



GOLETA WEST SANITARY DISTRICT NEWS

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Winter 2008

PRUDENT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT. Thanks to its careful stewardship, the District investments and reserves did not suffer any losses during the third quarter of 2008 market meltdown, and actually gained slightly.

DISTRICT RESERVES ADEQUATE. A comprehensive, recently completed financial study showed that the District has adequate funds in its reserves to cover the millions of dollars in treatment plant upgrade costs.

NO RATE INCREASE FORECAST. Despite these and other rising costs, good planning and careful use of revenues have kept District charges low. No rate increase is forecast and quality service is being maintained.

Our street sweeping program keeps the environment clean and our neighborhoods attractive. But to continue its success, everyone must play a part. It's as simple as this – remove your car on the days sweeping is scheduled.



State Budget Problems Could Impact District

State may take local funds to resolve its financial shortfall

A number of difficult financial challenges have been successfully addressed by Goleta West Sanitary District. Today, District finances remain strong, but continuing state financial problems raise concerns.

The first financial challenge occurred earlier this year when the state considered legislation to take local funds to help solve its fiscal crisis. Goleta West Sanitary District joined other local governments to successfully stop this state financial grab. Continuing state budget woes raise concerns that the state may try that again.

The second financial challenge is the state mandate that Goleta's regional wastewater treatment plant be upgraded to a higher level, called full secondary. Wastewater from Goleta West Sanitary District is carried through District sewer pipelines to the regional plant, and then safely discharged to the ocean.

Goleta West Sanitary District has sufficient reserves to cover its \$15 to \$20 million share of treatment plant upgrade costs, and, therefore, does not need a rate increase to cover it.

For a detailed sweeping calendar, go to www.goletawest.com

Street Sweeping Schedule

All Areas Are Swept Every Other Week

Every Other Monday	All of Isla Vista
Every Other Tuesday	Isla Vista East • Hollister Avenue • Industrial Area
Every Other Wednesday	Los Carneros Area • Phelps Area • Santa Barbara Shores • Cannon Green • San Miguel Tract
Every Other Thursday	Brandon • Bradford • Evergreen • Del Norte • Dos Pueblos Area
Every Other Friday	Winchester Commons



TO REPORT A SEWER PROBLEM: PHONE THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 24/7 AT (805) 968-2617

Help Protect the Environment, Here Are Some Ways!

We'll Pay You to Save Water

Less water usage means less wastewater and lower treatment costs. Goleta West Sanitary District is offering rebates of up to \$100 for installation of residential and commercial water-saving devices. Examples are high-efficiency clothes washers and dishwashers and ultra-low-flush toilets.

To learn more, visit www.goletawest.com.



Don't Flush Medications Down the Drain

Dispose of unused medicines in the trash or at the hazardous waste collection center (see details to the right). Use tightly sealed containers instead of putting them down the drain. Wastewater treatment plants are not designed to deal with medications, which may find their way into the environment.

For more information visit www.NoDrugsDownTheDrain.org



Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste Properly

To rid your home of paints, bleaches, solvents, motor oil, pesticides, fertilizers and more – take them in their original package to Community Hazardous Waste Collection Center at UCSB on Mesa Road, Building 565 in Goleta.

For more information: (805) 882-3602

Don't Flush Disposable Products Down the Toilet

Cleaning wipes, and other products claiming to be flushable – really aren't. They get caught on roots in sewer pipes and cause backups in the system. They are among the leading causes of blockages and spills. Don't flush disposables. Dispose of them in the trash.



As part of its ongoing efforts to improve efficiency, the District replaced its aging van with a fuel-efficient, low-cost hybrid.



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