




District Customers to Benefit from Geographic Information System

A computerized "Geographic Information System" (GIS) was installed at the District office. The system contains a topographical map of the service area with the District's facilities super-imposed on it. The operator of the system can pick an area, zoom in on it, and obtain the size, depth, and

age of the sewer, its history and maintenance record, adjacent land ownership, and even photos of the location, all without having to leave the computer. Initially, the system is set up for a pilot area only (Isla Vista). Eventually, the entire service area will be covered and every data-

base currently existing in the District will be incorporated into the GIS. **F**or you, the consumer, the system means quicker answers to your queries and more complete answers without the need for follow-up. 

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Should There be a Single Sanitary District Serving Goleta Valley?

When you go to vote on November 8, you will find a question on the ballot regarding your sewer service: "Should there be a single sanitary district serving the Goleta valley?"

There are currently two sanitary districts serving the Goleta valley: the Goleta Sanitary District and the Goleta West Sanitary District. The Goleta Sanitary District collects and treats sewage from areas east of the airport. The Goleta West Sanitary District collects sewage from areas west of the airport, including Isla Vista, and pumps it to the Goleta Sanitary District's treatment plant.

In 1989, an election was held on a proposed consolidation of the two districts. The measure was carried by the voters in the Goleta West Sanitary District's service area but defeated in the Goleta Sanitary District's service area. Since then, the Board of the Goleta Sanitary District has opposed consolidation. **T**he Goleta West Sanitary District is still pursuing the formation of a single district because of the associated cost savings and the opportunity to participate in decisions regarding the wastewater treatment plant.

Merging the two districts into one would result in immediate savings because there would be only one governing Board. In the long run, the efficiencies of operating a larger district could lead to additional savings. **M**erging the two districts would also give the residents of the Goleta West Sanitary District's service area a voice in decision with respect to wastewater treatment. Currently, the Goleta West Sanitary District is paying for almost half of the cost of the treatment plant but has no vote on the governing Board of the plant.

With the advisory ballot, the Goleta West Sanitary District is seeking approval to continue with its efforts to form a single district. This could be achieved by consolidation or by dissolution of one district and annexing the service area to the other. 

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Isla Vista Sewer Construction Continues...


For the third year in a row, heavy equipment disturbed the summer calm of Isla Vista. Camino del Sur was torn up starting between El Colegio and Abrego and ending at Del Playa Drive. One third of a mile of plastic sewer pipe ranging from 8 to 12 inches in diameter was installed at depths ranging from 15 to 25 feet.

The construction is part of a sewer replacement project covering all of Isla Vista and lasting several years. With the completion of this year's construction, the most

troublesome deficiencies in the old system will be taken care of and Isla Vista's wastewater will flow more efficiently to the District's pump station, which is located between the University and the airport.

The District will observe the performance of Isla Vista's sewage collection system for some time before making a decision on the future of the sewer replacement project. If the work performed so far has made the system easier to maintain, further work

may not be necessary. The residents of Isla Vista can once again enjoy their quiet summers, knowing

that what goes down the drain will find its way through a collection system without blockages. 



Excavation for manhole construction.



Digging the trench.



A section of pipe about to be installed.


District Master Plan Examines the Future

Goleta has a lot of open space, a lot of which will be developed within the next fifteen years. In the Goleta General Plan, the County has provided limitations as to what type of development can occur, such as residential, industrial, agriculture etc.

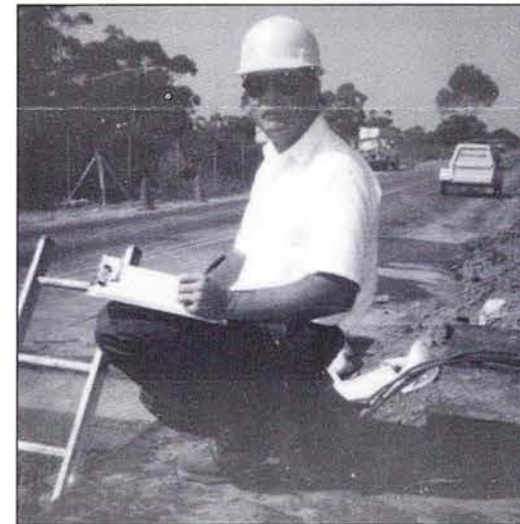
The District is in the process of determining what this development means for the sewage collection system. Will the current system be adequate? Will some sewers have to be replaced with larger diameter pipe to accommodate the increased load? Will

the pump stations have to be expanded?

In order to answer these questions, the collection pipe network was simulated with a computer model for current and future sewage flows. Deficiencies were identified and costs of

capacity improvements were estimated. The results were combined in a Master Plan. The Master Plan will be presented in a public meeting on October 18, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at El Rancho School, located at 7421 Mirano Drive, Goleta. 

1994 Employee of the Year



Ken Spencer was awarded Employee of the Year at the District's Safety Dinner...

Ken has been an employee of the Goleta West Sanitary District since 1989 when he was hired as the Vector Operator. In 1992 the California Water Pollution Control Association (CWPCA) named Ken as the Tri-Counties Collection System Operator of the Year. Ken was promoted to an Inspector in 1993. Ken enjoys auto racing, aviation and its history, hunting, fishing and trap and skeet shooting. Ken lives in Lompoc and is the father of two children; Katy, seven and Charlie, five.

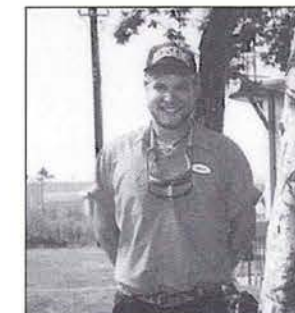
Employee Update



Accounting Clerk **Hilary Kitney** manages the District's computerized accounting programs and bookkeeping functions.



Vector Operator **Mark Nation** is preparing the District's Hydro-Jet Rodder for cleaning sewer lines as part of the District's Lines Maintenance Program.



Jesse Sherman assists with District facility and lines maintenance.



Street Sweeper Operator **Jack Zivic** takes pride in the appearance of the District's new street sweeper.