



Nipomo Native Garden

February 11, 2012

Ms. Kari Wagner
Wallace Group
612 Clarion Court
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Dear Ms. Wagner:

I am writing in regard to Parcel Number 092121086, the Nipomo Native Garden. We are a non-profit, 501.C3 organization that has a long-term lease with the County of San Luis Obispo to develop and manage a 12-acre piece of the Nipomo Regional Park as a public garden devoted to plants native to the Nipomo Mesa. We have been informed by the County that any assessment for supplemental water on this parcel will be our responsibility.

Although the parcel is 12 acres, we only irrigate a small portion of the land. We have measured the area currently under irrigation and it amounts to about 3/4 of an acre. This includes the wetland and riparian areas, as well as a few small plantings around our information kiosks. We do not anticipate irrigating any more than 1 acre permanently when the garden is fully developed. Since we are working with native plants, once they are established they need very little supplemental water.

We request that if there is an assessment leveled on the water users of the Nipomo Mesa area, that the Nipomo Native Garden be considered as a 1-acre recreational use parcel, the equivalent of 1 "Benefit Unit" in your terminology.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Cynthia J. Jelinek
President

cc. Curtis Black, County Parks