

Water rate hike protested

To the Editor:

I am writing about the recent news of NCSD's \$600,000 shortfall and its efforts to raise the water rates of the Nipomo community.

I am not surprised that this has happened. Who authorized the purchase of all the brand-new trucks I see on the road with NCSD logos? Who granted the six-figure salaries NCSD employees receive? What will happen when we have to start paying for the proposed pipeline?

We elected a board to look out for our community's best interests, and it looks like they are not. There are many community members who are struggling to make ends meet and cannot continually make up for NCSD's shortfalls. If a majority of property owners and tenants oppose the plan to raise rates, the NCSD cannot raise rates and will have to look in-house at exorbitant salaries and out-of-control spending to clean up their own financial shortfall.

Notices on the proposed rate increase will be mailed out to property owners and tenants starting Friday, July 29. All protests to the rate hike must be submitted by the end of the public hearing on Oct. 12. The Nipomo community cannot continue to support NCSD through rate hikes and

increased service fees.

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