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WDID Number: 3/420102001

Type of Report (circle one): Monthly Quarterly Semi-Annual Annual

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Violation(s) (Place an X by the appropriate choice): X No (there are no violations to report) ___ Yes

If Yes is marked (complete a-g):

a) Parameter(s) in Violation: _____

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d) WDR/NPDES Limit/Condition: _____

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at the number provided below.

Sincerely,

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Title: General Manager / District Engineer

Prepared by: Lena Cox

Reviewed by: [Signature]



GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT
NPDES MONITORING PROGRAM
2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted: January 31, 2024

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

The Goleta Sanitary District (GSD) treatment plant operated under WDR Order No. R3-2017-0021 and NPDES Permit No. CA0048160 which became effective November 10, 2017. January through December 2023 the plant was operating utilizing the full secondary process.

The Goleta wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) is located in an unincorporated coastal area of Santa Barbara County, California. Treated wastewater is discharged to the Pacific Ocean approximately one mile offshore of Goleta Beach County Park via a south-trending ocean outfall. The outfall lies within and extends outside of a small embayment formed by Goleta Point directly to the west.

The Goleta WWTP treats wastewater from the service areas of the Goleta Sanitary District (GSD), the Goleta West Sanitary District, the University of California at Santa Barbara, the Santa Barbara Municipal Airport, and certain Santa Barbara County facilities. Existing agreements among the agencies establish GSD as the owner of the joint wastewater treatment facilities and assign the responsibility of operation and maintenance of the facilities to GSD. However, each agency “owns” an “indeterminate, perpetual and exclusive capacity right” in the facilities and an “easement right of flow through” the facilities.

REPORT ORGANIZATION

This report summarizes data collected during the 2023 monitoring and reporting program, and analyzes this data to determine compliance with the discharge permit terms and conditions.

Chapter presentation is as follows:

Chapter 1	Introduction
Chapter 2	Treatment Plant Performance
Chapter 3	Collection System Summary
Chapter 4	Outfall Dive Survey

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROCESS

The following discussion focuses on the principal features of GSD's full secondary process of wastewater and sludge treatment. The performance capacities and characteristics of the treatment plant are detailed in Chapter 2.

Treatment Plant Facilities

The Goleta Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Plant is located at One William Moffett Place, in an unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County, CA. The plant site is approximately 10 miles west of the City of Santa Barbara, near the Pacific Coast. A regional view of the study area is shown in Figure 1-1.

On average, over the past 10 years, 2014 to 2023, the plant has discharged about 3.57 million gallons per day (MGD) of treated effluent to the open coastal waters of the Santa Barbara Channel via an ocean outfall. The treatment plant is currently discharging municipal wastewater in accordance with NPDES permit CA 0048160. The treatment plant's discharge meets the state water quality standards as set forth in the Water Quality Control Plan for Ocean Waters of California (California Ocean Plan) and the federal Clean Water Act.

Facilities Description

The Goleta wastewater treatment plant underwent its first substantial upgrade completed in June 1988. The upgraded plant was designed to assure compliance with monthly 30-day average discharge limitations of 63 mg/L for suspended solids and 98 mg/L for BOD under an average dry weather flow 9.0 MGD. The facility utilized a split-stream process of physical and biological treatment until December of 2013. The current biological treatment is provided by two trickling filters and an aeration basin to achieve full secondary treatment. The following sections describe the treatment process.

Collection System

Over 190 miles of pipelines collect wastewater that flows almost entirely by gravity to pump stations located in each agency's service area. These stations pump the flow to the treatment facility.

Pump Station and Headworks

Influent from the collection system of each agency is pumped to the treatment plant headworks where raw wastewater flows through two bar screens with ¼ inch screen spacing, which removes large debris. Influent is then routed to aerated grit tanks where sand and grit are allowed to settle out and pumped to screening washer/compactor units. This debris and grit is then transported via truck to a local landfill. Air collected from the influent pump stations and headworks is scrubbed in a biological odor reduction tower.

Primary Sedimentation

Wastewater then flows into one of three circular primary sedimentation basins (primary clarifiers) where solids settling to the bottom and floatable materials rising to the surface are mechanically collected and pumped to digesters.

Secondary Treatment

Secondary treatment involves three treatment elements: the biofilters, an aeration basin, and secondary sedimentation tanks. In the biofilter, primary effluent trickles over plastic media where bacteria feed on organic wastes, thus removing these wastes from the water. Effluent from the trickling filter flows to an aeration basin where air is injected and the effluent is mixed with recirculated sludge from the secondary sedimentation basins. The resulting biological action coagulates these fine particles and the organic solids settle out as sludge in the secondary clarifiers. The waste activated sludge (WAS) is pumped to two mechanical thickeners and then is pumped to the three anaerobic digesters. A portion of the secondary process flow can be diverted to the reclamation facilities for tertiary treatment with gravity filters.

Chlorine Contact Channel

The secondary effluent flows to the head of the chlorine contact channel where sodium hypochlorite is injected to kill bacteria in the effluent. Prior to discharge into the ocean, sodium bisulfite is added for dechlorination, thus completing the disinfection process.

Sludge Treatment and Biosolids Disposal

Settleable solids and floatable materials from the primary clarifiers are treated in three heated anaerobic sludge digesters for at least 15 days. Anaerobic digestion decomposes organic material and produces digester gas composed primarily of methane. This digester gas fuels boiler used to heat sludge in the digesters. Sludge from the digesters then flows to one of two stabilization basins where it settles and bacteria can continue the organic decomposition. Stabilized sludge is dredged from the bottom of these basins and is dewatered by two screw presses. The digested supernatant from the three anaerobic digesters can also be diverted from the stabilization basins directly to the two screw presses for dewatering.

The centrifuged and screw pressed biosolids, identified as Class B, were transported to a composting facility owned by Synagro West, LLC located at 12421 Holloway Road, Lost Hills, CA 93249. A copy of the agreement with Synagro West, LLC is available upon request.

A complete biosolids report describing the treatment and disposal process is prepared each year and submitted to the EPA as well as the California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) database. The deadline for submittal of this report is February 19th of each year.

Figure 1-1. Regional View of the Goleta Valley



Reclamation Facilities

On September 13, 1991, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), Central Coast Region approved Order No. 91-03 that permits the Goleta Sanitary District to produce up to 3.0 MGD of reclaimed water. The reclaimed water produced at the Goleta Sanitary District is distributed by the Goleta Water District for use within their service area. Reclaimed water is used for landscape irrigation and for incidental uses including construction dust control and compaction, and to flush toilets within several buildings located in Goleta. The Goleta Water District is regulated by separate water reclamation requirements.

Secondary effluent enters the reclamation facilities where a flash mixer disperses polyaluminium chloride (PACL) and polymer into the water. The flocculated suspension is then filtered through a bed of anthracite coal where the floc is removed. The filtered water then flows to a chlorine contact tank where sodium hypochlorite is added for disinfection. The highly chlorinated treated water then flows to a 3 million-gallon underground storage tank where it is stored until needed. Reclaimed water is distributed throughout the Goleta Valley by a distribution system operated and maintained by the Goleta Water District.

An annual report describing the reclamation treatment process, operational parameters, water quality, and production rates is prepared and submitted to the RWQCB by January 31st.

Ocean Outfall

The treated secondary effluent is discharged to the ocean through an outfall pipe that extends 5800 feet offshore and terminates at a depth of approximately 92 feet below Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW) level. At the pipe terminus, a multi-port diffuser with 36, four inch diameter ports mixes one part of effluent with approximately 122 parts of seawater (Tetra Tech, Inc. 1993) to achieve a high initial wastewater dilution.

Staff

Mr. Steve Wagner, P.E., currently serves as GSD's General Manager and District Engineer. The General Manager is responsible for overall operation and performance of the treatment plant.

Nine state certified treatment plant operators operated the wastewater treatment plant under the direction of the Plant Operations Manager, Mr. Pete Regis. The Plant Operations Manager also supervises the treatment plant's industrial waste staff. Mr. Chuck Smolnikar, supervises the maintenance staff and the laboratory is under the direction of Ms. Lena Cox, the Laboratory and Technical Services Manager. The grade and certification number of operations, maintenance, industrial waste control, and laboratory personnel employed during the 2023 operational year are shown in Table 1-1.

