is a subterranean stream is subject to the same State Water Board water right permitting requirements as surface water. There is no statewide permitting requirement for percolating groundwater, which is the majority of groundwater.
- 3) Encourages local agencies to work cooperatively to manage groundwater resources within their jurisdictions and, if not otherwise required by law, to voluntarily adopt groundwater management plans (GMPs).
- 4) Requires that a GMP contain components related to funding, management, and monitoring in order for a local agency to be eligible for groundwater project funds administered by DWR.
- 5) Allows a GMP to voluntarily contain additional listed components.
- 6) Requires all of the groundwater basins identified in DWR's Groundwater Report, Bulletin No. 118, to be regularly and systematically monitored locally and the information to be readily and widely available.
- 7) Requires DWR to perform the groundwater elevation monitoring function if no local entity will do so but then bars the county and other entities eligible to monitor that basin from receiving state water grants or loans.

- 8) Requires DWR to prioritize groundwater basins based on multiple factors including, but not limited to, the level of population and irrigated acreage relying on the groundwater basin as a primary source of water and the current impacts on the groundwater basin from overdraft, subsidence, saline intrusion and other water quality degradation.

AS PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY, this bill required sustainable groundwater management in all groundwater subbasins determined by DWR to be at medium to high risk of significant economic, social and environmental impacts due to an unsustainable and chronic pattern of groundwater extractions exceeding the ability of the surface water supplies to replenish the subbasin.

FISCAL EFFECT: According to the Senate Appropriations Committee:

- 1) No additional state costs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 through FY 2018-19 to DWR for initial activities.
- 2) Annual costs of \$3.5 to \$4 million from the General Fund beginning in FY 2017-18 to DWR to review plans and to provide ongoing technical support.
- 3) Annual costs of \$260,000 to \$390,000 from the Water Rights Fund (special) for FY 2014-15 through FY 2016-17 to the State Water Board for initial activities.
- 4) Annual costs of \$325,000 to \$600,000 from the General Fund beginning in FY 2017-18 to the State Water Board for review of GSPs.
- 5) Unknown annual costs, estimated to be approximately \$1.5 million, from the Water Rights Fund (special) to the State Water Board for enforcement actions beginning in FY 2017-18. These costs would be at least partially offset by fees.

COMMENTS: As Benjamin Franklin warned over 200 years ago, we know the worth of water when the well is dry. Unfortunately, for many Californians that is a stark reality or a pending calamity that has been coming in slow-motion for 50 years. In its August 15, 2014, editorial the Sacramento Bee notes that it was in 1962 that an Assembly Interim Committee on Water dodged the issue of needed groundwater management by advising the Legislature it should act if the situation got worse. It got worse. Sixteen years later, in 1978, the Governor's Commission to Review California Water Rights Law, a group commissioned by Governor Jerry Brown, found the groundwater situation was critical and that comprehensive local management had not been undertaken in many overdrafted areas of the state. Again, there was no action.

An August 18, 2014 Los Angeles Times column asserts there is no better time to act than now. The Times notes that the recently-passed \$7.545 billion bond for water-related projects and programs that is scheduled for the November 2014 ballot contains \$100 million for planning and implementing groundwater management, \$800 million for cleaning up groundwater, \$700 million for recycling and \$2.7 billion for dam building. As the Los Angeles Times column states, these are projects that can help replenish underground basins but it will take pumping rules to assure taxpayers that they're getting their money's worth. The Los Angeles Times column concludes, the state has been ignoring experts' increasing warnings regarding groundwater depletions for decades and holding off on groundwater regulation since statehood

but together this bill and the contingently-enacted SB 1168 seek to empower local governments to manage groundwater sustainably while allowing the state to step in if they fail to do so.

While California uses more groundwater than any other state, it is the last in the Union to lack an enforceable set of statewide groundwater management standards. Groundwater informational hearings in the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee and the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee in March 2014 revealed disturbing statistics on the current degradation of some of California's groundwater basins: between 2003 and 2009 the groundwater aquifers for the Central Valley and its major mountain water source, the Sierra Nevadas, lost almost 26 million acre-feet of water – nearly enough water combined to fill Lake Mead, America's largest reservoir. The findings reflected the effects of California's extended drought and the resulting increased rates of groundwater being pumped for human uses, such as irrigation.

