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# WATER NEWS

GOLETA WATER DISTRICT

## Planning Assures Reliable Water Service

### **District Manager Receives Top Countywide Honor**

Santa Barbara County Special Districts Association presented its General Manager of the Year award to Kevin D. Walsh of Goleta Water District.

During his tenure, Walsh has overseen expansion of Goleta Water District's water supply portfolio and the construction of major improvements to its infrastructure. He is the architect of a vital 20-year upgrade program for District facilities, and has championed a successful water conservation program.

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**Goleta Water District's General Manager is cited for his leadership, high standards, effective employee relations, and management capabilities.**

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Good planning and good management are two keys to providing ample supplies of high quality water to our customers at a reasonable cost. The District's comprehensive planning approach is what assures that Goleta Valley customers will continue to have the water they need.

### **20-Year WATER SUPPLY Planning**

Goleta Water District maintains a comprehensive water supply plan identifying the projected water usage in the Goleta Valley, both urban and agricultural. The plan incorporates extensive inputs from the City of Goleta, County of Santa Barbara and UC Santa Barbara officials, as well as residential, business and agricultural customers. It also incorporates scientific and engineering evaluations of climate, hydrology, land usage and more.

### **Long-Range WATER SYSTEM Planning**

Water supply facilities are complex and costly, requiring multi-million dollar investments. Goleta Water District plans its facility improvements 20 years into the future to ensure they will always be available to meet customer needs.

### **Comprehensive FINANCIAL Planning**

The Water District annually prepares a comprehensive financial report that provides detailed and easy-to-read financial, demographic and water supply information. It contains current and future information and summarizes past data. District planners forecast 10-years ahead to help maintain stable finances.



## Ensuring 24/7 Reliability

*Goleta Water District delivers all of the fresh, clean water that our customers need, day and night. Maintaining such reliability takes a lot of work, planning and requires tens of millions of dollars worth of facilities.*



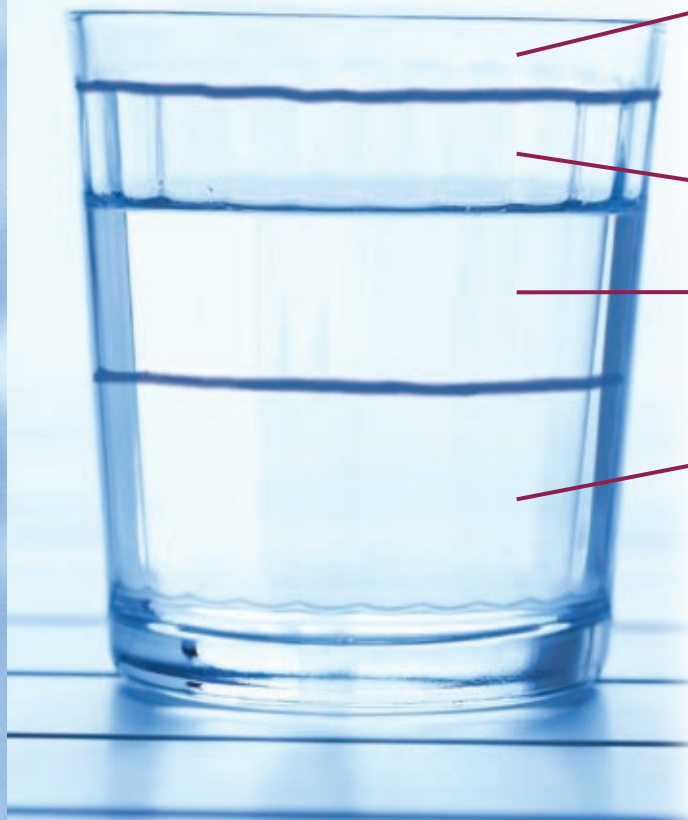
# Multiple Water Sources Assure Water Portfolio Provides Reliability in Normal

The reality is that Goleta Valley is located in a semi-arid region. Periods of drought alternate with periods of moderate rainfall and even flood. No single source of water can be counted on to meet customers' water needs over the long term. Therefore, the District has developed multiple sources.

