



Protecting Public Health and the Environment

## Goleta Sanitary District...Working to be your Utility of the Future



### Strategic Vision for Goleta Sanitary District is Environmentally Focused

Last fall, Goleta Sanitary District's Governing Board crafted a vision for the future of the District. While mission statements are rarely changed, the Board wanted to refine the mission statement and create vision statements to support its Five-Year Strategic Plan. The Board wants to expand and broaden beyond what the District has done in the past, and what the District does currently, by defining a new focus for the District as a "Utility of the Future." The main focus continues to be the protection of public health and the environment.

The mission statement spells out our focus and commitment: "We protect public health and the environment by responsible wastewater collection, treatment, and resource recovery to meet present and future community needs."

#### GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT'S VISION STATEMENTS

- We will have studied a broad range of **BIOSOLIDS REUSE OPTIONS** and are planning to diversify as needed.
- We will demonstrate our commitment to **ENERGY SELF-SUFFICIENCY** with actions within the five years of this plan.
- We will have a completed **INFRASTRUCTURE MASTER PLAN** integrated into a Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
- We will work in partnership with other local agencies to be ready and able to support additional **WATER REUSE PROJECTS**.
- We will continue our **COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP** through implementation of **GREEN BUSINESS PRACTICES**.
- We will continue to build a productive, **TOP-NOTCH WORKFORCE**.
- We will continue our commitment to **EXCELLENCE IN BOARD GOVERNANCE**.

**Vision** →

**Innovation** →

**Strategy** →

*"A Utility of the Future thinks decades ahead...It means being a dynamic institution always looking for ways to do more with less and to broaden a sense of community beyond its borders."*

*Felicia Marcus  
Chair, State Water  
Resources Control Board*

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## **Update on Joint Study to Expand Recycled Water Use**

**Working Closely with Goleta Water District.** The Goleta Sanitary District continues to work closely with the Goleta Water District to identify ways to expand the use of recycled water throughout Goleta Valley. The goal of this effort is to triple the use of recycled water – from 1,000 acre-feet per year to 3,000 acre-feet per year – to meet approximately 21% of Goleta’s total water needs. Similar studies are being conducted by water agencies throughout Southern California since recycled water is a reliable, drought-proof water source.

**Ongoing Collaboration: Over 7 Billion Gallons Recycled To-Date.** This collaborative approach between the Sanitary District and Water District isn’t new. The two districts teamed up in response to the 1990 drought to build the area’s first reclamation facility to provide recycled (non-potable) water for irrigation. Since then, the Districts have produced and distributed over 7 billion gallons of recycled water to the community.

**Evaluating Alternatives to Expand Recycled Water Use.** The current study will consider past efforts, as well other opportunities based on newer advanced water treatment technologies. Several alternatives are being evaluated in order to identify those that best meet the near- and long-term needs of our community at the lowest possible cost. The new technologies that have the greatest potential to meet these objectives are indirect and direct potable reuse. The draft study is expected to be available for public review in May 2017.



Photo: Mike Sullivan



## Stage 3 drought rules remain in effect despite recent rainfall.

*The ongoing drought reinforces the importance of additional recycled water for Goleta.*

**Keeping Customers Informed.** The state is currently developing regulations for Direct Potable Reuse so this is more of a potential future option. The specific recycled water option that is cost effective and practical for Goleta may depend on future state regulations.

We will keep our customers informed as the studies on recycled water options unfold.

## New Energy Efficiency Measures Installed at the District

Last fall, Goleta Sanitary District installed new energy efficiency measures. These were developed as part of the Water and Infrastructure and System Efficiency (WISE) project in collaboration with the Energy Network. The upgrades included installation of new energy-saving LED lighting throughout the plant and a 100HP blower in place of the 150HP blower at the aeration basin. The project not only reduced energy consumption, but also improved the treatment plant process.

In an innovative financial opportunity, the District is able to leverage savings over time to finance the cost of these improvements at no additional cost to the District, at no interest, and with no debt obligation.



*New, high-efficiency blower.*

### Cost and Environmental Savings

The District is expected to achieve the following benefits as a result of these improvements:

- ★ Reduce greenhouse gas emissions equal to taking over 700 cars off the road.
- ★ Save an estimated 658,000 kWh each year in electricity.
- ★ Reduce maintenance costs.
- ★ Save over \$91,000 annually.
- ★ Use of incentives from Southern California Edison saved over \$66,000.

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**The next step is a plan to generate, capture, and reuse energy to further reduce our environmental footprint. Stay tuned....**

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## Goleta Sanitary District Welcomes New Employees

Last year Goleta Sanitary District welcomed five new staff members: Ramon Garza, Vincent Mounsey, Rachael Ortiz, Laura Romano, and Jose Zepeda. We feature one of them below.



Laura Romano has been working as the District's new Management Analyst since last summer. Laura earned her Masters' degree in Public Policy and Administration

in 2011, and completed a Post-Masters' Certification in Management and Organizational Behavior in 2015 from Cal Lutheran University.

She has worked in both city government and the nonprofit arena, most recently as Director of Development for Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast. Laura assists with public outreach, pursues grant opportunities, and provides management level administrative support to all departments.

A life-long learner, Laura also enjoys traveling, reading, and cooking.

Laura is excited to be working at Goleta Sanitary District because: "I am thrilled to be able to use my education and experience in my job. And, the work that takes place at the District makes a direct impact in the community through protection of public health and the environment".

## District Shores-Up Outfall Vault Damaged by Winter Storms

Emergency protective measures were taken by the District in January and February 2017, following recent storms and high surf. The resulting rapid and extreme erosion exposed and damaged the sewer outfall vault and pipelines at Goleta Beach Park.

Large boulders, known as rip-rap, were placed in front of the structure to prevent further erosion. To protect this critical asset, a long-term solution is being developed in cooperation with the County of Santa Barbara, various regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders.

