



Providing Western Goleta and Isla Vista with Wastewater, Street Sweeping, and Environmental Services since 1954.

Goleta West Sanitary District P.O. Box 4, Goleta, CA 93116-0004



Making History

Back in 1952, a group of concerned citizens residing in Isla Vista met to discuss a common problem – as a growing community what should we do with our wastewater? Constructing a central sewer system was the clear answer. One hundred people voted in the first election, officially forming the Isla Vista Sanitary District (IVSD) on November 8, 1954.

IVSD established a five member elected board of directors and hired a general manager. By the late 1950s, over five miles of sewer lines had been installed in the Isla Vista area using assessment bonds. The balance of the system was financed by issuing general obligation bonds. A pump station was built on the southwest corner of the airport property where the district headquarters is still located. Through a contractual agreement the District connected to its eastern neighbor – the Goleta Sanitary District – and its treatment plant located across from the entrance to Santa Barbara Airport.

Due to rapid growth during the 1960s and 70s, the system has expanded to cover not only Isla Vista, but also the western Goleta Valley. Individual parcels and sometimes large sections of land were incrementally added, as both commercial and residential development moved westward from the Santa Barbara Airport. Today, the District extends as far west as the Bacara Resort and serves one area outside its boundary, the Embarcadero Municipal Improvement District.

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Goleta West Sanitary District Headquarters

Goleta West, an important part of the Goleta Valley's past, present and future

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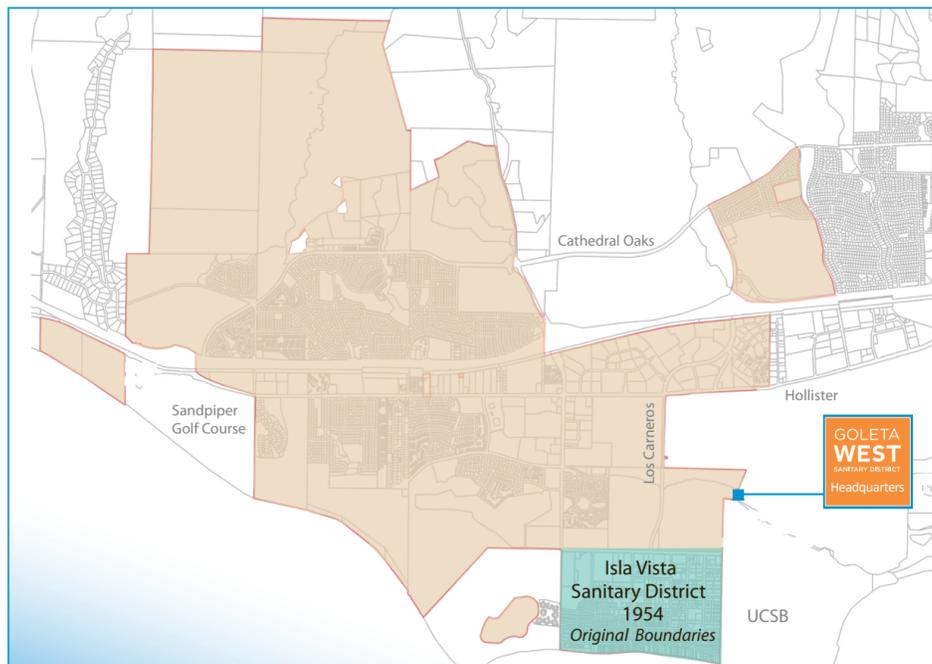
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The District commenced providing street sweeping service for public roads through an outsourced contract in October 1963. In 1969, this activity was brought in-house with the purchase of a street sweeper and additional staff.

In an effort to more accurately describe the District's service area, the board of directors changed the agency's name to Goleta West Sanitary District in April 1990.

From the original grid of Isla Vista, the District has greatly expanded its infrastructure, and currently serves nearly 6,000 service connections, over 32,000 residents and maintains over 62 miles of a wastewater collection system including gravity lines, manholes, pump stations, and force mains. In the 1950s Goleta West owned only five percent of the treatment plant capacity in Goleta Sanitary District's treatment plant. Over the years it has expanded its capacity rights to over 40% to meet existing and future needs. UCSB, the Santa Barbara Airport and the County of Santa Barbara are also contractual users of the regional treatment plant.

GWSD is run by a staff of six, some of whom have worked for the District for over 20 years. Staff and the five member Board of Directors are dedicated to providing high quality, efficient and cost effective service to its customers.



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District Finances In Order

As required by law an annual independent audit of the District's financial statements was completed. The District's financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 were audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. A clean opinion or "unqualified opinion" was issued by the independent auditors - meaning no problems were found. An audit includes examining supporting evidence, testing account balances and assessing the accounting principles used as well as overall financial statement presentation.



In The News

Meyer New Board President – On December 6, 2011 Larry D. Meyer was elected by the board of directors as the District's new board president for 2012. Meyer, a Failure Analysis Engineer, was first elected to the board in 1993.

Ocean Meadows Trunk Sewer Improvements Complete – The District recently completed a project to rehabilitate aging manholes and main sewer lines. The project consisted of lining the inside of the pipes and coating the interiors of the manholes to ensure the integrity of the structures for years to come. Not only was this better for the environment than digging and replacing the infrastructure, it also resulted in significant cost savings to the district. The project is a part of our ongoing capital improvement program, which is updated periodically.

GWSD Supports Goleta Slough Update – In January the board made the decision to partner with other entities to financially support a sea level rise study for the Goleta Slough. The slough covers approximately 2,200 acres that overlap various jurisdictions. An increase in sea level could have major impacts to the airport and broader area. To access the sewer treatment plant, GWSD's main pipelines run thru parts of the slough, and its main pumping station and office are on its southern edge.



Calendar

April 21-22

2012 Earth Day Festival.

Alameda Park, Santa Barbara. Sponsored by the Community Environmental Council. For more information: www.sbearthday.org

April 28

4th National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

Sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and County of Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department. This event is an opportunity for the public to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Goleta West Sanitary District supports efforts to safely dispose of unwanted medicines (also known as pharmaceuticals), keeping them out of our waste and water stream.

To learn more please visit:
www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback

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