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Why Supplemental Water?

The Nipomo Mesa is running out of water, not overnight, but gradually like age sneaking up on all of us. We have doubled our urban use in the past 20 years to the point where we are pumping twice as much water from our wells as is being replaced by rainfall. Our well levels are dropping, and many are below sea level. In other nearby areas like Los Osos and Oceano this has led to seawater intrusion.

We don't have alternate sources to draw from like pipelines, lakes, rivers, or reservoirs. Groundwater beneath the Nipomo Mesa is our only source of fresh water.

The NCS D is leading an effort to provide fresh water to the four major water purveyors in the Nipomo Mesa. They have completed the design of a network to connect the our Nipomo Mesa water systems with the City of Santa Maria, who has twice as much water as they need. Funding for this \$25M project requires a successful vote from a March mail-in ballot process. The NCS D and other water companies are presenting workshops to explain the voting process, and how a property tax assessment has been crafted to spread a fair allotment to all property owners who will benefit from this new and reliable water source.

<http://www.ncsd.ca.gov/cm/Home.html>

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