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# WATER RECLAMATION FACILITIES ANNUAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT WATER RECLAMATION 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted: January 2016



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### INTRODUCTION

The Goleta Sanitary District owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility located at One William Moffett Place in the unincorporated Goleta area of Santa Barbara County. In 1992, the District expanded its treatment plant to include water reclamation facilities with the capacity to treat up to 3.3 million gallons per day of secondary treated effluent to tertiary standards. Reclaimed water distribution to the Goleta community began in August 1994. Reclaimed water is available to the community for unrestricted recreational uses such as landscape irrigation. In addition to incidental uses that include construction dust control, compaction and irrigation of landscaping at the wastewater treatment plant, the reclaimed water is used in the restroom facilities at the United States Postal Service, Goleta Beach County Park and on one floor of the Bren Building at UCSB.

The Goleta Sanitary District (GSD) is responsible for the production and on site storage of the reclaimed water. The Goleta Water District independently owns and operates a reclaimed water distribution system used to deliver the reclaimed water to the reclamation customer sites. The Goleta Water District is regulated under separate water reclamation requirements.

Goleta Sanitary District produces reclaimed water in accordance with the monitoring and reporting requirements stipulated in the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, Revised Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 91-03. This revised monitoring and reporting program was adopted on May 16, 1996.

This annual report contains summaries of the monitoring data obtained throughout 2015 and discusses the District's compliance record regarding the operation of the reclamation facility.

### **FACILITY OPERATION**

The wastewater treatment plant upgrade project to full secondary treatment was completed in 2013. Although the upgraded facility did not include the construction of any new reclamation facilities, full secondary treatment could allow for an expansion of the reclamation facilities in the future. The reclamation facility is designed to treat up to 3.3 million gallons per day of secondary effluent to tertiary standards.

Secondary effluent enters the reclamation facilities where a flash mixer disperses aluminum sulfate (alum) and polymer into the water. The flocculated secondary effluent is then gravity 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 chlorinated filtered water is then stored in an underground 3 million-gallon storage tank until distribution. Reclaimed water is distributed throughout the Goleta Valley by a

distribution system operated and maintained by the Goleta Water District.

### **FACILITY MAINTENANCE**

A number of maintenance repairs were performed on the reclamation facility equipment during 2015. Repairs can be expected to increase as the facility ages. The repairs were typical of those needed for a 21 year-old treatment facility that is in operation much of the year.

The following is a list of the equipment that was repaired or replaced during 2015:

- 1. Replaced an air relief valve on the distribution manifold.
- 2. A 500 gallon storage tank of 50% sodium hydroxide was installed at the chlorine contact channel to adjust pH.
- 3. Replaced the control fuse at the flocculation mixing chamber.
- 4. Installed a new sodium hypochlorite meter.
- 5. Replaced the sodium hypochlorite line.
- 6. Replaced a chlorine residual analyzer pump motor.

A facility operation and maintenance manual specifically for the reclamation facilities was supplied as part of the original project by the facility design engineers and is dated March 1993. There have been no significant changes to the operation or maintenance requirements of the facility and the manual continues to be current and valid with regards to this facility.

### **STAFF**

Mr. Kamil S. Azoury, PE, served as GSD's General Manager and District Engineer through June 30, 2015. On July first, Mr. Steve D. Wagner, PE, took charge as General Manager and District Engineer. The General Manager is responsible for overall operations and performance of the treatment plant.

Ten state certified operators, operate the reclamation facility under the direction of Mr. Robert Hidalgo, the Plant Operations Superintendent. Chuck Smolnikar supervises the reclamation facility's maintenance staff and the laboratory staff and laboratory operations are under the direction of Lena Cox, the Laboratory Supervisor. The grade and certification number of operations, maintenance, and laboratory personnel, employed during the 2015 operational year, are shown below in Table 1.

