

1. What did you experience during the 1987-92 drought with regard to impacts on your water use patterns? *(check all that apply)*
  - I did not live in Santa Margarita during the drought
  - My water use patterns did not change
  - I cut back on interior water use (shorter showers, less frequent wash cycles, etc.)
  - I cut back on outside water use (less irrigation, less use of the hose for washing cars, patios, etc.)
  - I tended to use more water to make up for the lack of rainfall.
  
2. How would you rank the following attributes of your community's water supply? *(1 being most important and 4 being of least importance)*
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Water quality
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Cost
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Reliability
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Water rights certainty
  
3. In the event that another regional water supply pipeline were built in Santa Margarita (i.e. the proposed Nacimiento pipeline), should the community receive water from that pipeline?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, depending on the cost of participation
  - \_\_\_\_\_ No, my perception is that we don't need more supply
  
4. The feedback that we get from our customers is that the well water that serves the community is hard, staining fixtures and creating challenges in the laundry room. How important is it to you that we improve water quality from this perspective?
 

Not very important		somewhat important		Very important
1	2	3	4	5
  
5. Would you be willing to pay more for projects that would improve the aesthetic quality of the water delivered to your home?
  - No, I think our water quality is fine.
  - Yes, I encourage securing supplemental water that would also improve water quality to the community
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_

6. In the event that another drought or water supply emergency befalls Santa Margarita, what would you do to conserve water? *(check all that apply)*
- Take shorter showers and be more frugal in using water inside my home
  - Replace older fixtures such as toilets and shower heads with low-flow models
  - Take other steps to reduce interior water use
  - Shorten irrigation times to landscaping around my home
  - Replace my irrigation system with drip lines or other low water use application techniques
  - Replant my landscaping with lower water-consuming plants or replace ground cover with pavers or other hardscape
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. One alternative for securing more reliable water to the community is to participate in the proposed Nacimiento Water Project. This is a reliable option that positions us to noticeably improve water quality, however it would result in an increase in water rates. In the event that deliveries from the existing State Water Project are available to Santa Margarita, would you view that as preferable to Nacimiento participation?
- Yes, provided that State Water is less expensive and just as reliable
  - No, I do not support this community's involvement in the State Water Project
  - I need more information to render an opinion
8. Along a similar line, would you view a cooperative arrangement for water supply with Santa Margarita Ranch as preferable to Nacimiento participation?
- Yes, provided that such an arrangement is less expensive and just as reliable
  - Yes, provided that this results in improved water quality
  - No, I do not support cooperative arrangements with the Ranch
  - I need more information to render an opinion

9. Please provide us with any comments you would like us to hear regarding your water system:

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That's it! Thank you so much for taking the time to express your opinion. We will be reviewing the results of this survey at an upcoming meeting of the CSA 23 Advisory Committee. Please return your survey prior to March 31, 2004 to:

**County Department of Public Works  
County Government Center RM 207  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.**

Should you have any questions or want more information about the status of the Santa Margarita water system, please contact Mark Sullivan at:

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Please provide us with the necessary information **IF** you would like us to contact you.

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