Table 1-1. Goleta Sanitary District Operation Staff, 2023

Staff	Grade	California Certification No.
Operators		
Pete Regis	IV	28277
Chris Lewsadder	IV	73465
Ricardo Lopez	III	10756
Morgan Lea	III	28400
Ronnie Perez	III	44916
Bronson Thomas	III	74423
Jes Hulbert	I	28266
River Ferrara	I	28488
Justin Graves	I	43450
Lab Analysts		
Lena Cox	IV	90334003
Justin Graves	I	1308219530
River Ferrara	I	1308214257
Pete Regis	I	1308216432
Chris Lewsadder	I	1308233964
Teresa Kistner	I	99076111
Maintenance Technologist		
Alejandro Bautista	III	1308216605
Torrey Jones	II	1308217681
Cody Magennis	I	1308233070
Electrical / Instrumentation		
Ramon Garza	III	1308234652
Charles Smolnikar	II	60172004
Dept. of Industrial Relations – Electrician		
Charles Smolnikar	NA	107709
Ramon Garza	NA	160174
Environmental Compliance		
Teresa Kistner	IV	1308218096
Biosolids Land Application Management		
Lena Cox	I	70711001

Monitoring and Reporting Program

The Goleta Sanitary District's monitoring and reporting program was conducted in accordance with the requirements of the NPDES permit CA0048160. The objectives of the monitoring program and this report are to:

- Determine compliance with NPDES permit terms and conditions.
- Document training and certification of wastewater treatment facility operators.
- Assess treatment plant performance and the effectiveness of industrial pretreatment and toxics control programs.
- Evaluate the monitoring and reporting program and make recommendations for improving the program.

The self-monitoring and reporting program consists of assessing water quality and compliance with effluent limits. Table 1-2 summarizes the sampling schedule for various elements of the monitoring and reporting program conducted during 2023.

Table 1-2. Schedule for NPDES Monitoring, Goleta Sanitary District, 2023

Monitoring Program Component	Frequency	Schedule
Standard Wastewater Parameters	Daily – Weekly	As Specified
Chronic Toxicity	Quarterly	Jan, April, July, and Oct
Effluent Metals	Annually	October
Effluent Priority Pollutants	Annually	October
Outfall Inspection	Annually	October

Influent, and effluent water monitoring is conducted in accordance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved test procedures as stipulated under Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 136 (40 CFR 136): *Guidelines establishing test procedures for the analysis of pollutants*. Water quality analyses for compliance monitoring are performed by analytical laboratories certified by the California Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program. Bioassay testing is conducted in accordance with guidelines approved by the State Water Resources Control Board and the EPA.

In order to comply with a request from the Central Coast RWQCB in a letter dated June 27, 2008 the District is no longer submitting hard copies of NPDES reports to the RWQCB. All documents are converted into a searchable PDF format and are submitted electronically.

CHAPTER 2

TREATMENT PLANT PERFORMANCE

The performance of a wastewater treatment plant is measured by its ability to reduce influent contaminants to levels acceptable for discharge to the environment. Federal and state authorities mandate these levels of treatment in order to protect the marine environment. Proper operation of the Goleta Sanitary District's wastewater treatment plant is assured through the monitoring of several effluent parameters such as flow, total suspended solids, biochemical oxygen demand, residual chlorine, hydrogen-ion concentration (pH), turbidity, settleable solids, oil and grease, and toxicity concentration. Metals, pesticides, and other priority pollutants are also analyzed to aid in determining the impact the wastewater discharge has on receiving waters, evaluating compliance with discharge permit limitations, and monitoring the effectiveness of the industrial pretreatment and toxic control program.

WASTEWATER CHARACTERIZATION

Goleta Sanitary District's NPDES monitoring program requires measurement of many parameters at frequencies ranging from continuous to once per year. During 2023, influent, effluent, and biosolids (sludge) samples were collected by treatment plant personnel, and analyzed by the Goleta Sanitary District wastewater treatment plant laboratory and various contract laboratories such as: Aquatic Testing Laboratories (ATL) for chronic toxicity, OEC Laboratory, Weck Laboratory, Pace Analytical Services and Ceres Analytical Laboratory. Treatment plant personnel monitored and analyzed wastewater for performance-evaluating parameters including wastewater flow, suspended solids, biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), pH, turbidity, settleable solids, oil and grease, temperature, residual chlorine, coliform and enterococcus bacteria. The previously mentioned environmental laboratories performed annual analysis of priority pollutants, metals and other parameters in final effluent and biosolids samples. Final effluent samples were also analyzed for radioactivity.

Analytical methodologies used by Goleta Sanitary District Laboratory and other contract laboratories used by GSD are based on approved U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) methods (EPA 1983; Federal Register 1984) and other methods in *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 22nd and 23rd editions*. All methodologies employed during 2023 were approved for NPDES monitoring programs. Quality assurance and quality control procedures followed those presented in *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 22nd and 23rd editions*.

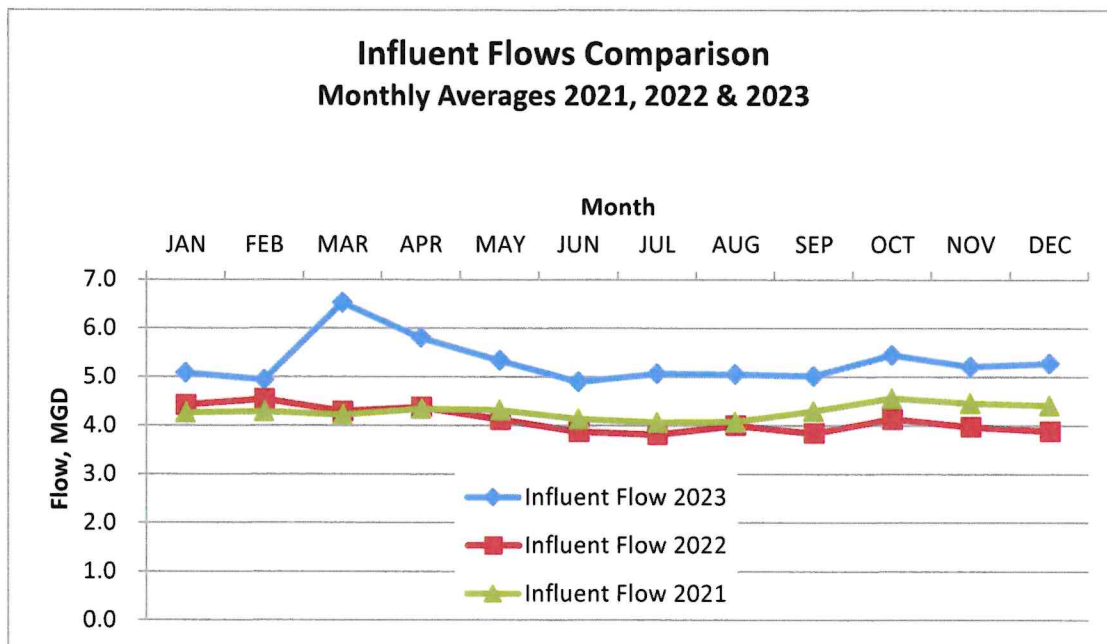
Results of the wastewater chemical analyses used to monitor proper operation of the treatment plant during 2023, and the respective discharge permit limitations, are presented in Tables 2-1 and Table 2-2. All monthly averaged data presented in these tables are calculated from daily values at the treatment plant, with the exception of removal efficiencies, which are calculated from the monthly averages of the respective influent and effluent parameters.

Influent Flow

The daily influent flow into the treatment plant was monitored continuously through March 6th 2023 when the influent pump station maintenance project began. The influent flow was directed to bypass the pump station which caused the flow meter to be submerged and as a consequence caused inaccuracy. During the project, the influent flow meter was damaged and the District is planning to install a new influent flow meter in early 2024. The influent flows reported after March 6th are based on the effluent flow meter values and the reclaimed effluent values when the facility was operating. Influent flow throughout the year, averaged 5.3 million gallons per day (MGD) which is more than a 29% increase compared to the average of 4.1 MGD that was treated in 2022.

Overall, the average monthly influent flows for 2023 had minor seasonal variations throughout the year, fluctuating from a low of 4.89 MGD in June to a high of 6.52 MGD in March. The increase in average influent flow observed at the plant is likely due to the UCSB students returning to campus in person and the significant rain events compared to the last few years. See Figure 2-1 for a visual flow comparison.

Figure 2-1. Influent Flows Monthly Average Comparison for 2021, 2022 and 2023



Since 2001 the Goleta West Sanitary District and Goleta Sanitary District have maintained an aggressive collection system rehabilitation program. Numerous sections of the collection system in both Districts have been relined or replaced to correct structural deficiencies while significantly reducing the inflow and infiltration (I&I) problems. However, even with the reduction of I&I the amount of rainfall during the year can affect the total amount of influent flow measured. The District’s storm water pollution prevention plan requires all storm water collected from process areas to be treated before disposal.

Effluent Flow

The effluent flow from the treatment plant was monitored continuously during 2023 and averaged 4.7 MGD for the year. The difference between the influent and effluent flow is due to the production of reclaimed water, which is not discharged into the ocean but is distributed throughout the community for landscape irrigation and other uses.