In response to the crisis two bills were introduced in the Legislature, this bill and SB 1168, and the authors began extensive stakeholder outreach facilitated by both a nonprofit nonpartisan foundation and an association of water agencies. During this time, the Administration of Governor Brown also proposed statutory language to manage groundwater, made it available on the internet, and started a series of public stakeholder meetings. In July 2014, four professionally facilitated public meetings were convened and led by representatives of both authors as well as the Administration. Following those meetings language was taken from each bill and the Administration's proposal and crafted into one integrated statute. That language was amended into both this bill and SB 1168, making them identical. Both authors also became coauthors of each bill. When the integrated statute came into print, another professionally-facilitated stakeholder meeting was held to get additional input on refinements.

On August 18, 2014, amendments to this bill and SB 1168 divided the integrated statute into two logical pieces that must be enacted together. Both that set of amendments and further amendments taken on August 22, 2014, incorporated many stakeholder-suggested refinements. SB 1168 contains: the state's general policy regarding sustainable groundwater management; the Act's general provisions, including the requirement for high and medium priority basins to be managed sustainably, as defined; basin boundary adjustment language; authorities and powers for GSAs; and, required GSP components. This bill includes provisions related to coordination between local land use agencies and GSAs as well as those provisions of the Act regarding: DWR technical assistance; GSA financial authorities; GSA enforcement powers; state evaluation and assessment of GSPs; and, State intervention under specified circumstances, including authority for the State Water Board to require reporting of groundwater withdrawals and charge fees for its interim management activities. In many respects SB 1168 contains the actions related to establishing GSAs and planning GSPs while this bill contains most of the complimentary implementation tools and enforcement authorities, both State and local.

The author states that in many areas, including parts of the San Joaquin Valley, overdraft of groundwater has become a serious problem and while a number of groundwater basins and subbasins are under sound local and regional management, others are not. The author adds that while existing authorities and requirements for managing groundwater provide a strong foundation, managing to a sustainable level of groundwater requires additional tools that build upon that foundation. Supporters state this bill would provide authority to local and regional GSAs to prepare and implement GSPs including the ability to adopt rules and regulations necessary to further their sustainability goals and a variety of tools to use in preparing plans,

adopting fees, and imposing fines, among others. Other supporters state that every Californian is affected by our current inability to measure or control the use of our groundwater resources, in particular those that rely upon groundwater-fed streams or shallow wells for drinking water. This legislation provides an important framework to address this long-standing and expanding problem and ensure the long-term viability of communities, industry, and the environment throughout the state.

Opponents state they share the author's interest in improving groundwater management but are concerned about the broad scope and specific impacts of this measure. Opponents believe this bill is extraordinarily ambitious and comprehensive and that in its current form it would substantially alter the California landscape and economy for generations to come. Opponents are concerned that this bill could require hundreds of millions of dollars in implementation costs and are worried about potential affects to the agricultural economy and the landscape that is dependent upon it. Opponents also claim this bill could cause a potential devaluation in some land thus affecting property tax collections in some areas and the services and programs that are dependent upon them. Opponents advocate delaying action in order to avoid what they believe would be unanticipated consequences.

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SENATE THIRD READING
 SB 1168 (Pavley)
 As Amended August 29, 2014
 Majority vote

SENATE VOTE: 24-12

WATER, PARKS & WILDLIFE 9-4 APPROPRIATIONS 11-5

<p>Ayes: Rendon, Bocanegra, Fong, Frazier, Gatto, Gomez, Gonzalez, Rodriguez, Yamada</p> <p>Nays: Bigelow, Dahle, Beth Gaines, Gray</p>	<p>Ayes: Gatto, Bocanegra, Bradford, Ian Calderon, Campos, Gomez, Holden, Pan, Quirk, Ridley-Thomas, Weber</p> <p>Nays: Bigelow, Donnelly, Jones, Linder, Wagner</p>
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 Ian Calderon, Campos, Gomez,
 Holden, Pan, Quirk,
 Ridley-Thomas, Weber

Nays: Bigelow, Donnelly, Eggman, Jones,
 Wagner

SUMMARY: Requires adoption of a sustainable groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) by January 31, 2020, for all high or medium priority basins that are subject to critical conditions of overdraft and by January 31, 2022, for all other high and medium priority basins unless the basin is legally adjudicated or the local agency establishes it is otherwise being sustainably managed. Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Makes findings including, but not limited to, California's high reliance on groundwater to meet its water needs; the necessity of integrated surface and groundwater management in order to meet the state's water management goals; and the failed wells, deteriorated water quality, environmental damage, and irreversible land subsidence that occur when groundwater is not properly managed.
- 2) Establishes that it is the policy of the state that all groundwater basins are managed sustainably for multiple economic, social and environmental benefits and that such management is best achieved locally based on best available science.
- 3) Enacts the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Act) with the stated intent of empowering local groundwater agencies to sustainably manage groundwater basins through the development of GSPs.

