

Welcome and Congratulations

Goleta Water District is replacing retired staff, promoting from within and saving money by bringing an outsourced position in-house.

We welcome our new employees and congratulate those being promoted.



Ian Chapman (left) and Doug Williams have both been promoted to Distribution Operator II.

New members of the Goleta Water District staff from left are: Mark Mountford, Assistant Engineer; Mike Shane, Control Systems Technician/Treatment Operator; and Mariann Popp and Al Allen, both Meter Specialists.



Jim Henderson (left) was hired as a Senior Inspector. Eric Purinton (right) recently joined our staff as a Water Conservation Intern.

Kid's Stuff



Water is nature's most precious natural resource. Three-quarters of Earth is covered by water, but less than one percent of that water can be used to the needs of people, animals, and plants!

We use water for drinking, bathing, and washing dishes and laundry. We also need water to grow food, cook, make things, and have fun. The average household uses 200 gallons of water every day!

Careful water use today will help us to make sure that we have enough in the future. For instance, you can save up to three gallons of water by turning off the faucet when you brush your teeth.

Find the mystery messages in the puzzle by using this secret code. The answer is written upside down at the bottom of the page.

SECRET CODE PUZZLE

A=4	E=17	F=9	G=1	H=25	I=3	K=21
L=18	N=6	O=14	R=23	S=7	T=10	U=15
V=2	W=19	Y=26				

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Kids Corner Secret Message: Use Water Wisely. Take Shorter Showers. Start Saving Now.



INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR WATER

WATER NEWS

GOLETA WATER DISTRICT

New Facilities Improve Water Supply

Wells Provide Backup Supply

Rehabilitating six of the District's 11 wells will increase our backup water supply, especially in the event of drought.

The wells are designed to inject excess Cachuma Water during wet periods into the underground aquifer for later use during emergencies and droughts.

Half the cost of the \$3.6 million project is being paid by a state grant. The project is on target for completion in the fall of 2004.

Enlarged Reservoir Meets Emergency Needs

A reconstructed Patterson Reservoir will increase water storage used for fire fighting, high water use days, and emergencies such as earthquakes that could interfere with our water supply.

The project to enlarge and strengthen the reservoir is on schedule for completion by the end of February 2004.

Need for Water Storage

Even with the recent completion of a new 6.5-million-gallon reservoir, Goleta Water District is in need of additional reservoir capacity to assure our customers of a reliable, supply of high quality water.

Tax-Free Bond Funding

To finance its long-term Capital Improvement Program, Goleta Water District issued \$47 million in double-tax-free bonds.

