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Date: March 12, 2009

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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RE: Committee, Commission or Board District Appointment

For placement on the Board of Supervisors agenda for the meeting of: 3/24/09.

I would like to recommend the appointment of the following person to the **Riding and Hiking Trails Committee.**

Salutation:	<b>Mr.</b>
Full Name of Appointee:	<b>Dan Gira</b>
Address:	112 Del Sol
City/State/Zip:	Santa Barbara, CA 93109
Home Phone:	805-965-4143
Work Phone:	805-284-5080
E-mail:	dangira@msn.com

Appointee will represent the **Second District** on this commission.

Position was formerly held by: **Vivian Obern**  
Term: **Open**

Second District Supervisor: Janet Wolf

Signed by: *Janet Wolf*

**Clerk of the Board:** Please send a minute order to Claude Garciacelay, Parks

Office. This application shall be maintained for a period of one year only. After one year it is necessary to file a new application for another year of eligibility. Please print in ink or type.

1. APPLYING FOR: ( Use specific title)  
 County Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee

2. Today's Date:  
 March 6, 09

3. NAME:  
 Gira Dan H.  
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4. E-MAIL ADDRESS:  
 dangira@msn.com

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 Santa Barbara CA 93109  
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5. TELEPHONE:  
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7. References: Give names and addresses of three persons, not relatives, who have knowledge of your character, experience, community involvement, and abilities.

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER	OCCUPATION
A. Linda Krop	906 Garden St.	963 1622	Attorney
B. Mike Allen	105 E. Arapemo St	568 2245	Clerk of the Board
C. Anne Army	123 E. Arapemo St	568 2053	SB Planner

8. Are you or have you been employed by the County of Santa Barbara?  YES  No If YES, list:  
 Department: Planning and Development Title: Deputy Director Date: 1983-2001

9. Please check appropriate boxes (optional):  
 Ethnic or racial identity:  
 White  
 Black (African American)  
 Hispanic  
 Asian/Pacific Islander  
 Native American/Alaskan Native  
 Other (Please specify)  
 Sex:  
 Male  
 Female

10. Education completed:  
 UCSB Environmental Studies 198x

11. Indicate Supervisor who will receive a copy of this application:  
 Janet Wolf

12. EXPERIENCE: Please explain why you are interested in serving and what experience you bring to the Commission or Committee for which you are applying.  
 I am an avid hiker and backpacker. I have overseen preparation of the County's Goleta and Crowth trails plan. I have served on the SB County Trails Council Board for 4 or 5 years. I also authored the County's Estwood Sand Proposal, including the trails plan.

13. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Give any information explaining your qualifications, experience, training, education, volunteer activities, community organization memberships, or personal interests that bear on your application for above Board, Commission, or Committee. Attach additional sheets as necessary.  
 Resume attached

# Dan Gira

Program Manager

## Professional summary

Mr. Gira has more than 25 years of experience developing general and coastal plans, conceiving, authoring, and interpreting land use and coastal zone policies and zoning ordinances, drafting Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs), and overseeing implementation of all phases of municipal planning processes. This has included oversight and management of public outreach and review processes, including management of multiple citizen advisory bodies and stakeholders groups; extensive media interface and press relations; and speaking at hundreds of public hearings. Mr. Gira's EIR experience includes project specific EIRs on coastal zone specific plans, residential and commercial industrial projects, and Program EIRs on urban redevelopment and community plans. Mr. Gira has extensive experience in circulation planning, coordinating with traffic engineers on the preparation of community wide and area specific traffic models, and in devising innovative techniques to foster use of alternative transportation. Mr. Gira has direct experience in the formation of a redevelopment project area and preparation of a detailed redevelopment plan and associated EIR. Mr. Gira has overseen or participated in the preparation of 7 community plans and associated EIR's, including those involving "Brownfield" sites and abandoned oil industry facilities. Mr. Gira has also managed the preparation of a series of community-specific and countywide newsletters which address issues related to growth and development in 4 specific communities and forecasting countywide growth and open space protection issues through the year 2030.