Figure 2-2. Influent and Effluent Flows 2023 Monthly Averages

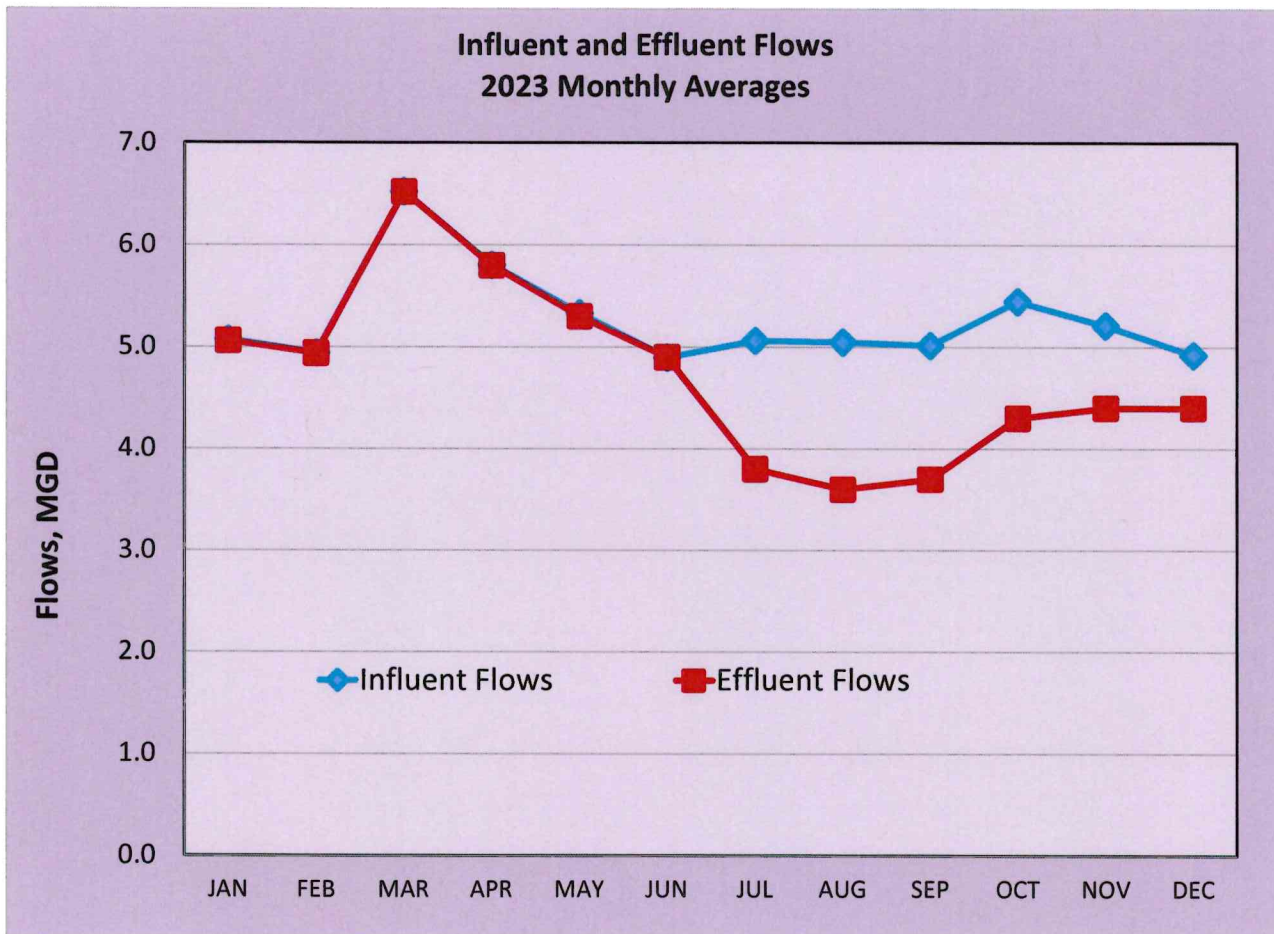


Figure 2-2 shows the monthly average influent and effluent flows for 2023. Higher wastewater effluent flow generally occurs during the winter months when influent flow is also the highest and recycling is minimal. However, during 2023 the reclamation facility was not operated until July. The most important factor contributing to fluctuations in the effluent flow is the amount of wastewater that is processed into reclaimed water and used for irrigation.

The lowest effluent flow occurred during August when the average amount of flow discharged to the Pacific Ocean dropped to 3.6 MGD. The variations in the monthly average effluent flow seen in 2023 fluctuated from a low of 3.60 MGD in August, when the daily production of reclaimed water averaged 1.19 MGD for the month to a high of 6.52 MGD during March when the reclaimed facility was off line and a significant rain event occurred.

Figure 2-2 depicts the influent and effluent flows and Table 2-1 shows the actual monthly flow average values.

Table 2-1. Monthly Averages Flow, Suspended Solids and BOD, Goleta Sanitary District, 2023.

Month	Flow		Total Suspended Solids				Biochemical Oxygen Demand			
	Influent MGD	Effluent MGD	Influent mg/L	Effluent mg/L	Removal (%)	Mass Emission (lbs/day)	Influent mg/L	Effluent mg/L	Removal (%)	Mass Emission (lbs/day)
Jan	5.07	5.06	428	9.9	97.4	436	349	11.1	96.7	478
Feb	4.94	4.94	369	12.1	96.4	521	344	13.5	95.8	576
Mar	6.52	6.52	454	11.9	97.2	662	344	13.1	96.0	739
Apr	5.80	5.80	387	6.7	98.2	322	371	8.3	97.7	397
May	5.33	5.30	418	6.0	98.5	264	458	7.2	98.4	320
Jun	4.89	4.90	408	4.7	98.8	193	492	7.2	98.5	289
Jul	5.06	3.80	495	6.9	98.5	214	471	10.1	97.9	317
Aug	5.05	3.60	401	6.7	98.3	203	375	7.5	98.0	222
Sep	5.01	3.70	470	5.6	98.7	173	424	5.4	98.7	165
Oct	5.44	4.30	637	5.9	99.1	209	495	5.9	98.8	208
Nov	5.21	4.40	622	5.3	99.1	197	487	6.9	98.6	256
Dec	4.92	4.40	694	6.5	99.0	244	543	8.5	98.3	325
Average	5.27	4.73	482	7.4	98.3	303	429	8.7	97.8	358
Limit	NL	7.64	NL	30	85	1912	NL	30	85	1912

