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SURFERS' ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE (SEA)

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Respectful greetings from Surfers' Environmental Alliance,

We support the Goleta Beach 2.0 project which will protect Goleta Beach Park in an environmentally responsible way.

The project will add an acre of sandy beach to Goleta Beach Park, which will be open for public recreation, such as bird watching, beach parties, sun-tanning, and sand castle building.

Goleta Beach 2.0 maintains protections for the restaurant, while enhancing safe access for bikes, pedestrians, and autos, offering a new MTD bus stop, and providing overflow parking.

The project follows the advice of the Coastal Commission. We strongly urge you all to support the Goleta Beach 2.0 project.

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, SEA is based in California on the West Coast and New Jersey on the East Coast. SEA operates nationally and overseas also when appropriate, so we are extremely interested in the proposed project. Any public action which reduces water quality, beach access or surfing access is strongly opposed by all SEA members.

We welcome your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Littlefield

West Coast Environmental Projects Director

Surfers' Environmental Alliance (SEA)