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TODAY'S LETTERS

## False image of water issue

To the Editor:

I am a retired Nipomo resident living on a fixed income. Recently I, and thousands living in the Nipomo Mesa area, received a mailing from the Nipomo Community Services District, a letter signed by Kari Wagner and a glossy sales pitch.

The very first sentence of Ms. Wagner's letter is at least incorrect, misleading and possibly legally untrue. Even though she writes that "we have a serious water shortage," we do not. And, we have not for at least the past two generations.

She states NCSD has "an affordable solution." At a time when many of us are hard up financially, struggling to pay bills, paying many millions of dollars for an unneeded proposal is not affordable.

Along with Ms. Wagner's letter, there is a picture/drawing showing seawater intrusion in three places, including Nipomo, that is terribly misleading.

As I understand it, NCSD and three other water providers are concerned that we have only one source of water, groundwater, with which we have managed forever. The providers want us to bring in a supplemental, secondary source by building a pipeline from Santa Maria and buying water from that source. They plan to have us pay for this by providing an assessment district and billing us many millions of dollars.

NCSD has attempted to sell us on the pipeline with concealed, misleading, inaccurate and false information, this mailing being just one example. I truly resent ultimately having to pay for this type of publication. Those two statements and the picture need to be corrected immediately and at each of the four planned information meetings.

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