

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: annkhanna@twc.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 8:32 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Chaparral Protection and today's meeting, Tuesday, May 15, 2018
Attachments: edc letter chaparral.doc

Dear Sir or Madam,
Please accept this letter requesting that you support the EDC position on chaparral protection in Santa Barbara County.
Thank you. Ann Khanna.

ANN KHANNA

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May 14, 2018.

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

Dear Sir or Madam:

Chaparral is an important natural resource that should be protected for future generations. The County staff's position that 'rare' chaparral be protected but that 'especially valuable' chaparral not be protected is inconsistent with the Coastal Act definition of ESHA, which protects both 'rare' and 'especially valuable' habitats as ESHA. The Coastal Commission suggested modification to Policy NS-4 is predicated on a well thought out analysis by an ecologist citing to numerous technical biological documents, but the County Staff position was not prepared by and is not based on a biological evaluation or assessment.

Protecting valuable chaparral will not curtail agriculture. Areas where chaparral grows are hot and dry. It is very steep and inaccessible. The soils are thin and rocky. There is little water for agriculture. Please protect Gaviota's chaparral as recommended by the Coastal Commission. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ann Khanna.

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From: Cherie Topper <cherie.topper@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 8:52 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: Jessie Altstatt; Ken Pearlman; Dolores Pollock; Steve Ferry
Subject: SB Audubon Support for Chaparral Protection - Agenda Item #4
Attachments: PastedGraphic-3.tiff; ATT00001.htm; PastedGraphic-7.pdf; ATT00002.htm

Dear Chair Williams and Honorable Supervisors,

This letter documents SBAS's support for the protection of chaparral as recommended by the California Coastal Commission in suggested modification #2 to Policy NS-4.

Santa Barbara Audubon Society (SBAS)'s mission is to help conserve and restore the earth's natural ecosystems and improve its biological diversity, principally in the Santa Barbara area, and to connect people with birds and nature through education, science-based projects and advocacy. SBAS and our membership have been a voice for the natural world in the Santa Barbara area for more than 50 years

Because large swaths of chaparral provide necessary habitat for rare and emerging species, as well as providing an integral part of the broader Gaviota coast ecosystem, it is imperative that these large swaths of chaparral be protected. Per the Coastal Act, ALL habitats are ESHAs if they are "either rare or especially valuable due to their special nature or role in an ecosystem." Please note that the chaparral itself does not have to be "rare or especially valuable" to play this essential role in the support of rare, valuable and emergent species.

- The County staff's position that "rare" chaparral be protected but that "especially valuable" chaparral not be protected is inconsistent with the Coastal Act definition of ESHA, which protects both "rare" and "especially valuable" habitats as ESHA.

- The Coastal Commission Suggested Modification to Policy NS-4 is predicated on a well-thought out analysis by an ecologist citing to numerous technical biological documents, but the County staff position was not prepared by and is not based on a biological evaluation or assessment.

- Protecting valuable chaparral will not curtail agriculture. Areas where chaparral grows are hot and dry. Slopes are very steep and inaccessible. The soils are thin and rocky. There is little water for agriculture.

We urge you to protect this valuable resource, and to support the Coastal Commission's suggested modification #2 to Policy NS-4*

Sincerely,

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From: Gregory Linder <carmelgbl@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 9:44 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: Greg Linder
Subject: Gaviota Coast Plan

5-14-18
RE Gaviota Coastal Plan,

Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

As a property owner on the Gaviota Coast & a lifetime citizen of this State I strongly feel that we citizens have not been given adequate time to understand the only recently revealed Gaviota Coastal Plan information.

It is important that NO decisions be made until all stakeholders & interested & affected parties have had a chance to totally understand & then intelligently respond to the study.

I greatly appreciate your efforts to be wise & prudent in allowing enough time for all reactions & input.

Respectfully,

Greg Linder

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From: Jonathen Lund <trudonz.jon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 10:39 AM
To: sbcob; dwilliams@countyofsb.org; Lavagnino, Steve; Wolf, Janet; Hartmann, Joan;
Adam, Peter
Subject: Gaviota Coast Plan

Members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

I have just learned that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors plans to hold a meeting tomorrow regarding the Gaviota Coast Plan and the California Coastal Commission's proposed changes to the plan.

I am the son of an owner (and myself am a current deeded owner) at the Hollister Ranch for over 40 years and I am absolutely dismayed that the proposed changes to the plan are more than a slight "tweak" of the December 16, 2017 version originally submitted for review to the California Coastal Commission. The public really needs more time to review these proposed changes and to schedule a Board of Supervisors meeting 3 days after the information is available to the public is unacceptable.

I ask that the Board withdraw the Gaviota Coast Plan amendments and extend the public review period of the proposed changes for at least 60 days.

Sincerely,

Jonathen Lund

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