

What is the WIP Tax?

Nipomo to Santa Maria Water Intertie Project or **WIP** for short.
A Tax is a proposed parcel assessment to support the WIP project (the water is extra)

Just a few of the questions that need answers:

Why will Santa Maria make a **profit** on the water that NCSD is proposing to buy? (NCSD should not pay for profit or “revenue generation”)

The water Santa Maria plans to supply in the WIP is involved in litigation over water rights.
Why is NCSD trying to complete this project before the litigation process is complete and we know if they have water to sell?

If a shortage is so clear why couldn't NCSD's expert convince the judge with “Clear and convincing” evidence we had a problem that requires pumping reductions?

Why is there no mention that **the court system now has the authority and obligation** to protect the basin by reducing pumping to prevent sea water intrusion when it threatens the basin supply?

The NCSD General Manager, Mike Lebrun, stated:

“It will be the basin management committee, **there's no limitation of the amount of supplemental water we might actually have to bring in**, in order to protect and maintain the basin health. In the stipulation there is a 2500 Af number then it's a more or less as the basin management committee defines or requires and that will be based on monitoring, actual water levels, **It is important for us to understand that.**”

Why does the “Nipomo Mesa Management Area Technical group” that makes a decision of that importance have it's meetings such that that the public can not attend?
Where is the decision on what amount is needed?

[NCSD issued a moratorium on annexations in 1987](#) because of “a current state of overdraft” and then in 1991 NCSD let that moratorium lapse, and started supplying water again.

If there was/is a shortage where did they expect the supply for the additional development to come from?

Where is the money they collected in connection fee's to cover the will servers “supplemental” supply that could not come from the groundwater basin?

How can that not be considered retroactive subsidizing of development?

Nothing prevents retroactive subsidizing of development now or in the future.

What is the real cost of the whole WIP project for 30 years ?

NCSD has claimed the project cost is 25 million but what of the other costs?

Capital costs:

Pipe & pump capital costs:	~\$25,000,000,000
Pipe & pump Bond costs:	_____
30 years of Pipe & pump Interest cost:	_____
Public Relations/Polling firm costs:	budgeted at \$150,879

For GSWC, RWC and Woodlands the public record draft tax, per parcel at:

http://www.nonewWiptax.com/NCSD_Packets/09_0930_NCSD_BP_item_E2.pdf

For NCSD the public record draft cost numbers are at the last page of:

http://www.nonewWiptax.com/NCSD_Packets/09_0930_NCSD_BP_item_E5.pdf

Water and Operating Costs:

30 years of Water costs:	_____
30 years of Operating/Water Pumping costs:	_____
30 years of Maintenance costs:	_____
30 years of Replacement costs:	_____
Total	_____?

Other Sources of information:

Opposing WIP/SWP presentation, by the MCA group Date: September 8th 2011 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Place: St Joseph's Church Hall

Nipomo Mesa Management Area Date: September 15th 2011, 7pm (per Mike Winn 8/22)
Technical group report presentation Place: Nipomo High School

www.NoNewWipTax.com

A site dedicated to providing a "**Full Truth**" perspective and a complete data source for documents on the Santa Maria to Nipomo Community Services District **Water Intertie Project** or **WIP** for short.

The **Nipomo Water Facts** website is at: <http://www.nipomowaterfacts.com/>

The **Mesa Community Alliance** website is at: <http://mesacommunityalliance.com/>

The **Orcutt Water** website is at: <http://www.OrcuttWater.com/>