

High Tech Sprinkler Controllers Available to Customers

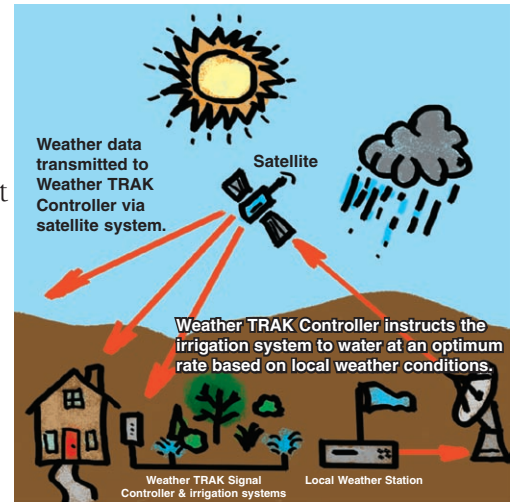
Improved Automatic Sprinkler Timers

Residents that have been customers of Goleta Water District for at least three years and have an automatic sprinkler timer may be eligible for a limited number of weather-based irrigation controllers. The system uses satellite technology to automatically adjust sprinkler timers to distribute just the right amount of water for each type of plant depending on weather and soil conditions.

25% Reduction in Landscape Water Use

A recent study demonstrated a 25% decrease in landscape water use resulting from the use of the controllers.

Qualified customers are required to sign a 3-year contract and pay the monthly service fee up front, currently \$4 per month per controller. Other restrictions apply. Call (805) 964-6761 x643 for more information.



Spotlight on Our Employees

New Faces and Promotions

The District has four new interns in the Engineering Department. They are (clockwise from lower left): **Eva von Thury**, **Arin Rouse**, **Arif Rizvi** and **Melissa Harris**.



Below are eight employees we congratulate for obtaining higher state certificates and/or attaining new positions.



Shawn Dollar was promoted to Distribution System Operator II.



From left to right: **Forrest Stiles**, Distribution System Operator I, **Mike Robles**, Distribution Operator II and **Bryant Green**, Distribution Operator II.



From left to right: **John Ortiz**, Control System Technician/Treatment Operator, **Jimmy Ibarra**, Water Treatment Operator II, **Ervin Poteat**, Water Treatment Operator I, **Chris Borges**, Control System Technician/Treatment Operator.

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Managing Water Supplies in an Uncertain Climate



Never Enough to Waste

Of course, whatever the rainfall, we encourage you to use water wisely. There is never enough to waste.

Please see our website at goletawater.com for helpful conservation information.

Three Dry Years Reversed by Deluge

One thing you can be sure about; the weather will change. It has been three years since the county has experienced enough above-average rainfall to fill area reservoirs. Two more years of low rainfall would have resulted in a severe drought.

In four weeks, the years of dry weather were reversed by heavy rainfall that filled, and then over-filled, Lake Cachuma and other reservoirs.

Portfolio of Sources Ensures Adequate Supply

At the Water District, we manage water supplies to ensure that customers will have adequate water supplies regardless of the weather. One key way we achieve this is to develop and maintain multiple sources of water. In the same way that a diversified financial portfolio is more secure, so is a diversified water portfolio—when one water supply becomes limited, another is available to take its place.

The District keeps water supplies secure through a number of



means: maintaining a portfolio of sources and protecting our water rights, while at the same time meeting environmental needs, such as supplying water to enhance the Santa Ynez River environment.





Facility Upgrades Ensure Continued



Phase 2 Upgrade of Treatment Plant to Begin This Year

State and federal water quality standards are very strict, requiring around-the-clock supervision and monitoring. The District tests for well over 100 substances, measuring to levels as small as a fraction of a part per billion. This is equivalent to finding one drop of a substance in over 1,000 swimming pools full of water.

Increasingly Strict Standards

The District is planning to begin the multi-year Phase 2 upgrade of the Corona Del Mar Treatment Plant later this year. The improvements will meet ever-increasing state and federal water quality standards.

Estimated to cost about \$17 million over several years, the work will continue the modernization of the plant. Phase 1 cost the District \$5 million.

Laboratory Improvements

A newer, more-modern testing laboratory and more working space throughout the plant are among the key improvements, which also will include replacement or rehabilitation of major equipment.



An expanded engineering building will relieve overcrowding.

Upgrades for Engineering

To handle the District's capital improvement program while maintaining a high level of customer service, the District is expanding its engineering offices to relieve overcrowding.

The engineering building is being expanded by about 25 percent. Work on the project passed the half-way mark in January and is heading for completion in March.

Essential to Reliable Service

Saving Water for a Dry Year

The heavy rains that caused the overflow of Lake Cachuma is the type of opportunity that the District's special injection wells are made for. The wells are used to inject excess water from Lake Cachuma during wet winter years into the underground aquifer. Later, the wells can be used to withdraw water to meet demands during peak use periods, droughts or if there is a disruption in the flow of water from Lake Cachuma.

Project on Target

The rehabilitation of six of the District's 11 wells is more than one-third complete. The project is expected to be finished later this year.

Better and More Efficient

Casings on five of the six wells have already been cleaned and new pumps and motors installed on two of the wells. Besides motors and pumps, the wells will get new and more efficient disinfection and electronic control systems.

Backup Water Supplies

The upgraded wells will increase the District's backup water supply, especially in the event of drought. This is part of the District's overall strategy of long-range planning to ensure a continued adequate water supply.

State Grant Helps Pay the Cost

Half of the cost of the \$3.6 million well project is being paid by a state grant.

Green Certification Expected

The updated treatment plant building will be energy and water efficient, and will contain environmentally-friendly building materials. The goal is to achieve a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification at the highest level provided by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Green buildings, as they are called, provide environmental benefits, have lower long-term costs, enhance productivity and worker health, and minimize impacts on local electrical power and other essential resources.

District wells inject surplus water into the underground aquifer for later use when needed.

