



LET THE COMMUNITY DECIDE NIPOMO'S FUTURE  
*Standing for Real Affordable Housing, Critical Infrastructure,  
and Environmental Preservation*

## August 2024 Newsletter

**NAC Community Meeting, Sat. Aug. 10th @ 5pm**  
Blacklake Community Room, 498 Colonial Place

**\*\*\*\*Stop the Dana Reserve as currently proposed\*\*\*\***  
*a socially & environmentally irresponsible mega-development in Nipomo*

### **ACTION NEEDED-We're still in this!**

The Nipomo Community Services District (NCS D) has yet to legally annex the DR property site into its service area. This must happen for the DR to be fully approved. There's a vote on this coming up August 14<sup>th</sup> at 9a.m. **Your attendance and willingness to speak, and/or write letters opposing the annexation is important now!**

The concern is that the 500-acre feet of water identified in the DR's documents as available to serve this project is currently **only allowed to serve infill development within the NCS D's service area**, as opposed to new development to be annexed into the service area such as is the case with the DR. Supervisor Paulding has spoken with developers who own land within NCS D's sphere of influence who have been told that NCS D cannot provide water for their projects. In one case, a developer is considering building a 100-unit mobile home park. In another case, a developer wants to build affordable workforce housing. This is clearly not fair to the people who want to build more of the type of housing we actually need by using infill properties.

**The NCS D board of directors are:** Ed Eby, President, Dan Allen Gaddis, VP, Gary Hansen, Phil Henry and Mario Iglesias, Directors.

For more information, please contact the NAC's NCS D/Water committee chair, Pam Wilson at 805 714-8204.

*Please consider [donating to NAC](#) for the costs to cover the legal representation through this next phase of our work. Your contribution will also help support the coordination of other actions we may need to take in the near future.*

**All donations are tax-deductible**

**One aspect of the Dana Reserve mega-development that has been overlooked and unappreciated, especially the obliteration of the oak forest, is the historical significance it has for the Chumash people: the Original peoples of this region and very much part of our local history.**

Below are some excerpts of comments about that by the yak tityu tityu yak tihini (ytt) Tribal Chairperson, Mona Olivas Tucker when she spoke against the development at a public forum.

*Ha<sup>y</sup>tu me sasaqsi, Hello my friends.*

*I represent people whose ancestry dates back to this region for thousands of years. Our history includes the Northern Chumash village of Nepumu from which Nipomo derives its name.*

*I also want to say that although our culture is older than the pyramids we don't have massive stone monuments, instead we have cultural landscapes. So for us, the oak forest on the Dana Reserve is a monument; a living monument representing our culture.*

*One of the tribe's greatest responsibilities is to protect the cultural resources left behind by our ancestors. Included are cultural landscapes. These resources represent the deepest and oldest history of our region and their protection needs to be a priority in the planning process.*

*But what has happened over time, is these extraordinary and unique resources are often badly degraded or completely destroyed.*

*The proposed Dana Reserve is home to an invaluable old growth oak forest which is a cultural landscape. For ytt Northern Chumash these majestic oaks tell a story of our culture and they are part of our regional and ancestral identity.*

*But these trees are not only respected by us, but I believe everyone loves the iconic stately oak.*

*I would like to read a quote from the Cultural Landscape Foundation:*

***"Neglect and inappropriate development put our irreplaceable landscape legacy increasingly at risk. Too often today's short-sighted decisions threaten the survival and continuity of our shared heritage"***

**THAT STATEMENT ABOUT SUMS UP THE DANA RESERVE DEVELOPMENT**

*Do we really need to (or want to) continue paving over land that is analogous to paving over Chumash people and this country's history?*

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed in any way, shape or form to the Fundraising Yard & Bake Sale—it was a GREAT SUCCESS!

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*The Nipomo Action Committee's (NAC) mission is to collaborate with all interested Nipomo and central coast stakeholders to maintain and enhance Nipomo's rural character and ensure appropriate and compatible growth consistent with the unique biodiversity and cultural heritage of this area now and for generations to come.*