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Chairman Joe Centeno
Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, California 93101

Subject: Planning and Development Department Annual Work Plan 2009-2010
Gaviota Coast Rural Regional Plan

Chairman Centeno and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The Cojo-Jalama Ranch is writing to support the consideration of a Rural Regional/General Plan Update for the Gaviota Coast.

We understand the current General Plan for the Goleta/Gaviota planning area is over 20 years old and it may be appropriate to take this opportunity to develop a comprehensive strategy that results in a Rural Regional Plan that retains a land owner's property rights while sustaining agriculture and preserving the natural resources of the region.

In a time of constrained public budgets and a limited ability to expand services, we recognize that your Board must be prudent with the public's funds, be clear with its priorities and provide value when initiating a new program. If I may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Mark Chaconas
Cojo-Jalama Ranch