## Education

Environmental Studies, University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB), 1982

## Memberships

California Native Plant Society

Association of Environmental Professionals

## Location

Santa Barbara, California (CA)

## Summary of core skills

### Environmental Planning - CEQA

Mr Gira has managed preparation of over 25 EIR's and hundreds of other environmental documents on projects including community, growth management and specific plans, tract maps, and development plans for major commercial and industrial facilities. These projects included EIRs on major coastal zone community and specific plans, a coastal zone landfill and several coastal zone development projects. He has also provided general oversight of or substantial contributions to dozens of additional EIRs. Mr. Gira's served as Santa Barbara County's LAFCO environmental officer for over 5 years and managed preparation of EIRs on annexations and major sphere of influence studies.

## Community Planning

Mr Gira participated in or managed all 7 of Santa Barbara County's community plans, including project management and/or supervision of the Goleta and Orcutt community plans which addressed over 50,000 acres of urban and agricultural land with a combined population of over 100,000 residents. Mr. Gira's work on each of these community plans included interface with or management of a citizen's General Plan Advisory Committee and attending dozens of such committee meetings. Mr. Gira has worked on 4 community plans with major coastal zone components and issues, including sensitive habitat protection, coastal access, and coastal zone boundary adjustments.

#### Coastal Zone Planning

Mr. Gira has participated in planning of the majority of the most significant undeveloped rural and urban Coastal Zone properties in Santa Barbara County. Mr. Gira has extensive experience in the interpretation and implementation of coastal zone polices and ordinances, and in drafting new plans, polices, and ordinances to implement new coastal zone initiatives or amend existing plans, including those affecting protection of key sensitive coastal resources and the provision of public access.

#### Redevelopment Planning

Mr. Gira managed the preparation of the Goleta Old Town Redevelopment Plan and EIR. This project area was designated as a federal brownfields pilot program site and the County was awarded a \$100,000 federal grant in recognition of its creative efforts in pursuing redevelopment of this Old Town area.

#### Affordable Housing Planning

Mr. Gira conceived of and assisted in the preparation of an affordable housing overlay to promote the provision of low and moderate income housing. Mr. Gira has also provide permit assistance for two farmworker housing projects totaling some 240 potential units of affordable farmworker housing.

#### Public Outreach

Mr. Gira has extensive experience with managing citizen participation in the planning process, overseeing the production of documents which are accessible to the public, and in interfacing with the media on major planning and environmental issues. Mr. Gira has spoken at well over 300 public hearings and workshops and is expert in addressing concerns and questions raised by citizens, decision-makers, and public advocacy groups.

#### Urban Area Resource Protection Planning

Mr. Gira was a joint author of Goleta Environmentally Sensitive Habitat and Orcutt Open Space Overlays designed to protect sensitive habitats, including planning for protection and restoration of riparian areas along many of these communities' major streams.

#### Rural Resource Protection Planning

Mr. Gira managed countywide planning efforts for potential creation of zoning overlays and ordinances to protect oak woodlands and sensitive habitats on 700,000 acres of agriculturally zoned land.

#### Transportation/Circulation Planning

Mr. Gira has managed the preparation of Circulation Elements for the communities of Goleta and Orcutt and co-authored the Santa Barbara County Thresholds of Significance for traffic impact analyses. Mr. Gira served as Lead Coordinator for planning department review of traffic studies for 5 years, as well as Lead planner for creation of the multi-modal Goleta and Orcutt Transportation Improvement Plans.

#### Recreation/Trails Planning

Mr. Gira supervised the preparation of the Goleta Trails Study and Trails Plan for creation of dozens of miles of hiking and biking trails, including designing the trails system in the 600 acres of Coastal Zone open space on the Ellwood Mesa and around the Devereux Slough.

#### Fiscal Planning/Development Impact Fees

Mr. Gira directed the initiation and adoption of the Goleta and Orcutt development impact fee program to offset the impacts of new development on area circulation, parks, and other public services. This program included designing and adopting special service districts in the community of Orcutt to fund long-term maintenance.

