

RESOLUTION 2013-1976

**A RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM
APRIL 22 – 26, 2013 AS A PERIOD FOR
NO DRUGS DOWN THE DRAIN AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AWARENESS
LAS GALLINAS VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT**

RESOLVED, by the Sanitary Board of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, Marin County, California, as follows:

WHEREAS, every day unused medications are disposed of down the toilet or thrown away in the garbage, and

WHEREAS, the increasing numbers and quantities of pharmaceutical drugs in our waters are now known to pose serious threats to the environment, to wildlife and to human health, and

WHEREAS, sewer treatment plants cannot effectively remove all pharmaceuticals that are excreted and/or flushed down the toilet, impacting bay waters and areas where recycled water is used, and

WHEREAS, drugs that are thrown away in the garbage also enter the waterways, and

WHEREAS, alternatives exist to remove unused and expired pharmaceuticals from the waste stream, including drug take-back programs, and

WHEREAS, the general public would do the right thing in disposing of their unused medications if they were made aware of the alternatives that exist, and

WHEREAS, local take-back programs currently in place as yet do not allow the take-back of regulated medications, and

WHEREAS, take-back programs have been shown to be a cost-effective and efficient means of removing these pharmaceuticals from disposal that contaminates the environment, and

WHEREAS, the District has already been the sponsor for an effective and popular take-back programs for the residents, and

WHEREAS, the District supports a clean and safe environment for its residents; and

WHEREAS, pollution prevention is an approach to environmental protection that focuses on prevention, and therefore a preferable strategy for protecting our environment; and

WHEREAS, pollution prevention can increase industrial efficiency and save businesses money; and

WHEREAS, pollution prevention offers both environmental protection and increased economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, by focusing attention on pollution prevention, the District will meet the continuing challenges of the new millennium for economic competitiveness, environmental protection and environmental regulation; and

WHEREAS, this awareness period is an opportunity for government, industry and environmental organizations to recognize the potential of pollution prevention and to work together to plan for a prosperous and sustainable future.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that April 22 – 26, 2013 is a time for No Drugs Down the Drain and Pollution Prevention Awareness and the District does hereby urge all community members and businesses of the District to participate in local and regional celebratory and educational activities.

I hereby certify that the forgoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly passed and adopted by the Sanitary Board of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, Marin County, California, at a meeting thereof held on April 4, 2013, by the following vote of the members thereof:

AYES, and if favor thereof, Members: *Clark, Elias, Greenfield, Murray, Schrieblman*
NOES, Members: *None*
ABSENT, Members: *None*
ABSTAIN, Members: *None*

Carol Memmott
Carolyn A. Memmott, District Secretary
Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District

APPROVED:

Megan Clark
Megan Clark, President Board of Directors

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