- 4) Defines sustainable groundwater management, among other terms.
- 5) Encourages the voluntary participation of California Native tribes and federal agencies in sustainable groundwater management while preserving and acknowledging the federally reserved rights of federally recognized Indian tribes.
- 6) Specifies that groundwater basins are those identified by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in Bulletin No. 118, as it may be amended, and includes subbasins.
- 7) Requires DWR, by January 31, 2015, to prioritize each basin as either a high, medium, low, or very low priority using factors under the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) program that include, but are not limited to: population, extent of public wells; overlying irrigated acreage; reliance on groundwater; any documented impacts upon the basin from overdraft, subsidence, saline intrusion and other water quality degradation; or any other information determined to be relevant by the department, including adverse impacts on local habitat and local streamflows.
- 8) Requires that high and medium priority basins that are in a be sustainably managed through a GSP but excepts:
 - a) Basins, or portions of basins, that were subject to a groundwater adjudication; and,
 - b) Basins that a local agency can demonstrate are already being sustainably managed.
- 9) Encourages low and very low priority basins to manage through a GSP but, should they voluntarily choose to do so, exempts them from any State compliance actions.
- 10) Allows any local agency or combination of agencies to establish a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) for the purpose of developing and implementing a GSP. Allows water corporations regulated by the Public Utilities Commission to participate in a GSA if the local agencies forming the GSA approve.
- 11) Recognizes and lists special districts that were created in legislation for the purpose of managing groundwater and makes those districts the exclusive entities within their boundaries with authority to comply with the Act, unless they choose to opt out.
- 12) Allows a city or county to be the GSA or, in the case of an area where no local agency has assumed management, presumes the county to be the GSA unless the county opts out. If the county opts out and there is no other local agency, requires reporting of groundwater extractions directly to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board).
- 13) Requires a local agency or combination of local agencies that is electing to be, or forming, a GSA to notify DWR of the intent to be a GSA and provide a notice to DWR that includes the proposed boundaries of the GSA, among other information. Requires DWR to post the notice to its website.
- 14) Following public notice, a public hearing, and final action to become a GSA, requires the GSA to notify DWR within 30 days and include copies of pertinent documents, as specified. Requires DWR to post the final notice and documents to its Web site. Ninety days following

posting by DWR, the GSA is presumed to be the exclusive GSA for its boundaries if no other GSA submits a notice.

- 15) Provides for public involvement in the development of GSPs and sets forth a diverse set of interests that should be considered by the GSA during that process including an entity within the basin that is currently a CASGEM monitoring entity.
- 16) Empowers GSAs to collect information regarding the condition of the basin and then develop and implement a GSP using, as the GSA chooses, powers and authorities provided under the Act including, but not limited to:
 - a) Acquiring land and water to carry out the plan, including but not limited to spreading, storing, retaining, percolating, transporting, or reclaiming water to recharge the basin or provide water supplies in-lieu of groundwater;
 - b) Monitoring for compliance and limiting extractions;
 - c) Proposing, collecting, updating and enforcing fees, consistent with all statutory and Constitutional requirements; and
- 17) Specifies that nothing in the Act or in any GSA adopted pursuant to the Act determines or alters surface water rights or groundwater rights under common law or any provision of law that determines or grants surface water rights.
- 18) Requires, by June 1, 2016, that DWR develop regulations regarding:
 - a) GSP components;
 - b) Coordination of multiple GSPs for a basin; and,
 - c) Alternative compliance, including submitting an existing plan as a functional equivalent of a GSP or submitting an analysis of basin conditions that demonstrates the basin is being sustainably managed.
- 19) Specifies, in those areas that require a GSP to be completed, adopted, and submitted to DWR that the deadlines are:
 - a) January 31, 2020, in high and medium priority basins that are subject to critical conditions of overdraft; and,
 - b) January 31, 2022 for all other high and medium priority basins.
- 20) Exempts the preparation and adoption of a GSP from the California Environmental Quality Act but does not exempt a project or action to implement the GSP.
- 21) Requires GSPs to meet certain standards including:
 - a) Encompassing an entire basin or subbasin; and

