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Continuing our Commitment to Sustainability

The District Receives Green Business Certification

On March 13, 2019, the District was recognized as a Certified Green Business by the Green Business Program of Santa Barbara County. Established by the California Green Business Program, the process assesses Energy, Waste & Recycling, Pollution Prevention, Water Conservation, and Wastewater practices. A checklist of tools is used to evaluate business operations, determine sustainability measures already in place, and implement additional measures to earn certification. The District has been a proud supporter of the Green Business Program for many years, encouraging and supporting other local businesses to go green. The Green Business Program of Santa Barbara County (GBPSBC) is part of a network of green businesses and government agencies statewide. We are proud of what we do and how we are able to do it in an environmentally sensitive way. This certification demonstrates our ongoing commitment to sustainable business practices.



GSD at Earth Day Festival

The District will again showcase its support of environmental protection with a booth at the Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival, on Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28, 2019, in Alameda Park. Staff will be on hand to answer questions, talk about our work, and help the public learn how we reclaim water and energy, and produce biosolids. The public is invited to stop by and spin the wheel of water wisdom for a chance to win some earth-friendly prizes. The festival runs from 11-8 on Saturday and 11-6 on Sunday. Come by and say "Hi"!



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The region's leader
 in water resource recovery
 through innovation and excellence.



Employee of the Quarter

Shamus O'Donnell, Collection System Supervisor

Shamus has been employed with the District for over six years. His ability to teach and share knowledge with his crew is one of the reasons he was recently promoted to Collection System Supervisor. He does an excellent job managing his crew and is always willing to help out, both within his department and at the District as a whole. His team-player approach makes him a valued asset. We congratulate Shamus for being the District's Employee of the Quarter award recipient.



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Goleta Sanitary District Rates Well Below Local Average

Our staff is continuously identifying cost-saving measures to meet our service needs, while focusing on our mission to protect public health and the environment. By ensuring adequate revenues are collected, the District can focus on the most efficient way to maintain, repair, and replace critical infrastructure while reducing the total life-cycle cost of equipment.

Similar to other utilities, the District charges user fees for maintenance and repair services. Our Sewer Service Charges (SSCs) are based on guidelines established by Federal and State governments in accordance with the Clean Water Act. These services include, but are not limited to: safe collection, transportation, cleaning, recycling, and disposal of wastewater; the creation of recycled water

for landscape use; the creation of class B biosolids for compost; and creation of class A biosolids as a soil amendment.

On August 1, 2018, the District implemented the first of a two-phase increase to its monthly SSCs, from \$41.38 to \$42.66 for a single family residence. Santa Barbara County residents pay an average rate of \$61.70 a month compared to the Goleta Sanitary District rate of \$42.66, 30% less!

The increase in the District's SSCs corresponds to the increase in the consumer price index. It is intended to partially offset the inflationary increases associated with external operating costs (i.e. power, fuel, and chemicals). The District provides excellent service to our customers at a rate far below both the state and local averages.



Recycled Wastewater Continues to Reduce Use of Drinking Water

The District's Water Reclamation Facility was constructed in 1994, in cooperation with the Goleta Water District. Since then, we have produced over 7 billion gallons of recycled water to irrigate golf courses, parks, and schools. Each gallon of recycled water used for irrigation saves a gallon of drinking water. The Reclamation Facility saves on average 1.25 million gallons of drinking water per day of operation (as weather permits)! Recycled water customers benefit from a new and reliable water supply that isn't affected by drought. Goleta Sanitary District and the Goleta Water District are working together to increase wastewater reuse in the future.



Treatment Process Improvements Save Water

Further improvements to the District's Water Resource Recovery Facility are saving approximately 10,000 gallons of drinking water each day! A new effluent pump now delivers treated wastewater to the District's solids handling building for use in the dewatering process. In the past, drinking water was required to dilute the sludge thickener; and recycled water was used to dilute the sludge prior to mixing with a polymer. A new chloramine disinfection process produces a higher quality wastewater effluent, which makes it usable for both stages of the solids treatment process. This change to our treatment process will save over 3.5M gallons of potable water and over 24.6M gallons of recycled water each year!



THEY'RE BACK!

The Goleta Sanitary District is proud to be hosting our second Jurassic Plant Tour Open House event. This year's Open House will be held on Saturday, October 12th. Make sure to save the date for an educational, free, fun, family outing. More information will be available in the next few months.

