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Goleta Water District Celebrates 75th Anniversary by placing a Time Capsule During Ceremony at the Corona Del Mar Water Treatment Plant

On November 13, 2019, the Goleta Water District celebrated its 75th Anniversary with the placement of a time capsule at the Corona del Mar Water Treatment Plant in the Goleta foothills. A number of present and past local elected officials were in attendance to commemorate the District's service to the Goleta Valley.

Voters created what was then called the Goleta Valley Water District on November 17, 1944 to ensure the new water supply coming to the South Coast from the soon to be completed Cachuma Project in the Santa Ynez Valley. Over the last 75 years, the District has invested in and built a diverse water supply portfolio that has sustained our community through wildfires and prolonged droughts. This includes the recent drought which was the most severe in this region's recorded history.

The 75th Anniversary brings into focus the criticality of the District's ongoing work to maintain and upgrade infrastructure, and to protect the community's water rights and water supply portfolio including the Goleta Groundwater Basin. "The District has protected, enhanced and successfully managed this resource for 75 years, as the area changed from primarily agricultural to the mix of ag, residential and commercial that we see today," noted Board President Lauren Hanson.

"Our community has shown itself, over the decades, to be a leader in water thriftiness," Hanson continued. "Through this most recent drought, the Goleta Valley has been a champion in water conservation, one of the water-thriftiest areas in the State. The community took action at the household level to pitch in to protect precious water resources."

The time capsule featured a variety of items, including a 75th Anniversary photo album with historic images, uniforms, patches and pins, posters, newsletters, publications, meters, water samples, and lab testing equipment. A printed banner with the District's 75th Anniversary logo was signed by the District Board of Directors at the ceremony and placed in the time capsule.

The Goleta Water District provides water to a diverse population of approximately 87,000, including agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional customers. The District's water system includes over 270 miles of pipelines, a water treatment plant, storage reservoirs, pumping facilities, active wells, a recycled water system, and connections with Lake Cachuma and the State Water Project. For more information visit www.GoletaWater.com.

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