**TABLE 1. Goleta Sanitary District Operation Staff, 2015** 

STAFF	GRADE	California Certification Number					
Operators							
Robert Hidalgo	V	6905					
Todd Frederick	V	27633					
John Crisman	V	28857					
Stephen Conklin	III	7065					
Ricardo Lopez	III	10756					
Francisco M. Lemus	III	10893					
Pete Regis	III	28277					
Jes Hulbert	ı	28266					
Morgan Lee	ı	28400					
River Ferrara	ı	28488					
	Lab	Technologists					
Lena Cox	IV	90334003					
Jacob Broad	II	1308213493					
Robert Hidalgo	I	741					
Teresa Kistner	I	99076111					
Todd Frederick	I	60731013					
	Mainten	ance Technologists					
Carl Easter	lI II	110662004					
John Corral	l	770					
Robert Hidalgo	l	1087					
Mark Bumgarner	I	1308210330					
Electrical / Instrumentation							
Charles Smolnikar	II	60172004					

### **MONITORING PROGRAM**

The Goleta Sanitary District monitoring and reporting program was conducted in accordance with the requirements of Order No. 91-03. Reclaimed water samples were collected by treatment plant personnel and analyses were performed by either the Goleta Sanitary District's certified in-house laboratory or by FGL Environmental Laboratories of Santa Paula, CA. All samples were collected and all analyses were performed according to conditions specified in Table 2.

Analytical methodologies used by GSD and FGL laboratories are based on approved U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) methods and other methods found in Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 18th edition.

TABLE 2. Reclaimed Water Sampling Plan

Parameter	Frequency	Analytical Lab	Sample Type	Standard Method		
Turbidity	Continuous	GSD	Metered	2130 B.		
Chlorine Residual	Continuous	GSD	Metered	4500-CI B.		
Total Coliform	Daily	GSD	Grab	9221 B.		
Settleable Solids	Daily GSD		Grab	2540 F.		
рH	Daily	GSD	Grab	4500-H+ B.		
BOD	No longer required	GSD	24 hr Comp	5210 B.		
TSS	5 days/week	GSD	24 hr Comp	2540 D.		
TDS	Quarterly	GSD	24 hr Comp	2540 C.		
Cadmium	Semi- annually	FGL	24 hr Comp	200.7		
Lead	Semi- annually	FGL	24 hr Comp	200.7		

### RECLAIMED WATER CHARACTERIZATION

Results of the reclaimed water chemical analyses used to monitor proper operation of the reclamation facility during 2015 are presented in Table 3. All monthly averaged data presented in this table are calculated from daily values with the exception of the monthly values for total coliform, which are reported as monthly averages of the 7-day median values. Permit limits if applicable are also shown in Table 3. Graphical summaries of the reclaimed water flows and results of chemical analyses are presented in graphs 1 through 6.

TABLE 3. Monthly Average Reclamation Parameters, 2015

# GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT WASTEWATER LABORATORY 2015 MONTHLY AVERAGES RECLAMATION FACILITIES

монтн	Total Monthly Volume	Average Monthly	Turbidity Daily	Turbidity Daily	Total Suspended	BOD	C-BOD	Settleable Solids	рĦ	Total Coliform	Chlorine Residual	Chlorine Residual	Total Dissolved	Cadmium	Lead
	Filtered	Filtered	Maximum	Average	Solids			Comuc		MPN per	Minimum	Maximum	Solids		
	galions	gallons	NTU	NTU	mg/L	mg/L	mg/i	mUL	units	100 mL	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L
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Jan	9,420,600	785,050	1.0	0.68	2.8	<2		< 0.1	6.9	1,4	9.8	16.0	1,348		
Feb	9,593,000	799,417	0.65	0.38	2.2	<2	2.3	< 0.1	6.8	< 1.1	8.7	13.3			
Mar	27,930,500	997,518	0.99	0.45	2.2	<2	<2	< 0.1	6.7	< 1,1	9.0	13.7			
Apr	37,158,900	1,238,630	0.72	0.43	2.3	<2	<2	< 0.1	6.8	< 1.1	8.0	12.4	1,323	0.000031	0.000183
May	42,737,300	1,378,623	0.71	0.38	1.6	<2	<2	< 0.1	6.9	< 1.1	8.6	13.4			
Jun	34,679,100	1,387,164	0.68	0.41	1.8	2.3	<2	< 0.1	6.9	1,3	8.1	12.7			
Jul	43,995,500	1,419,210	0.69	0.41	1.8	<2	<2	< 0.1	7.0	< 1.1	8.0	12.8	1,244		
Aug	44,609,600	1,439,019	0.35	0.19	1.2	<2	<2	< 0.1	7.1	< 1.2	8.0	12.4			
Sep	35,180,400	1,172,680	0.32	0.17	1.0	<2		< 0.1	7.0	< 1.1	8.0	12.0			
Oct	29,940,700	1,151,565	0.38	0.21	1.0	<2	<2	0.1	6.9	< 1.2	8.2	13.0	1,258	0.000071	0.00943
Nov	29,879,400	995,980	0,67	0.28	1.0	<2	<2	< 0.1	6.9	1.8	8.7	12.8			
Dec	24,238,600	835,814	0.55	0.18	1,1	<2	<2	< 0.1	6.9	1.8	9.0	13.9			
Total	369,363,600														
Average		1,133,389	0.6	0.3	1.7	2	2	< 0.1	6.9	1.3	8.5	13.2	1,293	<0.005	0.00481
NPDES									6.5 -						
Limit		3,000,000	5	2	10			0,1	8.4	2.2	5		1,500	0.01	5

