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Ms. Irene Macias, Library Director
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Subject: Environmental Impact Report for the Goleta Valley Community Plan Update for
the Eastern Goleta Valley

Dear Ms. Macias:

On February 21, 2012, the Board of Supervisors initiated environmental review of the proposed Goleta Valley Community Plan Update for the Eastern Goleta Valley (Plan). Planning and Development requests the Santa Barbara Public Library System Administration provide comments on public service-related questions necessary for the proposed Plan update for preparation of the Plan update Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The EIR will assess the potential impact of the land uses proposed in the Plan on existing library facilities, the library service performance objectives, and any existing needs for new or expanded library facilities. The EIR will also assess the proposed Plan policies effectiveness in mitigating potential impacts and, if necessary, will identify additional mitigation measures.

Project Description

The Plan update adds a new Eastern Goleta Valley Plan area to the 1993 Goleta Community Plan. The approximately 23,000-acre Plan area is located between the City of Santa Barbara to the east and the City of Goleta to the west. The Plan area reaches from Camino Cielo Road near the ridgeline of the Santa Ynez Mountains to the north, to the Pacific Ocean to the south.

The Environmental Scoping Study (Scoping Study), dated August 15, 2013, provides a detailed project description of the Plan area on pages 2 through 38. Scoping Study tables 1-1 through 1-10 and maps detail the proposed land uses for the 20-year Plan update period and compare the maximum theoretical buildout of the Plan area to the 1993 Plan. The Scoping Study is available at:

http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/planareas/goleta/documents/GCP/EIR/Scoping/GCP_for_EGV_Environmental_Scoping_Rev_81513.pdf

The Plan update includes Urban/Rural boundary line changes, a new mixed use zone for the Hollister Avenue and State Street Commercial Corridor, rezoning of commercial zones to Retail Commercial (C-2), the study of eight housing opportunity sites for rezoning at densities up to 20 units an acre, complete streets transportation system improvements, and planning for coastal access, parks, and trails. The proposed policies related to public services and facilities are on pages 70 through 72 of the Plan update and available for review at:

http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/planareas/goleta/documents/GCP/Draft_EGVCP_022112_BOS_Initiated.pdf

Scope of the EIR

Consistent with the Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA, the EIR will address the potential and cumulative impacts to library service standards and facilities related to the proposed Plan update, and identify mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate identified impacts. The list of questions in Attachment A is intended to help guide your review of the Plan update's potential effects. Please provide any additional relevant information you find necessary to complete your review.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could provide me with this information by Monday, April 12, 2014. Please contact me at bmcnulty@countyofsb.org or (805)884-8060 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

Attachment A: Library Director Questions

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Subject: FW: EIR report for the Goleta Valley Community Plan update for the Eastern Goleta Valley
Date: Monday, April 07, 2014 9:17:46 AM
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Hi Margaret,

Thank you for your time responding to our inquiry.

The information you provided is very helpful for our review of public service providers affected by the Goleta Valley Community Plan Update for the Eastern Goleta Valley.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the project or have additional comments.

Sincerely,

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From: Esther, Margaret [<mailto:mesther@SantaBarbaraCA.gov>]
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Subject: EIR report for the Goleta Valley Community Plan update for the Eastern Goleta Valley

Hello Bret McNulty,

Thank you for the opportunity to be part of this review process. Your letter regarding the EIR report has been referred to me as the Library Services Manager supervising the County Libraries and the Goleta Library.

I am enclosing a scanned copy of your letter to Irene Macias, Library Director for the Santa Barbara Public Library System. The letter includes Attachment A which lists five questions that you are requesting comment on.

With those original documents, I have added an amended Attachment A: Library Director Questions which includes answers to the questions.

The last question is the most difficult to answer at this time due to the changing nature of library services at the library facilities. While the library locations are already overburdened with current

demands of the community, we have been able to expand services into the “digital” or downloadable service area thus providing increased access for our local communities.

At the same time, libraries like the library in Goleta have worked very hard to offer expanded programs and events which add learning opportunities for children and families.

Please let me know if there is additional information I can provide to support this plan update.

Cordially,

Margaret Esther

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ATTACHMENT A: Library Director Questions

Please provide written responses to the following questions related to the proposed Plan update and provide comments to Planning and Development by Monday, April 12, 2014.

1. Please confirm that the Goleta Branch Library can provide library services to the residents of the Plan area. Please describe the square footage, number of items, and the general service area of the Goleta Branch Library.
2. What are the County's library service goals?
3. Do the libraries in the service area currently meet the County's library service area goals?
4. Are there any plans for new or expanded library facilities for the Eastern Goleta Valley area?
5. How would the Plan updates (land use, zoning, development pattern, and policy updates) affect the County's library service? Would additional libraries or library expansions be required?

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1. Please confirm that the Goleta Branch Library can provide library services to the residents of the Plan area. Please describe the square footage, number of items and the general service area of the Goleta Library.

Yes, the Goleta Library can provide a full range of library services to the residents of the Plan area. The Goleta Library is 15,437 square feet and currently holds approximately 80,000 physical items for check out or reference. The general service area of the Goleta Library encompasses approximately 86,000 county residents. The service area extends eastward to the western edge of the City of Santa Barbara which includes the Eastern Goleta Valley. The Isla Vista area, foothills north of the City of Goleta, the City of Goleta, and all of County Service Area #3 (CSA3) are included in the Goleta Library service area.

2. What are the County's library service goals?

The County of Santa Barbara provides for Library Services to the Eastern Goleta Valley through an Agreement with the City of Santa Barbara (the agreement includes the Cities of Lompoc and Santa Maria for other areas of the County). The service goals for the County's library service are not distinct from the goals established for the Goleta Library by the City of Santa Barbara.

In administration of the Goleta Library by the City of Santa Barbara Library Department, service goals are developed, measured and reported each year. The following service levels are established for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015) for the Goleta Library:

- Maintain a circulation of 615,000 items checked out to the community
- Assist at least 32,000 adults and 6,800 children within the Goleta Library
- Programs are provided for youth in the Goleta and at least 8,400 youth will attend
- Provide access to the internet to the public for more than 60,000 sessions
- Provide access to the library 7 days a week for a total of 55 open hours each week.

3. Do the libraries in the service area currently meet the County's library service area goals?

Yes, for details please see list above. The goals for are the same as for the current year, and are being met for the current fiscal year.

4. Are there any plans for new or expanded library facilities for the Eastern Goleta Valley area?

No.

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