GOLETA WATER DISTRICT

4699 HOLLISTER AVENUE
GOLETA, CALIFORNIA 93110-1999
TELEPHONE 805/964-6761
FAX 805/964-7002

RECEIVED
2026 NOV -9 P 4:11
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

November 9, 2026

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice of Public Review and Comment

Project: Goleta Water District Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Project – Hope Well and Mariposa Well

Notice is hereby given that the Goleta Water District (District), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared an Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration for the project described below. The District invites public and agency comments before considering adoption of the Negative Declaration and approval of the project.

Project location: Two existing wells within the Goleta Groundwater Basin in Santa Barbara County. Hope Well is located at the District headquarters at 4699 Hollister Avenue near Puente Drive. Mariposa Well is located within a Goleta Water District easement on the larger parcel identified as APN 071-140-079, with a listed address of 301 Mentor Drive.

Project description: The District proposes to add Hope Well and Mariposa Well to its existing ASR program as authorized injection locations. Treated potable water would be injected by gravity from the existing distribution system during periods of sufficient surface water availability and available groundwater storage. Stored water would be available during droughts, emergencies, and planned outages of the Corona del Mar Water Treatment Plant for maintenance, repairs, or upgrades. The project would use existing wells and distribution facilities without new construction.

Environmental determination: Based on the Initial Study, the District proposes to find that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment and that an Environmental Impact Report is not required.

Public review period: November 9, 2026 through December 23, 2026. Written comments must be received by 5:00 P.M. Pacific Time on December 23, 2026.

Document availability: The proposed Negative Declaration, Initial Study, and documents incorporated by reference are available at the District office, 4699 Hollister Avenue, Goleta, CA 93110, from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, excluding District holidays. Electronic copies are available at Goletawater.com and may be requested from ceqa@goletawater.com.

Public contact and comments: Submit comments by email to ceqa@goletawater.com or by mail to Mia Puljiz, Goleta Water District, 4699 Hollister Avenue, Goleta, CA 93110. Please identify the project title in the subject line or correspondence.

Public meeting or hearing: No meeting or hearing concerning this project has been scheduled as of this notice.

Hazardous materials sites: The Hope Well property at 4699 Hollister Avenue is identified in historical GeoTracker records as the Goleta Water District leaking underground storage tank cleanup site, Global ID T0608300400, reported as Completed – Case Closed on June 30, 2015. For the Mariposa Well parent property at 301 Mentor Drive, APN 071-140-079, the City of Goleta's 2023 Notice of Exemption for Google Backup Generators and Site Improvements states that the project site was not on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. That finding reflects the City's 2023 review; current listing status has not been independently verified.