

RESOLUTION No 2008-1863

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OCTOBER 4-11, 2008 AS A WEEK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA "NO DRUGS DOWN THE DRAIN" PROGRAM

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, the State of California, in coordination with water agencies, sanitation agencies, and state, local and federal governmental agencies, has declared October 4th to 11th, 2008 "No Drugs Down the Drain" week, 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,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District is joining with the state of California in its "No Drugs Down the Drain" program, October 4th – 11th, 2008, to help raise public awareness about the need to keep medications out of the waste stream.

AYES, and in favor thereof, Members:

NOES, Members:

ABSENT, Members

Mark R. Williams, Secretary Pro Tem
Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District

ATTEST:

Megan Clark, Board President
Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District