

Don't buy sight unseen

How much does it cost to purchase water from Santa Maria? Nipomo Community Services District refuses to answer. Dealing with the district is like having a housing contractor give a bid of \$50,000 for a foundation and frame and then say, "Just sign the contract and we will get started tomorrow."

Most people would ask about the costs for roofing, siding, plumbing, electricity and more. What would the whole house cost?

Let's say the contractor refuses to answer that question, or says something like, "Oh, I don't have an exact cost for all of that, but I will let you know after we get started on the foundation. Just sign on the dotted line."

What sane person would sign that contract and hire that contractor? This is exactly what Nipomo Community Services District is asking approximately 8,000 people to do — just sign on the dotted line without knowing the full cost of what they are voting on.

The district will be mailing out approximately 8,000 ballots this coming week. In effect, it is asking 8,000 people to pay for state water for 100,000 people in Santa Maria and new developers in Nipomo. That is a heavy load to carry. I refuse to give the district a blank check. Vote "No."

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