#### Employment history

2005: Present: Program Manager, AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc., Santa Barbara, CA

2002-2004: Extended Family Leave, worldwide

1996-2001: Deputy Director, Santa Barbara County Division of Comprehensive Planning, Santa Barbara, CA

1991-1996: Supervising Planner, Santa Barbara County Division of Comprehensive Planning, Santa Barbara, CA

1982-2001: Environmental Planer, Santa Barbara County Division of Environmental Review

#### Detailed core skills or details by selected project

Planning-Environmental Planning - CEQA

**County of Santa Barbara, Paradiso del Mare EIR:** Mr. Gira is currently the project Manager for this EIR for a residential estate development project on a 143-acre project site of two existing adjacent parcels located in Santa Barbara County, just west of the City of Goleta. Key issues include aesthetics and impacts to public views from scenic U.S. Highway 101, land use and growth inducement on the Gaviota Coast, traffic safety, biology, cultural resources and impacts to agriculture.

**City of Santa Barbara, Program EIR; Plan Santa Barbara General Plan Update:** Mr. Gira is currently serving as the Project Manager for this Program EIR which will evaluate the impacts of growth and development within the City of Santa Barbara until the year 2030. Key issues include the impacts of downtown multiple story mixed use development, transportation, traffic and facilitation of alternative transportation, green building and sustainable development, protection of sensitive habitats, regional jobs-housing balance issues, air quality and the effects of global climate change.

**More Mesa Preservation Coalition, More Mesa Handbook:** Mr. Gira is currently serving as the project Manager for preparation of a "handbook" for that details ecological, recreational and visual resource, and land use planning issues associated with 330 acres of undeveloped coastal land in Santa Barbara County. More Mesa contains sensitive wetlands, oak woodlands, and grasslands that support raptor species, including a noted population of roosting and nesting white-tailed kites. More Mesa also supports an extensive trail system and a large sandy beach, and provides coastal and mountain views. The More Mesa Handbook will provide a centralized, objective source for resource and planning issues that affect More Mesa

**California State Parks, Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND); Tijuana Estuary Sediment Fate and Transport Study:** Mr. Gira is served as the Project Manager for this MND which evaluated the impacts of transporting 60,000 cubic yards of sediment to silver stand beach within Border Field State Park and the City of Imperial Beach. The project included a scientific study to track fine grained sediments in the littoral zone to assess suitability for beach nourishment. Key issues included

impacts to sensitive species (e.g. western snowy plover), loss of recreational opportunities, water quality, transportation and traffic, etc.

**City of San Luis Obispo, EIR; Prefumo Creek Regional Shopping Center:** Mr. Gira is currently serving as the Project Manager for this EIR which will evaluate the impacts of a general plan amendment, rezone and annexation to permit construction of a 160,000 square foot shopping center on the southwest edge of the City of San Luis Obispo. Key issues include loss of agricultural land, transportation and traffic, protection of sensitive species habitat and riparian areas, airport land use conflicts and site design alternatives.

**Montecito Fire Protection District; Fire Station Siting Study:** Mr. Gira is currently serving as Project Manager for this study which evaluates fire service response times and 13 potential sites which could accommodate a new fire station on up to 1.5 acres. Key issues being examined in this study include emergency response times, site suitability, environmental constraints and consistency with adopted County Comprehensive General Plan policies, aesthetics, cultural resources and transportation.

**City of San Luis Obispo, EIR: Garden Street Terraces:** Mr. Gira is currently serving as Project Manager for this EIR which evaluates the proposed development of a five-story, 1.2 acre, mixed-use retail, residential, hotel project with subterranean parking in the Downtown Historic District of the City of San Luis Obispo. Key issue areas being examined in the EIR include consistency with recent General Plan amendments and ongoing ordinance changes, aesthetics, cultural resources (demolition of historic structures), transportation, and land use policy consistency.

**California State Lands Commission, EIR: PRC 421 Surf Zone Oil Lease Reactivation; Goleta, California:** Mr. Gira is currently serving as Project Manager for this EIR which evaluates the proposed reactivation of the last two surf zone oil platforms in California. Key issue areas being examined in the EIR include consistency with local and state coastal policies, facility safety and potential for oil spills, impacts to sensitive coastal resources and marine mammals, air pollution, and global warming. Mr. Gira is working with a Joint Review panel consisting of state and local agencies.

