

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 10/21/05
Department Name: Parks
Department No.: 052
Agenda Date: 11/8/05
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time: 2.5 hours on 12/6/05
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rick Wheeler
Director of Parks

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SUBJECT: Goleta Beach Long Term Master Plan Process; Second Supervisorial District

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors set a hearing for December 6, 2005 to consider recommendations regarding the Goleta Beach County Park Long Term Master Planning Process and long term solutions for the protection of the sandy beach and park land.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 5.A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

There has been substantial community discussion and debate about the future of Goleta Beach County Park. Several studies have been prepared over the last 3-4 years relating to the land uses, biological resources, and physical processes at the park that include approaches to take to retain and protect the recreational and biological resources that exist at Goleta Beach County Park. Second District County Supervisor Susan Rose and the County Parks Department initiated a community visioning process to build consensus about the future of the County Park, which includes the lawn and recreation area, and the sandy beach. A Working Group was formed at the request of the 2nd District Supervisor in December 2003. Eighteen people participated on the Working Group, including interest groups, lessees, City of Goleta, UC Santa Barbara, utility representatives and at-large public members. The Working Group's goal was to *"Create a plan for Goleta Beach County Park [including lawn, sandy beach, amenities, parking, pier, etc.] which is sustainable over more than 20 years taking into account long-term environmental change."*

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On September 29, 2005, the Santa Barbara County Park Commission heard presentations from the Working Group Facilitators regarding the overall community input received concerning the future of Goleta Beach, as well as the Working Group's process and outcome. Consultants from Moffatt & Nichol Engineers, Chambers Group, and Philip Williams and Associates presented hard and soft beach and park protection alternatives as well as the biological setting of the park and how differing alternatives might affect these resources. At your Board hearing on December 6, 2005, staff and consultants will present the alternatives considered by the working group, the working group findings and the Park Commission recommendation regarding the long term future of the park and will request from the Board a project or project(s) for purposes of commencing environmental review.

Mandates and Service Levels: No mandate with this action.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: No fiscal or facilities impact with this action

Special Instructions: None