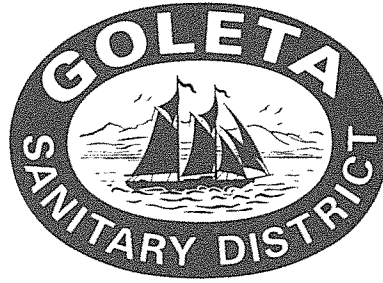


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May 13, 2015

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
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RE: County-Wide Ordinance for Pharmaceuticals Collection and Disposal

Dear Board Members:

The Goleta Sanitary District has been advised that the County Board of Supervisors will be considering options for the proper disposal of unused pharmaceuticals. The District supports the Board's efforts to remove unwanted pharmaceuticals from the community's wastewater stream. Each year, millions of pounds of unwanted drugs are flushed down the toilet, and a majority of these drugs are not removed through conventional waste water treatment processes such as that of the District. As such a majority of the unused medications flushed down the household toilets pass through the treatment system and are ultimately discharged into our coastal marine environments. Studies have shown that pharmaceutical discharges into the ocean waters have adversely impacted marine aquatic life.

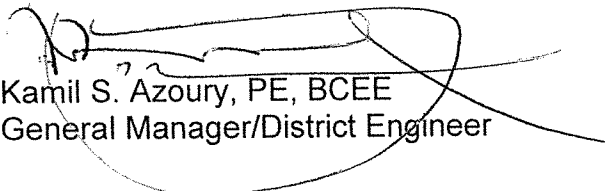
The District believes a successful program for the proper disposal of unused medications largely depends on our community's understanding of the dangers associated with casual and/or careless disposal of such unused medications coupled with the availability of safe and convenient methods and locations for disposal. In other words, a program that includes public education combined with convenient access to unwanted drug drop off locations could significantly reduce the amount of drugs being flushed down the toilet or disposed off in landfills.

Recent changes in legislation permit commercial pharmacies to collect unwanted drugs, however, funding to help offset the cost of disposal has not yet been provided. It is our understanding that the County Board of Supervisors will be considering a County-wide Ordinance that may help in resolving the funding issue for the collection and disposal of unwanted drugs. The District supports this approach in concept and hopes that such Ordinance will be favorably received by all stakeholders of this issue.

We look forward to reviewing the proposed ordinance when it becomes ready for public input.

Sincerely,

GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT



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