**City of San Buenaventura, EIR: Victoria Avenue Corridor Plan:** Mr. Gira is Project Manager for this programmatic-level EIR which addresses impacts associated with adoption of the Victoria Avenue Corridor Plan. Main goals of the plan, which include a form-based zoning code, Master Plans for key opportunity sites within the 286-acre corridor, and a Streetscape Plan, are to avoid urban sprawl and protect agricultural land and open space, in accordance with the City's General Plan. The EIR focuses on impacts associated with potential future private and public developments which could arise from new policies, actions, and standards contained within the proposed plan.

**San Joaquin Delta Community College District, EIR on Campus Master Plan: Stockton, California.** Mr. Gira served as the Project manager for this recently certified EIR on a new campus Master Plan for approximately 500,000 square feet of new construction and demolition of 200,000 square feet of aging buildings. Major issues include hazardous waste, traffic, tree protection, and construction related impacts.

**City of San Luis Obispo, EIR: Chinatown Project, California.** Mr. Gira served as Project Manager for this EIR which evaluates the proposed development of a seven-story, 2.12-acre, mixed-use retail, residential, hotel, restaurant, office, public plazas/walkways, and parking project in the Downtown Commercial Core and Chinatown/Downtown Historic Districts of the City of San Luis Obispo. Project implementation would involve extensive site grading and consolidation of existing private and public parcels. Key issue areas being examined in the EIR include aesthetics, cultural resources (project includes demolition of historic structures), transportation, and land use policy consistency (consistency with recent General Plan amendments and ongoing ordinance changes).

**Peoples Self Help Housing, Permit Assistance and Environmental Analysis, Carpinteria California.** Mr. Gira is currently assisting Peoples Self Help Housing in development of a major affordable coastal zone agricultural industry workforce housing project. The proposal consists of construction of 110 units on the edge of the City of Carpinteria, 80 of which would be affordable to low-income agricultural sector employees. Major issues include coastal land use policy analysis, agricultural viability, development of a new agricultural residential development zone district, and helping address project-related environmental and policy related issues.

**Peoples Self Help Housing, Permit Assistance and Environmental Analysis, Santa Maria California.** Mr. Gira is currently assisting Peoples Self Help Housing in development of a major affordable agricultural industry workforce housing project. The proposal consists of construction of 132 farm employee units outside the City of Santa Maria, all of which would be affordable to low-income agricultural sector employees. Major tasks to date include preparation of an initial land use policy analysis examining potential policy issues and permit options, including development of a new agricultural residential development zone district and helping coordinate project review by multiple agencies.

**Santa Barbara County, Joint Proposal for Ellwood Devereux Coast:** Mr. Gira prepared a Coastal Zone area specific plan equivalent document which proposed comprehensive amendments to the Santa Barbara County and City of Goleta Local Coastal Plans and University Long Range Development Plan. Mr. Gira's duties included writing the administrative draft of this document and managing an oversight committee made up of University and County officials. The Joint Proposal set forth direction and restrictions for development of over 600 units and the management, restoration, and enhancement of habitat and recreational resources on 44 properties totaling 840 acres under City, County, and University jurisdiction on the Ellwood Mesa and surrounding the Devereux Slough. The proposal protected 600 acres of coastal open space and habitat by shifting over 200 approved units away from sensitive coastal areas to the edge of existing urban development. The Joint Proposal also contained recommendations for expanding and enhancing recreational activities and coastal access in the planning area. The Joint Proposal provided the foundation for subsequent detailed planning efforts which have received final development and open space management approvals from the City, County, and the Regents of the University of California and has been recognized by American Planning Association (APA) with a national award.

**Santa Barbara County, Isla Vista Master Plan:** Mr. Gira provided initial direction, issues review, and frequent public outreach for the early stages of development of a master plan for this densely populated coastal zone community of 20,000 residents. The initial stages of this project involved substantial community outreach and involvement, including holding a multiple-day design charrette to garner community input. Major issues included commercial and residential redevelopment potential, provision of student housing, maintaining community character, and protection of sensitive coastal habitats such as vernal pools and native grasslands and interface with the University of California. Mr. Gira's duties included overseeing and providing direction to County staff, and managing a County, University, and citizen stakeholders group.

**Santa Barbara County, Toro Canyon Community Plan and EIR:** Mr. Gira provided overall direction, issues review, and public outreach for this community plan and EIR which included thousands of acres of Coastal Zone land. Major issues address in this community plan included protection of agricultural land and sensitive habitats, coastal access, fire protection, watershed management and erosion control, and visual resources. Mr. Gira also participated in a stakeholders group with the District County Supervisor.

