



No Drugs Down the Drain

April 25th 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
- Sheriff's Department, Isla Vista Substation— 6504 Trigo Road

For more information:

Call: 805-882-3615
Visit: www.sbsheriff.org
www.lessismore.org



Employee Spotlight

GWSD Utility Worker IV Receives Recognition from Regional and State Wastewater Organization

Joey Hilliard Utility Worker IV

Late in 2019, Joey Hilliard, a Utility Worker IV here at the District received the "Collection System Person of the Year" from the Tri-Counties Section of the California Water Environment Association (CWEA). The recipients of these regional awards from across the state are automatically nominated for the Statewide CWEA award. The award committee selects the award winner based on knowledge, performance, accomplishments etc. and includes an interview of the nominees. In the end, Joey was selected as the "Collection System Person of the Year" for the State of California for 2019! Congratulations Joey!



Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) ANNOUNCEMENT

The Goleta West Sanitary District is taking appropriate steps to protect our employees and the public during the COVID-19 national emergency. We will continue to provide our services without interruption to District customers. That being said, in order to comply with social distancing mandates, our office is available to respond to our customers via email at info@GoletaWest.org or by phone at (805) 968-2617 and on our website at www.GoletaWest.org.

If you are caught short due to toilet paper being scarce, and find yourself using wipes, paper towels, etc... please throw them away. Do not flush them or you may experience plumbing back-ups.

Transparency Certificate of Excellence Awarded to Goleta West Sanitary District



This year, the Goleta West Sanitary District has again received the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence from the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) in recognition of our outstanding efforts to promote transparency and good governance.

"This award is a testament to Goleta West Sanitary District's commitment to open government," said Mark Nation, General Manager "The Board of Directors is committed to providing the public with information to facilitate engagement and oversight."

In order to receive the award, a special district must demonstrate the completion of essential governance transparency requirements including conducting ethics training for all board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports to the State Controller in a timely manner. We are proud to have been a recipient of this award every year since 2013.

Your TOILET



IS NOT A TRASH CAN

What Not to Flush Your toilet is not a trash can.

Do Not Flush...

- Antibacterial wipes; they harm the aquatic environment and block 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.

Your Infrastructure Dollars At Work

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Phelps Road Project Nearing Completion!

The District is pleased to announce the Phelps Road Project will soon be completed.

Goleta West Sanitary District is in the final stages of construction of the Phelps Road Trunk Sewer Line project that has been in planning since 2010. This is essentially the “final phase” of upgrading hydraulic deficiencies in the District’s collection system and removing obsolete infrastructure out of the Storke Wetland and returning the habitat to its native state.

The District’s local contractor began construction of this \$8.9 million dollar project in June of 2019. With sound financial planning, GWSD was able to fund this project 100% with capital improvement project reserve funds - no additional funding or rate increases to District customers was necessary to complete this project.

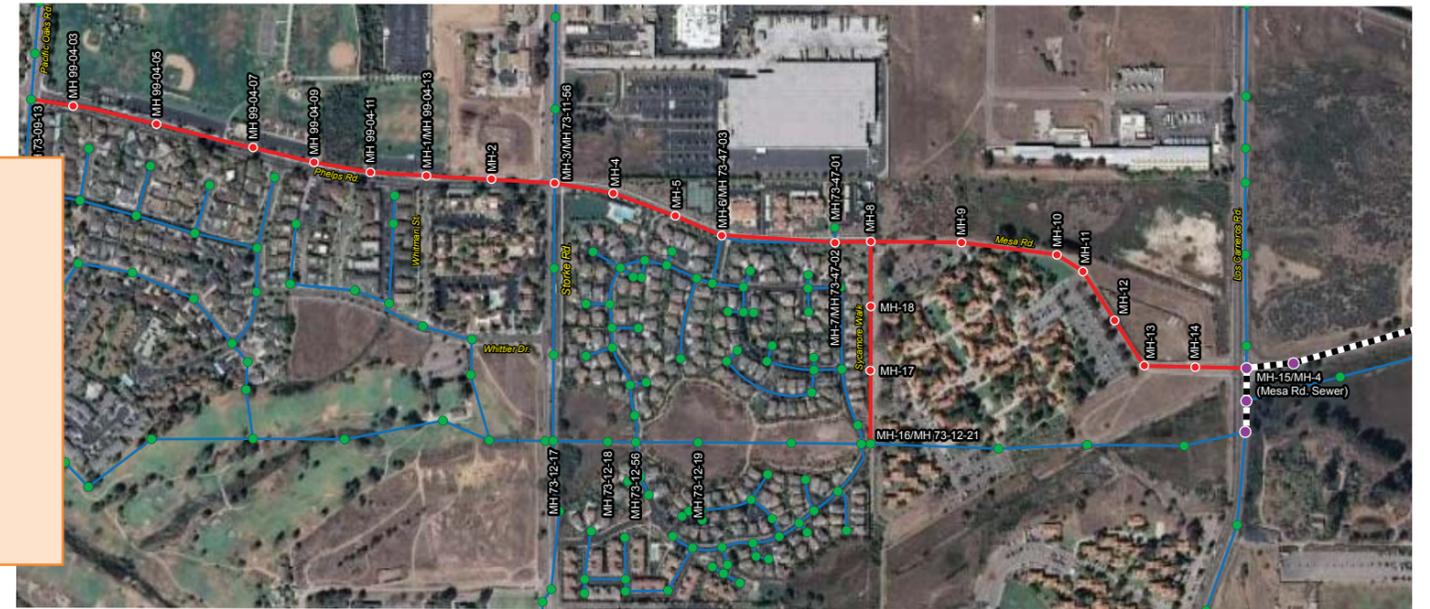
The project included abandonment of approximately 1,000 feet of existing sewer line and removal of the associated manholes from within the Storke Wetlands, installation of approximately 3,800 feet of sewer line along Phelps Road, installation of approximately 1,900 feet of sewer line along Mesa Road, and installation of approximately 900 feet of sewer line extending south along Sycamore Walk from Mesa Road. Our revised pipeline system in this area is not only better for the environment, but it also provides adequate capacity for existing and future needs.

Community members that travel Los Carneros Road on a regular basis will now notice that the unsightly manholes protruding out of that wetland are gone! In cooperation with UCSB’s Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration, a project restoring the habitat where the manholes were located for the past 50 years is underway.

The District is very appreciative of the patience the community has shown during the construction of this important pipeline project.

Phelps Road Project Map Map Legend:

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



Wastewater Generation Study

District Infrastructure Ready for the Future

As part of our commitment to long range planning the District recently retained a local consulting firm to prepare a study of local government’s land-use plans to determine if the District has adequate wastewater treatment plant capacity to serve the community into the future. Data was compiled from local, County and State documents in order to predict wastewater generation in certain scenarios including “full build-out” of the District’s service area. This project was completed jointly with our neighbor the Goleta Sanitary District. Partnering on this project resulted in cost-savings for both Districts.

The results of the study show that the District has planned appropriately; the currently permitted 3.12 million gallons per day (MGD) capacity rights that GWSD owns in the treatment plant is sufficient to accommodate the community’s projected wastewater flows up to and including the projected “full build-out” scenario.

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

