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Goleta West and Goleta Sanitary Districts Considering Merger

Goleta West Sanitary District and Goleta Sanitary District are considering the possibility of merging.

The Boards of Directors of the two districts serving about 80,000 people in the Goleta Valley, met jointly to discuss this possibility. They agreed that there appeared to be enough merit to explore it further by conducting a feasibility study.

The two districts share several similarities that make the idea of a merger appear feasible. These include similar operational procedures and programs, similar employee benefits, and a shared treatment plant owned by Goleta Sanitary District.

While Directors of the two districts are cautiously optimistic about the possibility, they have indicated that more information is needed before moving forward with a merger. The consensus of the two Boards is that a merger will be undertaken if it results in one or more of the following: lower costs, better service, and/or greater representation for the public.

Both Boards indicated an ample opportunity would be provided for the public to learn about the proposal and to provide input.

Hollister Avenue Pipeline Project Will Protect Creek Environment

As part of its environmental approach, Goleta West Sanitary District has recently undertaken a number of major upgrades to its sewer system. No rate changes are needed to fund these improvements since adequate funds are already available.

New Sewer Main Protects Tecolotito Creek Line

After an old sewer pipeline that crosses Tecolotito Creek was undermined by storms and became exposed, the District decided to eliminate any possibility of spills into the environmentally sensitive Tecolotito Creek by abandoning the old line and replacing it with a new one outside of the creek. The project is now complete and the creek is fully protected.

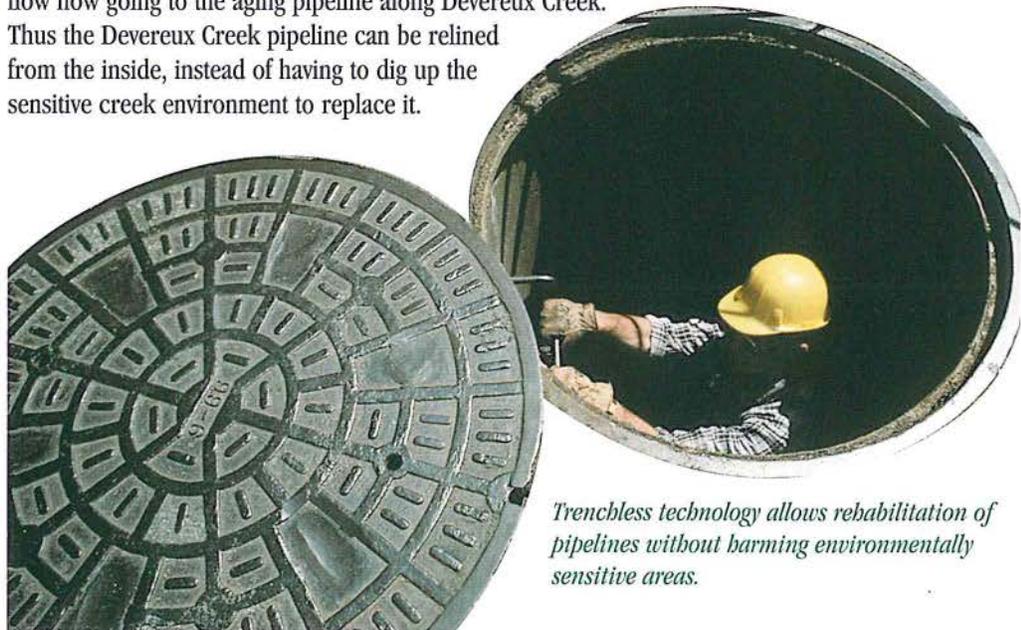
Innovative Techniques Minimize Impacts to Public Environment

To ensure years of trouble-free service and to prevent spills, the District has rehabilitated sewer mains and manholes as part of an on-going, planned facilities improvement program.

The District continues to use trenchless technology when possible, rather than digging up the lines. This is more-cost efficient and less disruptive to the environment and neighbors.

Beginning later this Spring, the District is preparing to install a new pipeline along Hollister Avenue (between Las Armas and Pacific Oaks Roads) to handle much of the wastewater flows from the north side of the 101 Freeway. This project, now in the engineering phase, will take some of the flow now going to the aging pipeline along Devereux Creek.

Thus the Devereux Creek pipeline can be relined from the inside, instead of having to dig up the sensitive creek environment to replace it.



Trenchless technology allows rehabilitation of pipelines without harming environmentally sensitive areas.

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Please Move Your Car on Street Sweeping Days



To allow for a complete street sweeping to improve your neighborhood streets, please remove your car from the street on the day sweeping is scheduled in your neighborhood.

Regular sweeping prevents debris from entering storm drains, thus reducing ocean pollution. Each year, the District street sweeper removes well over 200 tons of debris from area streets.

Street Sweeping Schedule For a detailed calendar go to www.goletawest.com

All Areas Are Swept Every Other Week

Every Other Monday	All of Isla Vista • Hollister Avenue • Industrial Area
Every Other Tuesday	Isla Vista East Only
Every Other Wednesday	Los Carneros Area • Phelps Area • Santa Barbara Shores • Cannon Green • San Miguel Tract
Every Other Thursday	Brandon • Bradford • Northgate • Del Norte • Dos Pueblos Area
Every Other Friday	Winchester Commons

Oh Where, Oh Where is the Smell Coming From?



It has been said that "April showers bring May flowers."

This time, December rains brought early 2004 smells to the air throughout the Goleta West Sanitary District.

Some folks who couldn't help but notice the smell thought that it might be coming from the sewer system.

Actually, it was the work of Mother Nature.

The culprit appears to be Goleta Slough responding to heavy runoff caused by the recent rainfall.

It's nature's way of taking care of itself and cleansing the slough, but possibly at the expense of the sensitivity of the human nose.

Mother Nature never thought about odor control.

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