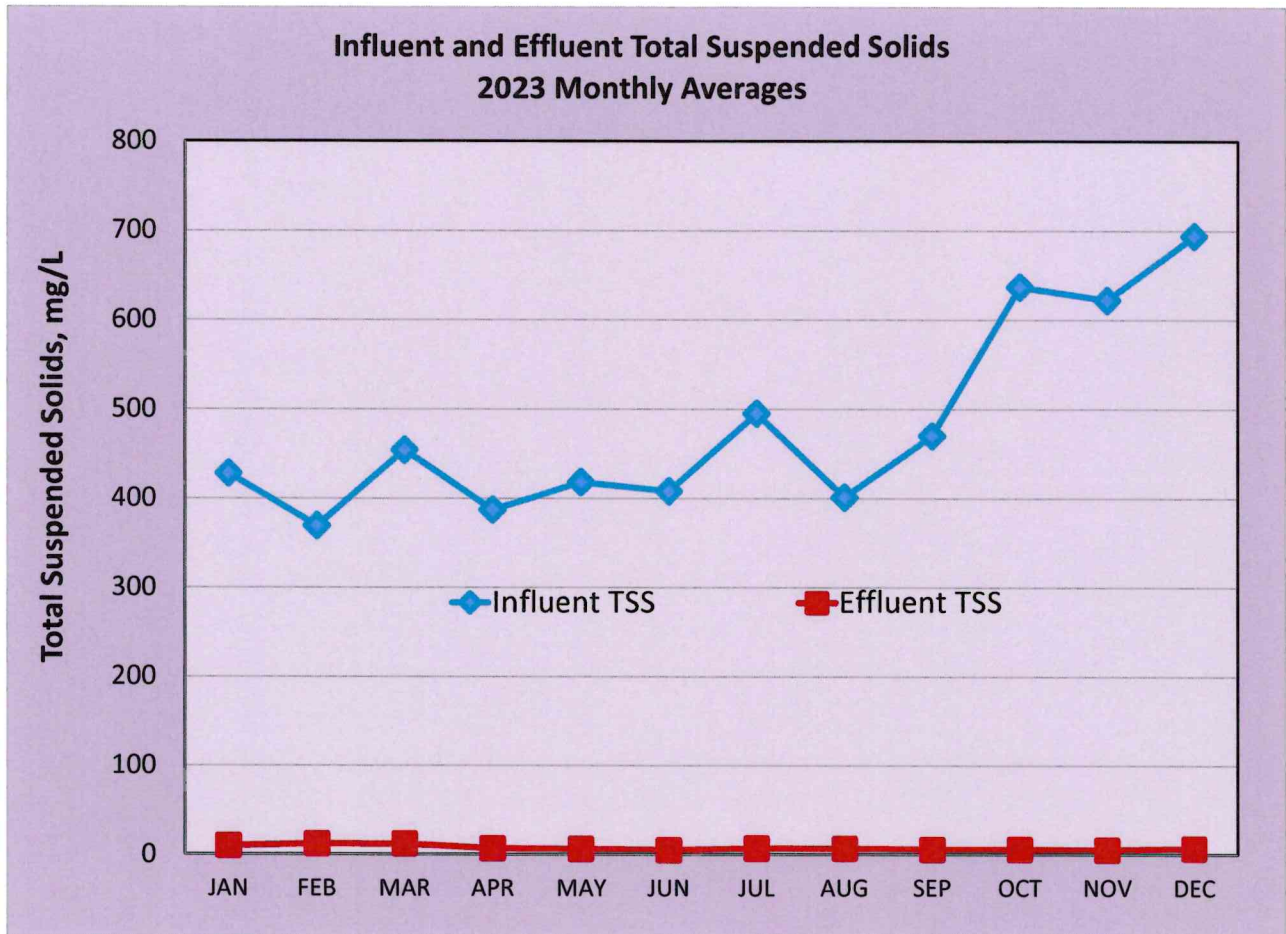
NL = No Limit

Suspended Solids

Influent and effluent suspended solids were measured five days per week on 24-hour composite samples. The effectiveness of the treatment plant in removing suspended solids is demonstrated by the variation of influent solids versus the low-level and consistent output of effluent solids (see Figure 2-3). Influent suspended solids concentrations averaged 482 mg/L for the year showing an increase of about 11% from the 2022 annual average of 435 mg/L. Figure 2-3 shows a fluctuation in concentration of suspended solids that occurred during the year. The treatment process reduced the concentration of total suspended solids in the effluent to an annual average of 7.4 mg/L which is an increase from the 5.9 mg/L average of 2022.

All effluent 30-day monthly averages were well below the 30-mg/L monthly average limitation. Overall removal efficiency for the year was an average of 98.3 percent, see Table 2-1.

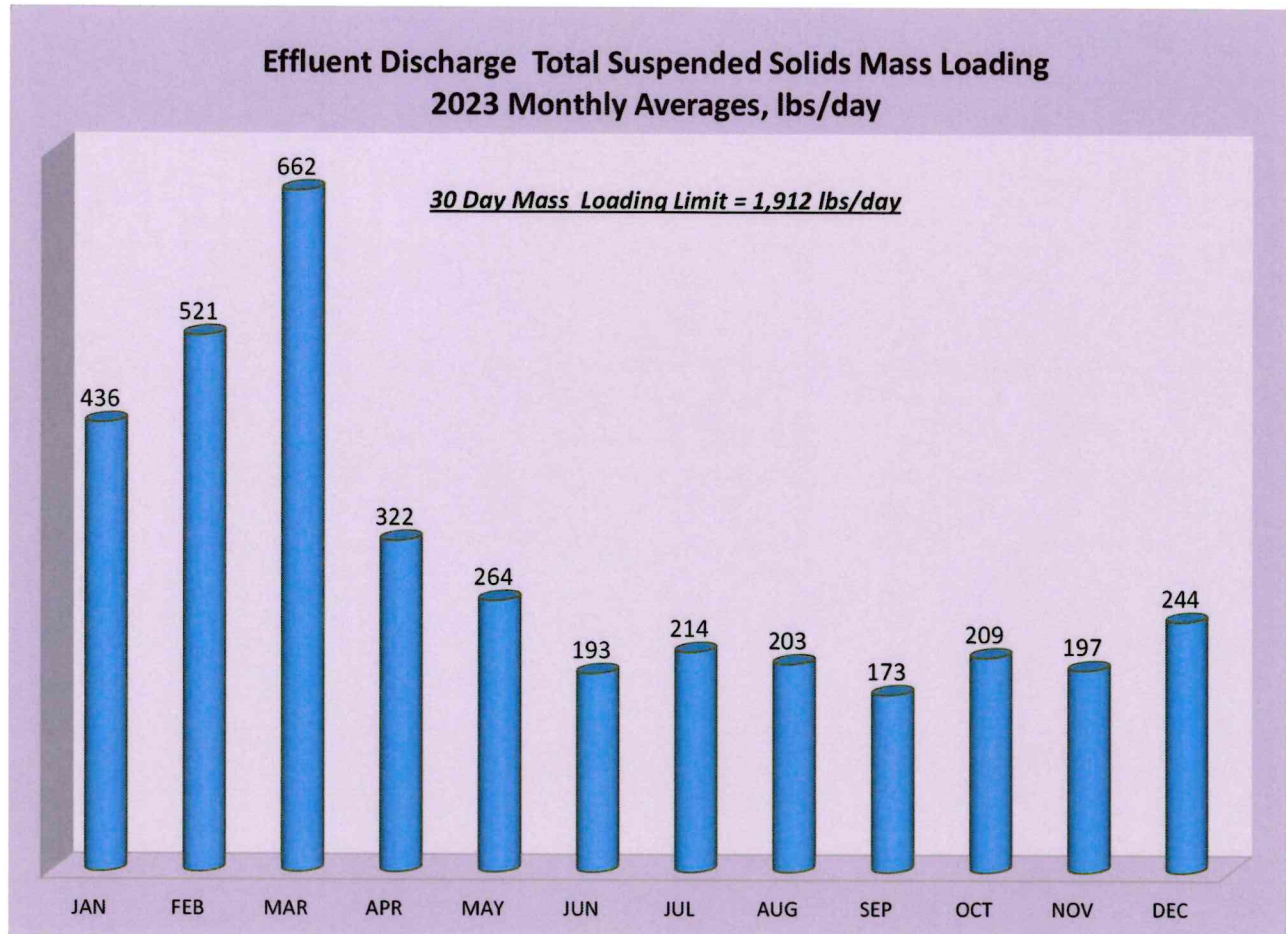
Figure 2-3. Influent and Effluent Total Suspended Solids 2023 Monthly Averages



Average monthly suspended solids mass loading rates for 2023 are represented graphically in Figure 2-4. The mass emission limit is based on average dry weather flow (ADWF) and is a limit applied to dry weather flows (DWF). There is no limit for mass emissions on wet weather flows.

The maximum average monthly mass emission loading for 2023 occurred in March at a high of 662 lbs/day, which is approximately 35 percent of the permitted monthly 30-day average limit of 1,912 lbs/day. Loading rates were well below the discharge limits throughout the year.

Figure 2-4. Effluent Discharge Total Suspended Solids Mass Loading, 2023 Monthly Averages, lbs/day



