

CALIFORNIA CITIES WATER

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Dear Nipomo Customer:

We have received several recent inquiries from our Nipomo customers regarding California Cities Water's involvement in the State Water Project, and its impact on Nipomo. This letter is meant to keep you informed.

One concern voiced: why did registered voters in the Nipomo Community Services District vote in the June, 1991 advisory election, yet those in California Cities' service area did not?

Good question. Contracts for our State Water allocation have been executed within Santa Barbara County. While these contracts include State Water which will ultimately be delivered to Nipomo, no Nipomo elections are required for California Cities to deliver water outside Santa Barbara County.

A related question: will Nipomo customers ever have an opportunity to vote?

Not in an official election, but your voice can certainly be heard. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is now accepting public input regarding our request to participate in the State Water Project. You are also invited to learn more and share your opinions at our informal public information meeting. This is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m., at Nipomo Youth Recreation Center: 170 South Frontage Road.

Finally, this question has been posed: will all Nipomo customers receive water from the State Water Project?

The answer is yes. Once State Water is introduced into the Nipomo water system, it will flow to all our customers as a "blend" of groundwater and imported water. The State Water Project's Coastal Aqueduct will bring an urgently needed source of high-quality water to the Nipomo area, benefiting your community in the process. Meanwhile, if you have any unanswered questions about the project, please call me or one of my staff at (805) 937-2007.

An important point to consider: the CPUC will evaluate all input from our company and from our customers at the public hearings and offer its opinion as to the merit of the proposed plan.

Please keep in mind that saving water is becoming increasingly important throughout California. We urge all our Nipomo customers to practice sound water conservation. Continue to be water-wise.

Sincerely.

Roger W. Brett District Manager

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