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From: M. Checa [m_a_checa@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2009 4:39 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob
Subject: PROTECT GOLETA'S BEACHES
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Hello, County Board Supervisors.

This is related to the upcoming hearing on October 6th regarding the Goleta Beaches. I encourage you to focus and take action on the following points:

1. Pursue a solution that protects the park--and, moreover, that also protects the beach and environment.
2. The Coastal Commission voted 9-1 in July to reject the structural "groin" project because structures designed to trap sand rob sand from down-coast beaches, causing down coast erosion. The 9-1 vote was clear direction to pursue an environmental approach.
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6. Please support a natural solution that protects the park and the environment, and that the Coastal Commission can support.

Thank you for your attention and action.

Kind regards,

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From: Christina Hsu [christinahsu@live.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2009 11:19 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob
Subject: Re: 10/6 Goleta Beach Hearing

Dear Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,


I am writing to urge the County to pursue an environmentally sensitive approach to managing Goleta Beach. This includes, but is not limited to, protecting down-coast beaches from erosion. As a Board, you have strongly declared an opinion against the structural "groin" project that proposes the same; your 9-1 vote this past summer was a clear direction to pursue an environmental approach.

I am in support of a natural solution that protects both park and beach. Please consider the following regarding the hearing on Oct. 6th:

- Structural solutions are expensive to build and come with high monitoring and mitigation price tags, including ongoing beach nourishment.
- Reconfiguration options upgrade park facilities, including all turf and parking, and cost less.

Thank you for your time,

Christina Hsu
christinahsu@live.com

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From: Corey Linberg [linberg007@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 1:33 PM

To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob

Subject: PROTECT GOLETA'S BEACHES

Dear Supervisors,

As a visitor to the beach and a concerned citizen, please pursue an environmentally-sensitive management approach that preserves and restores Goleta's only sandy beach while also providing ample recreational opportunities for people at Goleta Beach County Park.

Here are some points that I, along with others would like for you to address:

1. I want a solution that protects the park while protecting the sandy beach and natural environment.
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From: Jennings Steger [jennings_steger@patagonia.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 1:39 PM

To: Supervisor Carbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob

Subject: Goleta Beach!!

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Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: ford56gal@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 1:40 PM
Subject: Save Goleta Beach

As a local Santa Barbara/Goleta resident I am concerned about the future of Goleta Beach. At your upcoming Santa Barbara County board meeting, please consider the environmental impacts when making your decision.

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Thanks,
Concerned resident

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From: kbarnato@gmail.com on behalf of kathleen barnato [k@kathleenbarnato.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 1:43 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob
Subject: Request re Beaches

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Thank you for considering these valid points

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From: Carolyn Turner [carolyn@carinacellars.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 1:54 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob
Subject: RE: [SB_SURFRIDER] ACTION ALERT: SAVE GOLETA BEACH

Dear County Supervisors,

I am very much concerned about the future of Goleta beach and am writing to voice my concerns. I want a solution that protects the park while protecting the sandy beach and natural environment. The Coastal Commission voted 9-1 in July to reject the structural "groin" project because structures designed to trap sand rob sand from down-coast beaches, causing down coast erosion. The 9-1 vote was clear direction to pursue an environmental approach. Please support an option that respects and incorporates natural processes, and plans for future sea level rise

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Please support a natural solution that protects the park and the environment, and that the Coastal Commission can support.

Thank you for your time,
Carolyn

"For attractive lips, speak words of kindness. For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people. For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry. For poise, walk with the knowledge that you will never walk alone. People, even more than things have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed and redeemed. Never throw out anyone." ~Audrey Hepburn

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From: Dove Joans [dovejoans@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 1:58 PM

To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob

Subject: Please protect Goleta's Beaches

Thank you Santa Barbara County Board for establishing an environmental sensitive management for our Goleta Coastlines

Goleta beach & the coastlines affect us all, since we are sharing the same "Seas"

Please consider the points listed below in your management decisions:

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Many thanks & to our health!

Dove Joans

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From: David Dolotta [ddolotta@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 2:04 PM

To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob

Dear Supervisors:

I urge the County to pursue an environmentally-sensitive management approach that preserves and restores Goleta's only sandy beach while also providing ample recreational opportunities for people at Goleta Beach County Park.