- b) Being designed to achieve sustainable groundwater management within 20 years of adoption with progress reports to DWR and the State Water Board every five years.
- 22) Requires a GSA to annually report to DWR its groundwater elevation data, aggregated extraction data, use or availability of surface water for recharge or in-lieu supplies, total water use, and change in groundwater storage.
- 23) Allows DWR to adjust basin boundaries, as specified, and re-prioritize low and very low basins according to criteria that include adverse impacts to habitat and surface water resources. Requires DWR to adopt emergency regulations governing basin boundary adjustments.
- 24) Provides that if a basin is reprioritized to medium or high, it shall have two years from the date of reprioritization to form a governance entity for sustainable management or submit an alternate means of establishing the basin is sustainably managed. If no alternate means is approved, allows five years to adopt a GSP in compliance with the Act.
- 25) Prohibits the adoption or renewal of existing groundwater management plans that do not meet the requirements for a GSP but allows such plans to remain in effect until a GSP is adopted.
- 26) Allows a GSA to become a CASGEM monitoring agency.
- 27) Contains chaptering language that only allows this bill to become operative if AB 1739 (Dickinson) of the current legislative session and SB 1319 (Pavley) of the current legislative session, are enacted and become operative this session.

EXISTING LAW:

- 1) Provides the State Water Board with broad powers to regulate the waste and unreasonable use of water, including groundwater.
- 2) Categorizes groundwater as either a subterranean stream flowing through a known and definite channel or percolating groundwater. Groundwater that is a subterranean stream is subject to the same State Water Board water right permitting requirements as surface water. There is no statewide permitting requirement for percolating groundwater, which is the majority of groundwater.
- 3) Encourages local agencies to work cooperatively to manage groundwater resources within their jurisdictions and, if not otherwise required by law, to voluntarily adopt GMPs.
- 4) Requires that a GMP contain components related to funding, management, and monitoring in order for a local agency to be eligible for groundwater project funds administered by DWR.
- 5) Allows a GMP to voluntarily contain additional listed components.
- 6) Requires all of the groundwater basins identified in DWR's Groundwater Report, Bulletin No. 118, to be regularly and systematically monitored locally and the information to be

readily and widely available.

- 7) Requires DWR to perform the groundwater elevation monitoring function if no local entity will do so but then bars the county and other entities eligible to monitor that basin from receiving state water grants or loans.
- 8) Requires DWR to prioritize groundwater basins based on multiple factors including, but not limited to, the level of population and irrigated acreage relying on the groundwater basin as a primary source of water and the current impacts on the groundwater basin from overdraft, subsidence, saline intrusion and other water quality degradation.

FISCAL EFFECT: According to the Assembly Appropriations Committee:

- 1) Increased annual General Fund (GF) costs to DWR of approximately \$4 million beginning in fiscal year (FY) 2019-20 to collect and manage data, complete evaluations, and assist the State Water Board in developing interim plans. DWR received \$22.5 million in the 2014-15 Budget (\$2.5 million for FY 2014-15 and \$5 million each year from FY 2015-16 through FY 2018-19 which will fund Bulletin 118 updates and technical assistance.
- 2) Minor, if any, reimbursable local government costs.

COMMENTS: As Benjamin Franklin warned over 200 years ago, we know the worth of water when the well is dry. Unfortunately, for many Californians that is a stark reality or a pending calamity that has been coming in slow-motion for 50 years. In its August 15, 2014, editorial the Sacramento Bee notes that it was in 1962 that an Assembly Interim Water Committee dodged the issue of needed groundwater management by advising the Legislature it should act if the situation got worse. It got worse. Sixteen years later, in 1978, the Governor's Commission to Review California Water Rights Law, a group commissioned by Governor Jerry Brown, found the groundwater situation was critical and that comprehensive local management had not been undertaken in many overdrafted areas of the state. Again, there was no action.

An August 18, 2014, Los Angeles Times column asserts there is no better time to act than now. The Times notes that the recently-passed \$7.545 bond for water-related projects and programs that is scheduled for the November 2014 ballot contains \$100 million for planning and implementing groundwater management, \$800 million for cleaning up groundwater, \$700 million for recycling and \$2.7 billion for dam building. As the Los Angeles Times column states, these are projects that can help replenish underground basins but it will take pumping rules to assure taxpayers that they're getting their money's worth. The Times Los Angeles column concludes, the State has been ignoring experts' increasing warnings regarding groundwater depletions for decades and holding off on groundwater regulation since statehood but together this bill and a related measure AB 1739, seek to empower local governments to manage groundwater sustainably while allowing the state to step in if they fail to do so.