### **Treatment Flow**

A total of 369 million gallons of secondary effluent was filtered through the reclamation facility during 2015. Demand for reclaimed water increased dramatically from the time the treatment plant was first put on line in 1994 and continued to increase until 1997 when the Goleta Water District completed construction of the current distribution system. Since then the amount of reclaimed water produced by the Goleta Sanitary District has remained somewhat constant.

As shown in Table 4, and Graph 1, the volume of reclaimed water produced during 2015 is typical of the amount since the distribution system was expanded in 1997, 18 years ago. The average annual amount produced over the 18 years is 380 million gallons, about 3% less than what was produced during 2015.

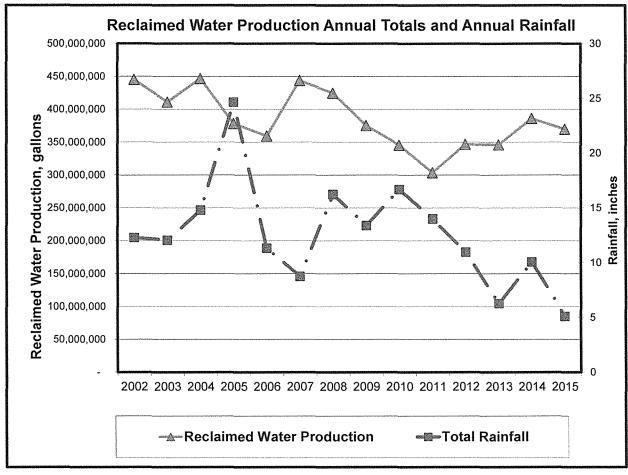
Table 4. Annual Total Reclaimed Water Production, 1996 - 2015						
Year	Production, gallons	Rainfall, inches				
1996	109,112,000	23.2				
1997	385,753,500	10.0				
1998	329,447,300	37.7				
1999	421,075,600	8.3				
2000	406,875,900	19.8				
2001	334,096,500	25.1				
2002	445,230,100	12.3				
2003	411,137,500	12.0				
2004	446,849,300	14.8				
2005	378,554,300	24.6				
2006	359,285,400	11.3				
2007	443,866,170	8.7				
2008	424,763,757	16.2				
2009	375,384,904	13.4				
2010	345,683,190	16.7				
2011	303,619,600	14.0				
2012	346,706,200	11.0				
2013	346,046,100	6.3				
2014	386,142,088	10.1				
2015	369,363,600	5.1				

The volume of water produced this year is approximately 17 million gallons less than 2014 which may be attributed to the water conservation efforts due to the drought conditions. As seen in Table 4, the reclaimed water production peaked in 2007 and declined every year until 2012 where it stabilized. In general the amount of reclaimed water produced each year can be loosely correlated with the amount of total rainfall. Under this observation and due to the lower than average rainfall during the last few years, it might be expected to see the same level or an increase in reclaimed water production for 2016.

