

NCSD to fill vacancy by appointment

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NIPOMO — The Nipomo Community Services District Board of Directors voted Tuesday to fill a vacancy on the board by appointment. The board left open the option for a special election if none of the applicants meet board standards or if the candidate does not have majority support. A seat on the board was created by Al Simon's recent death. The term of office is

about 18 months.

To qualify for the board, applicants must be registered voters and live within the boundaries of the district.

Applications must be received by the district by June 29. The board will hold a special meeting the week of July 9 to interview candidates and to make a selection.

If the board does not fill the vacancy within 60 days or call for an election, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors can make an

appointment or call for an election.

Tuesday's vote was 3-1, with Director Judith Wirsing calling for a special election.

"I feel that's what the community would want," Wirsing said.

Director Robert Blair, president of the board, argued that it was not fiscally responsible for the district to call for an election, which would cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Jesse Hill, chairman of the Nipomo Community Adviso-

ry Committee, said he supported an election because the board is facing a number of important issues.

"If I was in your shoes, I would want an election," Hill said.

"I'm still looking to appoint," Blair responded.

Director Michael Winn stressed the appointment process would be open to the public.

The district's regular June 20 board meeting has been canceled. The next meeting is June 27.

Antenna plan flawed

To the Editor:

I would like to comment on Staff Writer Erin Waldner's article "Nipomo gives antennae plan warm reception." In theory this is a very good idea, but I would take issue with the way it is being presented. First the NCAC is not elected by any portion of the voters. This advisory council was created by Sup. Katcho with the idea of giving the community a voice in government. This, too, in theory was an excellent idea. The problem is this board has been expanded to 25 members, many of which do not live in Nipomo proper or represents very vocal special interest groups.

The council states that usually only the property owner and the cellular company reap the benefits of the \$1,500 per month rental fee for the location sites. Under the NCAC's plan, the entire community will reap the benefits. If the antennas are placed on public property like a school or library this is certainly true. On private property, the public does not pay the taxes, pay the insurance or accept any of the responsibility of either ownership or liability.

When you ask people to freely share their proceeds with you that is cooperation. When you make a public statement that Mr. Hill made (in agreeing to donate a portion of their proceeds to the public benefit helps them get community support). This

is not asking the landowner to freely cooperate with government. It is using the power of government to extort a portion of the proceeds due the landowner in order to get an approval. The current term used

today in government circles is mitigation. This is why we have a state and federal Constitution to protect the citizens against the tyranny of government.

This is why a lot of the mitigation that goes on in San Luis and Santa Barbara counties end up in the courts as litigation. These people are not elected, they appoint themselves and as a result cannot understand why a large number of their proposals are not acted on. This policy will also force locations for antennae that are technically correct to be changed to those that are politically correct and thus jeopardize the whole system. The NCAC was created to advise the SLO County Government. It was not created to order, suggest or in any way direct the power of that government to be used against the people that the supervisors represent. I believe that Katcho needs to explain this to them.

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Last row we moved went to technically better locations according to reps Rosen & Harry and went to new probir from for probir and from for probir to County ~~land~~ Parks to fund the Little League.

I'm going to need to regularize this for response by the Board of NCAC.

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25 live in
Nipomo