



## No Drugs Down the Drain

April 26th is “National Prescription Drug Take Back Day,” aimed to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing unwanted or expired prescription drugs.

At one time it was common practice to flush prescription medicines down the toilet. However, it is now known that flushing medications can be harmful to our environment - affecting both water quality and the health of our oceans and beaches. You can help keep our wastewater free of pharmaceutical contamination every day by joining Goleta West Sanitary District in supporting Santa Barbara County’s “Operation Medicine Cabinet.”

### What should you do with your expired medications?

Drop off stations are located at Sheriff’s substations and pharmacies, such as CVS, throughout the County. Residents can deposit all unwanted medications (both prescription and over-the-counter) at the locations listed below.

### Drop Off stations

The three locations in the Goleta and UCSB area are:

- CVS Pharmacy— 5875 Calle Real
- CVS Pharmacy— 189 Turnpike Road
- Sheriffs Department, Isla Vista Substation— 6504 Trigo Road

For more information:

Call: 805-882-3615  
Visit: [www.sbsheriff.org](http://www.sbsheriff.org)  
[www.lessismore.org](http://www.lessismore.org)



## Employee Spotlight

### Meet our New Hire Juan Ramirez, Utility Worker IV

Juan began working with GWSD in May of 2018. Juan came to the District with 20 years of experience in all areas of the wastewater field. As a Utility Worker IV, Juan is the Field Crew Supervisor overseeing the field crew as they perform all aspects of wastewater collection system operation and maintenance. Juan also serves as an inspector in the field on construction projects



### What Not to Flush

Your toilet is not a trash can.

Do Not Flush...

- Antibacterial wipes; they harm the aquatic environment and clog sewer lines, pumps and other facilities. Put antibacterial wipes in the trash!
- “Flushable” diapers; they get stuck on roots that have infiltrated sewer lines. Put disposable diapers in the trash!
- Plastics or cellophane. Put them in the trash!
- Toxic chemicals, pesticides, or paints. Take them to a household hazardous waste facility.
- Pharmaceuticals. Find an authorized disposal site.
- Cigarettes or matches. Use an ashtray.



### Community Calendar

- **Earth Day Festival April 20th-21st Alameda Park, Santa Barbara**  
Now celebrating its 49th year, the community-organized festival is one of the longest-running Earth Day celebrations in the country – and is believed to be one of the largest Earth Day festivals on the West Coast. For more information, go to [www.cecsb.org](http://www.cecsb.org).
- **6th National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day April 26th**  
Prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding your home of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs, even vitamins. Goleta West Sanitary District strongly urges the public to not flush unwanted medicines down the sink or toilet! Let’s work together to keep our water clean. For more information, go to [www.lessismore.org](http://www.lessismore.org).