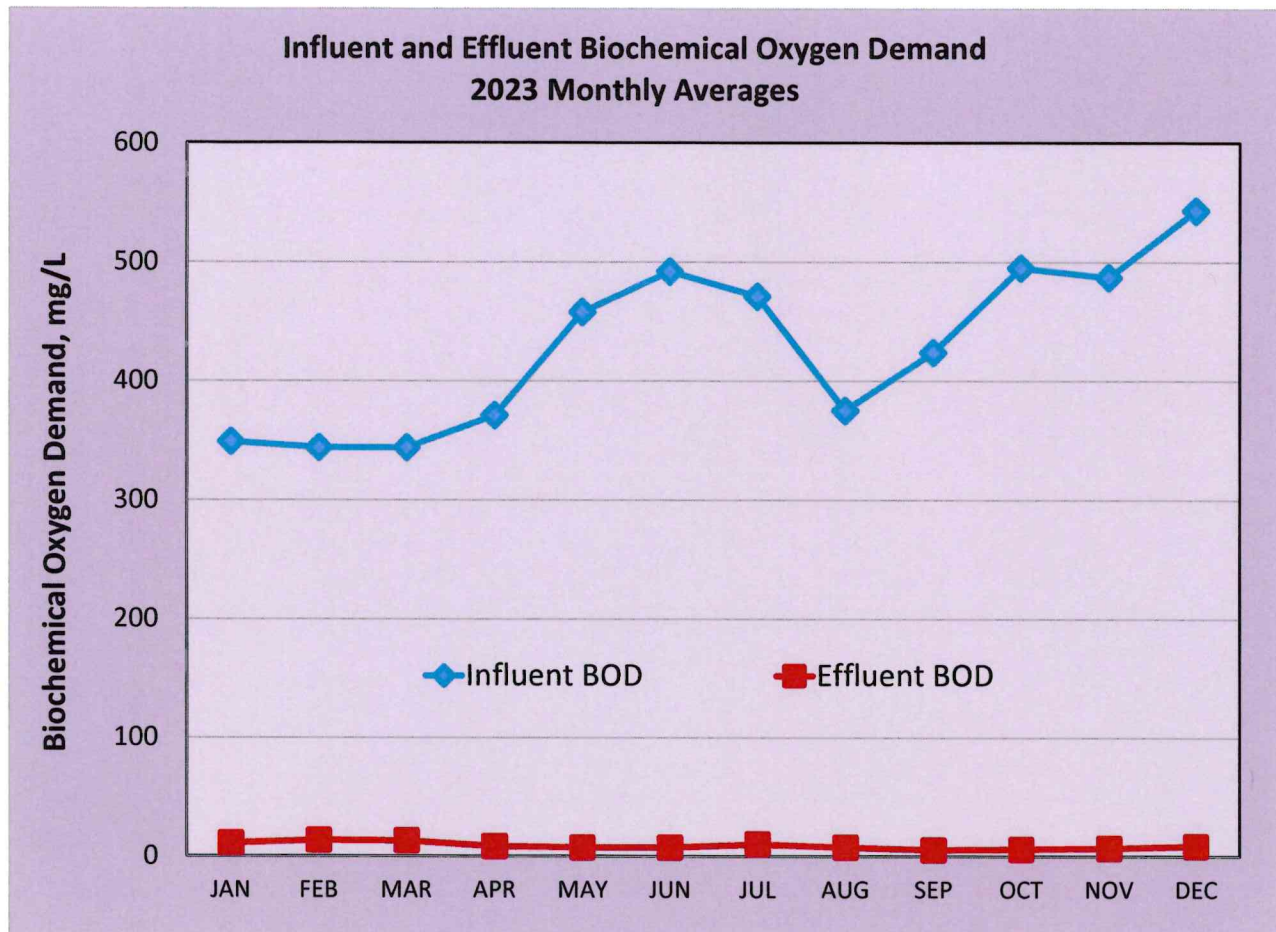
Biochemical Oxygen Demand

Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) levels were measured on 24 hour composite samples of the influent and effluent, at least monthly and five days per week, respectively.

During 2023 influent BOD averaged 429 mg/L showing an increase of 16% from the annual influent average of 369 for 2022. The influent BOD varied throughout the year, ranging from a monthly average low of 344 mg/L in January and February to a high of 543 mg/L in December. Variations in the monthly average final effluent BOD concentration were observed throughout the year with the annual average of 8.7 mg/L and the range extending from a low of 5.4 in September to a high of 13.5 in February, (Table 2-1). The difference between influent and effluent BOD represents an average overall removal rate of 97.8 percent.

The NPDES R3-2017-0021 permit limits are an average of 30 mg/L and weekly average of 45 mg/L. All BOD NPDES limitations were achieved throughout the year.

Figure 2-5. Influent and Effluent Biochemical Oxygen Demand 2023 Monthly Averages



In 2023, all effluent BOD mass emission values were below all limitations. The maximum monthly average mass emission was 739 lbs/day for March. The mass emission limit is based on average dry weather flow (ADWF) and is a limit that only applies to dry weather flows (DWF). There is no limit for mass emissions on wet weather flows. The mass emissions limits specified in permit R3-2017-0021 are a monthly average of 1,912 lbs/day and the average weekly limitation of 2,867 lbs/day. None of the permit limits were exceeded during 2023.

Table 2-2. Monthly Averages of Effluent Parameters, Goleta Sanitary District, 2023

	pH		Turbidity	Settleable Solids	Oil and Grease		Toxicity Chronic
	Influent	Final Effluent	Final Effluent	Final Effluent	Final Effluent	Mass Emission	Final Effluent
Month	SU	SU	NTU	mL/L/hr	mg/L	lbs/day	TUc
January	7.8	7.2	3.7	0.18	2.1	82	10.0
February	8.0	7.3	3.3	0.14	2.1	83	
March	7.8	7.3	4.3	0.11	2.1	113	
April	7.9	7.3	2.5	0.11	2.1	103	10.0
May	7.9	7.3	2.4	0.10	2.1	94	
June	7.8	7.1	2.4	0.10	2.1	84	
July	7.7	7.1	2.8	0.10	3.2	110	5.6
August	7.5	7.2	3.1	0.10	6.9	211	
September	7.7	7.2	2.2	0.11	2.3	74	
October	7.6	7.3	1.9	0.10	3.2	110	10.0
November	7.6	7.4	1.8	0.10	3.4	125	
December	7.6	7.5	3.4	0.11	1.9	80	
Average	7.7	7.3	2.8	0.11	2.8	106	8.9
Limit	NL	6 to 9	75	1.0	25	1590	123

NL = No Limit

Hydrogen-Ion Concentration (pH)

Influent pH was monitored weekly and effluent pH levels were monitored five days per week to ensure that the effluent remained within an acceptable range when discharged into the ocean. Influent pH averaged 7.7 units for the year; effluent pH averaged 7.3 units. The NPDES effluent pH limitations are established as a minimum of 6.0 and a maximum of 9.0 pH units, all pH values were well within these limitations for 2023.

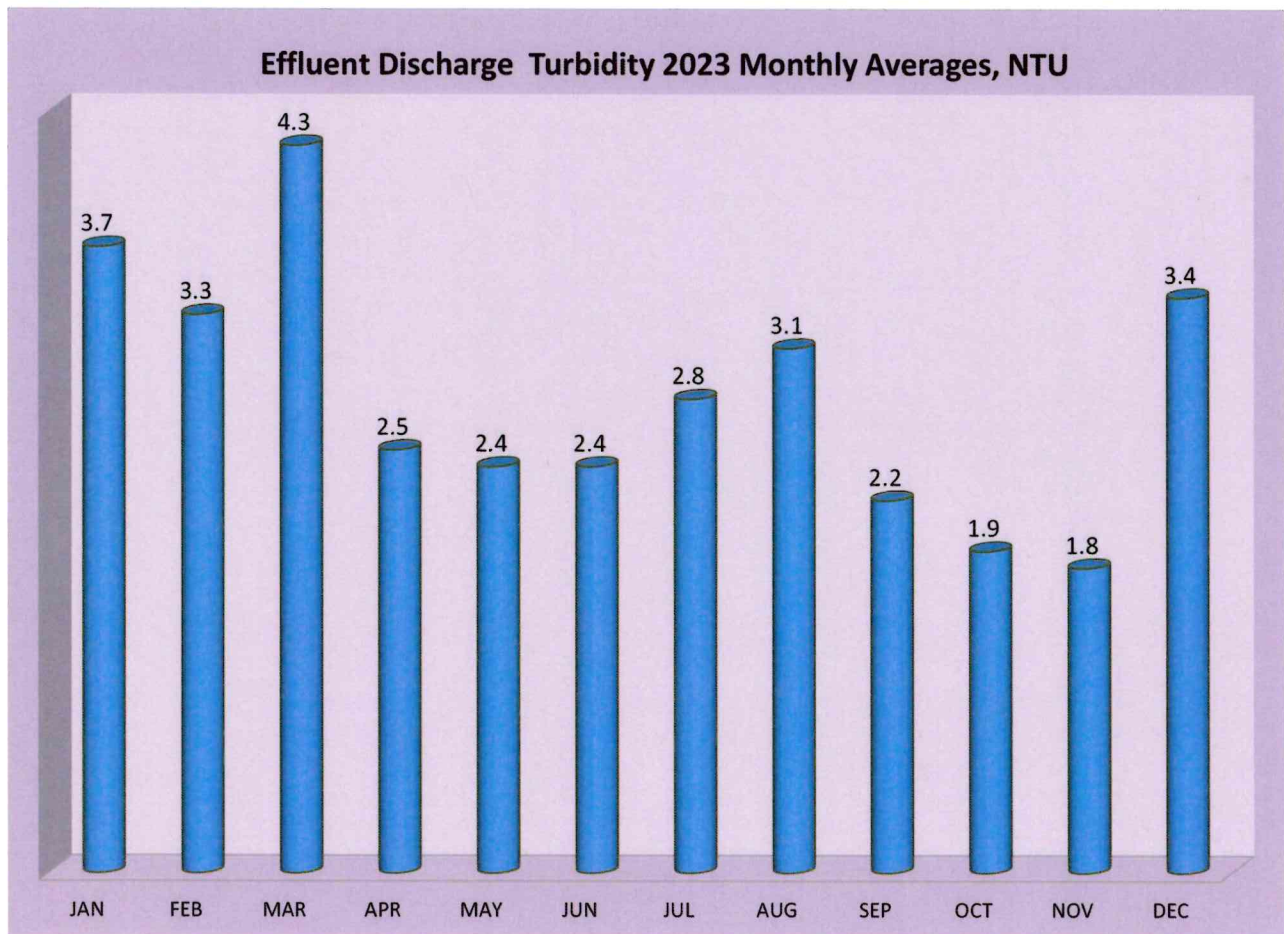
Ammonia

The effluent was monitored once during October by a certified commercial laboratory, to determine the concentration of ammonia. The current permit, R3-2017-0021, does not include ammonia effluent limits or monthly testing requirements because no reasonable potential was determined for the pollutant during the permit renewal reasonable potential analysis. However, the measured ammonia concentration of the effluent in October was 21 mg/L.

Turbidity

Effluent turbidity was monitored five days per week. The permit limitations for effluent turbidity consists of a monthly average of 75 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU), a weekly average of 100 NTU, and a maximum at any time limitation of 225 NTU. Effluent turbidity data are shown graphically in Figure 2-6. The maximum value at any time, 10.4 NTU, occurred on January 10th which was still well below the effluent limits. Monthly averages ranged from a low of 1.8 NTU to a high of 4.3 NTU. All values were significantly below their respective permit limitations.

