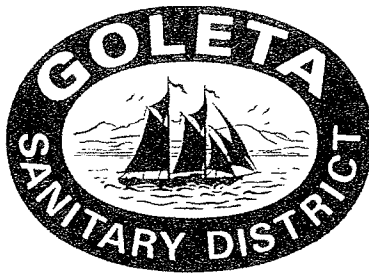


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June 2, 2016

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
105 East Anapamu Street  
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RE: Extended Producer Responsibility Ordinance for Pharmaceutical Disposal

Dear Board Members:

The Goleta Sanitary District continues to support the County's efforts to remove unwanted pharmaceuticals from the community's waste stream. Each year, millions of pounds of unwanted drugs are flushed down the toilet. A majority of these drugs are not removed through conventional waste water treatment processes and are ultimately discharged into our coastal marine environments.

A program that includes public education combined with convenient access to unwanted drug drop off locations would significantly reduce the amount of drugs being flushed down the toilet. Implementation of the proposed Extended Producer Responsibility Stewardship Ordinance will help achieve this goal and will benefit both our environment and entire community.

Sincerely,

**GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT**

Steve Wagner  
General Manager

# SANTA YNEZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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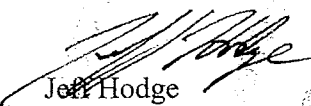
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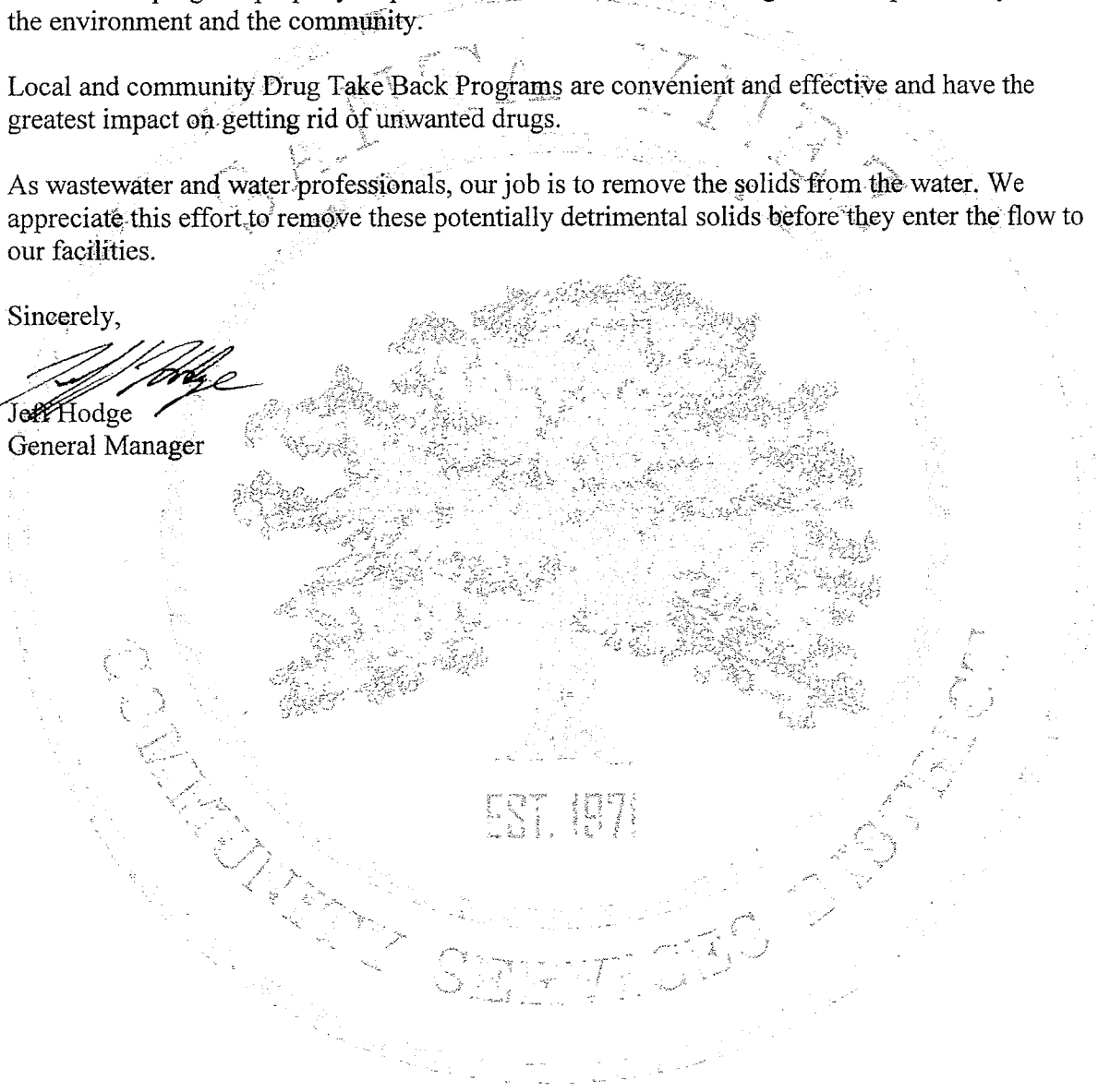
The Santa Ynez Community Services District is in support of the Drug Take Back Program because this program properly disposes and removes unwanted drugs that can potentially harm the environment and the community.

