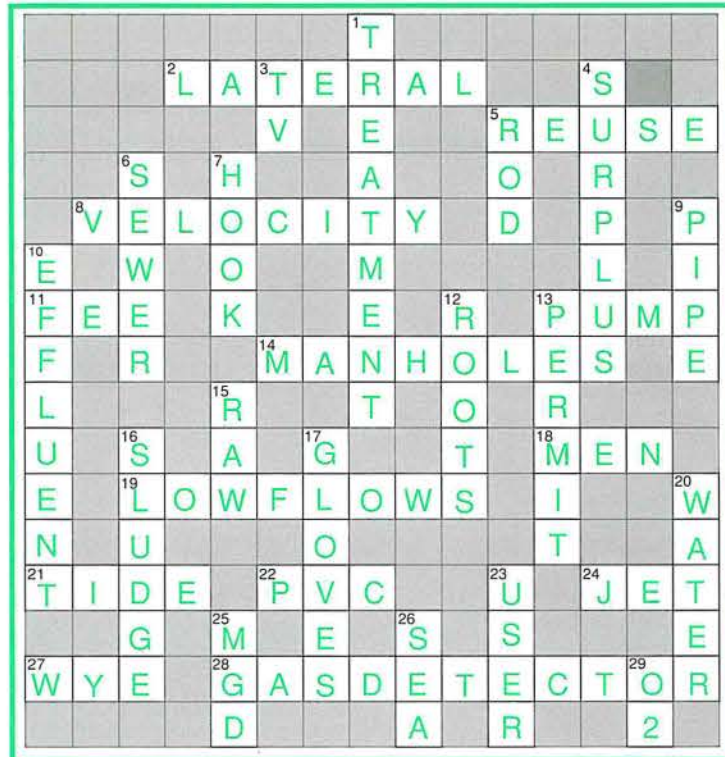




Answers to Collection System Crossword Puzzle...

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Governor to Shift District Property Taxes to Schools

The Governor is proposing to shift \$347 million in property taxes from "enterprise" special districts to the school community and college districts. This represents a loss to your district of approximately 1 million dollars!!!!

This shift could result in fee increases to you, our customers, of 57%. The typical residential fee would go from \$8.90 per month to \$14.00 per month. The District street sweeping program would also be in jeopardy.

The governor's proposal would affect about 1,500 so-called "enterprise" special districts which receive a portion of the

property taxes to support their operation and maintenance of water and wastewater treatment. "Enterprise" districts are those that generally have elected governing boards and have authority to charge fees for services. These type districts include sewer, water and other utility districts.

Proposition 98 Guarantee for schools insures a certain percentage of the state budget will be set aside for schools. If the Governor's proposal to shift property taxes is defeated, schools are still entitled to their state guarantee share.

The real issue is whether the taxpayers in this

District should have to pay a substantially higher monthly service charge to help the Governor balance his budget.

The Goleta West Sanitary District has set aside reserve monies from a portion of its property tax to allow for future growth and improvements of its system. This sound financial planning allows the District to fund projects without an imposed fee increase.

Do you want to see a major increase in your monthly service charge? Do you think it is fair to take money from your community to help balance the state's school budget? If you

answered "NO" then please write your state Legislators in opposition to the Governor's proposal:

State Senator
Gary Hart
1216 State Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

State Assemblyman
Jack O'Connell
228 W. Carrillo Street
Suite F
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Your voice counts! We need your help!!! Time is of the essence!!!!



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Ellwood Shores Tree Cutting Update

The Spring 1991 issue of the Collector included an article that discussed the District's involvement in an easement clearing project that resulted in a Notice and Warning of Violation by the County and angry

protests from area residents, particularly those of the "Save Ellwood Shores" organization. The project involved the removal of eucalyptus trees that had been allowed to grow over a 15 inch clay

trunk line that runs through an area commonly referred to today as Ellwood Shores. At the time the sewer line was laid there were no trees in the immediate area.

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Think First, Then Flush

In recent months the District has been having problems with more than the normal unacceptable items coming down the system and clogging its pumps. These items include such things as rags, mop heads and disposable diapers.

It is important for the public to be aware that these types of items cause excessive wear and tear and maintenance on our pumps. The sewers are not meant to carry anything but wastewater. Children especially are notorious for flushing the wrong things down the commode. The District has retrieved Barbie dolls, small cars and planes, money, jewelry, clothes and cigarette lighters.

Please caution your children on the proper use of their restroom facility. Adults are requested to not dispose of rags, mop heads and disposable diapers down the commode.

