



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: September 20, 2011
Placement: Administrative
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Continued Item: No.
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Chandra L. Wallar, CEO
Director:
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SUBJECT: Goleta Beach 2.0 Preliminary Design/Engineering Services

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Receive and file report on Goleta Beach 2.0 preliminary design services.
- b. Authorize staff to begin process to receive Requests for Proposals (RFP) for preparation of Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Goleta Beach 2.0.
- c. Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of CEQA, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(5), in that the proposed actions constitute an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to receive and file report on Goleta Beach 2.0 preliminary engineering studies and to provide information to the Board of Supervisors on next steps in the process.

On September 21, 2010 the Board of Supervisors authorized the Director of Parks to initiate preliminary engineering studies for the Goleta Beach 2.0 conceptual plan.

Preliminary engineering work is now complete. The next step in the process is to conduct environmental review. The environmental review process including CEQA and permitting will be managed by the County Planning & Development Department with Santa Barbara County Parks as the client.

Background:

RECENT HISTORY

On September 21, 2010 the Board of Supervisors approved the Goleta Beach 2.0 Conceptual Plan and, directed staff to initiate preliminary engineering studies at a cost of \$75,000. The Goleta Beach 2.0 project, as conceptually approved, involves various improvements to Goleta Beach County Park to ultimately address issues created by persistent shoreline erosion. The proposed project involves limited shoreline retreat and an enhancement plan which would be implemented primarily at the western end of the park. For purposes of environmental review, the following proposed project components have been identified:

1. Removal of 43,000 square feet of asphalt at west end parking lot (150 spaces proposed for removal) and restoration of the beach environment. This area will be restored back to beach for recreational use and to act as a buffer zone to protect facilities located landward.
2. Establishment of a transportation and utility corridor with a “high erosion protection zone” by constructing a compacted earth berm at the western most 500 linear feet of the corridor.
3. Relocation of at risk utilities out of the coastal processes zone and into the corridor: Utilities include:
 - a. County 4 inch sanitary sewer force main
 - b. County 3 inch domestic water line
 - c. County 1 inch telephone conduit
 - d. Goleta Water District 18 inch reclaimed water line
 - e. Southern California Gas (Sempra Energy) 8 inch high pressure gas line
4. Relocation of the existing bike path into the new corridor and increase the safety of the bike path by increasing the width and raising the elevation relative to the existing parking lots.
5. Removal of sections of rock revetment (approximately 950 linear feet) installed under the California Coastal Commission emergency permits in 2002 and 2005 that have since expired.
6. Installation of a protective geo textile dune and buried cobble structure along approximately 175 linear feet west of the Beachside Restaurant to protect the Goleta Sanitary District vault.

The vast majority of the proposed improvements would be located at the western end of the park near lots 6 and 7 (see attached maps) with a small section of the project to include the protection of the sanitation district sewer outfall vault. Restrooms, picnic facilities, and other park features not listed above remain in place.

The estimated cost of construction for the project specified is \$3,500,000. This cost does not include environmental review, final design, permitting, and any additional monitoring of the project which may be required.

NEXT STEPS

The environmental review process for Goleta Beach 2.0 will assess the proposed projects short and long term environmental impacts. The general scope of work will include the following:

- Preparation of an Initial Study and Notice of Preparation of a Draft EIR

- Attendance at EIR scoping meetings
- Preparation of an Administrative Draft EIR that includes the following:
 - Executive Summary
 - Environmental Setting
 - Project Description
 - Discussion of Environmental Impacts
 - Discussion project Alternatives
- Preparation of the public review Draft EIR with County comments
- Preparation of final EIR
- Attendance at all public hearings on the project

To the greatest degree possible the EIR for Goleta Beach 2.0 will utilize the technical analysis prepared as part of the previous Goleta Beach Long-term Protection EIR prepared in 2005 and technical studies prepared as a part of the preparation of the preliminary design component of the project.

County Planning and Development will serve as Project Managers for the environmental review of Goleta Beach 2.0. Santa Barbara County Parks will be the client. It is anticipated that staff will return to the Board of Supervisors in November of 2011 for authorization of a contract with a firm to prepare the environmental impact report. A corresponding budget revision to address all costs association with preparation of the environmental documents will be brought forward at that time.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Preliminary cost estimates associated with the EIR, including project management by the Planning & Development Department, are \$250,000-\$300,000. The total cost of Goleta Beach 2.0 construction as proposed is estimated at \$3,500,000.

Staffing Impacts:

No impact with this action.

Attachments:

- Maps of Overview of Goleta Beach 2.0 Preliminary Design – Completed work
- Memo from CEO to Parks Commission

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