## Water Supplies Meet Long-Term Customer Needs

Goleta Water District has developed its water supplies to adequately meet long-term water demands called for by City and County General Plans and UCSB development plans, but without a surplus. However, no plan can fully predict the future, and if there are changing needs, the District may need to change its water plans.

## Goleta's Average Long-Term Water Supply is 17,672 Acre-Feet



### **Recycled Water: 1,500 Acre-Feet**

Recycled water is an environmentally beneficial way to treat wastewater to a quality suitable for use on large landscapes, such as schools, parks, playgrounds and the university.

### **Groundwater Wells: 2,350 Acre-Feet**

Wells provide a local supply of water to meet long term needs.

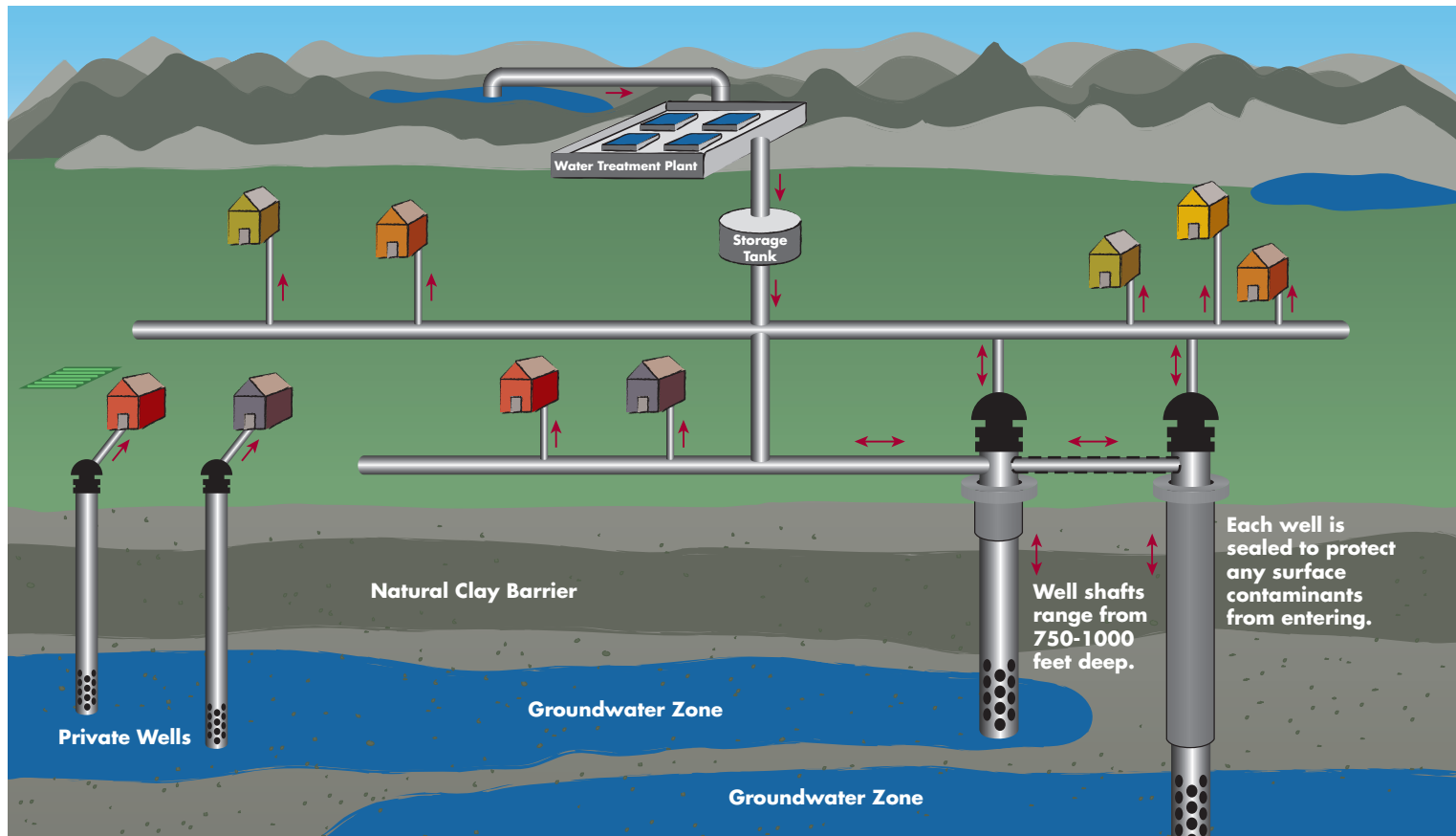
### **Imported Water: 4,500 Acre-Feet**

State water from Northern California is a supplemental supply that helps meet water needs when Goleta and Southern California are experiencing droughts and water shortfalls.

### **Cachuma Water: 9,322 Acre-Feet**

Water from Lake Cachuma is our primary water supply. This high quality source of local water meets most of our local needs, but can be seriously impacted by periodic droughts.

# Customers Will Have Enough Times, as Well as Droughts and Emergencies



## Six Water Wells Upgraded

The rehabilitation of six of the District's 11 wells has been completed. Half of the \$3.6 million cost was paid by a state grant. The wells provide an important backup supply of water.

### Building a Water Bank

Goleta Water District has not pumped groundwater for over a decade, creating a "water bank" that can be drawn upon during droughts or emergencies if supplies from Lake Cachuma are decreased for any reason. During wet years, when excess water is available from Lake Cachuma, the District injects some of the water into the ground for future use.

The newly upgraded wells increase the District's backup water supply. This is part of the District's overall strategy of long-range planning to ensure a continued adequate water supply even in drought years. Groundwater can supply as much as a quarter of the District's needs for short periods and about 13% for extended periods.

