

Speaking out on sewer plan

A sewer plant at 776 Mesa Road is not good for Nipomo.

Nipomo Community Services District scheduled a first hearing on Wednesday, Nov. 28 on its master plan to place a sewer facility at 776 Mesa Road.

This little-known and ill-conceived plan involves sinking all the current and future NCSD effluent into the groundwater supply between the NCSD and Golden State Water Co. drinking water wells.

The effluent has a salt content six to eight times what's in the local groundwater now.

Poor-quality water will force people into using water softeners, which will add more salt, requiring more softeners, creating a cycle of increasing unusable water.

Along with that are the water-quality concerns of adding effluent with unknown pharmaceutical and biological components to the drinking water supply.

There are several better solutions, such as fixing problems with the current sewer plant, which is at a location that has very little downwind impacts. Or considering all the NCSD board's concern for seawater intrusion, a better solution would be taking the poor-quality water and placing it in the groundwater basin near the coast. This way it will be the first water going into the ocean, instead of the higher-quality water, and it prevents seawater intrusion.

If you want a different future, go to meetings, e-mail or write to NCSD. All the information you need is at

www.NoMesaRoadSewer.com

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