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Disputing water claims

To the Editor:

Recent Nipomo Community Services District presentations claimed Nipomo is pumping twice the dependable yield or supply.

NCSD officials claim "experts say" and present a photoshopped slide that shows a production vs. supply shortage for the last 27 years.

Add up the shortage for the 27 years and there should be about 100,000 acre-feet less water underground.

Then, they show a slide that has only the last 10 years of an "average water level."

It shows a decline, which they claim is because of increased development.

The real graph goes to 1975 and shows water in storage changing with changes in rainfall. The water in storage does not show a 100,000-acre-foot drop expected from the photoshopped slide.

On top of that, NCSD officials talk about the last two years being above-average rainfall but fail to mention that their rainfall numbers show below-average rainfall for the last 27 years. One would expect an even lower amount of water in storage from that.

In short, the data does not show the alleged 100,000-acre-foot shortage. Look at the details for yourself before voting at www.nonewwiptax.com.

Remember, NCSD claims the Waterline Intertie Project can be built in less than two years. Existing customers all can vote "no" now.

When we are more certain a real problem is developing in the future, the pipeline can be built in time to prevent seawater intrusion. Every year we wait, we save millions of dollars.

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