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Check facts with NCSD

To the Editor:

I was appalled and disappointed by the recent NCSD public presentation on the Nipomo Mesa water issues.

Although they made a nice-looking PowerPoint presentation, I would characterize the technical part of the presentation as junk science. That is, using scientific-sounding jargon and made-up facts to support their position.

This presentation was certainly not using the scientific method we try to teach in our schools. Incorrectly using the term "dependable yield" to prove a water shortage exists is pure fiction.

NCSD also used its own made-up facts to scare people into believing there was seawater intrusion in Oceano. The sentinel well in question is not managed or controlled by NCSD, yet NCSD makes the claim that seawater intrusion occurred. That conclusion should be made by Oceano CSD and the Northern Cities Management Area technical group, neither of which has issued any such conclusion.

So, since NCSD directors are obviously scientifically challenged, why did they not have the technical part of the presentation made by one of the Nipomo Mesa Management Area technical group? The answer is simple — no licensed hydrologist would stake his or her reputation on junk science, and the real science does not support either the water shortage or seawater intrusion story.

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