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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **MIKE KANNO, LONG TIME GOLETA WATER DISTRICT EMPLOYEE HONORED**

The Goleta Water District Board of Directors honored Mike H Kanno, Operations Manager, for his outstanding efforts and many accomplishments during his twenty-four years of service to the District. Kanno is retiring at the end of the month.

Kanno was hired by the District in 1986 as an assistant civil engineer and was promoted to Operations Manager in 1996. He was credited with raising the level of morale and professionalism within the District during his tenure.

Kanno was cited for having increased the water system reliability for all customers and guided the District through a period of facility upgrades and improvements including the construction and replacement of two major reservoirs with emergency pumping equipment and hydro-electric power generation. In addition he helped bring the District's Corona Del Mar water treatment plant up to current health and safety standards, was responsible for the rehabilitation of six groundwater wells and added technology to the operations of the District with respect to its GPS and GIS capabilities.

During the past year Kanno also served briefly as the Interim General Manager of the District.

Board President Bill Rosen said that "Mike Kanno has been a major asset to the District. We will certainly miss Mike and wish him and his family a healthy and happy future,"

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*May 11, 2010, Goleta Water District Board of Directors with Mike Kanno, center, and his wife, Lynn.*