Graph 1 shows the total annual reclaimed water production and the total annual rainfall in the Goleta Valley as measured at the wastewater treatment plant rain gauge. In general, as the total precipitation increases, the amount of reclaimed water needed in the community for landscape irrigation decreases. This inverse relationship is demonstrated in

Graph 1. For example, from 2004 to 2005 the amount of rainfall for the year increased by 10 inches and the amount of reclaimed water produced decreased by 68 million gallons. Similarly, from 2006 to 2007 rainfall totals decreased by 3 inches and 84 million gallons more of reclaimed water was produced.

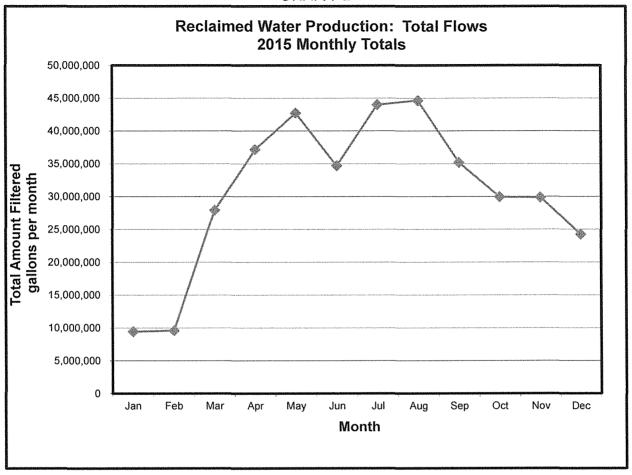
GRAPH 1



Higher volumes of reclaimed water are produced during the dry summer months when the reclaimed water demand for irrigation is greatest due to the lack of rainfall and hotter weather patterns. During 2015, the maximum reclaimed water production occurred in August, when a total of 44 million gallons were produced. The lowest months for reclaimed water production occurred during January and February. An increase in production occurred during April through September to meet the demand.

With the drop in daytime temperatures during the fall and winter and the occasional rainstorm, the production decreased throughout the fall. Graph 2 illustrates the variations in the total amount of reclaimed water produced each month. These variations are due to fluctuations in landscape irrigation demands throughout the year with the greatest demands occurring during the dry summer months.

GRAPH 2

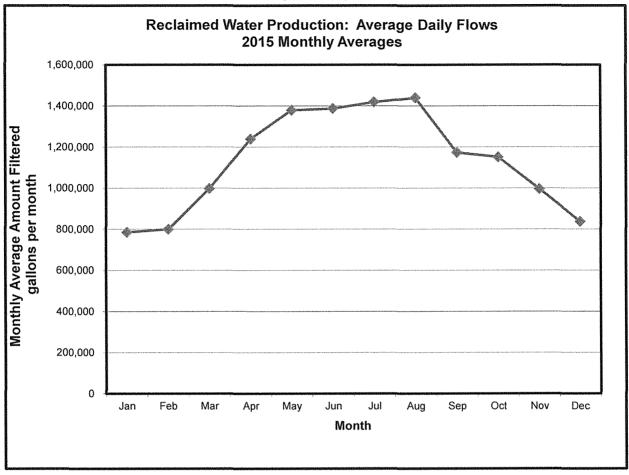


The average monthly volume of reclaimed water produced per day of operation throughout 2015 ranged from a low of 0.79 MGD during January to a high of 1.4 MGD during July and August. The overall average annual reclaimed water produced per day of plant operation was 1.2 MGD. Graph 3 illustrates the average monthly amount of reclaimed water produced per day of operation for 2015. The average monthly production is somewhat higher by reporting per day of operation than it would be if reporting by the number of days in the month. Except for January and February data which may be skewed because of the small number of days the facility was operating, the average monthly increases and decreases closely follow the same pattern as seen in the total volume of reclaimed water production shown in Graph 2.

The high for a single day of operation occurred on June 17<sup>th</sup> when 2.14 million gallons of secondary effluent was filtered in a 24 hour period.

The reclamation plant operated 314 days during 2015, an increase from the 311 days in 2014, and the 287 days of operation recorded during 2013.

