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**From:** morganv90@gmail.com on behalf of Morgan Visalli <morgan.visalli@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2017 1:25 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Aug 22 Board of Supervisors Meeting - Goleta Beach

Good Afternoon,

My name is Morgan Visalli and I'm a constituent from Santa Barbara County, Zip Code 93101. I'm writing to submit an official public comment in advance of the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 22nd. This comment is pursuant to agenda item #8 ([File #17-00604](#)).

I am a marine scientist at the University of California, Santa Barbara and I support a coastal resilience project at Goleta Beach. I support **removing the large rocks/boulders** and replacing them with a cobble berm. This has been successfully implemented at Surfer's Point in Ventura, and has actually enhanced the beach, saved the county money, and increased recreational opportunities in the area.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Morgan Visalli

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**From:** Lennon Thomas <lennon.rose.thomas@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2017 1:37 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** public comment for August 22 Board of Supervisors meeting on 8/22 (agenda item #8)

Good Afternoon,

My name is Lennon Thomas and I'm a constituent from Santa Barbara County, Zip Code 93109. I'm writing to submit an official public comment in advance of the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 22nd. This comment is pursuant to agenda item #8 ([File #17-00604](#)).

I am a marine scientist at the University of California, Santa Barbara and I support a coastal resilience project at Goleta Beach. I support **removing the large rocks/boulders** and replacing them with a cobble berm. This has been successfully implemented at Surfer's Point in Ventura, and has actually enhanced the beach, saved the county money, and increased recreational opportunities in the area.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Lennon Thomas

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**From:** Elena Egorova <Elena.Egorova@patagonia.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2017 1:57 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comment on agenda item #8 (File #17-00604).

Good Afternoon,

My name is Elena Egorova and I'm a constituent from Santa Barbara County, Zip Code 93101. I'm writing to submit an official public comment in advance of the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 22nd. This comment is pursuant to agenda item #8 ([File #17-00604](#)).

I am an Environmental Researcher working for Patagonia Inc. and I support a coastal resilience project at Goleta Beach. I support **removing the large rocks/boulders** and replacing them with a cobble berm. This has been successfully implemented at Surfer's Point in Ventura, and has actually enhanced the beach, saved the county money, and increased recreational opportunities in the area.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Elena Egorova

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**From:** Chris Crabtree <ccrabsb@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2017 2:49 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** Daly, Julia Rutherford  
**Subject:** Public Comments on Hearing of 8/22/17 Agenda Item # 17-00604  
**Attachments:** Crabtree Letter for BOS Hearing of August 22 2017 - Agenda Item 17-00604.doc;  
Crabtree Letter Attachment 1.docx

Hello Clerk of the Board - I know it is late, but attached are comments I have on Hearing of August 22, 2017 Agenda Item # 17-00604 – Consider Recommendations Regarding Goleta Beach Coastal Development Permit No. 4-14-0687 Amendment for the Goleta Beach Park. Please forward them to the Board as soon as possible. Also, can you reply letting me know you received this message?

Thank You  
Chris Crabtree  
805-708-7543

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**View Looking West – August 12, 2017, 3 PM**



**View Looking East – August 12, 2017 at 3 PM**

To: County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors

From: Chris Crabtree

Subject: Comments on Hearing of August 22, 2017 Agenda Item # 17-00604 – Consider Recommendations Regarding Goleta Beach Coastal Development Permit No. 4-14-0687 Amendment for the Goleta Beach Park

Date: August 21, 2017

I have been following the Goleta Beach Park Project 2.0 process since its inception and my focus has been to ensure that project decisions are based on sound considerations of coastal processes. I encourage you (1) to approve the recommendations of staff on this agenda item to retain the 948-foot emergency rock revetments, inclusive of a 75-foot pier revetment reinforcement, pier repairs and additional rock revetment in front of Goleta Sanitary District's sewer vault and outfall installed at Goleta Beach Park (the Park) and (2) adopt the proposed Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) in concept, as they are the best options to protect the Park from surf damage based on environmental factors and economics. I have the following additional comments.