Please consider the following points:

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Sincerely,
David Dolotta
1205 Del Oro Ave.
Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: Lucille Boss [pineapplesandpink@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 2:11 PM

To: Lucille Boss

Subject: PROTECT GOLETA'S BEACHES

Good Afternoon,

As a member of the Santa Barbara Chapter Surfrider Foundation, I urge you to pursue an environmentally-sensitive management approach that preserves and restores Goleta's only sandy beach while also providing ample recreational opportunities for people at Goleta Beach County Park.

I am unable to attend the Board meeting on October 6, but would like to make the following points:

1. I want a solution that protects the park while protecting the sandy beach and natural environment.
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Thank you for your time and careful consideration.

Respectfully,

Lucille T. Boss

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"Don't wait until everything is just right. It will never be perfect. There will always be challenges, obstacles and less than perfect conditions. So what. Get started now. With each step you take, you will grow stronger and stronger, more and more skilled, more and more self-confident and more and more successful." Mark Victor Hansen

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From: Michael OBrien [michaelbassman@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 2:26 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; wolf@sbcbos2.org; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT

Dear SB County Board of Supervisors,

Here are my opinions and requests re Goleta Beach.

1. I want a solution that protects the park while protecting the sandy beach and natural environment.
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Thank you,
Michael O'Brien
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Santa Barbara, Ca. 93111

Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: Laura Brands [laurabrands@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 2:38 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT no Goleta Beach structures!

Hello County Sups!

I stand with the Surfrider Foundation in the following requests to keep Goleta beach without structures!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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From: Lauren M. Cobbe [lauren_cobbe@umail.ucsb.edu]
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 9:21 PM
To: Supervisor Carbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob
Subject: Goleta Beach hearing on October 6th

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I wanted to write and urge you to deny the structural groin that was proposed at Goleta Beach. A pile groin would be detrimental to the health of Goleta Beach and would eventually ruin down coast beaches as the pile up would block sand from traveling further. The stagnation of sand drift will eventually cause erosion on down coast beaches in the future leading to problems for our neighboring counties. The structural solution would also be a burden to upkeep as monitoring and maintenance are costly-something that the County can really not afford. A natural solution that incorporates the advise from the Coastal Commission is in the best interest of beach goers, because although it reconfigures the park it also upgrades facilities and is also a more economical solution. It is also a more permanent solution as the park reconfiguration will mitigate for future sea level rise. I sincerely ask that the general public's desire for a healthy beach that future generations can enjoy is considered. I respectfully ask that the County does not allow a rock groin at Goleta Beach.

Sincerely,
Lauren Cobbe
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Lauren M. Cobbe
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Brennan, Kaitlin

From: Stephen Sorich [ssorich2001@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 7:27 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob
Subject: Goleta Beach on Oct 6th

To the SB Board of Supervisors.

My name is Stephen Sorich and my family and I live in Goleta. We do not support any decisions/modifications/plans that will include "engineered" solutions to solve the erosion at Goleta Beach. We are in favor of a more conservative approach.

As you know, the Coastal Commission as well as many other environmental groups oppose the recent "groin" proposal. We hope that the SB Board will persue environmentally sensitive approaches.

Thank you
Steve, Tanya Sorich and Family.



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Brennan, Kaitlin

From: Mike Conway [conwaymichael@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 6:30 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob
Subject: Goleta Beach

Please consider the following action items:

1. I want a solution that protects the park while protecting the sandy beach and natural environment.
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From: 2Palley [2palley@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2009 7:40 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please save Goleta BEACH County Park

Honorable Supervisors,

You have no doubt heard all these points but I am urging you to work with Surfrider Foundation, EDC and the environmental community to resolve this issue. Please do not be unduly influenced by the hysterical voices both within the community and within the county parks Dept. that predict doom and the total demise of our much beloved Goleta Beach park if seawalls or rock revetments or cockamamie and untested piling schemes are not installed at enormous cost.

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Respectfully

Kenneth and Alexandra Palley

Brennan, Kaitlin

From: srfscott@gmail.com on behalf of scott.harrison [scott@surfridersd.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 8:31 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob
Subject: Goleta - a gem worth saving!

