

Assessment basis not explained

To the Editor:

I attended the four meetings that Nipomo Community Service District has held on the proposed property assessment tax for the water pipeline to Santa Maria.

NCSD has not explained how 2,500 acre-feet of water will solve their claim of 6,000 acre-feet of over-pumping, and also provide water for “undeveloped parcel’s future potential.”

In the last meeting, they explained they used generic county zoning to determine the value of possible future building for your proposed assessment. San Luis Obispo County has many special conditions that limit future building that were not considered, resulting in a tax that is too high.

The county also has many special conditions that allow future building that were not considered. In this case, it appears NCSD will effectively change the zoning of many parcels, causing them to lose their ability to build a granny unit.

Since NCSD’s consultants have not identified or explained the real development potential of many parcels, Mesa landowners have to figure out if an error exists and report it to 929-0411 by Thursday, Feb. 16.

Is this the kind of government we want to set the rules for parcels outside NCSD’s boundaries when we have no representation?

Vote “no.”

John Snyder

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