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SURFERS' ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE (SEA)

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Respectful greetings from Surfers' Environmental Alliance (S.E.A.),

SEA urges all of you to support removing the rip-rap seawalls at Goleta Beach. Seawalls always cause beach sand erosion over time, so the only way to "save" Goleta is to begin by removing the existing seawalls. SEA members have visited Goleta many, many times over the years and have always enjoyed the site for several different types of outdoor recreation. As a coastal resource it is foolish and not in the public interest to allow it to disappear due to human-placed coastal barriers, like seawalls.

The new proposed plan for Goleta Beach will remove the unpermitted seawall to finally save Goleta Beach. In addition, some parking spaces will be relocated, out of harm's way, to other areas in the park. The bike path will also be moved to higher ground and rebuilt to be wider and safer. The sewer line will be moved away from the beach to avoid future sewage spills. And the lawn and picnic tables can be replaced in other parts of the park... but the sandy beach cannot be replaced. Please act now to allow the beach to come back.

As a preliminary matter, Surfers' Environmental Alliance (SEA) is committed to the preservation and protection of the environmental and cultural elements that are inherent to the sport of surfing. Our goals are achieved through grassroots activism, community involvement, education and humanitarian efforts. We engage in projects that strive to conserve the quality of our marine environment, preserve or enhance surf breaks, protect beach access rights, and safeguard the coastal surf zone from unnecessary development. www.seasurfer.org

As you may know, Surfers' Environmental Alliance is headquartered in California on the west coast and in New Jersey on the east coast. We we are the people in the water, we support actions which tend to promote clean waters and free coastal access. Any actions which tend to negatively effect these goals is actively opposed by all SEA members. so we are very interested in this matter.

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