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Preserve Gaviota Coast

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To the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

The Santa Barbara League of Women Voters has long worked to secure permanent protection for the Gaviota Coast, as one of the last beautiful and open stretches of the California Coast. We supported the failed effort to make it a protected national shoreline. We would now support your approval of the Gaviota Coast Plan, but we do think that a few changes would greatly strengthen it.

Please strengthen the policies with these changes:

- (1) Amend the Gaviota Plan ESHA Ordinance to protect the environmentally sensitive habitats from land clearing and new, or expanded large scale agricultural activities.
- (2) Prohibit the use of all fracking, steam injection and enhanced oil and gas recovery methods in the Gaviota Coast Plan area.
- (3) Ensure that additional homes will not be built until the much needed trail easement is open and accessible to the public.
- (4) Protect the scenic views from the railroad.
- (5) Ensure that the Plan complies with the Coastal Act .

The protection of this coast has always been a South Coast priority, and this may be our last, best chance to ensure its future.

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