



# GOLETA WEST SANITARY DISTRICT NEWS

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October 2004

## District Wins Collection System of the Year Award



*District staff accepting the award at the state conference.*

Goleta West Sanitary District was awarded the California Water Environment Association Collection System of the Year Award for Small Systems.

**Highlight: 100% Compliance**  
Highlights of the award: the performance evaluation included the District's 100% regulatory compliance and an excellent safety record.

### **Praise for Engineering and Financial Plans**

Other features include the District's significant strides in many areas, among them completion of a Capital Facilities Engineering and Financial Plan, and an assessment of the District's sewer lines, equipment and buildings.

The District now owns its own closed-circuit TV equipment to inspect pipelines and uses trenchless technology to rehabilitate sewer mains.

## New Projects Benefit Customers, Environment



*The project will eliminate any possibility of spills into the environmentally sensitive creek.*

A new sewer main will replace a worn pipeline that now crosses Tecolotito Creek.

### **Replace Tecolotito Creek Pipeline to Protect Environment**

Goleta West Sanitary District is installing a new sewer main to replace the worn pipeline that crosses environmentally sensitive Tecolotito Creek.

The sewer main across the creek has been undermined by years of storms. The new pipeline will be constructed outside the creek, and will replace wastewater flows now being handled by the aging, existing pipeline.

When the project is completed in October 2004, the old sewer main will be abandoned in place.

### **Major Rehabilitation Focuses on Sewer Mains, Manholes**

About four miles of sewer mains and 35 manholes in the District's wastewater collection system are being rehabilitated in a nearly complete \$725,000 maintenance program.

The pipelines and manholes selected for the project were given the highest priority based on an engineering assessment of the condition of the entire collection system.

The District is using trenchless technology where possible to perform the work, rather than digging up the lines. This method is more-cost efficient and less disruptive to the neighborhoods where the work is being done.

### **District Exploring Construction of Treatment Plant**

Goleta West Sanitary District, which now contracts for treatment with Goleta Sanitary District, is exploring the possibility of building its own plant using an advanced but proven technology.

The compact plant being considered would clean wastewater to a very high level, called tertiary treatment, bringing the wastewater back nearly to the quality of drinking water. All of the discharge could eventually be used as recycled water for irrigation of large landscapes, or alternatively discharged safely into the ocean.

The cost-benefit factors of a potential new treatment plant are being evaluated now, and will be presented to the public when more details are available.

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# Please Help By Moving Your Car on Street Sweeping Days



**REGULAR SWEEPING KEEPS DEBRIS FROM ENTERING STORM DRAINS, REDUCING OCEAN POLLUTION.**

*To allow for effective street sweeping, please remove your car from the street on the day sweeping is scheduled in your neighborhood.*

## Street Sweeping Schedule

### All Areas Are Swept Every Other Week

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

## Employee Spotlight... Brian McCarthy

Brian is the District's Chief Inspector. Hired in January 2003 as the newest member of the District's team, he administers the industrial pretreatment program, supervises and trains field staff, and is responsible for the day-to-day operation, maintenance and repair of the wastewater collection system and street sweeping program. He also conducts construction inspections and directs equipment and personnel safety programs.



Brian has 15 years experience in the wastewater/water quality field, and a bachelor's degree in biology. We are proud to have Brian on our team.

## Changes Urged for Environmental and Cost Benefits

The Goleta West Sanitary District has been communicating with the City of Goleta questioning the environmental and cost impacts of requiring a sewer lift station for the Comstock Homes Project by the City.

The lowest cost and environmentally safest way for Comstock Homes to connect is through the District's existing sewer pipeline, which flows by gravity and requires no new pumps.

Instead, the City Council is requiring the developer to construct a sewer pumping station.

This costly approach is also risky because sewer pump stations cause a majority of sewer spills, create air pollution and need electrical energy for pumping.

Unsubstantiated claims in the project's environmental impact report (EIR) wrongly asserted that the existing sewer main has structural deficiencies or has leaked. The District tried unsuccessfully to correct this wrong information in the EIR.

Goleta West Sanitary District takes no position on the merits of any housing project. Our sole responsibility is to provide quality wastewater service.

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## Community Forum

**Proposed Ultra-High Quality Wastewater Treatment Plant**

### Please Join Us

Learn More, Have Your Questions Answered, Provide Input

**October 26, 7:30 to 9:00 PM**

Ellwood Elementary School

7686 Hollister Ave, Goleta

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