1. Enough cannot be said about the current lack the sand in the Goleta littoral system. A few weeks ago, I completed a survey of the coastline from the Park to Refugio State Beach and at all locations, sand is well below average for this time of year. Sand at the Park is at least as low as conditions experienced there in the early 2000s – for reference, see the aerial photo of the Park for year 2003 on page 9 of the County of Santa Barbara Permit Option Analysis – Goleta Beach (Santa Barbara County Parks July 13, 2017). It is this large-scale factor that is responsible for the current narrow beach at the Park and not micro-scale erosion by the rock revetments. The Goleta Beach Shoreline Management Assessment performed by Noble Consultants (August 16, 2017) accurately identifies the current lack of sand in the Goleta littoral system. This factor is a substantial contributor to sand conditions at Goleta Beach.
2. Due to the narrow beach, retaining the rock revetment will prevent substantial wave damage into the foreseeable future at the Park. Attachment 1 to this letter shows two photos I took in front of Lot 3 at about 3 PM on August 12, at a tide level of about 4.2-4.5'. While this is not a very high tide, there is no beach at the Park except right in front of Lot 3 and the Beachside Café (and at the slough mouth). Without the rocks, the front of the Park would experience extensive erosion, even during conditions of low surf.
3. Regarding the permit conditions for the Goleta Beach Park Project Coastal Development Permit, I recommend that the County either eliminate or re-negotiate conditions 2.D.1 and 2.F, as they are out of touch with reality – that is, the rock revetments do not affect sand supply on the beach. Also, experience has shown that vegetation planted to help stabilize the sand placed on the rock revetments would have failed in its goal, as it would have been swept into the ocean by high surf.
4. Cobble berms are not a viable option to protect the Park from surf erosion, as concluded in the Goleta Beach Shoreline Management Assessment. Also, these structures would displace habitat for the Grunion.

5. To increase public access to the beach, consider installing one or two concrete ramps through the rocks in the middle of the Park. For example, this type of structure provides an effective access point to the beach in front of the Biltmore Hotel.
6. Please provide the public with an adequate opportunity to review the proposed revisions to the Goleta Beach Park Project Coastal Development Permit conditions prior to their consideration at a Board hearing.

Thank you again for your time and consideration of my comments.

Chris Crabtree  
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**From:** Marc Chytilo <marc@lomcsb.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2017 2:49 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Public Comment, Item # A-21, 8-22-17  
**Attachments:** LOMC to BOS Tajiguas Electrical 8-21-17.pdf

Clerk – please forward this to the members of the Board of Supervisors in advance of tomorrow’s hearing.

Thank you, and kindly confirm receipt

Best regards

Marc

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August 21, 2017

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RE: Cost Overruns and Unauthorized Electrical Work at Tajiguas Landfill – Agenda Item #A-21

Dear Chair Hartmann and Supervisors,

This office represents the Gaviota Coast Conservancy in this matter.

Item A-21 requests Board approval for \$175,000 for electrical maintenance work at the Tajiguas Landfill, including an after-the-fact approval of completed work that was not properly overseen by the Public Works Department (PWD). The contractor incurred expenses of approximately \$85,000 over and above the authorized \$45,000 contract (\$130,000 total), and requests an additional \$45,000 for work not yet completed. Some of the work was for maintenance of environmental control systems as described in the Board Letter, however we understand that some of this work was part of the TRRP's planned relocation of the Landfill Operations Facility. That part of the work may conflict or overlap with the TRRP revisions.

The revised TRRP proposed by PWD locates the energy facility in the same portion of the landfill. A new electrical transformer will be installed, with extensive new electrical work very near or at the same location as the unauthorized electrical work before you. We question whether these expenditures are appropriate, and whether the PWD has properly exercised oversight for expenditures, planning, and procurement at this facility. It is certainly not appropriate to allow a contractor to incur \$130,000 in work when the limit of their contract is \$45,000.

