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RE: GOLETA BEACH PARK PROTECTION PLAN

Dear Chair Carbajal and Board Members,

The County's Goleta Beach Park is located less than one-half mile south of the City of Goleta and offers unique coastal recreational opportunities highly prized by the residents of Goleta. In response to shoreline erosion and related threats to beach and park resources, the County released the Goleta Beach Park Protection Plan and formed a working group of which Goleta was a participant. We wish to thank you for the opportunity to participate on the working group and to provide feedback regarding project alternatives presented in the Plan's environmental document.

At a public meeting on January 15, 2008, the Goleta City Council considered the Park Protection Plan alternatives presented in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). The Council unanimously voted to support the Beach Stabilization/Permeable Pier Project Alternative as it offers the best opportunity to protect the park facilities while maintaining a wider beach for shore protection and recreation. Additionally, the Beach Stabilization/Permeable Pier Project was identified as the environmentally superior alternative in the DEIR, further justifying Goleta's support.

Again, we appreciate this opportunity to provide support for this critically important project. Councilmember Jonny Wallis will speak to this matter at your Board Hearing on January 22, 2008.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Bennett
Mayor

C: County Clerk
Michael Brown, County Chief Administrative Officer
Daniel Hernandez, County Parks Department Director
Goleta City Council