While California uses more groundwater than any other state, it is the last in the Union to lack an enforceable set of statewide groundwater management standards. Groundwater informational hearings in the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee and the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee in March 2014 revealed disturbing statistics on the current degradation of some of California's groundwater basins: between 2003 and 2009 the

groundwater aquifers for the Central Valley and its major mountain water source, the Sierra Nevadas, lost almost 26 million acre-feet of water – nearly enough water combined to fill Lake Mead, America's largest reservoir. The findings reflected the effects of California's extended drought and the resulting increased rates of groundwater being pumped for human uses, such as irrigation.

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The August 18, 2014 amendments to this bill and AB 1739 divided the integrated statute into two logical pieces that must be enacted together and included many of the stakeholder-suggested refinements. The August 22, 2014, amendments made mostly technical and clarifying changes as well as additional stakeholder refinements. This bill contains: the general policy of the State regarding sustainable groundwater management; the Act's general provisions, including phased requirements for high and medium priority basins to manage sustainably, depending on whether a critical condition of overdraft exists; basin boundary adjustment language; requirements and authorities for establishing GSAs; powers and authorities of GSAs; and, required GSP components. AB 1739 includes provisions related to coordination between local land use agencies and GSAs as well as those provisions of the Act regarding: DWR technical assistance; GSA financial authorities; GSA enforcement powers; State evaluation and assessment of GSPs; and, State intervention should the requirements of the statute not be met, including authority for the State Water Board to require reporting of groundwater withdrawals and charge fees for its interim management activities. In many respects this bill contains the actions related to establishing GSAs and planning GSPs while AB 1739 contains most of the complimentary implementation tools and enforcement authorities, both State and local.

The author states that this bill is needed because California faces a groundwater crisis. The author points out that the cumulative overdraft of our groundwater basins is equivalent to the entire amount of water stored in Lake Tahoe and that in many areas of the state, local groundwater managers lack the tools and authorities to manage the groundwater basins. The author concludes that without improved local management the overdraft in many parts of the state will get even worse over the next several years. Other supporters add that a new statewide policy for sustainable groundwater management is urgently needed and that this bill addresses one of California's most pressing water management issues. Supporters point out that breadth of the stakeholder involvement process that was used in order to help ensure the right balance of provisions to empower local groundwater management agencies with new tools and authorities and to create an appropriate state backstop that will allow the state to intervene only when needed.

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ATTACHMENT K

Soquel Creek water board delays rationing plan

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CAPITOLA >> Saying the public doesn't understand or support a proposed 20-year water rationing program, the Soquel Creek Water District board voted unanimously Tuesday to redo it and take greater community input.

District staff had recommended setting a limit of 75 gallons per person per day for residential customers and require them to sign an affidavit stating the number of people per household if it is greater than one. Commercial customers would have been restricted from irrigating turf unless it serves a public function, such as sports fields.

Absent a supplemental supply project generated by a recycled water or seawater desalination plant, the point of the program was to reduce overall groundwater pumping by 11 percent, or a third of what a worst-case estimate cites is needed to restore aquifers through 2035 and halt seawater intrusion.

"I think it would be wise to go slowly on this," said board member Bruce Jaffe, who suggested the delay. "We don't have a program if our customers don't want it."

The board will resume the discussion in October, including whether to move forward with a pilot program educating customers through an initial residential enrollment process and billing statements what fees they would incur based on their current consumption if the proposal passed. In October, the board plans to take a formal vote to call off a proposed fee structure expected to go into effect next year.

"This is the best conversation we've had about this program since Day One," General Manager Kim Adamson said, acknowledging the proposal had moved too quickly.

District staff said only about half of residential customers would exceed the proposed rationing in summer based on current use and 14 would be percent would go over in winter. But customers have been increasingly calling into question how the limits are set and how much the district should spend to enforce them.

Jonathan Nelson, a Soquel Drive resident, said he believed the district should base the cuts on a percentage of the current use, not on an across-the-board limit.

"I feel a way to get community support is to make everybody equal," he said.

By October, the district also will have a better sense of how serious the overdraft is, which will determine how severe the rationing should be. On Sept. 16, the board will evaluate differing hydrology reports based on a number of factors, including whether to count septic recharge in restoring the basin. One report states the depth of accumulated overdraft is about twice as severe as a more recent study.