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## Phelps Road Project

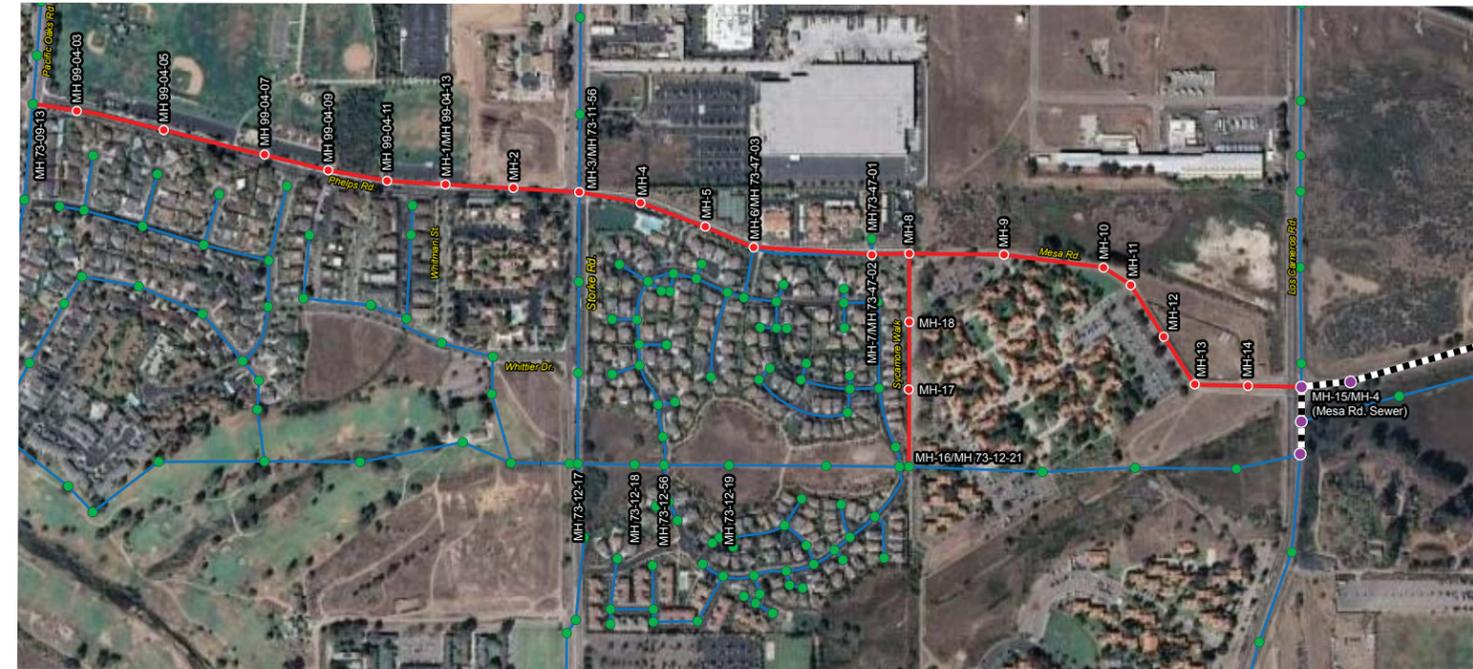
**GWSD to begin this important and long-planned pipeline construction project in the summer or fall of 2019.**

The District's Wastewater Master Plan and Hydraulic Study identified certain sections of pipeline that do not meet the District's design criteria for capacity. Therefore, the pipe size in these areas needs to be increased to protect the environment and public health against unwanted sewer spills. Additionally, while in the 1960's it was common to place sewer pipelines along creeks and through low lying wetland areas, today these areas are considered sensitive environmental habitat that the community cares greatly about. Therefore, the District's Board of Directors made the decision to relocate the pipelines out of environmentally sensitive wetland areas as part of this project.

The Phelps Road Project is the second phase of this effort. The project will install a new pipeline along Phelps Road from the intersection of Phelps Road and Pacific Oaks Road (see map - red pipeline) to the recently completed pipeline at the intersection of Mesa Road and Los Carneros Road, which is Phase I of the project (see map - black & white pipeline). Also as part of this project, a new pipeline running North-South (see map - red pipeline), will connect an existing pipeline with the new Phelps Road pipeline just east of the Storke Ranch development. Once the new pipelines are installed, approximately one third of a mile of existing pipeline in the wetland area west of Los Carneros will be abandoned in place. Combined with Phase I of this project, the District will have removed two thirds of a mile of wastewater pipeline from this sensitive wetland habitat.

This project will help protect the West Storke Wetlands area and is supported by environmental groups in the area including the Goleta Slough Management Committee.

The project is expected to take 6-9 months to complete. Customers will experience a bit of inconvenience during construction hours, but this annoyance should be more than compensated for by the reduced likelihood of sewer spills, long term reliability of the system and environmental benefits of the project.



Phelps Road Project Map  
Map Legend:

- New Pipeline
- Existing Pipeline
- Mesa Road Phase I
- New Manhole
- Existing Manhole
- Recently Installed Manhole



## Street Sweeping

**Please remember to move your cars on street sweeping day to help keep our creeks, beaches, and wetlands healthy and clean.**

Since 1964, Goleta West Sanitary District has been providing street sweeping services to its customers. The District was the first South Coast agency to implement a street sweeping program to remove trash and pollutants from storm water runoff that flows into our creeks, wetlands, ocean, and beaches. Unlike many government agencies, we own and operate our street sweeper, making this service reliable and flexible.

Moving your cars and other items such as basketball hoops off the street on your street sweeping day allows the street sweeper to remove the debris that accumulates along the curb before it goes into the storm drain. This helps us keep our creeks, beaches, and wetlands healthy and clean.

For more information on your street sweeping schedule visit our website at:  
[www.GoletaWest.org/customerinformation/street-sweeping](http://www.GoletaWest.org/customerinformation/street-sweeping)