Local and community Drug Take Back Programs are convenient and effective and have the greatest impact on getting rid of unwanted drugs.

As wastewater and water professionals, our job is to remove the solids from the water. We appreciate this effort to remove these potentially detrimental solids before they enter the flow to our facilities.

Sincerely,

  
Jeff Hodge  
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C/O Board Clerk  
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## **RE: Supporting local efforts to extend producer responsibility**

Chairman Adams and Supervisors:

I am writing to express my strong support for local efforts within Santa Barbara County to pursue a sustainable program for the safe disposal of pharmaceutical products and taking the first step by approving an ordinance to establish such a program.

This is an issue that has faced significant challenges at the state level in recent years. Since I have been in the Senate, I have worked with numerous stakeholders to attempt to develop legislation that would create a convenient and environmentally responsible home-generated prescription drug disposal program. From these efforts, I introduced two bills, SB 727 (2013) and SB 1014 (2014) in response to the feedback I received, to help decrease the supply of unused prescription drugs in homes across California. Unfortunately, the climate in Sacramento has yet to be favorable to passing such a measure on a statewide basis.

However, I continue to work on the issue incrementally at the state level. This year, I have authored Senate Bill 1229, which passed the Senate and is currently awaiting its first hearing in the Assembly. It would encourage pharmacies to host secure drug take-back bins by creating a duty of care for the proper oversight of such bins and providing limited civil and criminal liability immunity for pharmacies hosting bins if they meet that duty of care.

To attempt to find a resolution to this important public safety and environmental issue in any significant way, it will require efforts on multiple fronts, including local governments like Santa Barbara County adopting the proposed county ordinance before you. Such a policy will help local residents prevent prescription drug abuse, address their disposal needs now, and increase support for a statewide solution.

I respectfully urge you to approve an ordinance that would establish extended producer responsibility stewardship for safe drug disposal in Santa Barbara County to demonstrate your support for, and commitment to, addressing this problem. Until a cohesive statewide strategy is established, the most effective way to help prevent the risk of accidental poisoning and abuse of unused medications in Santa Barbara County is to provide safe, convenient, and environmentally sound disposal options through the adoption of an ordinance.

If you do decide to approve this ordinance, you would be in the good company of Alameda County, the City and County of San Francisco, Santa Clara and San Mateo County have all whom have adopted such an ordinance. Many other counties have similar ordinances under consideration.

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this important issue and look forward to working with you in the future to continue to improve our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hannah-Beth Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the "n" of "Jackson".

HANNAH-BETH JACKSON  
State Senator, 19<sup>th</sup> District