Dear Representative,

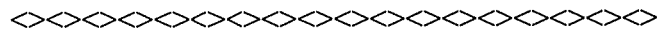
Please consider these points when pondering the issues of the Gaviota Coast next week:

1. We need a solution that protects the park while protecting the sandy beach and natural environment.
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Thank you,

Scott



Scott Harrison; Chairman, Surfrider Foundation
San Diego County Chap; www.surfriderSD.org

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From: Gordon Seabury [gordon@hornytoad.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 6:05 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob
Subject: Protect our beaches

I am one of the many concerned citizens and local business owners of a company that takes the protection of our outdoor spaces very seriously. Please consider the following points in your upcoming decisions:

1. Find a solution that protects the park while protecting the sandy beach and natural environment.
2. The Coastal Commission voted 9-1 in July to reject the structural "groin" project because structures designed to trap sand rob sand from down-coast beaches, causing down coast erosion. The 9-1 vote was clear direction to pursue an environmental approach.
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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Gordon Seabury



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Brennan, Kaitlin

From: Katie Tannenbaum [ktannenbaum@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2009 4:23 AM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob
Subject: Preserve Goleta Beach!

Dear Supervisor,

I urge you to pursue an environmentally-sensitive management approach that preserves and restores Goleta's only sandy beach while also providing ample recreational opportunities for people at Goleta Beach County Park.

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Katie Tannenbaum

Brennan, Kaitlin

From: mollymcd@earthlink.net
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 4:13 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob
Subject: Save Goleta Beach

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Saving the best aspects of Goleta Beach is a priority for our community because of its recreational benefits to families, individuals and swimmers. As a member of an ocean-swimming group that swims at Goleta Beach twice a week, often alongside the Ocean Ducks, another Santa Barbara ocean swimming group, I value the clean, wide sandy beach alongside the ocean for the protection it provides for our gear and the games it affords the children and families who are often picnicking there. Kids' summer camp events were held on the sand all summer long. This is a rare strip of sandy shore in Goleta where community members can go with friends and family. To take it away is a disservice to your constituents.

I stand by the requests by the Surfrider Foundation:

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6. Structural solutions are expensive to build and come with high monitoring and mitigation price tags, including ongoing beach nourishment.
7. Reconfiguration options upgrade park facilities and cost less.
8. Please support a natural solution that protects the park and the environment, and that the Coastal Commission can support.



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Brennan, Kaitlin

From: Jenn Feinberg Eckerle [jennfeinberg@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 3:00 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob
Subject: Save Goleta Beach
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Blue

Dear Supervisors,

I understand the importance of finding a solution that protects the recreational opportunities at Goleta Beach. But I also feel very strongly that this solution should put a priority on protecting the beach and coastal habitats at Goleta Beach while integrating a long-term plan for maintaining the park structures. I urge you to choose a natural solution with a vision towards the future that will allow for enjoyment of the park structures AND the adjacent natural resources and diverse ecology of its coastal waters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jenn Feinberg Eckerle
Santa Barbara, CA



#3

Brennan, Kaitlin

From: georganne alex [alexclothing@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 3:44 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Save Goleta Beach
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Blue

I agree with the following as outlined by the Surfrider Foundation:

1. I want a solution that protects the park while protecting the sandy beach and natural environment.
2. The Coastal Commission voted 9-1 in July to reject the structural "groin" project because structures designed to trap sand rob sand from down-coast beaches, causing down coast erosion. The 9-1 vote was clear direction to pursue an environmental approach.
3. Please support an option that respects and incorporates natural processes, and plans for future sea level rise
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8. Please support a natural solution that protects the park and the environment, and that the Coastal Commission can support.

Thank you for your attention.

Georganne Alex
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#3

Lee-Rodriguez, Nicole

From: Chris Lange [monarchsrule@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2009 4:05 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob
Cc: Chris Lange
Subject: Goleta Beach Park---support for regionally friendly approach to preservation
Chairperson Centeno and members of the board,

I appreciate being able to email my comments as I will be out of town on the day of the hearing.

As the data on beach dynamics have made clear, we condemn other prized shoreline locations and ecosystems downcoast of the Park if we limit ourselves to the sand-trapping structures such as the "groin" project.

So let's preserve Goleta Park for the users AND protect the beach and environment all around. It also does not hurt to heed nine of ten seated Coastal Commissioners on this matter. And why not save the money the sand trap structures would suck up in monitoring and mitigation fees and perpetual beach nourishment?

Park reconfigurations can protect the park and its facilities - including all turf and parking - long into the future by moving parking lots, and restrooms inland within the park.

Please support a solution that avoids the cost and loss described above, that is natural, and that lets the basic parking and restroom needs be met.