**Santa Barbara County, Gaviota Coast Planning and Resource Inventory:** Mr. Gira provided overall direction, issues review, and public outreach for this planning effort for the 30-mile-long rural Gaviota Coast, then under consideration for designation as a National Seashore by the Nation Park Service (NPS). Key

issues included identification of sensitive habitats, view corridors, recreation opportunities, and agricultural resources along with the opportunities and constraints for protection of such resources, including consideration of the use of transfer of development credits in resource protection. The project included periodic coordination with NPS personnel and affected property owners.

**Santa Barbara County, Carpinteria Valley Greenhouse Ordinance and EIR:** Mr. Gira provided overall direction for the preparation of coastal zone policy and ordinance amendments and an accompanying EIR for this contentious program which addressed the impacts of burgeoning greenhouse development on ground and surface water quality, hazards associated with pesticide usage adjacent to residential areas, and impacts to visual resources/community character. Mr. Gira conducted numerous meetings with concerned stakeholders including agricultural land owners and growers, the City of Carpinteria, and environmental groups.

**Santa Barbara County, Countywide Oak Tree Protection Ordinance and EIR:** Mr. Gira provided overall direction for the preparation of a countywide oak protection ordinance and an accompanying EIR for this contentious program which addressed the impacts of burgeoning vineyard development on the county's oak resources. Mr. Gira conducted dozens of meetings with concerned stakeholders including agricultural land owners and growers and environmental groups.

**Santa Barbara County, Community Newsletter Program:** Mr. Gira provided project management, overall direction, issues review, and public outreach for the preparation of four newsletters which addressed growth, development, and planning issues in four unincorporated communities totaling about 135,000 in population. Each publication included carefully researched data on development trends and associated issues, and used simple graphics and tables to convey complex information in a manner accessible to the general public. This program received an APA award for journalism.

**Santa Barbara County, Countywide 2030 Newsletter Series:** Mr. Gira conceived of and managed the preparation of two newsletters in this program; the first which addressed long-term population and housing trends and the availability of urban land to accommodate such growth, and the second, the Open Lands, which detailed open space and agricultural land protection issues and identified important open and agricultural land countywide which could be impacted by projected growth.

**Santa Barbara County, Goleta Old Town Redevelopment Plan and EIR:** Mr. Gira provided project management and direction for the establishment of a redevelopment project area, preparation of a redevelopment plan, and associated EIR for this several hundred acre planning area, including sensitive coastal zone lands along the margins of the Goleta Slough. Major issues included traffic and circulation planning, provision of affordable housing, commercial, and industrial redevelopment; clean up of brownfields sites, use of eminent domain and protection of sensitive creek and wetland areas, particularly within the coastal zone. Mr. Gira worked with two stakeholders groups including an initial citizen's advisory committee and a formal elected redevelopment project area committee. This project was recognized as Pilot Project under the US EPA's Brownfield Program and received a \$100,000 grant in recognition of excellence. The Redevelopment Plan also received an APA award.

**Santa Barbara County, Orcutt Community Plan and EIR:** Mr. Gira provided overall direction, issues review, and frequent public outreach for development of this community plan and EIR which addressed long-range growth and development on 13,000 acres for this community of 35,000. Major issues included protection of agricultural and biological resources, provision of affordable housing, circulation planning, old town redevelopment, fire hazards, oil field contamination, and fiscal issues such as establishment of service



districts and enactment of development impact fees. Mr. Gira managed the citizen's General Plan Advisory Committee and attended and spoke at dozens of public hearings. This EIR received an APA award for outstanding focused planning.

**Santa Barbara County, Goleta Trails Implementation Study:** Mr. Gira provided overall direction, issues review, and public outreach for the development of a trails master plan for dozens of miles of coastal zone and foothill trails. Major issues included coastal access, protection of sensitive resources, and balancing access with protection of agricultural land. Mr. Gira managed the citizen's advisory committee made up of varying interest groups ranging from trails advocates to agricultural landowners and environmentalist. This study received an APA award for excellence.

