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From: Anne Burdette <aburdettesb@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 1:07 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Support Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan ESH Map Update
Attachments: Support Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan ESH Map Update.pdf

Dear Clerk of the Board,

Please distribute the attached letter to the Board of Supervisors in advance of its August 14 hearing on the EGVCP ESH Map.

Thank you,

Anne Burdette

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August 2, 2018
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
Support Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan ESH Map Update

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Anne Burdette and I am a local high school student and board member of the Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council. I am writing to you to share my standpoint on the EGVCP ESH Map, since I attended the meeting on July 3 and will be out of town August 14, the date to which the item was continued. I care deeply about preserving Santa Barbara's natural habitats and want to urge you to adopt the new ESH Map.

Eastern Goleta Valley has important environmentally sensitive habitats that provide many benefits to people and the environment alike. They support rare plant and animal species, reduce the risks of flooding and erosion, and help our creeks flow year round, free of excessive debris, so they can support steelhead trout, red legged frogs, Western pond turtles, and other rare species.

Mapping environmentally sensitive habitats for conservation will help preserve these environmental benefits and ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy the same valuable ecosystems that we have today. It is extremely important to me that today's youth, as well as those of coming generations, will be able to learn about nature by experiencing it firsthand. Once our environmentally sensitive habitats are gone, we will not be able to get them back, so I urge you to support their protection before it is too late.

I understand that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife sent you a letter clarifying that the state wants its rare species data shared on the County's ESH Map to further the conservation of rare species and habitats. I completely agree because, by definition, rare species habitats are ESH, and an ESH Map that does not show the locations of all types of ESH is misleading and not very useful.

In conclusion, I strongly support the adoption of the ESH Map, with the inclusion of the rare species data supplied by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, because we owe it to future generations to protect Santa Barbara County's valuable habitat.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,
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From: Rick Frickmann <rfrickmann@cox.net>
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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Bradbury Dam prevents steelhead access to creeks in our back country, but ocean going steelhead still can navigate creeks in Eastern Goleta Valley and Gaviota.

Chaparral is critical to the health of these front country creeks. It directs rain into ground water and provides rich habitat for a multi link food chain.

Please think beyond human activities and consider the future of all of Santa Barbara's species. Protect our chaparral.

Sincerely
Richard Frickmann