Sincerely,

Chris Lange

10/1/2009

Brennan, Kaitlin

From: tami snow [tami@hornytoad.com]
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2009 10:26 AM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob
Subject: preserve and restore Goleta's only sandy beach

Hello,

I am writing to request that the SB County to pursue an environmentally-sensitive management approach that preserves and restores Goleta's only sandy beach while also providing ample recreational opportunities for people at Goleta Beach County Park. Such as,

1. I want a solution that protects the park while protecting the sandy beach and natural environment.
2. The Coastal Commission voted 9-1 in July to reject the structural "groin" project because structures designed to trap sand rob sand from down-coast beaches, causing down coast erosion. The 9-1 vote was clear direction to pursue an environmental approach.
3. Please support an option that respects and incorporates natural processes, and plans for future sea level rise
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7. Reconfiguration options upgrade park facilities and cost less.
8. Please support a natural solution that protects the park and the environment, and that the Coastal Commission can support.

Thank you,

Tami Snow
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Brennan, Kaitlin

From: karenfeeney@cox.net
Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2009 11:50 AM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob
Subject: Please vote in favor of protecting GOLETA BEACH

Please approve a plan for Goleta Beach that:

1. Protects the park while protecting the sandy beach and natural environment.
2. Honors the Coastal Commission's 9-1 vote in July to reject the structural "groin" project because structures designed to trap sand rob sand from down-coast beaches, causing down coast erosion. The 9-1 vote was clear direction to pursue an environmental approach.
3. Respects and incorporates natural processes, and plans for future sea level rise 4. Does not use structures to protect the park.
5. Moves parking lots and restrooms inland within the park to protect them long into the future.
6. Keeps long term maintenance costs down because structural solutions are expensive to build and come with high monitoring and mitigation price tags, including ongoing beach nourishment whereas configuration options upgrade park facilities and cost less.

Please support a natural solution that protects the park and the environment, and that the Coastal Commission can support.

Than you, Karen Feeney

Brennan, Kaitlin

From: Davis, William E [WDavis@SantaBarbaraCA.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2009 2:17 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob
Subject: Goleta Beach

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please consider the following points when considering remediation plans:

1. I want a solution that protects the park while protecting the sandy beach and natural environment.
2. The Coastal Commission voted 9-1 in July to reject the structural "groin" project because structures designed to trap sand rob sand from down-coast beaches, causing down coast erosion. The 9-1 vote was clear direction to pursue an environmental approach.
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Thank you.

William Davis
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Brennan, Kaitlin

From: nicole fuller [nfullerstar@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2009 4:16 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Gray, Joni; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Centeno, Joseph; sbcob
Subject: Goleta Beach, Oct. 6 Hearing

Dear Board of Supervisors,

In anticipation of the October 6th hearing, am writing to ask you to pursue an environmentally-sensitive management approach that preserves and restores Goleta's only sandy beach while also providing ample recreational opportunities for people at Goleta Beach County Park.

Please consider:

1. Finding a solution that protects the park while protecting the sandy beach and natural environment.
2. Supporting an option that respects and incorporates natural processes, and plans for future sea level rise.
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7. Reconfiguration options upgrade park facilities and cost less.

Thank you on my behalf for supporting a natural solution that protects the park and the environment, and that the Coastal Commission can support.

Sincerely,

Nicole Fuller
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Santa Barbara

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October 5, 2009

County of Santa Barbara
Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Goleta Beach County Park – State Coastal Conservancy Assistance

Dear Honorable Supervisors:

The State Coastal Conservancy (“Conservancy”) is writing to offer assistance to the County as it seeks solutions to the beach erosion and park management issues at Goleta Beach County Park. The Conservancy’s vision is “of a beautiful, restored, and accessible coastline [and] ocean” and its mission is “to act with others to preserve, protect, and restore the resources of the California coast [and] ocean”.

The Conservancy funds projects throughout the State and has granted millions of dollars for coastal access, land acquisition, coastal habitat restoration and working waterfront projects in Santa Barbara County over the past three and a half decades.

Goleta Beach County Park is regionally significant for its public access, recreation and natural resource values. For this reason, the Conservancy lent its technical and financial support to previous efforts by the County to develop a Park Master Plan that would address the beach erosion problems occurring at the park at that time. The Conservancy also assisted with funding for the demonstration beach nourishment project at Goleta Beach lead by BEACON. The Conservancy contributed funding to these efforts because public access to the coast and protection of the state’s coastal resources are goals consistent with the Conservancy’s vision.

