## POSITIVE CHANGES FOR THE DISTRICT

### **CHANGES COMING TO DISTRICT'S ELECTION PROCESS**

The Goleta Sanitary District is embarking on a process to change from at-large elections to district-based elections. In 2018 the District approved a resolution declaring its intent to change from an at-large election system to a district-based system once the results of the 2020 Census are available.

Currently each of the five governing board members is elected at-large (from anywhere within the District's service area). In the future, one governing board member will be elected from each of five separate voting districts. The voting districts will be developed based on the new 2020 Census data and input from the community. Moving to district-based elections will help ensure equal representation for all areas of the District's service area.

The Goleta Sanitary District is one of several local governments which will be changing to district-based elections (others include the City of Goleta and the Goleta Water District). The District is working with Lapkoff and Gobalet Demographic Research Inc. to develop potential boundaries of the five voting

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districts that are sensible, geographically contiguous areas with near equal populations. There will be several public meetings throughout this process with opportunities for public input. If all goes as planned, the first district-based election will be held in November 2022.

For more information regarding the transition to district-based elections, please visit the District's website at www.goletasanitary.org.

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# REHABILITATION PROJECTS REDUCE CHEMICAL USE AND OPERATING COSTS

The District focuses on preserving and rehabilitating our assets to maximize their service life and reduce overall operating costs. Rehabilitating parts of the treatment process equipment is one of the ways we accomplish this.



The Reclamation Facility came online in 1994 as a cooperative project with the Goleta Water District to produce and distribute recycled water for use in landscape irrigation purposes throughout the western portion of the Goleta Valley. It was the first of its kind in the region. Maintaining and rehabilitating various parts and processes of the facility has kept it functional and efficient for over 30 years!

Staff recently replaced equipment that has led to improved automation and significantly reduced the use of chemicals. Reducing the amount of chemicals needed helps reduce greenhouse gases and saves money. Over \$200,000 in ongoing annual operational costs has been saved!



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#### **NO CHANGE IN RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022**

The District is pleased to announce that rates will not increase for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, which begins in July. Due to staff's efforts in reducing operational costs, the Board decided to keep rates the same. While future investments in infrastructure and innovative technologies may result in future rate increases, our sewer service rates remain 30% lower than comparable agencies.



## NEW TECHNOLOGIES IMPROVE EFFICIENCY

The District is always searching for ways to improve efficiency, and to save money for our customers. One recent improvement is the use of what are known as "Smart SOPs." Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are used by our staff to consistently perform routine tasks using the same methods and protocols. By following standards, we ensure our staff is working safely and smartly.

The new "Smart SOPs" put technology in the hands of our teams when they need it. Employing a technology similar to bar code scanners we all use in the grocery store; our staff can carry electronic "manuals" with them at all times on cell phones or tablets. For example, an operator can quickly scan a code on a piece of machinery, which then appears on the electronic device, to make sure the steps to perform the procedure are done in a safe and efficient manner. This means time isn't spent going to an office to find a paper manual, or to look up a procedure on-line. All necessary information to perform a task properly can be accessed by staff in the field whenever needed.

Staff can create, share, and document maintenance and repair activities quickly and efficiently on a tablet or smartphone as work is completed.





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#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

1st and 3rd Mondays of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Goleta Sanitary District Board Room 1 William Moffett Place Goleta, CA 93117

#### MISSION STATEMENT

We protect public health and the environment through cost-effective wastewater collection, treatment, and resource recovery to meet present and future community needs.

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

To be the region's leader in water resource recovery through excellence and innovation.

#### **VALUES STATEMENT**

We value our community, the people we serve, and the environment we protect by:

- Acting with integrity
- Being dependable
- Being responsible
- Being safe and
- Being innovative.



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Goleta Sanitary District prides itself on resource recovery and reuse. Plant Operator, Steve Conklin, a 30-year GSD veteran takes that to a new level. He took obsolete pipes from the Collection System and crafted them into flowerpots at the two entrances and throughout the facility.

If you happen to be driving by our facility across from the airport, look for these beautiful creations. These reclaimed pieces of pipe make the facility more attractive, and give the pipes a new life. Speaking of new life, Steve is planning his well-deserved retirement in June after over 30 years of service to the community. **Well done Steve** - **and thank you!** 

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