

## Meet The Staff That Serves You



**Promotions:** back row, Misty Gonzales (left) to Water Conservation Coordinator, Jim Henderson (center) to Engineering Associate, and Ginger Kaufman to Recycled Water/Cross

Connection Specialist II; front row, Jeff Bolton (left) to Distribution System Operator II, Tom Tippitt (middle) to Customer Service Representative II, and Nearlin (Butch) Carter to Chief Distribution Operator.

**New Employees:** (Left) Andy Drapkowski, Temporary Water Conservation Intern. (Right) Chris Borges, Water Treatment Operator I.



**New Employees:** Tony Barr (left), Equipment Operator; and Luis Aguirre, Distribution Operator.

**Promotions:** Greg Paul (left), to Water Treatment Superintendent, Dave Schiedow (center) to Water Treatment Operator II; and Dale Armstrong to Laboratory Supervisor.



GOLETA WATER DISTRICT

**Free Family Event!**

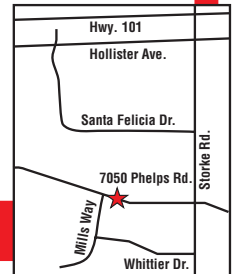
**Saturday, May 8,  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
**Event information:  
879-4650  
Info & Schedule:  
www.goletawater.com**

# water awareness DAY

- Trolley Tours** from Girsh Park
  - Water District Conservation Garden – 11:00 a.m.
  - Coal Oil Point Audubon Restoration Site – 1:00 p.m.
- Landscaping Tips**
  - Smart Irrigation Controller Workshops
  - Info & Schedule: [www.goletawater.com](http://www.goletawater.com)
- Fun for Kids**
  - Inflatable Jumper
  - Fire Hydrant Auction – noon

**Please Join Us!**

Girsh Park  
7050 Phelps Road, Goleta  
by Costco  
[www.goletawater.com](http://www.goletawater.com)



**Free Activities: Inflatable jumper, fire hydrant painting, and more!**

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INFORMATION  
ABOUT YOUR WATER

# WATER NEWS

GOLETA WATER DISTRICT

## There is Never Enough Water To Waste

### Waterwise Gardening: Now is the Time to Plant

You can have a beautiful garden and still save water. The secret is limiting turf and choosing the right kinds of native and drought tolerant plants. And now is the right time to do your planting.

### Plan Wisely

To help plan your garden, 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.

### It's All Free

The garden is open, and free to the public, during regular business hours.

*Goleta Water District has developed a diverse portfolio of water supplies. If one or more supplies fall short due to drought, facility breakdown, or emergency, another is available.*

*Although the District can meet expected water needs in the years ahead, using water wisely is always smart – leaving more for environmental and other needs.*

*Be Smart. Be Water Wise*

### Don't Let it Drip Away...

**Go to [www.sbwater.org](http://www.sbwater.org) for Water Efficiency Information such as:**

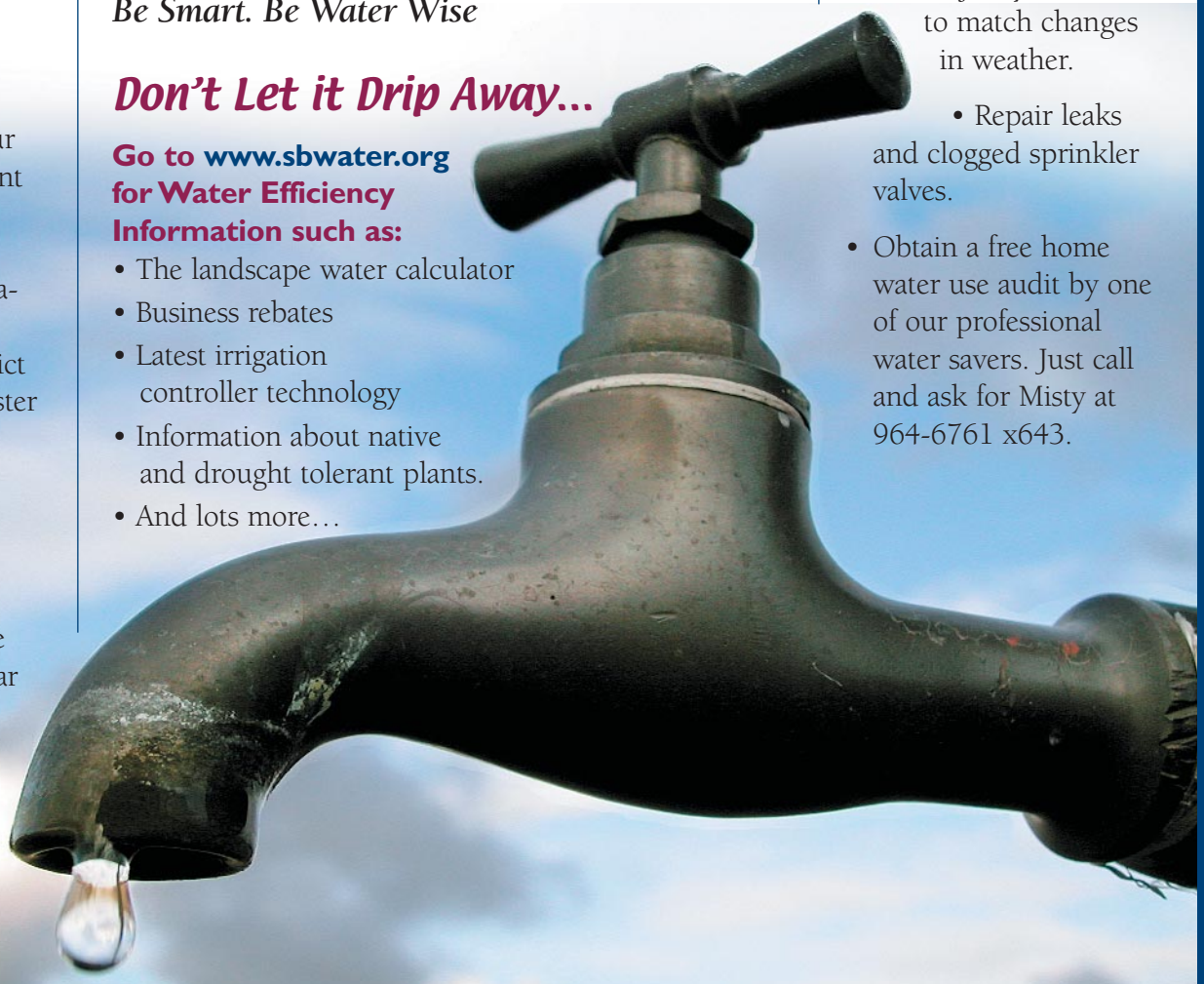
- The landscape water calculator
- Business rebates
- Latest irrigation controller technology
- Information about native and drought tolerant plants.
- And lots more...