This mistake at Tajiguas Landfill follows the coastal zone boundary mistake, which was reported to increase TRRP construction and operation expenses by \$8.5-9.5M and, if ratepayers are responsible, will cause rates to rise by an additional 8-10%. Additionally, PWD reported to the Santa Barbara City Council that they had intended to use \$2.5M in TRRP Bond proceeds to reimburse the County for the purchase of two properties near Tajiguas, and \$1.8M to install a new partial cover over the Transfer Station, a new project that does not appear to have been disclosed publicly or have had environmental review conducted. PWD Staff told the City Council that the delay in bonding affected cash flow for these projects and imperiled certain tax benefits PWD had anticipated. The PWD explanation to City Council was less than complete, such that the public and your Board would benefit from a complete report on these projects and their funding and financing.

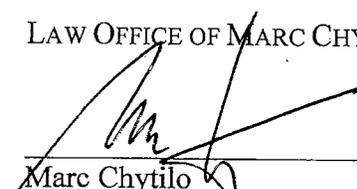
Further, these errors are part of an ongoing series of mistakes in PWD's management of the Tajiguas Landfill. Your Board received an internal Audit of the PWD's Construction Contract for the Tajiguas Phase IIIB Liner project in July of 2017. That audit disclosed: 1) material deficiencies in PWD's bidding and contracting practices; 2) noncompliance with the Public Contract Code; 3) excessive risks to the County and ratepayers from "unbalanced" bids; and 4) failure to retain documents pertaining to PWD contracting. See Tajiguas Landfill Phase IIIB Construction Contract Audit Report, July 11, 2017.

We believe that the PWD's contracting, planning and oversight at Tajiguas Landfill should be thoroughly investigated and the public be given assurances that the funds and project are being properly managed. The near-quadrupling of electrical work, the majority of which transpired without authorization required by County practice, must be fully explained and those elements that are exclusively part of the TRRP should not proceed until that project receives final approval. The original \$45,000 contract is not part of the 8/22/17 Board materials, which contains only an addendum. The original contract should be included in the Board's public materials when the total contract exceeds \$100,000, in order for the public to understand the nature of the expenditure.

Additionally, ratepayers deserve a complete explanation of the County's justification for imposing increased rates that result from PWD management errors at the Tajiguas Landfill.

Respectfully submitted,

LAW OFFICE OF MARC CHYTILO



Marc Chytilo  
For Gaviota Coast Conservancy

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**From:** Gina Auriemma <gina.auriemma@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2017 2:53 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** In support of REMOVING large rocks/boulders at Goleta Beach

Good Afternoon,

My name is Gina Auriemma and I'm a constituent from Santa Barbara County, Zip Code 93109. I'm writing to submit an official public comment in advance of the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 22nd. This comment is pursuant to agenda item #8 ([File #17-00604](#)).

I am a small business owner in Santa Barbara with a degree in urban planning and an advanced degree in marine science and I support a coastal resilience project at Goleta Beach. I support **removing the large rocks/boulders** and replacing them with a cobble berm. This has been successfully implemented at Surfer's Point in Ventura, and has actually enhanced the beach, saved the county money, and increased recreational opportunities in the area.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Gina Auriemma

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Last Name: Auriemma  
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**From:** Grace Goldberg <grace.goldberg@ucsb.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2017 3:54 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comment on Agenda Item #8 - Goleta Beach resilience vs. erosion

Good Afternoon,

My name is Grace Goldberg and I'm a constituent from Santa Barbara County, Zip Code 93101. I'm writing to submit an official public comment in advance of the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 22nd. This comment is pursuant to agenda item #8 ([File #17-00604](#)).

I am a marine scientist at the University of California, Santa Barbara and I support a coastal resilience project at Goleta Beach. I support **removing the large rocks/boulders** and replacing them with a cobble berm. This has been successfully implemented at Surfer's Point in Ventura, and has actually enhanced the beach, saved the county money, and increased recreational opportunities in the area.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Grace

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