Figure 2-6. Effluent Discharge Turbidity 2023 Monthly Averages, NTU



Chronic Toxicity Concentration

The effluent was analyzed for chronic toxicity (TU_C) on a quarterly basis in January, April, July, and October. The special testing conducted during 2011 to identify the most sensitive chronic toxicity organism showed that the abalone development test was the most sensitive. All results were well below the daily maximum limitation of 123 TU_C . See Table 2-2.

Settleable Solids

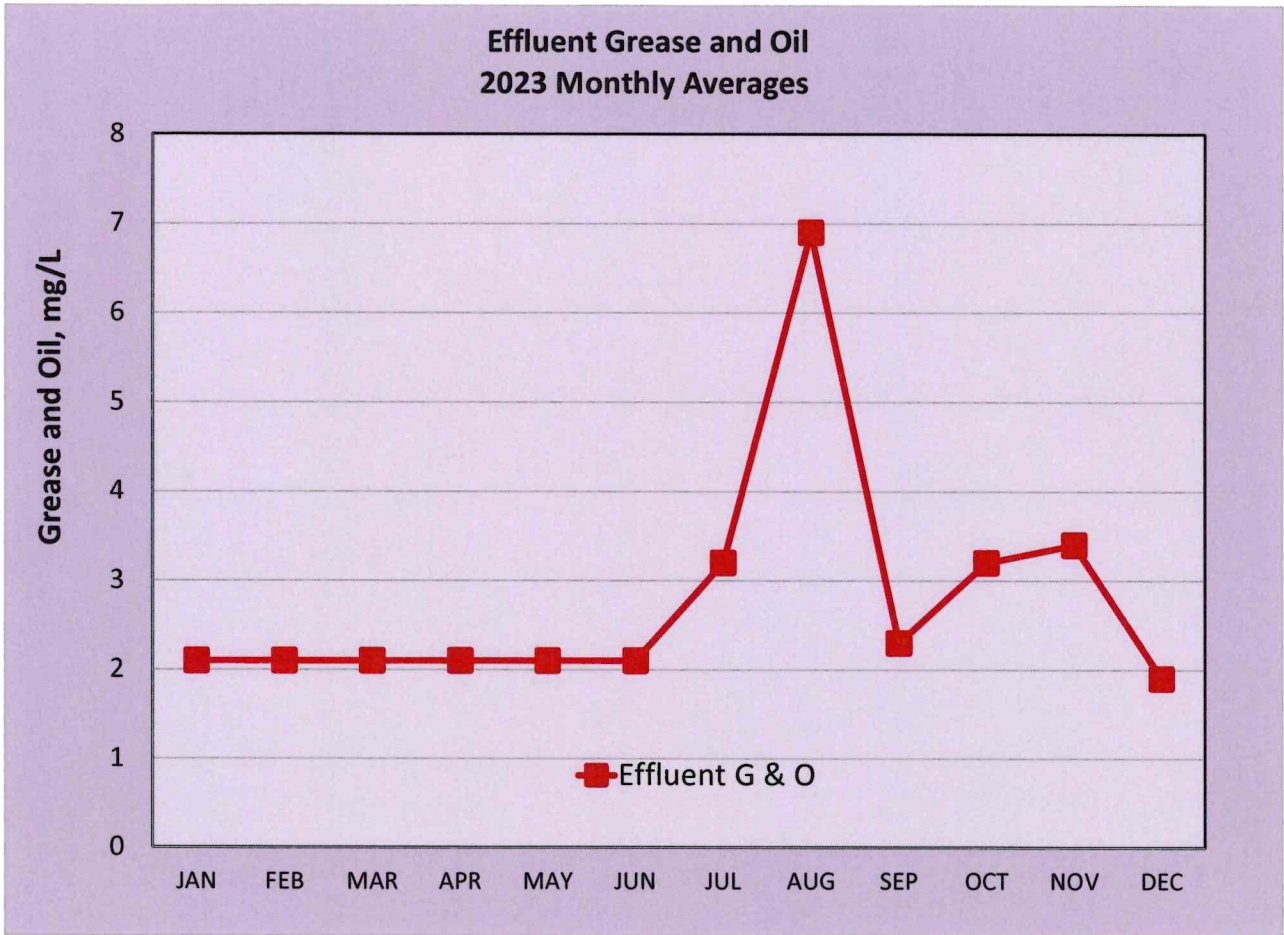
The effluent was monitored for settleable solids concentrations 5 days per week. The permit specifies that the monthly average, weekly average, and maximum at any time may not exceed 1.0 milliliters/liter/hour (ml/L/hr), 1.5 ml/L/hr, and 3.0 ml/L/hr, respectively. Monthly averages were consistently less than 0.20 ml/L/hr. The maximum value at any time was 1.30 mL/L/hr which occurred on the 15th of January. All values were well below their respective permit limitations.

Oil and Grease

Effluent oil and grease were monitored weekly. Monthly average results are shown graphically in Figure 2-7. Prior to August 2007 Freon was the solvent used in the standard method to extract oil and greases from water samples. According to EPA regulations, in August 2007 the GSD laboratory ceased using Freon as the extraction solvent and began using hexane as the required solvent. The District continued to use the liquid-liquid extraction method, the only change at this time was the solvent. In December 2010, the GSD laboratory began analyzing for oil and grease using the approved standard solid phase extraction (SPE) EPA 1664 method. However, oil and grease samples were also subcontracted to OEC during the year. The current permit, R3-2017-0021, eliminated the influent oil and grease monitoring requirement.

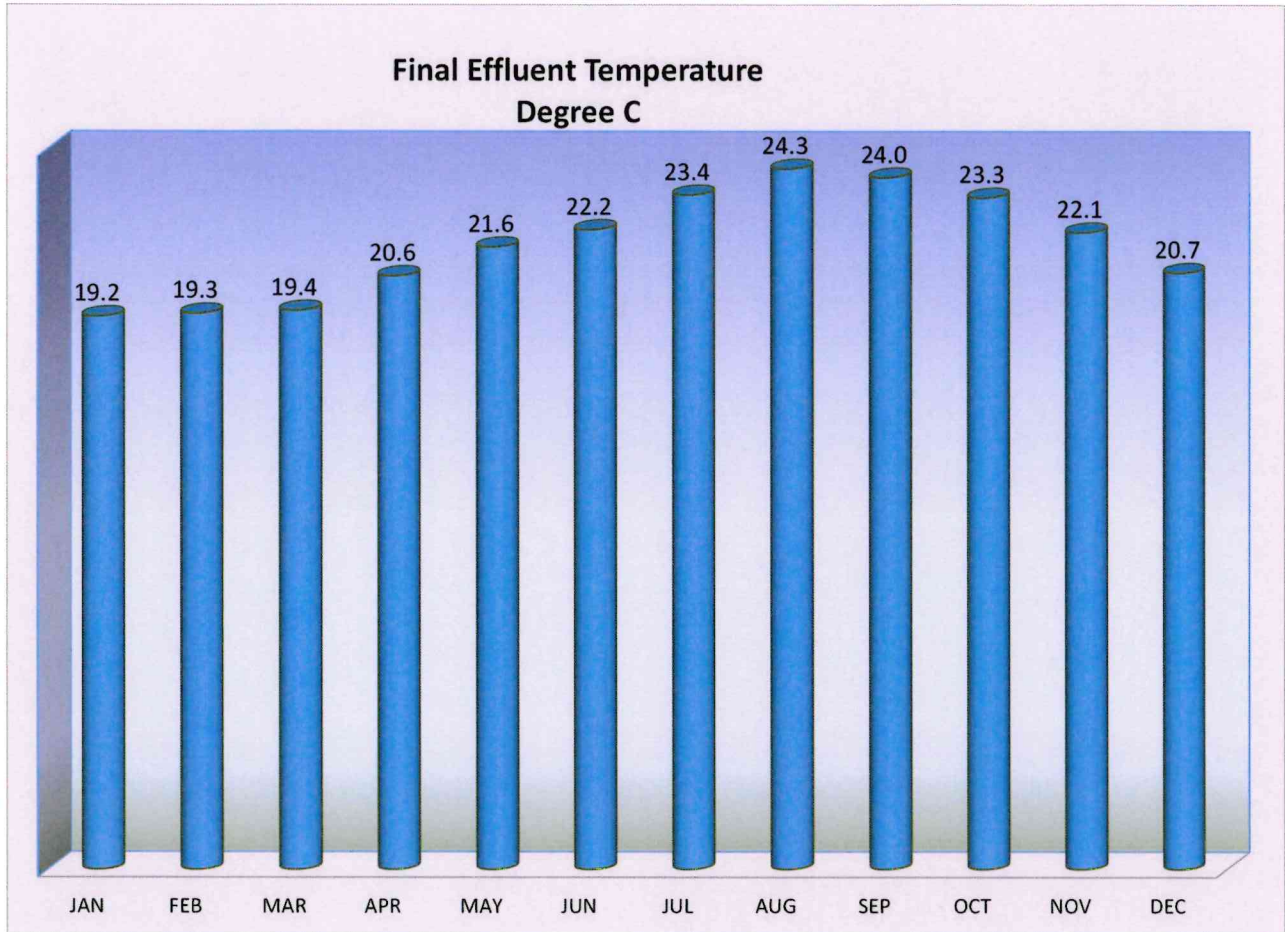
Effluent grease and oil concentrations were low during 2023. All monthly, weekly, and maximum permit limits were met. Mass emissions values ranged from a monthly average low of 80 lbs/day in December to a high of 211 lbs/day in August. Both are well below the permit limitation of 1,590 lbs/day. Monthly average oil and grease concentrations in the effluent ranged from 2.1 mg/L to 6.9 mg/L. See Table 2-2 for a visual representation of the monthly average results. All permit limitations for effluent oil and grease were met during 2023.