**Santa Barbara County, Goleta Community Plan and EIR:** Mr. Gira provided project management, issues review and frequent public outreach for development of this community plan and EIR which addressed coastal and inland area growth and development on 40,000 acres for this community of 70,000. Major issues included protection of major coastal open spaces and resources, including native grassland, vernal pools, and coastal estuaries, agricultural land preservation, coastal access and trails, biological resources protection, provision of affordable housing, circulation planning, Old Town redevelopment, growth management, and fire hazards. Mr. Gira managed the citizen's General Plan Advisory Committee and attended and spoke at dozens of public hearings. Mr. Gira was recognized as a "local hero" by the local weekly paper for his work on this plan, particularly in helping the Board of Supervisors reach consensus.

**Santa Barbara County, Summerland Community Plan and EIR:** Mr. Gira provided overall direction, issues review, and frequent public outreach for development of this Coastal Zone community plan and EIR which addressed long-range growth and development for this community of 3,000. Major issues included protection of sensitive coastal biological resources, provision of affordable housing, circulation planning, Old Town redevelopment, and protection of coastal view corridors. Mr. Gira managed the citizen's General Plan Advisory Committee and attended and spoke at dozens of public hearings

**Santa Barbara County, Santa Barbara Shores-Ellwood Beach Specific Plan EIR:** This EIR addressed proposals for development of a major recreational and sports complex and over 163 units of luxury housing on almost 260 acres of bluff top land on the Ellwood Mesa. Major issues addressed included fragmentation and loss of environmentally sensitive habitat, impacts to significant coastal view corridors, disruption of public recreation, traffic congestion, changes in water quality, remediation of historic oil production facilities, and marine impacts associated with the construction and operation of a desalinization plant. Mr. Gira acted as the Project Manager for the County of Santa Barbara and was responsible for identifying the environmentally superior alternative of transfer of development and improved sub-regional planning which became the basis for the proposals embodied in the Joint Proposal for the Ellwood-Devereux Coast a decade later.

**Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission, City of Santa Maria Sphere of Influence and Concurrent Annexation Program EIR:** Mr. Gira participated in the Point Review Panel which managed preparation of this EIR which addressed the impacts of growth and development of thousands of acres north, east and west of the City of Santa Maria, including the preparation of 8 specific plans required to guide this development.

**Santa Barbara County, Countywide Circulation Element EIR:** Mr. Gira managed preparation of this EIR which addressed the impacts of adoption of new roadway designations and Circulation Element standards countywide.

**Santa Barbara County, Goleta Growth Management Plan Program EIR:** Mr. Gira managed preparation of this EIR which addressed the impacts of three major rates of residential and commercial-industrial growth over a 10 year planning horizon for development affecting this 40,000 acre planning area with 70,000 residents.

**Santa Barbara County, Goleta Master Environmental Assessment (MEA):** Mr. Gira managed Preparation of this MEA which addressed environmental constraints of the 40,000 acre Goleta planning area, including Hope Ranch, the Las Positas Valley and portions of the City of Santa Barbara's north side planning area.

**Santa Barbara County, Montecito Community Plan EIR:** Mr. Gira contributed to the preparation of this EIR which addressed the impacts of up to 15 years of development in the community of Montecito. Mr. Gira oversaw preparation of the biological resources and transportation sections of the EIR.

**Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission, Mission Hills Community Services District (MHCSD) Sphere of Influence Program EIR:** Mr. Gira managed preparation of this EIR which addressed the impacts of growth and development alternatives for thousands of acres north of the Santa Ynez River for possible future annexation by the MHCSD and/or the City of Lompoc.

**Santa Barbara County, Los Alamos Community Plan Program EIR:** Mr. Gira contributed to the preparation of this EIR which addressed the impacts of up to 15 years of development in the community of Los Alamos. Mr. Gira oversaw preparation of the biological resources and transportation sections of the EIR.

**Santa Barbara County, Tajiguas Landfill Expansion EIR:** Mr. Gira was the County's Project Manager for this EIR on a Coastal Zone landfill which assessed impacts to biology, groundwater, surface water quality, slope stability, traffic, and the adequacy of proposed groundwater protection systems and other technical landfill issues associated with the expansion of this Gaviota area landfill which serves 200,000 residents of the South Coast of Santa Barbara County.