

# **TEN PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE FOR THE GOLETA WATER DISTRICT**

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If elected, our first order of business will be to adopt policies that promote accountability, openness and transparency, and we invite the other candidates to join us in this pledge:

1. Publish and conduct an open review of the Goleta Water District's budget; fund proposed projects in the budget so the Board and the public may track them easily.
2. Hold a meaningful public hearing prior to adoption of the budget, at a convenient time for the community, with budget materials available to the public.
3. Publish monthly financial performance reports that are compared to budget goals.
4. Provide tentative board meeting agendas at least 7 days prior to meetings so community members can more easily prepare comments on items of interest and schedule their attendance.
5. Make agenda documents available to the public as soon as possible on the GWD website and via e-mail notification to those who are interested.
6. Use standing committees rather than ad hoc committees so that the Board's decision process is more open and clear to the public.
7. Hold committee meetings at 10 AM or 2 PM and record minutes of committee meetings so the public can more easily follow recommendations made in committees.
8. Permit any Board member to post agenda items for upcoming Board meetings.
9. Fulfill document requests from members of the public as soon as possible after a request is received.
10. Establish procedures for implementing District ordinances, such as the SAFE Water Supplies Ordinance, in accordance with their terms and consistent with the public's understanding of these important ordinances.