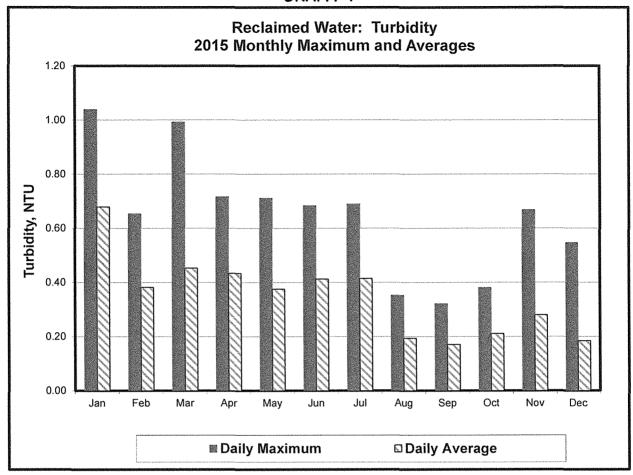
GRAPH 3



### **Turbidity**

Reclaimed water effluent turbidity is monitored continuously with two on-line HACH turbidimeters. Permit limits for reclaimed water effluent turbidity must be met following filtration and may not exceed a mean of 2 NTU. Permit limitations specify a maximum turbidity of 5 NTU, which cannot be exceeded, more than 5 percent of the time during any 24 hour period. Monthly averages were very consistent throughout the year and were well below all permit limits. Graph 4 illustrates the small amount of monthly variations in the average reclaimed water turbidity. Maximum daily turbidity values reached a high of 2.6 NTU on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Monthly average values were very stable and fluctuated between a low of 0.1 to a high of 1.0 NTU. At no time during the year did the mean turbidity exceed the 2 NTU limit.

GRAPH 4

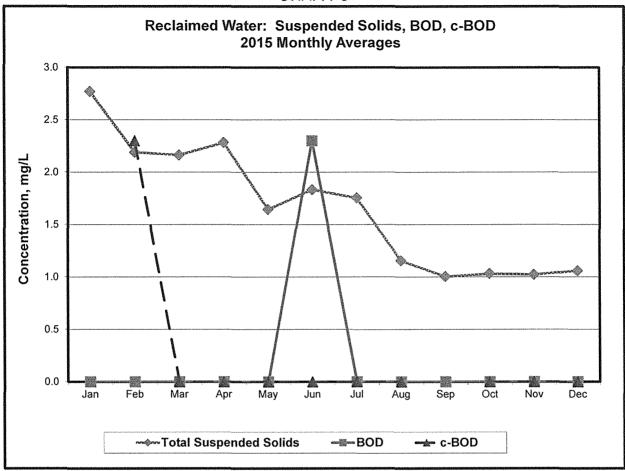


### **Total Suspended Solids**

Total suspended solids (TSS) are measured on 24-hour composite samples, 5 days per week, when the reclamation filter plant is operating on a daily basis. When plant operation is sporadic, as is often the case during the winter months, total suspended solids are collected and analyzed whenever the reclamation treatment plant is in operation.

The reclamation facility is very effective at removing suspended solids from the secondary effluent, as evidenced by the consistently low suspended solids concentrations in the reclamation water. TSS concentrations ranged from a monthly averaged low of 1.0 mg/L in September, October and November to an averaged high of 2.8 mg/L in January. The 2015 annual high total suspended solids concentration for the reclaimed water was 7.2 mg/L, which is below the 10 mg/L permit limit. Graph 5 demonstrates the very consistent and low suspended solids concentrations obtained throughout 2015.

GRAPH 5



### **Biochemical Oxygen Demand**

GSD received verbal authorization from the RWQCB in July 1997 to eliminate monthly reclaimed water BOD analyses. However, for in-house process control reasons, GSD has continued to monitor this parameter on a monthly basis. Carbonaceous BOD (C-BOD) was also monitored several months during the year. BOD values of the reclamation water prior to the plant upgrade could fluctuate; however, since the plant now treats the wastewater to the full secondary level the reclaimed water BOD is very low.

Graph 5 summarizes BOD and C-BOD monthly data. Although BOD values are usually very consistent and barely measurable throughout the year the graph illustrates some variation in the measured concentration. January and September have no data points because no BOD testing occurred during those months and most concentrations throughout the year were so low the results were undetected.