The Park Master Planning effort involved public outreach and education, compiling relevant scientific findings on coastal erosion, a community stakeholder consensus-building process, and the establishment of a supporting science advisory panel of experts. The goal of the effort was to engage with the community to find an acceptable, scientifically-based solution that the County could implement. After an intensive and thorough process, the stakeholder group recommended two different project scenarios a continuous rock revetment, and a managed retreat alternative. This outcome reflected the differing viewpoints among stakeholders of what constituted a

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viable approach to shoreline management. County staff then took those recommendations under consideration and ultimately pursued a pier piling groin project, a project alternative that was not examined by the stakeholders. The stakeholder process also resulted in subsequent scientific research that has led to an improved understanding of longer-term coastal processes at Goleta Beach.

The Conservancy recognizes the continuing controversy surrounding this project in light of the recent Coastal Commission decision to deny the pile groin project permit application. Given that there has been some degree of staff turnover at the County since the initial community process, and that Conservancy staff has been involved with this issue over the past ten years in various capacities, we believe that we can play a constructive role, providing both continuity and institutional memory to any process the County takes to find a solution in the near future. We welcome the opportunity to offer our assistance as the County and community move forward to resolve the important issues at this valued park.

Given the current state and national economic problems, the Conservancy is unable to offer funding assistance at this time, as most state bond funding for new projects is suspended. At some point in the future the funding situation will change, and the Conservancy will again consider funding new projects. However, as a non-regulatory agency, the Conservancy can at this time bring constructive tools to the table, including information regarding similar projects occurring throughout the state; access to the latest science and research on coastal processes; and experience working with other state agencies. The Conservancy applies an inclusive approach to coastal resource management and land use issues grounded in collaboration, creativity and constructive dialogue to achieve results that will serve coastal residents and coastal resources well into the future.

Attached please find some background summary information and excerpts from the Conservancy's 2007 Strategic Plan. You may also find information on the Conservancy and its work at <http://www.scc.ca.gov/>.

Please feel free to contact me at (805) 845-8853 for further discussion or for additional information.

Sincerely,



Rachel Couch

Project Manager for Santa Barbara County

Cc: Daniel C Hernandez, Director, Santa Barbara County Parks Department
Jack Ainsworth, Deputy Director, South Central Coast District, State Coastal Commission

Attachment A

CALIFORNIA STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY

Background

Widespread concern about losing public access to the coast was the impetus for Proposition 20 in 1972, which created the California Coastal Commission and led to the ultimate passage of the Coastal Act in 1976. Section 30001.5 (c) of the Coastal Act provides that it is the state's goal to "maximize public access to and along the coast and maximize public recreational opportunities in the Coastal Zone consistent with sound resource conservation principles."

The State Coastal Conservancy derives its statutory authority from Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code and operates according to a Strategic Plan that is updated every five years. The Conservancy's programs include Public Access and Coastal Accessways, Coastal Resource Conservation, San Francisco Bay Conservancy, and the Ocean Protection Council.

The Conservancy operates on a set of assumptions, principles, and project criteria to guide its work. Some key assumptions are that:

The State will maintain a strong regulatory program controlling the use of coastal resources.

As a result, there will continue to be a need for assistance to landowners and local governments to achieve permit compliance and facilitate appropriate new development.

The legal system will continue to be unable to resolve all threats to sensitive resources and public use of the coast.

As a result, public acquisition of coastal access routes and environmentally sensitive lands will continue to be needed.

The increasing population will continue to drive up the demand for coastal real estate and for coastal recreation opportunities.

This will pose market threats to coastal access, coastal agriculture, and the preservation of wildlife habitat. It will also increase opportunities for the restoration of older urban waterfronts.

As a result, state government will continue to need an agency able to meet these challenges in the private market, including skills in landowner negotiation, less-than-fee

acquisition, agricultural economics, public development, multi-agency partnerships, and other collaborative, non-coercive means of meeting public goals.

The State will experience an increasingly ethnically diverse population.

As a result, state government will need to increase staff resources and expenditures for environmental education, and public access in underserved areas, and ensure that projects consider and, where appropriate, address environmental justice issues.

Climate change will have dramatic physical, ecological, economic, and social impacts on coastal, marine, and inland resources.

As a result, the State will need to work with other organizations to reduce atmospheric carbon, and support planning for adaptation to environmental changes, such as inundation of low-elevation coastal areas, alteration of river and stream flows, increased erosion, and habitat alteration. In addition, expenditures for infrastructure and other projects need to include projected climate changes in project designs and siting, and need to incorporate appropriate mitigation measures.

