



# GOLETA WEST SANITARY DISTRICT NEWS

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## Preventative Maintenance, Good Planning Proves Cost-Effective

### Long Range Planning Improves Reliability

As part of its dedication to long-range planning, the District has completed a survey of long-term land-use plans prepared by local governments to determine if the District has adequate wastewater treatment capacity. The study shows that the District has planned appropriately and obtained enough long-term treatment plant capacity to accommodate the community's wastewater flows at full buildout.

### Remaining Spill Free

Because of good planning and effective maintenance, Goleta West Sanitary District had no major spills over the past six years. This extraordinary achievement not only protects the local environment, but illustrates the effectiveness of the District's maintenance efforts. "It is almost unheard of for a sewer agency to operate with so few spills," said Mark Nation, General Manager/Superintendent of the Sanitary District. "We are proud of our staff, which helped us achieve this environmental distinction and earn us Collection System of the Year in 2003 by a statewide environmental organization."

To meet the District's goal of zero sewer spills and cost savings for customers, Goleta West Sanitary District carries out an intensive, carefully planned maintenance program.

It starts with video taping the interiors of pipelines, and then performing engineering analysis of each pipe's age and condition. A detailed database, is maintained on each pipe, and special software helps our professional staff set regular maintenance plans for each length of pipe.

Our field staff regularly clean the pipelines with a special water jet and vacuum truck and also aggressively remove tree roots that infiltrate the pipes. When more substantial upgrades are needed, the District often uses trenchless technology. This allows our crews to rehabilitate aging lines from the inside rather than having to dig them up, limiting environmental disturbance.

### Hollister Avenue Pipeline Project To Begin Construction

Construction is expected to begin in early summer on the District's new pipeline along Hollister Avenue.

This project, due for completion by late 2006, will reduce wastewater flows in the aging pipeline along Devereux Creek and lessen the work needed in the environmentally sensitive creek area.

The Devereux Creek pipeline can then be lined from the inside to protect it from developing leaks without major digging along the creek.



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*Trenchless technology allows rehabilitation of pipelines without harming environmentally sensitive areas like Devereux Creek.*

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## Please Move Your Car on Street Sweeping Day

*Regular sweeping prevents debris from entering storm drains, thus reducing ocean pollution. Each year, the District street sweeper removes hundreds of tons of debris from our streets.*



For a detailed calendar, go to [www.goletawest.com](http://www.goletawest.com)

### Street Sweeping Schedule

#### All Areas Are Swept Every Other Week

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

## Merger Talks Continue

Officials of the Goleta West Sanitary District and Goleta Sanitary District continue discussing the possibility of merging the two agencies. Options are now being considered. Goleta West Sanitary District is looking ahead and planning for the future, seeking the best interests of its customers.

The goals of a merger are to have better or equal service at less cost.

An administrative draft report has been submitted to the Districts for review and comment. A copy has been posted on the District's website, [www.goletawest.com](http://www.goletawest.com).



## District Wins Safety Award

Goleta West Sanitary District received a Safety Superstar Award from a statewide insurance pool for no Worker's Compensation claims. This saved the District about \$20,000 in premiums last year. Our good planning and management results in greater efficiencies and lower costs.



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