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### **Richard Merrifield Resigns from the Goleta Water District Board of Directors**

Richard Merrifield, long-time Goleta resident and retired Santa Barbara County Environmental Health Director announced Monday, September 24, 2018 that he will be resigning from his post as a member of the Goleta Water District Board of Directors on October 5, 2018. Mr. Merrifield will be moving to Northern California.

“With guidance and support from our board and the wisdom and hard work of our staff, the District has become what I believe is the best run local government entity in the region and I am proud to have been a part of that reality,” Mr. Merrifield said.

“Rick provided a wealth of experience for the District,” said Board of Directors Vice President Meg West. “He has served on the Board for the last eight years and contributed greatly towards the agency’s success. We will miss Rick and wish him the very best in his new endeavors.”

The Board of Directors will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 to consider and approve a process for filling the vacant position. Should the Board of Directors elect to appoint a replacement, the District will publish a notice of vacancy and begin accepting applications, which will be available on the district’s website, [www.GoletaWater.com](http://www.GoletaWater.com) and at its offices located at 4699 Hollister Avenue, Goleta CA. California Government Code Section 1780 prescribes that such an appointment must be made within 60 days of the effective vacancy.

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