

PHONE FOR A FREE WATER-WISE CHECK-UP

It only takes an hour, just contact Misty at 805-964-6761 Ext. 643.

To help our customers save water and money, Goleta Water District offers a free water check-up service.



Goleta Water District Customers Receive:

- A complete check for leaks inside and outside the home
- A review of sprinkler systems
- Suggestions on irrigation scheduling
- Free low-flow shower head
- Suggestions on water efficiency



Spotlight on Our Employees New Faces and Promotions




New hires: from left, **Amanda Flesse**, Assistant Engineer; **Mary Field**, Customer Service Representative I; and **Heather Moine**, Waster Conservation Intern.

Mariann Popp has been promoted to Meter Specialist II.



Promotions: from left, top row, **Misty Gonzales**, Engineering Associate, and **Al Allen**, Meter Specialist II; bottom row, **Lenni Valencia-Hall**, Administrative Assistant, **Carolina Barnard**, Accountant, and **Alicia Davis**, Water Quality Specialist II.

Each ton of recycled paper saves 7,000 gallons of water. 

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Constructing Your Treatment Plant Upgrades

Except for the air we breathe, nothing is more immediately critical to life than an ample supply of clean water. Goleta Water District is currently modernizing and improving its treatment plant. Backup systems will be added that keep the plant operating in the event of equipment failure, natural disasters or other emergencies.

Progress is underway in one of the largest capital projects ever undertaken by the District: nearly \$22 million in treatment plant Phase II improvements. About \$5 million was invested in Phase I.

The plant will be substantially modernized, allowing the District to meet ever-increasing state and federal water quality regulations, and providing necessary systems for reliability. All key systems will have backups, increasing reliability during emergencies, high water use days, during maintenance or interruptions in portions of the plant.

Outmoded equipment will be replaced by modern, more energy efficient and cost-effective systems. One of the key improvements to the plant will be a new state-of-the-art test laboratory. A powerful new backup generator will be able to power the plant during blackouts. Also, adequate working space will be provided to reduce overcrowding at the plant.

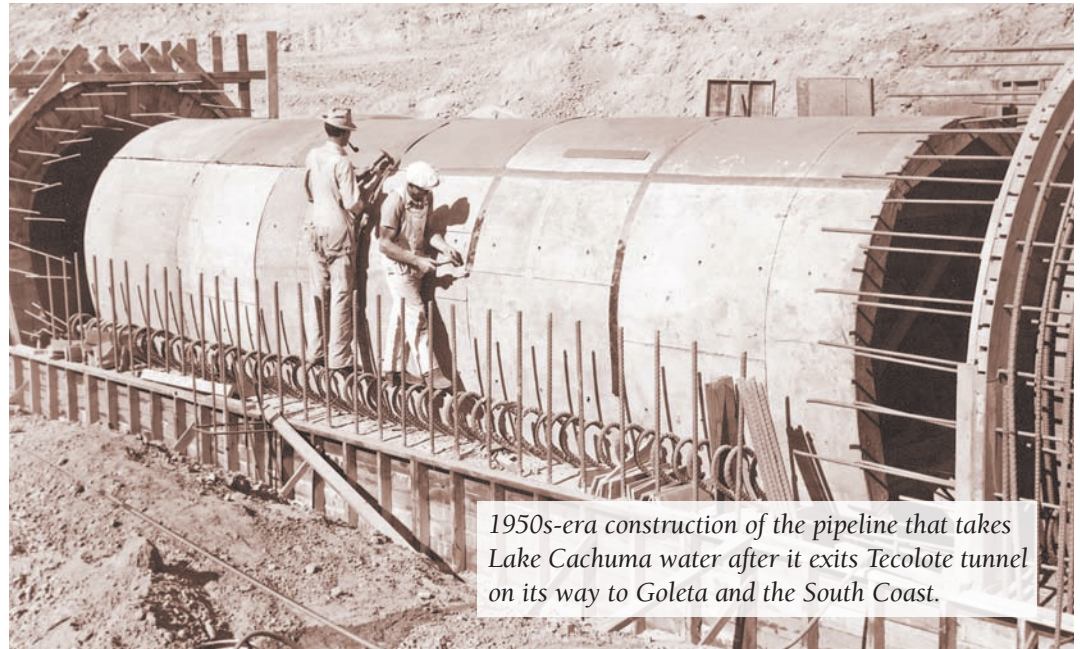
Corona Del Mar Treatment Plant will be modernized and made more reliable with the Phase II upgrade of the plant.



Taking Care of Business 24/7

The actions described here are just some of the ways that Goleta Water District prepares to provide service even in the face of emergency conditions. We take care of water business 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Emergencies? We Fire, Flood, Earthquake



1950s-era construction of the pipeline that takes Lake Cachuma water after it exits Tecolote tunnel on its way to Goleta and the South Coast.

Build a Backup Pipeline For Cachuma Water?

To further assure reliable water supplies, local water suppliers—Goleta, Montecito and Carpinteria Water Districts; along with the City of Santa Barbara—are working together to build a second pipeline to bring water from Lake Cachuma's Tecolote Tunnel.

New Pipeline Would Provide Increased Reliability

The new pipeline would allow the existing pipeline to be taken out of service for extensive inspection, maintenance and repairs without disrupting the main water system. Currently, the existing 1950s pipeline can be shut down for no more than 16 hours for maintenance and only during winter when demand for water is low. When that happens, the treatment plant goes off-line and water is supplied to our customers from storage reservoirs.

Additional Flow for Fire Fighting, Other Needs

In the event of a pipeline disruption or scheduled maintenance, the second pipeline also would allow for more total water to meet peak demand and fire flow, throughout the South Coast.

Pipeline Routes Being Studied

Possible routes for the proposed pipeline are under review. Total cost of the new pipeline is estimated at \$6.3 million, if built today. Of concern are increasing construction costs, which are currently far outstripping the consumer price index. Funding options are also being explored.

Prepare for Quakes and More

The massive hurricanes in the Gulf remind us that California is also threatened by natural disasters. A major quake, for example, could affect the flow of water from Lake Cachuma to the Goleta Valley, or could damage the levees in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta system and disrupt the State Water Project. One-third of our water is supplied by the State Water Project. The District is working to be prepared for emergencies.

How Goleta Water District Prepares

Statewide Mutual Aid Group

Water agencies from around the country rushed to rebuild water and wastewater systems in Mississippi and Louisiana after historic storms. Following Katrina, almost all water and wastewater systems in habitable areas were working within about two weeks.



Goleta Water District is a member of the Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN), a group that supports and promotes statewide emergency preparedness. It offers disaster response, and mutual assistance for public and private water and wastewater utilities. WARN provides its members with emergency planning, response and recovery information before, during and after an emergency.

Backup Supply of Groundwater

Newly upgraded wells provide a backup water supply for Goleta Valley in the event of a water emergency.



Goleta Water District has saved its groundwater for over a decade. Moreover it injects excess Cachuma water into the ground during wet winters, increasing the groundwater supply as a backup in case Lake Cachuma or State Water Project supplies are disrupted. To assure its ability to use groundwater, the District is also currently rehabilitating six of its wells.



Emergency Generators, Backup Systems

The District has backup generators to power the water system in the event electricity is cut off. It is also installing systems in the Corona Del Mar Treatment Plant, so that if one system fails, another one can take its place, allowing the overall system to continue operation.

Emergency Training

Local and state planners throughout the nation recognize that they must plan and coordinate joint responses to disasters. Based on this premise, the National Incident Management System was created in 2004. Goleta Water District personnel are trained in this system.