Figure 2-7. Effluent Grease and Oil 2023 Monthly Averages



Temperature

Effluent temperature was sampled five days per week throughout 2023. The data reflect a typical response to seasonal changes (Figure 2-8). The coolest temperatures occurred during January with average monthly temperatures of 19.2 ° C. A warming trend continued throughout the summer and fall months to reach a monthly averaged high of 24.3 ° C in August. The year began with the coolest average temperatures and ended with a cooling trend.

Figure 2-8. Effluent Discharge Temperature 2023 Monthly Averages

Wastewater Disinfection

Sodium hypochlorite is used to disinfect the treated wastewater at the Goleta Sanitary District. The sodium hypochlorite is flash mixed into the wastewater at the beginning of the chlorine contact channel. At an average effluent flow rate of 4 MGD, the chlorine is in contact with the wastewater for approximately 2½ hours (145 minutes).

The Goleta Sanitary District maintains its chlorine contact tank to provide maximum chlorination effectiveness at all times. The chlorine residual at the end of the chlorine contact channel averaged 3.7 mg/L during 2023. The average monthly values are reported in Table 2-3.

After the disinfection process is complete, the sodium hypochlorite is neutralized (dechlorinated) by adding sodium bisulfite to the wastewater stream. This process lowers residual chlorine to levels that are environmentally safe, before discharge to the ocean such that the chlorine poses no risk to the receiving water environment. Treatment plant

personnel continuously monitor the residual chlorine levels as required by the NPDES permit.

The permit limitations for residual chlorine in the effluent immediately prior to discharge and after dechlorination are as follows: 6-month median of 0.25 mg/L, daily maximum of 0.98 mg/L, and instantaneous maximum of 7.4 mg/L. After dechlorination, the monthly average for the instantaneous maximum residual chlorine levels fluctuated throughout the year; ranging from 0.31 mg/L to 1.33 mg/L. The monthly average values for daily average chlorine residuals are shown in Table 2-3.

Effluent Bacteria

The effluent was analyzed five days a week for total coliforms, fecal coliforms and enterococcus bacteria. The permit specifies that effluent limits will apply if the Executive Officer concludes that the discharge consistently exceeds receiving water limitations. The monthly average values for total coliform, fecal coliform, and enterococcus bacteria detected in the effluent are presented in Table 2 3. Monthly average values ranged from 24.7 to 382 MPN/100 mL for total coliform, from 1.9 to 37.9 MPN/100 mL for fecal coliform, and 1.4 to 390.7 MPN/100 mL for enterococcus. The monthly mean values presented below illustrate that the results were relatively low throughout the year, thereby demonstrating the effectiveness of the chlorination process.

Table 2-3. Chlorine and Bacteria Monthly Averages, 2023

Month	Chlorine at the end of the CCC	Daily Average Chlorine after Dechlorination	Total Coliform	Fecal Coliform	Enterococcus
	mg/L	mg/L	MPN/100mL		
January	3.1	0.00	319.2	37.9	390.7
February	3.6	0.00	100.3	3.9	243.3
March	3.2	0.00	226.9	6.9	114.6
April	3.0	0.00	24.7	1.9	36.0
May	3.0	0.00	27.0	2.3	5.7
June	3.0	0.00	118.4	2.0	3.2
July	3.0	0.00	58.3	2.0	4.3
August	3.1	0.00	381.8	4.4	34.2
September	4.4	0.00	212.3	5.4	23.8
October	4.5	0.00	243.4	18.6	3.2
November	5.0	0.00	167.7	3.9	1.4
December	5.1	0.09	66.4	3.7	4.2

Priority Pollutants and Metals

The NPDES permit requires priority pollutant and metals analyses to be performed on the final effluent composite samples annually. Compounds detected in the final effluent samples are presented in Table 2-4; complete copies of all the laboratory reports listing all the chemical compounds and analytical methods are available for review at the Goleta Sanitary District laboratory. Thirteen compounds were detected in the effluent.

Concentrations of detected chemicals are all reported as parts per billion except for TCDD and radioactivity which the units are noted next to the parameter in the table.

DISCHARGE COMPLIANCE

Throughout 2023 the wastewater discharge from Goleta Sanitary District complied with all applicable permit effluent limitations with the exception of two instantaneous maximum chlorine residual exceedances during December. Those exceedances occurred due to an Edison power outage

which caused a mechanical malfunction of the sample pumps that feed the chlorine analyzers. The problem took place on December 14th into December 15th for approximately an hour and a half (23:02 to 00:33) before it was corrected. All other monitored parameters were below their respective limitations as required by the permit. All metals, priority pollutants, and pesticides were low or undetected throughout the year.

Table 2-4. Detected Priority Pollutants and Metals, Goleta Sanitary District, 2023

Parameter, units	Effluent, ug/L
Ammonia	21,000
Antimony	0.57
Arsenic	0.57
Beryllium	ND
Cadmium	ND
Chloroform	3.2
Chromium	0.43
Chromium III	0.43
Chromium 6 ⁺	ND
Copper	3.8
Lead	ND
Mercury	ND
Nickel	4.1
Selenium	1.2
Silver	ND
TCDD, equivalents, pg/L	0
Thallium	ND
Toluene	1.1
Zinc	22
Radioactivity, Gross Alpha pCi/L	0.341 ± 1.77
Radioactivity, Gross Beta pCi/L	24.3 ± 4.65
ND = Not Detected	

OCEAN OUTFALL CONDITIONS

The outfall pipeline, diffuser section, and armor rock protection were inspected by divers from Aquatic Bioassay and Consulting Laboratories, Inc. in October 2023. A report was prepared documenting the inspection findings of the diffuser section and along the outfall pipeline and armor rock.

During the diffuser dive survey, 36 diffuser ports were carefully inspected for flow and general efficiency. The remainder of the outfall pipe was inspected for damage, leaks or evidence of leaks and general stability of the pipe and armor rock. Inspection of the outfall yielded no evidence of damage, holes, cracks, or erosion. The pipe and associated armor rock appeared stable with little or no displacement.

The complete report of the outfall dive survey is included as Chapter 4 of this report. The outfall dive video is available for review.

CHAPTER 3

COLLECTION SYSTEM ANNUAL SUMMARY

Background

Sanitary sewer overflows associated with the Goleta Sanitary District's collection system are subject to the online reporting and notification requirements set forth in the Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems Order No. 2022-0103-DWQ. The Goleta Sanitary District is enrolled under the statewide waste discharge requirement for sanitary sewer systems.

GSD completed the Sanitary Sewer Management Plan (SSMP) in December 2006 and reviews and revises the SSMP as required. The District's SSMP and Spill Emergency Response Plan (SERP) were updated in June 2023 in accordance with SWRCB Order No. 2022-0103-DWQ.

This annual report summarizes all lift station and collection system overflows that occurred during 2023 and includes, the cause, corrective actions taken and corrective actions planned. In conjunction with the annual report the District continues to maintain and update its SSMP as required to ensure that the elements of the sewer system management plan are current and being used effectively to minimize the frequency and impacts of any sewer overflows which may occur in the District service area.

Annual Reporting Requirement

This chapter is included as part of the wastewater treatment plant annual report.

Summary of 2023 Spills

Lift Station Overflows

There was one (1) lift station spill that occurred within the Goleta Sanitary District service area during 2023. On April 5, 2023, District crews responded to address a spill from the force main of the Firestone lift station on Santa Barbara Municipal Airport property approximately 1,500 feet from the lift station on Firestone Road. Approximately 100 gallons of wastewater flowed from a damaged sewer clean out end seal before District crew and its contractor were able to stop the leak and repair the pipe. The spill was reported on the CIWQS on line reporting system as SSO Event 887590. All of the Firestone lift station force main clean outs were added to the Firestone lift station inspection and maintenance work order system.