The Conservancy is a problem-solving agency, emphasizing "doing" projects that solve problems (including needed project planning) rather than "planning" (for the purpose of adopting public policy).

- The Conservancy works in cooperation with others and strives to be an agency whose involvement is sought by others.
- The Conservancy works on landscape-wide projects that serve significant regional or statewide objectives.
- The Conservancy employs the best available science for each project, subjecting its projects to independent scientific review when necessary and feasible.
- The Conservancy values and employs bottom-up community-based planning. The Conservancy believes that the best resource protection ensues when local citizens participate in planning the future of their own natural heritage.
- The Conservancy staff adds value by its combination of technical knowledge, commitment to community involvement, and skill at communicating the needs of the coast to political decision makers. That skill level is a resource for California and should be constantly improved and kept current.
- The Conservancy is accountable to the citizens of California, and all of the Conservancy projects are discussed and acted upon by the board with a full opportunity for public involvement.
- The Conservancy strives to minimize procedural delay and complexity in its work.

Key Criteria Required by the Conservancy

(For use in the determination of the priority of Conservancy projects under Division 21 of the Public Resources Code)

- *Promotion of the Conservancy's statutory programs and purposes*
- *Consistency with purposes of the funding source*
- *Support from the public*
- *Location* (must benefit coastal, ocean resources, or the San Francisco Bay region)
- *Need* (desired project or result will not occur without Conservancy participation)
- *Greater-than-local interest*

Additional Conservancy-Adopted Criteria

- *Urgency* (threat to a coastal or ocean resource from development, natural or economic conditions; pressing need; or a fleeting opportunity)
- *Resolution of more than one issue*
- *Leverage* (contribution of funds or services by other entities)
- *Conflict resolution*
- *Innovation* (for example, environmental or economic demonstration)
- *Readiness* (ability of the grantee and others to start and finish the project in a timely manner)
- *Realization of prior Conservancy goals* (advances previous Conservancy projects)
- *Return to Conservancy* (funds will be repaid to the Conservancy, consistent with the Conservancy's long-term financial strategy)
- *Cooperation* (extent to which the public, nonprofit groups, landowners, and others will contribute to the project)

CALIFORNIA STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY PROGRAMS

PUBLIC ACCESS COASTAL ACCESSWAYS

- Coastal Trail
- Inland Trail Links/River Parkways
- Diverse Accessways
- OTDs (Offers to Dedicate)
- Alternative Transit Options

Urban Waterfront Restoration

- Revitalize waterfronts/Promote excellence of design
- Commercial Fishing/Ports/Harbors

Environmental Education

Authorities:

Coastal Access Program (1978)
Urban Waterfronts Program (1984)
Coastal Trail (2000)
Environmental Education (2001)

COASTAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION

Acquisition of Resource/Open Space Lands

Coastal and Ocean Habitats

Protecting, Restoring and Enhancing Biological Diversity

- Threatened/Endangered Habitats
- Habitat Corridors
- Invasive Species

Wetlands, Rivers, Watersheds

- Watershed Functions
- Water Quality

- Sand Supply

Preserving Coastal Agriculture

Coastal Zone Management/Conflict Resolution

Environmental Education

Authorities:

Site Reservation Program (1978)
Enhancement Program (1978)
Coastal Restoration Program (1978)
Watershed Restoration (2003)
Coastal and Marine Resource Protection (2003, 2005)
Environmental Education (2001, 2005)

SF BAY CONSERVANCY

Protecting, Restoring and Enhancing Biological Diversity

- Threatened/Endangered Habitats (e.g., wetlands)
- Invasive Species
- Habitat Corridors
- Fish Passage
- Water Quality
- Urban Creeks

Public Access, Recreation, and Education

- Bay, Ridge and Connector Trails
- Recreation and Education Facilities

Acquisition of Resource/Open Space and Agricultural Lands

Environmental Education

Authorities:

SF Bay Trail (1988)
SF Bay Conservancy Program (1997)
Water Trail (2005)
Education (2001, 2005)

OCEAN PROTECTION COUNCIL

Governance

- Funding
- Interagency Collaboration

- Enforcement
- Ecosystem-based Management
- Federal Support

Regional Coordination Research and Monitoring

- Basic Research
- Ocean Monitoring (Mapping, Physical, and Biological Monitoring)

Ocean and Coastal Water Quality

- Support Enforcement of Pollution Controls
- Support Innovation
- Assist in Reducing the Impacts of Once-through Cooling
- Help to Advance Water Quality Testing

