



Protecting Public Health and the Environment by Cleaning Water and Recovering Valuable Resources

## District Cuts Rates, Improves Wastewater System

Despite ongoing inflation and recent completion of a \$40 million upgrade to its treatment plant, Goleta Sanitary District's sewer service charge has not been increased since 2012.

Now, the District has more good news: our rates were recently cut!

### District Cuts Rates 5.6%

#### District Charges Well Below State and County Averages.

Even before the rate decrease, our charges were already below state and county averages. The amounts shown below include both rates and any taxes collected, representing the total cost of service.

#### Before this Reduction, Rates Unchanged Since 2012.

The District has not increased its rates since July 1, 2012. Beginning July 1, 2015, the District decreased rates 5.6% from \$37.80 per month to \$35.68 per month.

<b>GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT</b>	2015-16:	\$36.51
<b>COUNTY AVERAGE</b>	2015-16:	\$57.88



The District paid for the \$40 Million Dollar plant upgrade as it was constructed, avoiding costly borrowing and interest costs.

**NEW District Video Tour**  
Find Out Where Your Water Goes!  
**Check It Out!**



*Travel under the manholes to the treatment plant. Learn about recycled water, how natural bacteria clean your wastewater by consuming it, how recycled water is made, and more. Watch the video at: [www.goletasanitary.org](http://www.goletasanitary.org).*



**The District's Financial Savings and Reduced Rates are the Result of Good Management and Sound Financial Policies Over Many Years.**

# Highlights of How We Save Money and Maintain Quality Service



*District crews systematically jet wash and vacuum clean the sewer system, cut out roots and undertake other needed maintenance.*

## FINANCIAL FACTS

The District has zero debt.

The funding needed to replace infrastructure as it wears out is set aside, avoiding costly financing that can add 30% or more to overall costs.

Rates are well below state and county averages.

## Treatment Plant Planning Key Factor in Lower Rates

- **Multi-Year Advance Planning.** By starting both engineering and financial planning many years before the treatment plant underwent reconstruction, numerous cost saving actions were made possible.
- **Incremental Approach Provides Cost Savings.** Years before the main plant reconstruction began, the District began replacing worn components with new ones that match the upgrade. This allowed the District to wring every bit of value from the old plant and purchase new components before inflation increased their cost.
- **Timing of Major Reconstruction Lowered Costs.** Because the District completed planning early, when the District saw a dip in construction costs, it was able to put the project to bid quickly. The result was millions of dollars in construction savings.
- **No Loans or Debt Due to Cost-Saving Pay-as-you-go Funding.** By building reserves and using available funds, the District paid for the project as it was constructed, avoiding costly borrowing and interest costs.

## New General Manager Steve Wagner Welcomed as Long-Time Manager Kamil Azoury Retires



### Welcome Steve Wagner

Steve Wagner was appointed General Manager/District Engineer on July 1st. Mr. Wagner has over 25 years experience, having served as the District's Assistant General Manager since May 2014, and previously as: Public Works Director/City Engineer for the City of

Goleta and City of Carpinteria; Deputy Director of Public Works for the County of Santa Barbara; and Engineering Manager for the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District. He is a registered Civil Engineer, with a Masters Degree in Public Administration and a lifelong resident of Goleta.



### Thank You Kamil Azoury

Following twenty years of service as General Manager/District Engineer Kamil Azoury retired. During his tenure, the District advanced in many ways, including: constructing a once-in-a-generation \$40 million upgrade of its treatment plant. The

annual open house also blossomed into a major event during his tenure, and he left with the District benefiting from very low rates and top quality service. Kamil also left his mark as a statewide leader on sanitary issues. We wish him well in retirement.



**THE DISTRICT'S  
HIGHLY TRAINED  
AND EFFICIENT  
EMPLOYEES  
FOCUS ALL THEIR  
ATTENTION  
ON PROVIDING  
A SINGLE  
SERVICE WITH  
EXCELLENCE AND  
COST-EFFICIENCY.**

## **Proactive System Management, Key to Cost Savings**

### **Sanitary System Master Plan Ensures Quality, Cost Savings.**

Providing quality sanitary service requires building and maintaining well over \$100 million in facilities. To ensure they operate without fail, the District carries out long-term master planning. Looking ahead, the District has identified and is prioritizing \$23 million in upgrades and replacements of key facilities in the coming decade or so.

### **Every Inch of Pipeline Video-Taped and Tracked.**

Goleta Sanitary closely monitors the entire sewer system using a database and mapping system. This system contains details on the location, age, size and construction of each pipeline. It helps create detailed maintenance plans for the entire 132 mile system.



*Inside the video truck a special video camera crawls through the entire pipeline system, helping to evaluate maintenance needs.*

### **State Certified Crews Provide Expert Management.**

Our field crews are all state-certified professionals in various wastewater disciplines. They are cross-trained in a wide variety of skills, enabling them to perform many maintenance tasks, avoiding the expense of hiring outside contractors for small projects.

**Goleta Sanitary District has recycled over  
7.2 billion gallons of wastewater to date!**

**Don't Miss  
These Fun  
FREE  
EVENTS!**



**SEPTEMBER 26-27th**

**Visit our booth at the  
Goleta Lemon Festival**

Spin our game wheel for raffle prizes and learn what we do with your waste water.

Learn more at [www.lemonfestival.com](http://www.lemonfestival.com)



**OCTOBER 24th**

**Fall Fest - Open House  
at Goleta Sanitary District**

FREE hot dog lunch

Hay ride tours

Family fun, games, prizes  
and information

**Know Where  
Your Water Goes?  
CHECK US OUT!  
[www.goletasanitary.com](http://www.goletasanitary.com)**



**DROUGHT TIP: Pick up Your FREE Soil Amendment**

One valuable by-product of the wastewater treatment process is bio-solids. This is a rich organic material that is tested, dried and provided FREE of charge to our customers.

It is an outstanding soil amendment that breaks up heavy soil, provides a fertilizing boost and saves water by protecting soil from drying out.

**PICK UP YOUR SUPPLY FREE AT GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT.**

Limited quantities available on a first-come first-served basis.

**For More Information:**

Call the District: (805) 967-4519

Visit our website: [www.goletasanitary.org](http://www.goletasanitary.org)

**Keep Household Chemicals Out  
of Your Drain and the Ocean**

It is important that you keep household chemicals out of the drain and the environment.

Dispose of toxics properly at the  
**Community Hazardous Waste Collection Center**  
Near UCSB at Mesa Road, Building 565 in Goleta.

**For More Information:**

[LessIsMore.org](http://LessIsMore.org) or (805) 882-3615



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