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Chairperson James Patterson
SLO County Board of Supervisors
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Dear Chairperson Patterson, and Supervisors,

As you know, the Nipomo Community Services District's effort to fund the construction of a pipeline from the City of Santa Maria by an equitable distribution of property taxes to provide supplemental water for the Nipomo Mesa was rejected last month by the landowners of the four major water providers.

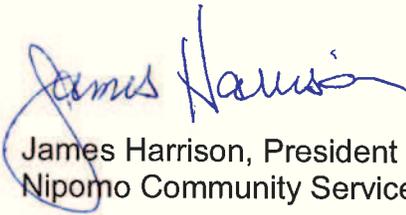
This setback for regional water planning did nothing to address our region's need for a sustainable, long-term supply of water, and the court order to bring in supplemental water from Santa Maria remains in place.

As a result, we are forming a technical advisory committee, much as your Board did in Los Osos, to reevaluate all the alternatives previously found inadequate, look at new alternatives as they may present themselves, and analyze the potential for a phased approach to a Santa Maria pipeline that, though slower and costing more over time, could be financed by moneys in hand and our current rate structure. The DWR grant we helped your Public Works staff negotiate would be an important part of that latter effort.

We will solicit applications for committee members from professionals who reside or have worked in the South County to take a fresh look at all the options and advise our Board on the strengths and weaknesses of each.

Some community members have suggested that your Board should lead in this effort, and we are writing to inquire if you wish to assume a leadership role and form your own "blue ribbon committee". Due to the pressing nature of our groundwater deficiencies, time is of the essence. We will moving ahead with our effort, but we will gladly step aside if you choose to take the lead in defining, financing, and construction of a supplemental water solution.

Cordially,



James Harrison, President
Nipomo Community Services District

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