### Good Drinking Water Supply

The wells are a good drinking water supply. Quality is assured through comprehensive testing. The wells are sealed to guard against outside contamination. Also, the water is treated at the well site using a combination of disinfection and filtering, depending on the location.

## Another Emergency Source

Through interconnections with neighboring water agencies, the District is able to meet emergency needs if one or more parts of Goleta's water system is damaged, or in the event of intense need such as during a large fire.

The interconnections not only serve as another emergency source of water, they increase regional cooperation among water agencies.

# Conservation Opportunities for Home, Business and Agriculture



## HOME

For our residential customers, a variety of conservation programs are available:

- **Take a Virtual Conservation Tour** at [www.h2ouse.org](http://www.h2ouse.org).
- **Learn about Conservation tips** at [www.sbwater.org](http://www.sbwater.org).
- **For more conservation information and help**, go to [www.GoletaWater.com/conservation/residential.htm](http://www.GoletaWater.com/conservation/residential.htm).

## BUSINESS

Business can save water and money in many ways.

Currently, we are offering Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional rebates for commercial buildings, golf courses, industries, health care facilities, hotels and lodgings, laundries, restaurants, schools and colleges to replace high water using toilets, urinals, and commercial clothes washers.

For more information, visit <http://www.sbwater.org/CIIRebateProgram.htm>.

## FARM


The Cachuma Resource Conservation District provides free evaluations to improve irrigation performance. Call (805) 928-9269 x106.

By applying the proper amount of water you may:

- Increase crop quality.
- Increase production.
- Lower energy and pesticide costs.
- Reduce water usage.

Southern California Edison offers free hydraulic pump testing. For more information visit [www.sce.com/RebatesandSavings/SmallBusiness/PumpingServices](http://www.sce.com/RebatesandSavings/SmallBusiness/PumpingServices).

## For More Information About Conservation and Rebates Visit [www.sbwater.org](http://www.sbwater.org)

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