



GOLETA SANITARY
Water Resource Recovery District

BIRD WATCHING WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

The undersigned has requested that the Goleta Sanitary District (the "District") allow the undersigned to enter the District's wastewater treatment plant located at One William Moffett Place in Goleta, California, for purposes of conducting bird watching activities. In consideration of the District's granting such a right of entry, the undersigned hereby acknowledges, agrees and confirms as follows:

1. Except for organized tours conducted by District staff, access to the District's facilities is restricted and the District's wastewater treatment plant is generally not open to the public. The undersigned is advised that the treatment plant is not equipped with the types of safeguards which might be utilized at public facilities with unrestricted access. The undersigned is further advised that potentially dangerous conditions and the risk of injuries to persons and/ or property are inherent in the design and operation of the District's treatment plant. These potentially dangerous conditions and risks include, but are not limited to, the operation of equipment, machinery and vehicles at the plant site, the use of chemicals, the presence of wastewater and byproducts therefrom, the absence of rails, guards and other protective devices on equipment and machinery and around ponds, lagoons, tanks and channels, the absence of warning signs, and uneven ground surfaces.
2. On behalf of the undersigned and his or her successors, assigns, representatives and heirs, the undersigned hereby assumes any and all risks associated with the undersigned's activities at the District's wastewater treatment plant and releases and waives all claims against the District and its officers, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns for any injury or damage to any person or property from any cause whatsoever arising in connection with the undersigned's activities at the District's wastewater treatment plant.
3. Access to the District's wastewater treatment plant is granted to the undersigned for the sole purpose of engaging in passive bird watching activities. The undersigned shall not engage in any other activities and shall not access any other locations at the treatment plant.
4. The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the Bird Watching policy and procedures that has a facility map indicating the designated bird watching areas.

Dated: _____

Signature

Printed Name

Bird Watching Policies and Procedures at Goleta Sanitary District

The Goleta Sanitary District wishes to facilitate bird watching at its wastewater treatment site for members of the bird watching community. However, because of the presence of certain risks, including hazardous materials at its treatment plant site, the District has established the following policies and procedures for bird watching activities that are restricted to the designated bird watching area and during the hours of 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Tuesday – Thursday.

- 1. Birdwatchers are to come to the entrance gate of the District and follow the prompts on the silver access box to the left of the gate to gain entrance. They will be allowed in by an administration employee.**
- 2. Birdwatchers are required to park in the public striped parking slots adjacent to the north of the main Administration Building.**
- 3. Birdwatchers are required to check-in at the Administration Building and sign the bird watching guest book and receive a visitors badge before proceeding to the bird watching area. All bird watchers must sign out and return the visitors badge before leaving the plant site to ensure proper accountability for individuals other than District staff on the District premises.**
- 4. Birdwatchers are required to sign a waiver and release of liability form before proceeding to the designated bird watching area. Those who had signed waivers previous to 2022 will be asked to sign a new waiver for our records.**
- 5. All unauthorized individuals that are found on the District premises will be escorted off District property.**
- 6. Saturday through Monday birdwatching is not allowed at this time due to limited staffing. At the District's discretion however, it may consider times outside of the prescribed times and days listed above, if special circumstances arise.**
- 7. Birdwatchers are to remain within the designated bird watching area and behind fences at the front of the lagoons (map on reverse side). There is a risk of slipping or falling into the lagoons so bird-watchers are not to walk around the lagoons. Areas beyond the yellow lines and white lagoon fence are restricted because the treatment plant is not equipped with the types of safeguards which might be utilized at public facilities with unrestricted access.**
- 8. GSD has an emergency Response Plan and Plant Warning System for emergencies/disasters via an exterior loud speaker. If "Red Alert" is announced, all visitors and personnel are to gather immediately at the flag pole in front of the Administration building and await further instructions.**