

## **Saving water in Nipomo**

San Luis Obispo County issues building permits and makes land-use decisions for Nipomo. Building permits for Nipomo are not the purview of the Nipomo Community Services District, and the NCSD has no part in the land-use decision and permitting process.

NCSD has not said that “development is a way of life in Nipomo.” Our job is to supply water to customers, and growth and development in Nipomo is decided by the county, not NCSD.

The current need to save water is not a growth or no-growth issue. While additional growth may worsen the current problems, it is NCSD's customers who are using water faster than it can be replaced by nature.

If not one new customer moved into Nipomo, we would still have an aquifer overdraft, and would still have to conserve. If the rate of overdraft continues, and the aquifer is permanently damaged, it is Nipomo residents who will suffer the effects the most.

NCSD is in the process of evaluating options for supplemental water. On Sept. 28, Boyle Engineering will provide to NCSD results of its study on supplemental water options. The NCSD board will consider the options at the meeting on Oct. 10.

The NCSD is committed to this selection being an open process, and the public is encouraged to attend the October meeting, at 9 a.m., 148 S. Wilson.

There is no magic-bullet measure by which a resident can achieve needed water savings. It is a combination of things. An average NCSD customer, by turning off the water when brushing their teeth twice a day, would save 5.5 percent of their daily water consumption.

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