If you are a landlord, it would be a good idea to advise your tenants of this problem since it not only

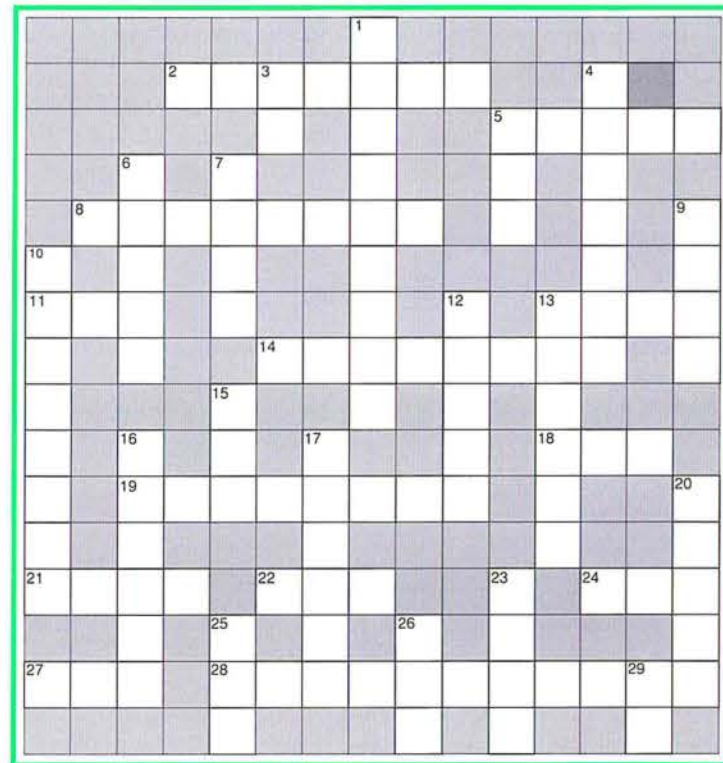
creates difficulties for the sanitary district but can cause a blockage in your house sewer requiring a plumber and an undeserved expense.

School teachers and administrators are encouraged to inform their students of the problem and ways in which they can help. Schools may contact

the District for ideas on how to get the word across to their students. *Thank you for helping your sanitary district to better serve you.*

Collection System Crossword Puzzle

Below is a crossword puzzle identifying words used in wastewater collection. See how well you can fill in the blanks and complete the puzzle. Good luck! (Answers on page 4.)



ACROSS

- 2. house sewer
- 5. reclaim
- 8. rate of travel
- 11. charge for service
- 13. move wastewater uphill
- 14. access to collection system

- 18. _____ at work
- 19. reduced water use
- 21. rise and ebb
- 22. polyvinylchloride
- 24. hi-pressure water tool
- 27. 45° angle pipe fitting
- 28. used to determine safe atmospheres

DOWN

- 1. _____ plant
- 3. closed circuit
- 4. too much
- 5. short piece of metal joined with others to clean sewers
- 6. carries wastewater
- 7. curved metal object used to lift manhole covers
- 9. round and horizontal
- 10. outflow or discharge of wastewater
- 12. common cause of blockages
- 13. before working on a sewer you need this
- 15. not treated sewage
- 16. fertilizer from treatment plant
- 17. protect hands
- 20. 98% of sewage
- 23. customer
- 25. million gallons per day
- 26. ocean
- 29. oxygen



District Employee and Industry Receive Honors

Each year the Tri-Counties Section (San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties) of the California Water Pollution Control Association (CWPCA) recognizes outstanding individuals and industries that have made a positive impact in the wastewater field.

At a recent CWPCA awards banquet, Goleta West Sanitary District employee Ken Spencer was named

Tri-Counties Collection System Operator of the Year for 1991. Also honored was Santa Barbara Research Center (SBRC) for Tri-Counties Industrial Facility of the Year for 1991. SBRC is permitted by GWSD for industrial wastewater discharge.

Both Ken and Santa Barbara Research Center have been nominated at the state level for these awards. *Best of luck to them!*



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Ellwood Shores Tree Cutting...

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Since the inception of this project, the District has incurred expensive legal fees, unnecessarily excessive County Resource Management permit fees and will be paying in excess of \$125,000 in mitigation fees over a three year period to restore and improve the flora and fauna in the area.

The District's focus in the beginning was to rectify an existing problem that could

have resulted in a major sewage spill and the eviction of people from their homes.

To date the District has spent approximately \$300,000 on this project not including future mitigation expenses. This represents a cost of \$50.00 per sewer user including mitigation expenses. The taxpayers have paid dearly for the clearing of *one* District easement.



Santa Barbara Research Center was named 1991 CWPCA Tri-Counties Industrial Facility of the Year. Pictured from left to right are SBRC employees: Back Row - Monty Jantzen, John Parsons; Front Row - Michael Weitz, Jeanette Andrews, Dennis Fiedler