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Welcome to
Goleta Water District News

Summer 2013



Water conservation during dry summer months.

Make sure you are watering your landscape at the optimal times during the hot and dry summer months. Set your sprinkler and irrigation timers to water during the cooler early morning or early evening hours to maximize efficiency of your watering efforts. For more information on how to manage your landscape watering, visit the regional water conservation website: www.waterwisesb.org

Check out the landscaping calculator and learn how much water is just enough for your yard in any given week.

More water conservation tips for the summer months are on the back page of this newsletter.

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Message from the General Manager

Our Continuing Commitment to District Customers – Sustainable and Reliable Service.



District water supplies are delivered throughout our service area via an extensive distribution and treatment system infrastructure. This system includes the Corona Del Mar Water Treatment Plant, six groundwater wells and treatment facilities, eight storage reservoirs, and hundreds of miles of drinking, agriculture, and recycled water distribution pipelines as well as an array of valves, pumps, meters, and other equipment.

Ongoing operation and maintenance of District infrastructure is critical to ensuring safe and reliable water deliveries for our customers and to meet state and federal regulatory requirements.

Portions of the infrastructure are more than 70 years old and approaching the end of their useful lifespan. To ensure ongoing operational integrity, the District adopted a five year Infrastructure Improvement Plan in 2011 prioritizing critical capital investments. In the coming year, the District will be investing in several infrastructure upgrade and improvement projects to protect and extend the life of the distribution and treatment system facilities.

Additionally, we are developing the first phase of an Advanced Infrastructure Management, or AIM, program designed to identify and prioritize infrastructure projects and investments.

Ongoing infrastructure planning and investment ensures the District can provide cost-effective, safe, and sustainable water supplies for generations to come.

John McInnes

General Manager

Water Conservation Tips for the Summer Months

You may notice that you use more water during summer months, due to watering lawns and landscape. Visit www.waterwisesb.org or www.saveourh2o.org for simple tips that can save water and money.

Outdoor tips:

- Water your plants during the early morning or later evening when temperatures are cooler. Doing so can save up to 25 gallons each time you water.
- Add a layer of mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation and keep soil cool. This can save approximately 30 gallons per 1,000 square feet each time you water.
- Using a broom instead of a hose to clean off driveways and sidewalks can save up to 18 gallons per minute.

Indoor tips:

- Running the dishwasher only when full saves energy and approximately 8 gallons per load.
- Installing low-flow showerheads saves up to 7 gallons per shower.
- Turning off the water when brushing your teeth saves approximately 10 gallons per day.

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Ongoing Infrastructure and System Investments as the District approaches its 70th Anniversary.



Infrastructure and system investments are necessary for a sustainable future.

As the District nears its 70th anniversary in 2014, continued investment in our water treatment and distribution systems will ensure ongoing service reliability for customers. This is no small task, as the system includes more than 270 miles of pipelines, the Corona del Mar Water Treatment Plant, storage reservoirs, active injection and extraction wells, and various other facilities. The District treatment and distribution infrastructure is vital to providing our customers with safe reliable water supplies.

System Replacement Value of \$1 Billion. The total replacement value of these water treatment and delivery assets is close to \$1 billion. Two-thirds of the annual District budget is invested directly into water supplies, system maintenance, and infrastructure improvements for customers.

Infrastructure Improvement Plan. The Board of Directors adopted a five-year Infrastructure Improvement Plan in 2011 to identify, plan, and prioritize infrastructure projects. Projects completed to date include the San Ricardo Well Rehabilitation, Van Horne Hydro-Electric Turbine Generator Replacement, and the Corona Del Mar Water Treatment Plant Process Study to identify opportunities to improve operations and efficiencies at the treatment plant.

State-of-the-Art Technology. As the District plans for the future, coupling infrastructure investment with state-of-the-art technological resources becomes increasingly vital to delivering efficient and sustainable water supplies. Upcoming Infrastructure Improvement Plan projects include developing the first phase of the Advanced Infrastructure Management Program and integrating it with existing District technology, studying solar options to decrease District energy costs, and upgrades to District wells to take advantage of new pumping and filter technologies.

Highlights from Earth Day 2013!

Earth Day 2013 was held on Saturday, April 20 and Sunday, April 21 at Alameda Park in Santa Barbara. More than 35,000 people attended this annual community event.



The District hosted an information booth and provided visitors with educational materials about water conservation and sustainability. The booth featured a popular succulent planting station to promote efficient landscaping and water use.



Visitor feedback during Earth Day 2013 was extremely positive. Water conservation items provided to booth visitors included coasters embedded with poppy seeds for planting, faucet aerators, toilet flappers, garden hose nozzles, and low flow showerheads.

District "Official Water Saver" tattoos were a hit! Visitors answered questions about water conservation and were rewarded with temporary tattoos.

NEW – Edible Landscape Demonstration Garden

Come visit the latest addition to our Demonstration Garden: the Edible Garden. This new garden section illustrates how landscaping can be water-efficient, beautiful, and provide local food options. Located on the grounds of the District Administrative Headquarters, the Edible Garden replicates a typical residential yard, and provides examples of low-maintenance plants that are easy to grow, well-suited for our local climate, and delicious.

Garden features include:

- Permaculture examples, such as soil-enriching plants and plants that attract pollinators.
- A sustainable drainage and rain catchment system.
- Creative and affordable irrigation techniques.

A comprehensive update to public outreach materials, signage, and the District website for the entire Demonstration Garden is coming in early 2014 to provide customers with useful information related to developing their own edible garden.



Raised garden bed with various herbs



Medicinal aloe / Aloe vera



Avocado / Persea americana 'Lamb Hass'



Southern Highbush Blueberry / Vaccinium 'Sunshine Blue'

Photos represent a sampling of the edible plants that are included in the demonstration garden.

Our Water Supply Portfolio

There has been much attention in the media about California's current dry conditions. Ongoing implementation of the District 2011 Water Supply Management Plan and your conservation efforts have positioned the District with adequate supplies heading into the summer and fall. Maintaining a diverse water supply portfolio ensures reliable service to our 87,000 customers.

GOLETA WATER DISTRICT SUPPLY PORTFOLIO

Lake Cachuma Water
9,322 acre-feet/year



State Water
3,800 acre-feet/year



Groundwater
2,350 acre-feet/year



Recycled Water
1,000 acre-feet/year

