

NCSD WATERLINE INTERTIE PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The basic objective of the proposed Nipomo Community Services District Waterline Intertie Project is to construct a pipeline connection from the City of Santa Maria water distribution system across the Santa Maria River to the existing water distribution system within the Nipomo Community Services District. In so doing, the proposed Project will also achieve the following objectives:

1. Avoid further depletion of the Nipomo Mesa Groundwater Management Area of the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin (NMMA) and prevent sea water intrusion by providing supplemental water consistent with proposed settlement agreements related to the groundwater adjudication.
2. Comply with the 2005 groundwater adjudication settlement stipulation that recognizes the need for active management of the NMMA.
3. Assist in balancing groundwater levels in the NMMA by reducing pumping in the NMMA.
4. Augment current water supplies available to the Nipomo Community Services District (District) by 2,000 acre-feet per year (afy).
5. Augment current water supplies available to the Woodlands and other water purveyors on the Mesa (Golden State and Rural Water) by 1,000 afy.
6. Increase the reliability of District water supply by providing a diversity of water sources. Avoid the potential use of supplemental water return flows from the District, the Woodlands and the other purveyors, being used to support the water requirements of new development.
7. Comply with Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) requirements for securing supplemental water prior to annexation of lands now within the District's Sphere of Influence. This supplemental water for annexations shall be in addition to the initial 3,000 afy.
8. Avoid multiple waterline crossings of the Santa Maria River and associated environmental impacts, by constructing a single pipeline capable of transporting sufficient water for potential NMMA growth consistent with the South County Area Plan (Inland) of San Luis Obispo County's General Plan.
9. Avoid depletion of the NMMA by:
 - A. Providing supplemental water for new development within the current service area of the District and the Mesa's other water purveyors (Golden State and Rural Water) consistent with the South County Area Plan (Inland);
 - B. Facilitating supplemental water delivery for new development within the District's Sphere of Influence consistent with the South County Area Plan (Inland) and the conditions in LAFCO's 2004 Sphere of Influence Update.
 - C. Providing the basis for the assessment of impact fees upon development outside the District's Sphere of Influence and the service areas of the Mesa's other water purveyors (Golden State and Rural Water).