### Hq

Hydrogen ion concentrations are measured daily on a grab reclaimed water effluent sample whenever the treatment plant is in operation. Daily pH values have been known to be relatively stable throughout the year and therefore so are the monthly averages. pH varied by a total of 0.9 pH units throughout the year from 6.5 to 7.4. Lower pH values have been observed since the plant upgrade. Due to several pH measurements below the lower limit of 6.5 observed during 2014, sodium hydroxide solution adjustment was implemented in 2015. The addition of the sodium hydroxide solution began on March 19, 2015 and continued throughout the year as needed. There were no pH limit exceedances during 2015.

### **Total Coliform**

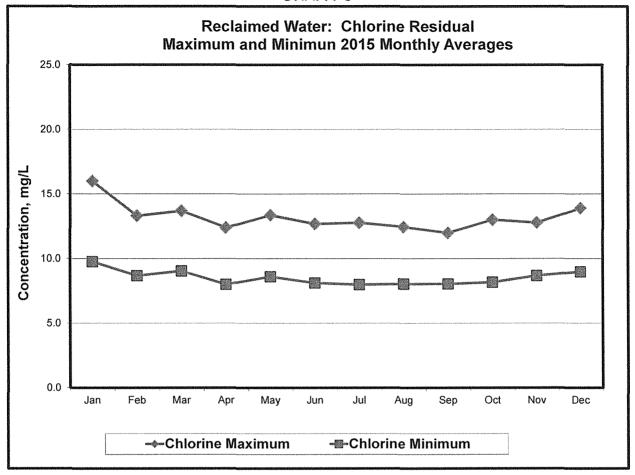
The reclamation effluent is analyzed for total coliform organisms using the multiple tube fermentation method each day that the plant is in operation. There were no total coliform results for two days that the facility operated during 2015. The missing result in January was due to an analytical procedural error. The second missing result in March was due to a sampling error. There were no total coliform bacteria exceedances reported during 2015. Total coliform results reported as monthly averages are shown in Table 3.

### **Reclaimed Water Disinfection**

Reclaimed water disinfection at the GSD is achieved by adding liquid sodium hypochlorite at the front end of the chlorine contact channel. Chlorine contact tank design parameters indicate that the total detention time of the reclaimed water in the contact tank at maximum flow is 92 minutes, which meets the 90 minute minimum requirement.

The disinfection system has been very effective in removing coliform bacteria from reclaimed wastewater allowing the District to consistently meet the bacterial requirements stipulated in the RWQCB operating permit. Chlorine residuals are continuously monitored both at the beginning and at the end of the chlorine disinfection contractor also referred to as the chlorine contact channel.

GRAPH 6



### **Total Dissolved Solids**

Total dissolved solids are monitored on a quarterly basis in January, April, July, and October. The total dissolved solids concentrations reported in 2015 were consistent throughout the year and ranged from a low of 1,244 mg/L in July to a high of 1,348 mg/L in January. The annual average was 1,293 mg/L. All values were below the permit limit of 1,500 mg/L. Total dissolved solids results are reported in Table 3.

### **Metals**

The reclaimed water permit requires semi-annual metals testing for cadmium and lead in April and October. Metals analyses are performed on 24-hour composite samples, which are collected and sent to an outside, contract laboratory. All analyses indicated that the concentrations of cadmium and lead were well below the permit limits of 0.01 mg/L for cadmium and 5 mg/L for lead. The actual values are reported in Table 3.

### DISCHARGE COMPLIANCE

Throughout 2015, the Goleta Sanitary District complied with all applicable monitoring and reporting program limitations except for two missing daily total coliform results. Chlorine residual as measured at the end of the chlorine contact channel met its minimum limitation as required by RWQCB Order No. 91-03 on all days. All turbidity limits were met following filtration. Total suspended and settleable solids were determined to be well below the permit limits of 10 mg/L and 0.1 mL/L, respectively. There were no violations of the total coliform limitation. All other detected constituents were below their respective limitations.

All indications are that the reclamation plant continues to operate effectively.