



ISSUE & POLICY ROUNDTABLE

Thursday,
September 25,
12:00pm

Chair:
Mark Dispenza

THE CHAMBER'S FORUM FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS CONCERNS

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 3 - Member Education Luncheon (Free)
Jean Blois
Community Room
271 N. Fairview
Suite 104
12:00pm - 1:15 pm
- 8 - Goleta Council Candidate Forum
Holiday Inn
5650 Calle Real
\$35 - Members
\$45 - Non-Members
12:00pm - 1:30 pm
- 18-19 - California Lemon Festival in Goleta - Girsh Park (behind Home Depot)
Free Admission & Parking
Sat - 10am - 6pm
Sun - 10am - 5pm
- 14 -3rd District Supervisor Candidate Forum
Jean Blois
Community Room
271 N. Fairview
Suite 104
12:00pm - 1:15 pm
- 23 -Goleta Water District Candidate Forum
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Goleta Water District

In a preview of his annual report to the Board, Goleta Water District (GWD) General Manager Kevin Walsh discusses the latest developments at the GWD including recent infrastructure upgrades, supply levels, and local water quality. Mr. Walsh will answer your questions on pertinent topics including: What is the SAFE Ordinance? How do statewide drought conditions impact our region? Has Goleta's water supply been affected by recent wildfires?



Kevin Walsh
*General Manager,
Goleta Water District*

Mr. Walsh grew up on the central coast, attended college at the University of California at Davis and Loyola Marymount University, and has spent his entire career in the water and wastewater business, working along California's beautiful coast from Santa Cruz to San Diego. He first began work with the Goleta Water District in 1981 and will be retiring on October 1st.

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INTEREST ITEMS

Item 1 Preparing for the Rainy Season

This rainy season there is an increased likelihood of flooding due to the effects of the Gap Fire. The City of Goleta is urging residents and businesses to take basic precautions to protect your home and property. To learn more, attend a Neighborhood Meeting, hosted by City officials.

Meetings will be held on:

Thursday, October 2, 2008

6:30 - 8:00pm

Goleta Valley Community Center
(Spanish Translation Available)

Thursday, October 9, 2008

11:30 - 1:00pm

City Hall Council Chamber

-- For Businesses --

Visit www.cityofgoleta.org for more information.

Item 2 AB 32 Implementation

On September 18th, Goleta Valley Chamber President and CEO, Kristen Amyx held a press conference with representatives from the AB32 Implementation group, a statewide coalition of business and community leaders who are advocating for cost-effective and technologically feasible goals to achieve the necessary reduction in greenhouse gas emissions while supporting a growing and healthy economy and promoting innovation.

AB32 has long been on the Chamber's radar screen and we have joined the AB 32 Implementation Group coalition because of the potential impacts on the local business community. The Chamber supports the goals of AB 32 and reaching real greenhouse gas emission reductions, but believes we need to make sure we do so in a way that allows our local economy to grow and prosper.

Amyx said, "The task of implementing AB

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32 is unprecedented and of almost incomprehensible proportions. Goleta's businesses understand that they, along with virtually every sector of California's economy, will play a role in reducing greenhouse gases. We are committed to achieving these goals but are looking to our state government to ensure that the path to full implementation is reasonable, clear and feasible. It is vitally important that in implementing AB 32 we use the best available economic modeling. The goal of AB32 is broad, sweeping and important. We don't want unintended consequences to hurt the very businesses who are in a position to make the best progress toward reducing greenhouse gasses."

The Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce will remain engaged in this issue and will continue to let the California Air Resources Board know they can -- and must -- create good standards.

Item 3 Voter Guide 2008

The Goleta Valley Chamber has taken the following positions:

Prop 7 – The Solar and Clean Energy Act 2008 – **OPPOSE**. The Chamber opposes Prop 7 due to the measure's potential to substantially drive up energy prices in the state and its unworkable mandates. RLA: OPPOSE CalChamber: OPPOSE

Prop 10 – Alternative Fuel and Renewable Energy – **OPPOSE**. Market forces are already driving sales of alternative fuel vehicles. It does not make sense for the State to go into debt in order to further incentivize the purchase of such technology, especially considering the current fiscal crisis. RLA: OPPOSE CalChamber: OPPOSE

Prop 11 – The Voters First Initiative – **SUPPORT**. The Goleta Valley Chamber along with the CalChamber has long believed that fair redistricting is the key to meaningful political reform. Proposition 11 will allow the citizens of California, rather than the Legislature, create legislative districts that will require elected officials to be accountable to the voters. RLA: SUPPORT CalChamber: SUPPORT

Measure A - Santa Barbara County Transportation Infrastructure Sales Tax Renewal - **SUPPORT**. Measure A is critical for the maintenance of local roads, public transportation funding, alternative transportation programs including commuter rail and bike paths, and continued widening of US101. Pick up a lawn sign today at the Chamber to show your support.

For a complete summary of the Chamber's positions, look for the November 2008 Voter Guide in the mail and posted on our website.

SAVE THE DATE

Goleta Council Candidate Forum

Wednesday, October 8th - 12:00pm - 1:30pm - Holiday Inn, 5650 Calle Real
\$35/members - \$45/non-members at the door. Limited seating & lunch included. Reservations strongly recommended.

California Lemon Festival in Goleta

Saturday, October 18th - 10am - 6pm and Sunday, October 19th - 10am - 5pm
Girsh Park, Santa Felicia Drive, Goleta (behind Home Depot)
Free Admission and Parking, please no pets

3rd District Supervisor Candidate Forum

Tuesday, October 14th - 12:00pm - 1:15pm
Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce, 271 N. Fairview, Goleta *Note: Please bring \$5 for lunch*

Goleta Water District Candidate Forum

Tuesday, October 23th - 12:00pm - 1:15pm
Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce, 271 N. Fairview, Goleta *Note: Please bring \$5 for lunch*

THE GOLETA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS A MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:



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LOCAL POLITICAL CALENDAR

October

7 - Goleta City Council Meeting
6:00pm
Goleta City Hall
130 Cremona drive, Ste. B

13 - Planning Commission Meeting
6:00pm
Goleta City Hall
130 Cremona drive, Ste. B

*IPR is the Chamber's forum for governmental and business concerns. The IPR committee will endeavor to study and take positions, when appropriate, on local regional and state issues that affect business and commerce in the Greater Goleta Valley. The Chamber is the largest and most broadly based business representative in the Goleta Valley. It is the Chamber's role to promote a platform of economic health and vitality for the Goleta Valley on behalf of our members. IPR meetings and discussions are open to all Chamber members. When voting on an action item, all members present will be asked to vote. To be valid, votes must include a majority of the committee members listed below:
Kristen Amyx
Jean Blois
Mark Dispenza
Mark Ingalls
Jim Knight
Bill Macfadyen
Tim Mahoney
Earl McCutcheon
Bill Redding*