Physical Processes and Habitat Structure

- Habitat Restoration
- Regional Sediment Management

Climate Change Ocean and Coastal Ecosystems

- Marine Life Protection Act
- Marine Life Management Act
- Invasive Species
- Market-based Fisheries
- Sustainable Economic Activity

Education and Outreach

Authorities:

CA Ocean Protection Act (2005)

Program Summaries/Statutory Authorities/Goals/Objectives

The four broad areas outlined on the previous two pages provide an overview of the Conservancy's work. Within these areas--which are open to flexible interpretation--the Conservancy undertakes projects. In this document, the projects are grouped into subprograms that roughly correspond to the chapter headings in Division 21. The projects are selected and evaluated according to specific goals and objectives. In addition, the Legislature has accorded particular importance to certain major, long-term efforts (such as the Coastal Trail and river parkways), and has specified funding sources. Some

of these efforts, such as the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project, are being undertaken in collaboration with multiple agencies and other partners.

For each program, there is a brief description here of its statutory authorities, and of corresponding issues and priorities, that precedes specific goals and objectives. In some cases, projects to address various problems may be addressed under a range of statutory authorities and with the help of funding sources available to the Conservancy. For instance, agricultural preservation is dealt with mainly through the agricultural conservation chapter of Division 21. However, projects benefiting agriculture are also carried out through the resource enhancement, watershed, and San Francisco Bay Area and public-access programs.

Monitoring and Tracking

Unless otherwise noted, all goals and objectives are meant to be completed over a five-year period beginning in July 2007. The primary tool to be used to monitor and track the degree to which goals and objectives are accomplished will be the Conservancy's project database. Where other tools are necessary to monitor progress, they are identified following the outcome measure for that objective. The results of monitoring and tracking objectives will be evaluated and summarized in an annual progress report.

PUBLIC ACCESS

Statutory Authorities

The California Constitution and the Coastal Act require that public access to and along the shoreline be maximized (Coastal Access Action Plan, Coastal Commission 1999). Widespread concern about losing public access to the coast was the impetus for Proposition 20 in 1972, which created the Coastal Commission and the ultimate passage of the Coastal Act in 1976. Section 30001.5 (c) of the Coastal Act provides that it is the state's goal to "maximize public access to and along the coast and maximize public recreational opportunities in the Coastal Zone consistent with sound resource conservation principles and constitutionally protected rights of private property owners.

The Coastal Conservancy is directed to "have a principal role in the implementation of a system of public accessways to and along the state's coastline" (Public Resources Code Section 31400, 31400.1). In 2001, legislation was enacted requiring the Conservancy to coordinate the development of a trail in consultation with the Department of Parks and Recreation and the California Coastal Commission. The legislation specifically directs the Conservancy to prepare a plan and coordinate the development of the California Coastal Trail, and the Conservancy may award grants and undertake projects to expand inland trail systems that link to the Coastal Trail (Public Resources Code Sections 31408, 31409).

In 2002, the Legislature declared that in order to prevent the potential loss of public accessways to and along the state's coastline, it is in the best interest of the state to accept all offers to dedicate real property that protect open space or have the potential to provide access to the shoreline and view areas, or that provide a connection to other public properties or easements. These offers to dedicate frequently result from conditions specified in development permits issued by the Coastal Commission. The Legislature has mandated that the Conservancy accept any outstanding offers to dedicate a public accessway that is not accepted by others within 90 days of its expiration date (Public Resources Code 31402.2).

The Coastal Conservancy's Waterfronts Program was initiated under the Urban Waterfront Restoration Act of 1981 (Public Resources Code Section 31300 et seq.). In passing the act, the Legislature determined that many urban waterfront areas in California "are in need of restoration in order to be the vital economic and cultural component of the community which they once were," and it provided the Conservancy with authority to undertake projects and award grants for restoration of urban waterfronts.

The Conservancy's waterfront authority was expanded in 2005 to work within urban coastal watersheds by supporting projects and activities that are compatible with the preservation, restoration, or enhancement of ocean, coastal, or watershed resources, or that facilitate environmental education related to these resources. The Conservancy is further allowed to undertake activities and to support events or infrastructure related to coastal, watershed, or ocean resource education and maritime history.

The Conservancy's authority was further expanded to allow for the Conservancy to undertake or support educational projects and programs for pupils in kindergarten through grade 12, that relate to the preservation, protection, enhancement, and maintenance of coastal resources.

