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From: Paula Bagalio <pabfnp52@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 4:28 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan

Dear County Supervisors:

I would like to join the Environmental Defense Center and other environmentally concerned citizens to encourage protecting our precious undeveloped lands and preserving them for our future generation and our wild life, in keeping with this areas commendable record of enviromental issues. Already the last 10 years has shown overgrowth and overdevelopment of our natural recourses particularly in the Goleta area. I want to see the following;

1. increased buffers for environmentally sensitive habitats on More Mesa;
2. Protections for chaparral, birds of prey, creeks and habitats in the Goleta Valley area;
3. Prohibitions on coastal bluff development, including private staircases that jeopardize our beaches ,bluff stability and habitats

Sincerely

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From: James Vollaro <jamesvollaro@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 5:56 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Hearing:

Please accept the following recommendations from the California Coastal Commission for the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan:

- Increased buffers for environmentally sensitive habitats on More Mesa;
- Protections for chaparral, birds of prey, creeks and habitats in the Goleta Valley area; and
- Prohibitions on coastal bluff development, including private staircases that jeopardize our beaches, bluff stability, and habitats.

Thank you!

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From: blumvicky@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 6:27 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Esatern Goleta Valley Community Plan

To The Board of Supervisors:

The California Coastal Commission is recommending increased buffers for environmentally sensitive habitats on More Mesa; protections for chaparral, birds of prey, creeks, and habitats in the Goleta Valley area; and prohibitions on coastal bluff development, including private staircases that jeopardize our beaches, bluff stability, and habitats.

We're asking you to protect Goleta's open spaces, watersheds, and wildlife habitats by accepting these recommendations.

Sincerely,
Vicky Blum and David Lebell

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From: c birkhahn <chaninb_2000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 8:44 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan

More Mesa provides a small but vital example of wildness in an increasingly developed world. Please protect it and the other natural spaces like it for future generations. Once developed, these spaces would be permanently altered.

"Experiencing nature directly is essential for kids' physical health, mental health and their appreciation of the natural world. It allows them to use all 5 senses: the sight of the vast ocean, the sound of the wind in the trees, the smell of sweet flowers, the feel of rough bark or smooth river stones, the taste of wild berries. No electronic device can replace that."

From **The Importance Of Kids Being In Nature by** Alison Lueders May 27, 2015

Thank you,
Chanin Birkhahn
Santa Barbara, CA

From me to you ☐

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From: Cheryl Tomchin <ctomchin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 8:58 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan

- Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please keep our open spaces open. As we become required to have denser and denser building to house more and more people we need to be mindful of not losing the beauty we are blessed to call home.

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Hope Ranch Park Homes Association

October 26, 2017

Supervisor Joan Hartmann, Chair
Supervisor Das Williams, Vice-Chair
Supervisor Janet Wolf
Supervisor Peter Adam
Supervisor Steve Lavagnino

105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan Coastal Zone Certification

Dear Chair Hartmann and Supervisors,

Hope Ranch Park Homes Association urges you to reject the California Coastal Commission's certification with modifications of an amendment to the County's Local Coastal Program regarding the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan.

Hope Ranch Park Homes Association (Hope Ranch) is comprised of 750 homes located on approximately 2,000 acres abutting the coastline in Santa Barbara. Hope Ranch was established in the mid-1800s and has a parallel history with the City of Santa Barbara. Many of our historic properties overlook the Pacific, and have, for decades, maintained minimally sized, unobtrusive stair access to the ocean.

The Hope Ranch Board, in an open meeting on October 25, 2017, carefully reviewed the Commission's proposed modification 9 to revised Policy GEO-EGV-1.1. The Board believes the proposed public access requirement for all staircases and access ways installed on bluff faces will severely diminish many of our members' property rights and property values. We understand the Coastal Commission attempted to impose a similar restriction on bluff face development in the past, which the County properly rejected in 2011. This has been a long-standing issue in the County, and our members have relied on the County's consistent policy of permitting engineered staircases and access ways on bluff faces, so long as sensitive habitats are protected and proper design and construction is ensured.

While the majority of the Coastal Commission's suggested modifications are agreeable, revised Policy GEO-EGV-1.1 takes away private property rights and creates a clear health and safety issue for the 100-foot high cliff-side properties in Santa Barbara and Hope Ranch. The private bluff staircases and access ways—many of which have existed for a century or more—require safety maintenance and are part of the land owner's private

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property, meaning the only way that any governmental authority can take them is through negotiations with the private property owner or through eminent domain. There is no specific language on how repair and replacement of historic stairways will take place. Given the current language, the question must be asked "what happens to current private stairs that need repair or replacement in order to remain safe?"

The public has multiple nearby access to the coast through the vast and undeveloped coastal property called More Mesa--which abuts Hope Ranch's western boundary--Goleta Beach just west of that, and Hendry's Beach just east of our association.

Your constituency elected you to protect their local interests, not to abdicate vital land use decisions to a State Commission that does not understand our county, its history, and its existing public access to the coast.

We request that you reject the California Coastal Commission's modification to Policy GEO-EGV-1.1.

Sincerely,

Hope Ranch Park Homes Association Board of Directors
Bob Atwater, President