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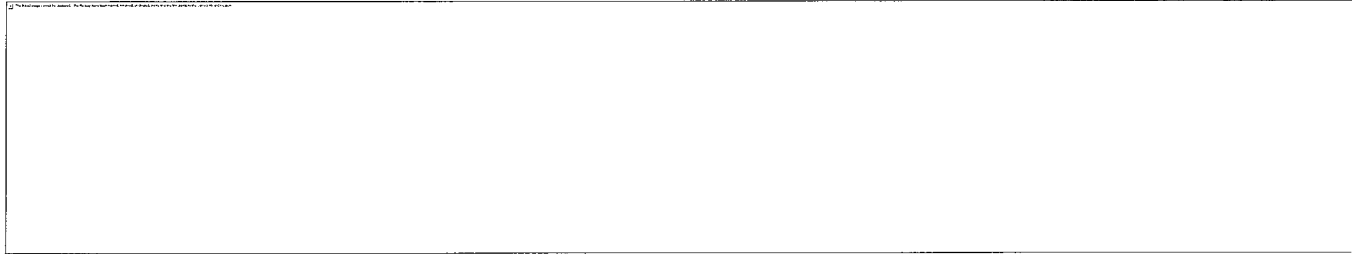
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October 12, 2015

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

RE: Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan

We are writing in support of the EGVCP as amended by the County Planning Department, (page 5, ESH Overlay Exemptions—Vegetation Management/Defensible Space.) We commend the Planning Department for their work with the County Fire Department in making these proposed changes.

We urge the Board to approve as well the recommended action item that would exempt the County Fire Department from permit requirements when they determine the need to remove vegetation for safety of home or community.

As we wrote previously to the Board, we hope to see the County move forward on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan Development Process for Santa Barbara County that the Board adopted on August 8, 2011. This would require that the Eastern Goleta Valley develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan similar to the one that has been in place in Mission Canyon.

We call to your attention that to designate chaparral as Environmentally Sensitive Habitat would be contrary to the conclusions of the Biological Resources Report (Appendix G of the EIR). The four vegetation types are not rare in and of themselves. “Rather, they may include rare vegetation alliances, as well as habitats for rare, endangered, or threatened species, which require site-specific investigation to determine their presence and need for protection.” We support changes that correct this inconsistency.

Finally, we hope that as the Planning Department works on policies involving community protection from wild fires they will confer widely with community groups, most especially with the homeowners within the Wildland Urban Interface. These are important stakeholders who maintain their private defensible space while paying fire fees to the state fire association.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Lindemann, President