Collection System Overflows

There was one (1) collection spill that occurred in 2023. On December 5, 2023 District crews responded to and addressed a spill from a sewer manhole on Mentor Drive near the intersection of Hollister Ave. and S Patterson Road in the City of Goleta. Approximately 30 (30) gallons of wastewater flowed from the manhole before District crews were able to clear the main sewer line. This spill will be reported on the CIWQS on line reporting system as a Category 4 spill (less than 50 gallons) as part of the District annual Category 4 spill summary report in February 2024.

Discussion

The Goleta Sanitary District's wastewater collection system management plan has been completed and complies with all current requirements of SWB Order No. 2022-0103-DWQ. All detailed tasks have been addressed in a timely manner and the collection system has complied with all current requirements of the Order.

4.0 Introduction

Biologists conducted an underwater video dive survey of the outfall pipe and diffuser from the Goleta Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Plant on October 29th, 2023. The purposes of the survey were to inspect the physical integrity of the outfall pipe and associated armor rock and to note any impediments of flow from the 36 diffuser ports. In addition, biologists also assessed the presence of attached and mobile marine organisms that were associated with the outfall and the diffuser.

4.1 Materials and Methods

Two Ecomarine Consulting divers conducted the survey using GoPro Hero 11 cameras set to wide viewing, with two pairs of Sea & Sea Sola 1200 lumen video lights. Once the outfall had been located by global positioning (GPS) and bottom finder, a buoy, attached to a line and a weight, was deployed over the side. The terminus was inspected and filmed first followed by the west and east lateral ports (100 ft. to 40 ft.), the deep and middle outfall (60 ft. to 40 ft.) and shallow outfall (40 ft. to surf zone).

The footage was downloaded to computer files, backed up and edited using *Adobe Premiere Pro 2023* software. The footage was then reviewed by the Aquatic Bioassay Biologists to assess the conditions of the outfall. The video is arranged from the deepest part of the dives (outfall terminus) to the shallowest part of the dives (outfall beginning).

4.2 Results

Outfall dive surveys were conducted between approximately 0900 and 1700 hours on October 29th, 2023. Water temperature was 14.4 °C at depth and 18.3 °C at the surface. Turbidity was reasonably low, except in the area near the surf zone. Offshore horizontal visibility was approximately 10-15 ft and 7-10 ft in the nearshore area.

4.2.1 Diffuser Section (Depth: 100 TO 60 ft)

4.2.1.1 Physical Description

The pipe survey was conducted in October in the hopes that water clarity would be optimal for taking video footage of the pipe. The diffuser section contains 34 lateral and two terminal discharge ports. The lateral ports are alternately arranged 17 on each side of the diffuser. The end of the pipe is closed except for the two terminal ports, which are situated one above the other. There were no obstructions on the upper port of the terminus cap, however there was little or no flow from both the upper and lower terminal ports.

Lateral ports were observed and videotaped, starting at the terminus and moving shoreward on the west side of the pipe, then from the terminus down the east side until the most shoreward west port was occupied at the beginning of the diffuser. Along the length of the diffuser pipe, no evidence of leaks, damage, erosion, holes, or cracks were observed, and all of the ports were flowing freely.



An approximately one meter high bed of armor rock supports the diffuser section. Intermittent observations of the supporting armor rock revealed a stable bed of rock with little displacement throughout the diffuser section. Probably during initial construction, the diffuser section appears to have been rotated counter-clockwise (as if one were facing the terminus). Thus, the line across east and west diffuser ports is not parallel to the sea floor, and west ports are about 30 cm lower than east ports. Armor rock covers the outfall from the shoreward beginning of the diffuser to the shoreward beginning of the outfall in very shallow water. The thickness of the armor rock is about one meter.

4.2.1.2 Biological Description

Because of the depth and relative low light at the diffuser (100 ft), algal species are typically scarce. Algae that were present included the kelp *Desmarestia ligulate*, a tubular and leafy red alga (Rhodophyta), crustose coralline algae (Corallinaceae) and the Turkish Towel (*Gigartina sp.*). Among invertebrates, colonial strawberry anemones (*Corynactis californica*), red gorgonian (*Lophogorgia chilensis*), California golden gorgonian (*Muricea fruticose*), giant sea star (*Pisaster giganteus*), giant keyhole limpets (*Megathura crenulata*), bat star (*Patiria miniata*), parchment anemone (*Pachycerianthus fimbriatus*), California spiny lobster (*Panulirus interruptus*), red urchin (*Mesocentrotus franciscanus*) and various species of colonial hydroids and bryozoans dominated. Tube worms and especially the strawberry anemones were commonly observed surrounding the diffuser ports. Sheepshead (*Semicossyphus pulcher*), barred sandbass (*Paralabrax nebulifer*), kelp bass (*Paralabrax clathratus*), sargo (*Anistremus davidsonii*), blacksmith (*Chromis punctipinnis*), and kelp rockfish (*Sebastes atrovirens*) were observed either on the pipe, or in its immediate vicinity.

4.2.2 Deep and Middle Outfall Section (Depth: 60 TO 40 ft)

4.2.2.1 Physical Description

Throughout the dive survey, the outfall was completely covered by approximately one-meter layer of armor rock. The rock covered pipe extended vertically from the sea floor for about 2 to 3 meters and laterally for about 6 to 7 meters. The armor rock bed appeared stable with little displacement throughout this section. No obvious leaks or discoloration were observed from the armor rock covering the top or sides of the outfall pipe.

4.2.2.2 Biological Description

In this section of the outfall, crustose coralline alga (Corallinaceae), foliose red algae (*Gigartina sp.*) and several species of brown algae (Phaeophyta) including giant kelp (*Macrocystis pyrifera*), dominated the algal community. Among invertebrates, the most abundant were the colonial strawberry anemones (*Corynactis californica*), red gorgonian (*Loptogorgia chilensis*), California golden gorgonian (*Muricea fruticose*), several species of bryozoans, tunicates, sponges, red urchin (*Mesocentrotus franciscanus*), giant sea star (*Pisaster giganteus*), bat star (*Patriana miniata*), California spiny lobster (*Panulirus interruptus*), wavy top turban snail (*Megastraea undosa*), Kellet's whelk (*Kelletia kelletii*) and giant keyhole limpets (*Megathura crenulata*). Several fish species were observed including sheepshead (*Semicossyphus pulcher*),



barred sandbass (*Paralabrax nebulifer*), kelpbass (*Paralabrax clathratus*), Garibaldi (*Hypsypops rubicundus*), opaleye (*Girella nigricans*), sargo (*Anistremus davidsonii*), kelp rockfish (*Sebastes atrovirens*), painted greenling (*Oxylebius pictus*), California halibut (*Paralichthys californicus*), and blacksmith (*Chromis punctipinnis*).

4.2.3 Middle and Shallow Outfall Section (Depth: 40 ft To Surf Zone)

4.2.3.1 Physical Description

As with the previous section, this outfall section was covered by about one meter of armor rock. The armor rock covered pipe extended horizontally and laterally as above. The armor rock bed appeared stable with little displacement throughout this section. No obvious leaks or discoloration were observed from the armor rock covering the top or sides of the outfall pipe.

4.2.3.2 Biological Description

Dominant algae in this pipe section included foliose red algae (*Gigartina sp.*) and crustose coralline algae and several species of brown algae including giant kelp (*Macrocystis pyrifera*). Among the macroinvertebrates, tunicates, purple urchin (*Mesocentrotus purpuratus*), red urchin (*Mesocentrotus franciscanus*), giant keyhole limpets (*Megathura crenulata*), giant sea star (*Pisaster giganteus*), bat star (*Patiria miniata*), California golden gorgonian (*Muricea fruticosa*), and abalone (*Haliotis sp.*) were most dominant. Fish species observed at this depth included sheephead (*Semicossyphus pulcher*), opaleye (*Girella nigricans*), Garibaldi (*Hypsypops rubicundus*), kelp bass (*Paralabrax clathratus*), Garibaldi (*Hypsypops rubicundus*), black eyed goby (*Rhinogobiops nicholsii*), scorpion fish (*Scorpaena guttata*), giant kelpfish (*Heterostichus rostratus*), gopher rockfish (*Sebastes carnatus*), and blacksmith (*Chromis punctipinnis*).



Discussion

During the diffuser dive survey, 36 diffuser ports were carefully inspected for flow and general efficiency. This year, none of the diffuser ports were obstructed with debris and all of the ports were flowing freely. The remainder of the outfall pipe was inspected for damage, leaks or evidence of leaks and general stability of the pipe and armor rock. Inspection of the outfall yielded no evidence of damage, holes, cracks, or erosion. The pipe and associated armor rock appeared stable with little or no displacement.

The outfall continues to support a rocky reef community typical of other areas on the central California coast. A visual survey yielded numerous different species of kelp, macroinvertebrates, and fishes. A number of species of fish were represented by juvenile or larval forms, which indicates that recruitment has been occurring. Fish appeared healthy, with no evidence of deformities, tumors, fin rot, or lesions.