### You Can Make a Difference

Research shows that the average homeowner overwaters their lawn by a depth equal to five feet per year!

### Try These Water Saving Tips

- Adjust your timer to match changes in weather.
- Repair leaks and clogged sprinkler valves.
- Obtain a free home water use audit by one of our professional water savers. Just call and ask for Misty at 964-6761 x643.





# Major Improvements Will Improve Your V

*A rebuilt Patterson Reservoir will increase the District's storage capacity.*

**Goleta Water District has embarked on a long-term, \$50 million capital improvement program that is already upgrading the current water system. For customers, the improvements mean improved water quality, higher reliability, and increased flow for firefighting.**



## Bond Funding Provides Savings

*To fund capital improvements and pay off existing higher interest rate bonds, Goleta Water District successfully sold \$47 million in new Certificates of Participation (COPs).*

*The offering was so successful that the District received an additional \$769,000 from the sale without additional debt payment.*

### **Million Dollar Savings**

*Overall, the District reduced its expected payments by over \$2.5 million over the next 20 years.*

*The additional funds and savings will be used to delay the need for future rate increases.*

## Revamped Reservoir Nearly Complete

Construction is nearing completion to boost the storage capacity of Patterson Reservoir from 2.8 million gallons to 3.5 million gallons.

### **For Fire Fighting, Emergency and Daily Needs**

The upgraded reservoir, which went into service in April 2004, will provide necessary water storage for fire fighting, high water use days, and for emergencies. It can also provide a temporary backup supply should water delivery from Lake Cachuma become disrupted.

The buried, concrete reservoir is exceedingly durable and will serve Goleta water users for decades to come. The Patterson Reservoir joins the newer 6.5-million-gallon Garret Van Horne Reservoir and 13 older reservoirs in serving the water users of the Goleta Valley.

## Pipeline Upgrades Improve Service

### **Reduced Maintenance, Greater Reliability**

Scheduled maintenance of the District's pipelines saves customers money. As a part of our pro-active maintenance program, the District invests up to \$500,000 each year in on-going pipeline replacements, reducing costly maintenance and preventing unexpected breaks and wasteful leaks.

The District maintains a priority list for pipeline replacements, which targets the oldest, most outdated, and most deteriorated pipes.

# Projects Water Service

## Improvements For Even Better Quality

To continue the modernization of the Corona Del Mar Treatment Plant, Goleta Water District is planning to spend an estimated \$12-to-\$14 million over the next several years for Phase 2 of the upgrading. Phase 1 cost the District \$5 million.

### Meet Higher Quality Standards

The improvements will meet the ever-increasing state and federal water quality standards.

### Modern Lab, More Space

Among the major improvements to the treatment plant will be a newer, more modern testing laboratory and more working space distributed throughout the plant.

In addition, the upgrades will include replacement or rehabilitation of major facilities such as pumps, clarifiers and flocculators.

### Multi-Year Project Underway

Planning has been completed, and the plant upgrade project is in the pre-design phase for the next step. The Construction is expected to be complete in 2006.



## Upgraded Wells to Provide Multiple Benefits

The rehabilitation of six of the District's 11 wells is in progress. The wells are used to inject excess Cachuma water into the underground aquifer during wet winters. The same wells can withdraw water later to meet the need on high water use days, during droughts, or if Cachuma supplies are disrupted.

### Backup Water Supply

The upgraded wells will increase the District's backup water supply, especially in the event of drought.

The six wells will get new and more efficient disinfection systems, as well as motors, electrical and control systems, and casings.

### One-Half is Paid by State

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.



*A view of the aluminum roof structure under construction at Patterson reservoir.*