

## WATER SAVING OPPORTUNITIES

### “Save Water, Save a Buck”, Get a Rebate

Goleta Water District is participating in the “Save Water, Save a Buck” Santa Barbara County Rebate Program for **commercial, industrial and institutional customers** that install water efficient fixtures.

Rebates of up to \$150 are available to qualified businesses that install water-saving toilets, urinals or commercial clothes washers.

To confirm that your business is eligible for rebates, for more information, and to obtain an application, call 1-800-215-7559 or click to [www.sbwater.org/ciirebateprogram.htm](http://www.sbwater.org/ciirebateprogram.htm).



**GET YOUR FREE  
WATER-WISE  
CHECK-UP!**

### Free Water-Wise Check-Ups Available

Goleta Water District offers free water check-ups to help residential customers save water and reduce water bills. Customers receive:

- A complete check for leaks inside and outside the home; a review of sprinkler systems; suggestions for irrigation scheduling; free low-flow shower head; and suggestions on water efficiency.

It only takes about an hour. Call Melissa at 805-964-6761, Ext. 653, to schedule your free water-wise check-up.

## Hydroelectric Generator Saves Money and the Environment

A mini-hydroelectric generator lowers the water pressure flowing downhill into a District reservoir.

Besides performing this essential function, the generator also produces electricity that the District sells.

The revenue derived from the generator averages about \$3,000 to \$5,000 a month, offsetting costs.



INFORMATION  
ABOUT YOUR WATER

# WATER NEWS

GOLETA WATER DISTRICT

## High Quality, Reliable Water



*Construction is well under-way at Corona del Mar Water Treatment Plant. Upgrades to the plant include new treatment units, a chemical storage building, and a laboratory control building. Construction is on schedule to finish in May 2007. The two-phase, \$22 million project is the largest construction project in the District's history.*

### Many Benefits to Customers

The treatment plant modernization and upgrade will provide many benefits to customers:

- Outmoded equipment will be replaced by modern, more energy-efficient and cost-effective systems.
- New state-of-the-art test laboratory to ensure water quality.
- Backup equipment for key systems to increase reliability during emergencies, high-water-use days, and during maintenance or interruptions.
- A powerful new backup generator to run the plant during blackouts.
- Adequate working space to relieve overcrowding.
- Ability to meet increasingly strict regulations.

### Green Construction Features

Goleta Water District is seeking to build the new laboratory control building to the highest practical “green” specifications.

The District will apply for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design® (LEED) certification from the United States Green Building Council after the building is complete.

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



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# Meeting Goleta's Water Service Challenges

## Ensuring 24/7 Reliability

Goleta Water District delivers all the fresh, clean water our customers need, day and night. But maintaining such reliability takes lots of work, planning and requires tens of millions of dollars worth of facilities.



## Providing Adequate Water Supplies

**Comprehensive Water Supply Study:** The District recently completed its most comprehensive water supply study, projecting water usage for every parcel in Goleta Valley. The study concluded that the District has just enough water supply to serve the Valley for the next 20 years, except during the deepest droughts when mandatory rationing may be needed.

**Portfolio of Water Resources:** The District has developed an impressive portfolio of water resources: Lake Cachuma, imported State Water, and recycled water. Groundwater has not been pumped in more than a decade in order to build up a reserve against future droughts.

**Water Conservation:** The District also maintains a comprehensive and successful water conservation program.

**Agricultural Needs:** Of the District's 16,000 connections, 159 are farms, orchards, nurseries and small estates that consume about 20% of the District's water supply. The District is working collaboratively with members of the agricultural community to be better prepared to continue meeting agricultural water needs at a reasonable price.



## Keeping Costs Down and Reliability Up

A 20-year plan for infrastructure improvements is maintained by the District to ensure we can always reliably deliver ample supplies of quality water.

Goleta Water District strives to make operational improvements to serve customers in a more efficient and economical manner. The District has:

**Reduced Electrical Costs** by installing energy efficient motors and power controls.

**Installed Backup Generators** at key facilities to maintain water supply during emergencies.

**Updated Computerized Monitoring Systems** that monitor and control the entire water system in real-time.

**Upgraded Wells** to inject excess Lake Cachuma water into the ground during wet winters to provide a backup water supply.

**Lowered Insurance Costs** by implementing an extensive safety program to reduce accidents, thereby lowering Workers' Compensation premiums.

## Maintaining Fair Rates

### Urban Water Rates

Following a severe drought that ended in the early 1990s, voters approved a \$130 million plan to participate in the State Water Project and to recycle water.

More recently, in 2003, a citizens' committee supported increased rates to fund major capital improvements. Since then, the District has only raised rates an amount equal to inflation.

### Low Agricultural Rate

The District charges farmers only \$1 per 750 gallons for low-cost historical supplies, the lowest of any water agency in the region.