SUBPROGRAMS: ISSUES AND PRIORITIES

California Coastal Trail

Development of the California Coastal Trail is a key coastal access mandate for the Conservancy. With the spectacular beauty, unique coastal towns, and renowned cities of the California coast, a continuous trail along the coast is gaining national and international prominence. To support the development of the Coastal Trail and comply with legislative mandates, the Conservancy established a Coastal Trail Working Group that guided the completion of a plan for the development of the trail which is "to the extent feasible . . . constructed along the state's coastline from the Oregon border to the border with Mexico." The Coastal Trail Plan is completed and was approved by the Governor's Office. The Conservancy is working in partnership with California Department of Parks and Recreation, the California Coastal Commission, and others to implement the recommendations of the Coastal Trail Plan, including making existing trails part of the system and developing and acquiring new and existing rights-of-way.

Public Accessways

There are currently over 1,000 access points to the coast, serving a population of over 37 million Californians and countless tourists. These stairways, trails, parking lots, restrooms, hostels, and campgrounds are the maintenance and operational responsibilities of local, state, and federal agencies and, in some cases, private concessions and nonprofit organizations. Many facilities suffer from lack of long-term maintenance and need reconstruction. Additional access points are greatly needed to serve a growing population. The Coastal Commission has a goal of ultimately having one public accessway to the shore approximately every quarter of a mile. Under legislation passed in 2002, the Conservancy is required to open at least three new accessways each year.

The Conservancy will provide funding for the acquisition of land, major repairs and reconstruction, and the construction of new facilities. To the extent special funds are available (e.g., Coastal Access Account, Whale Tail License Plate Fund) the Conservancy will provide funds for annual operations, for unique projects, and special events. The Conservancy will work to develop one or more projects that promote alternative means of transportation to coastal areas, which will reduce traffic congestion and pollution.

Offers to Dedicate

There are already 119 offers to dedicate public access easements to or along the coast that will expire in the next five years. These offers, required by regulatory actions of the Coastal Commission, may be accepted by public or private organizations. The Coastal Conservancy is required by statute to accept any offer that will expire within 90 days. The Conservancy will ensure that these offers are accepted and will also work with the Coastal Commission to persuade other organizations to accept such offers, and to open and manage them for public use, where possible.

Urban Waterfront Restoration

Many of the state's waterfront areas have fallen into disrepair. Repair, reconstruction and redevelopment of these waterfronts can be the key to the economic revitalization of coastal towns, especially those suffering from declines in local industries such as logging and commercial fishing. The

Coastal Conservancy will support planning and implementation of waterfront redevelopment in smaller cities and towns, especially those suffering from declines in local industries.

Waterfront facilities such as piers, parks, promenades, science and maritime museums, and interpretive centers in the state's major cities and tourist centers are regional amenities and attractions for visitors from around the United States and the world, bolstering the California economy. The Conservancy will support development and reconstruction of major waterfront and riverfront infrastructure and facilities with bond funds. The Conservancy will also support restoration of the state's urban waterfronts for coastal-dependent uses, including the maritime industry, commercial fishing, and harbor improvements that serve foreign trade. The Conservancy seeks to promote excellence of design and the sensitive integration of buildings into the natural coastal environment. To the extent that appropriate special funds are available, the Conservancy will support operations of regional facilities and special waterfront educational events.

Commercial Fishing/Ports/Harbors

The commercial fishing industry is in decline due to depleted stocks of various fish species. This adversely affects communities and regional economies. The Conservancy will work with other resource agencies to improve the health of fisheries. It will also work with the fishing industry to increase its efficiency by supporting public infrastructure improvements and installations.

Maritime commerce is a key California industry. The expansion or restoration of port and harbor facilities may conflict with natural resources protection. The Conservancy will provide technical and other resources to further the revitalization of California ports and harbors consistent with other goals.

Education

Coastal protection has enjoyed wide popular support over the past three decades. By educating citizens about the sensitivity of coastal resources and what they can do to assist in protection and restoration efforts, this support can be sustained and increased. The Conservancy is authorized to support educational projects and programs for elementary school children relating to the preservation, protection, enhancement, and maintenance of coastal resources. To the extent that appropriate funding sources are available, the Conservancy will assist government and nonprofit partners in developing high-quality coastal-oriented educational experiences and materials for school children. It will assist nonprofit organizations in providing outreach to low-income, underserved, and inland areas. Additionally, the Conservancy will include public education in the range of its projects. This may include development of interpretive centers or other educational facilities, signs, and displays.