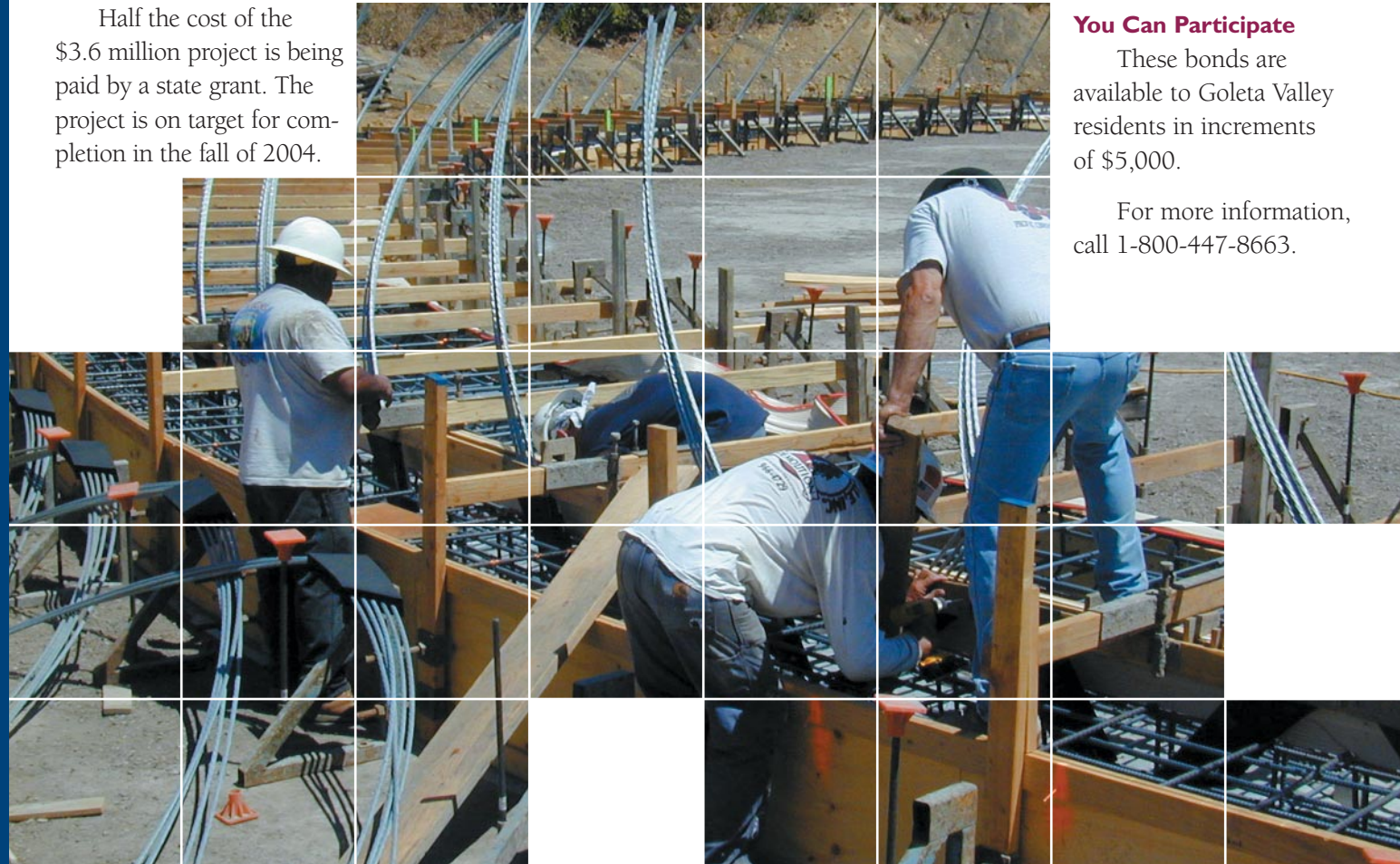
With the sale of new certificates, the total benefit is over \$2.5 million.

This will be used to delay the need for future rate increases.

You Can Participate

These bonds are available to Goleta Valley residents in increments of \$5,000.

For more information, call 1-800-447-8663.



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Free Programs Help You Use Water Wisely

It's good for the environment. It leads to healthier, more beautiful landscapes. It saves money.

We have heard... people speculating that if we have another dry year the Goleta Valley would be facing a drought.

The Fact is... that Goleta Water has developed a portfolio of water supplies that is expected to meet customer water needs — even through droughts — long into the future.

But there is never enough water to waste in Southern California, we must share limited water resources with neighboring communities, fish in the rivers and agriculture.

Try These Simple Tips To Make Your Garden Beautiful And Save Water

Because water is so precious, it must not be taken for granted. Using water wisely does not require going without. It means using water more efficiently so that you get the same benefits with less water. For more information visit www.bewaterwise.com.

Choose Water-Smart Plants

Begin with water smart landscaping. It saves water, money, fertilizer and looks great, too. Low water-use plants can produce brilliant splashes of color while using less than half the water of traditional landscapes



Mulch, Mulch, Mulch

A two- or three-inch layer of shredded redwood, gravel, compost or other mulch slows evaporation, cools and protects the soil. Mulch covers bare ground and dresses up your garden.



Water When It's Cool

Water at night when evapotranspiration is lower and the air is more calm. Use the new Landscape Calculator at www.sbwater.org to create a custom irrigation schedule for your yard.

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District Prepares For Critical State Hearing

The State Water Resources Control Board conducted a hearing in Sacramento in October to consider water rights and water release issues involving Lake Cachuma for people, farmers and fish.

Local organizations including Goleta Water District, and the Bureau of Reclamation recently reached a historic water rights agreement dealing with release of water from Lake Cachuma.

The agreement avoids costly legal action and demonstrates that regional cooperation can produce a win/win solution for all parties.

“We have been preparing for years to make sure we obtain the best possible result from the State Hearings. This long-range preparation really makes a difference in protecting our customers' water supply, while protecting the environment.”

Kevin Walsh, General Manager