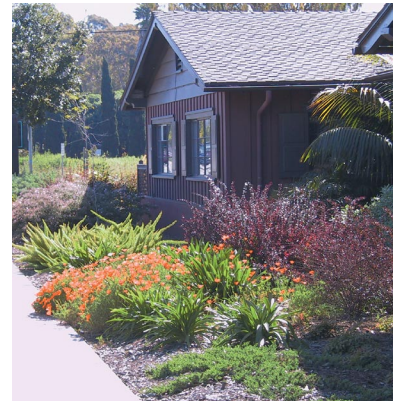


Waterwise Gardening: Think Now, Plant In Spring

Visit *The District's Beautiful Demonstration Garden To Get a Head Start on Spring*

Now is a good time to think about what you are going to plant in the springtime. With proper planning, you can achieve a beautiful garden that also conserves water.

To begin, you may want to check out the District's attractive waterwise demonstration garden on the grounds of the District Office at 4699 Hollister Ave., Goleta, across from San Marcos High School.



The District's Garden offers ideas for attractive, water-saving landscaping

Variety of Options Available

The acre-plus, Goleta Water District demonstration garden displays a variety of water-conserving landscapes with groupings of plants that are compatible, express numerous styles, and grow well in the Goleta Valley.

Various Garden Types Shown

Among the garden types are Mediterranean, Vivid Flowering, Traditional, Desert, Southern California Native, and Perennial Border.

Best Irrigation Practices Demonstrated

In addition, the best type of irrigation system, such as drip and low-profile sprinklers, for each plant grouping is demonstrated.

Open to the Public—And It's Free!

The Garden is open to the public year-around without charge during regular business hours. No reservation is needed.

State Grants Help Fund Important Capital Improvements

A State grant is paying half the cost of a \$3.6 million project to rehabilitate six wells to serve as a backup water supply for Lake Cachuma. Engineering work for the project is now underway, and construction could start in late spring.

Meet The Staff

Welcome to Misty Gonzales, newly hired Water Conservation Specialist.



Congratulations to new promotions Brenda Dillon, Account Clerk II and Robert Ivers, Water Treatment Plant Operator II.



WATER NEWS

GOLETA WATER DISTRICT



INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR WATER



After three years of tough negotiations, local agencies and cities, including Goleta Water District, and the Bureau of Reclamation, recently reached a historic water rights agreement dealing with release of water from Lake Cachuma.

Historic Agreement Protects People and Fish

Legal Action Avoided

Downstream users on the Santa Ynez river claimed that the water stored in Lake Cachuma has more minerals than the naturally occurring storm water it received before the Lake was formed. A change in the water release procedure will improve the quality of water that is released for use by these users during wet periods.

Value of Regional Cooperation

As a result of the agreement, Goleta Water District and other agencies receiving water by pipeline from Lake Cachuma retain their water supplies, downstream water users receive more and better quality water, and fish programs remain in place. Regional cooperation once again provides a win/win for everyone and the environment.

Win/Win/Win For People, Fish and River Environment

- Water users downstream of Lake Cachuma will receive higher quality and greater quantities of water during high rainfall years.
- Goleta Water District and other agencies retain their current water supplies from Lake Cachuma.
- Fish continue to be protected by water releases and other activities.
- Everyone avoids costly legal action and other impacts.



Aerial view of Lake Cachuma.

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The Water Story...

Goleta Water District brings its customers high quality water from local sources and from hundreds of miles away... everyday, around-the-clock, for less than a penny a gallon. Here is how we do it:

Snow melts from the high sierra and flows down river into the Sacramento River Delta.

Oroville Dam

The California Aqueduct and the 100-mile long pipeline built by local agencies, transports imported water from northern California to the coast.

The Santa Ynez River flows into Lake Cachuma, providing most of Goleta's water supply.

Water from Lake Cachuma flows by gravity into Tecolote Tunnel, and through the Santa Ynez Mountains to reach the Goleta Valley.

Los Padres National Forest

Water flows through the South Coast Conduit to local water suppliers, for customers along the coast from Goleta to Carpinteria.

Goleta West Conduit delivers non-potable water to agricultural users along the Gaviota Coast.

Goleta West Conduit

South Coast Conduit

Reservoir tanks provide an immediately available source of water to meet high water needs on hot summer days, and during emergencies such as fires.

Goleta's surface water is treated in the District's Corona Del Mar Water Treatment Plant. Water flows by gravity, which reduces pumping costs and increases reliability.

Goleta Water District works with Goleta Sanitary District to recycle wastewater for use on landscaping and for toilet flushing.

Water is used by customers.

Recycled Water



Waste-water

Potable Water



Groundwater. Goleta Water District uses special wells to store excess surface water during rainy periods in the groundwater basin for future use during emergencies and droughts.