

Lenzi, Chelsea

From: Brian Trautwein <btrautwein@environmentaldefensecenter.org>
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 12:59 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Alicia Roessler
Subject: Community Group Sign-on Letter: Gaviota Coast Plan
Attachments: EDC Community Sign on letter to BoS re Gaviota Coast Plan_2016_11_07.pdf

Dear Clerk of the Board,

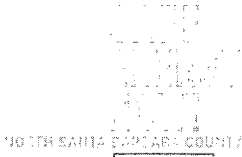
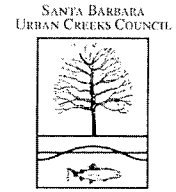
Please find this updated letter to the Board of Supervisors for tomorrow's hearing on the Gaviota Coast Plan.

Thank you,

Brian

--

Brian Trautwein
Environmental Analyst / Watershed Program Coordinator
Environmental Defense Center
906 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805)963-1622 ext. 108
BTrautwein@EnvironmentalDefenseCenter.org
www.EnvironmentalDefenseCenter.Org



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS*



ART Inc.
www.AnimalRescueTeam.net



50th Santa Barbara
1997-1997



San Luis Obispo COASTKEEPER*



November 7, 2016

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

Re: Draft Gaviota Coast Plan

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

This letter is submitted by the undersigned community groups, urging the Board of Supervisors to preserve the Gaviota Coast for the entire Santa Barbara community by ensuring the Gaviota Coast Plan's policies provide meaningful protection for wildlife habitat, agriculture, scenic vistas and public access. Our vision for Gaviota is to protect this last undeveloped stretch of California's rural coastline in a manner that preserves its rich biological, cultural and rural character from inappropriate development and land uses, while also supporting agriculture that helps maintain Gaviota's rural character.

To that end, our community groups urge the Board of Supervisors to support the inclusion of the following amendments to the Draft Gaviota Coast Plan recommended by the Planning Commission:

- To improve the balance between Gaviota's agricultural land uses and wildlife habitats, we urge the Board to protect Gaviota's Environmentally Sensitive

Habitats (“ESH”) from land clearing by amending the Gaviota Plan ESH Ordinance to protect ESH from new and expanded large scale agricultural activities.

- Protect Gaviota from industrialization by prohibiting new oil and gas projects that use fracking, steam injection, and other unconventional enhanced oil and gas extraction technologies in the Gaviota Coast Plan Area.
- Protect scenic vistas and give special consideration to views from important public viewing areas, including the railroad, in addition to Highway 101.
- Ensure the Gaviota Coast Plan’s coastal policies are consistent with the Coastal Act.
- Support local Gaviota farmers by promoting flexible agricultural permitting and allowing additional small scale uses on agriculturally zoned land, such as farm stays and farm stands.
- Ensure that the Plan will provide public access to and along the coast.

We urge the Board to ensure the Gaviota Coast Plan it approves and submits to the Coastal Commission will include policies that serve these core community values.

Sincerely,

Linda Krop, Chief Counsel
Environmental Defense Center

Mike S. Brown, President
Gaviota Coast Conservancy

Jim Hines, Chapter Chair
Sierra Club, Los Padres Chapter

Ken Hough, Executive Director
SBCAN

Cherie Topper, Executive Director
Santa Barbara Audubon Society

Lindsey Baker, Co-President for Program and Action
League of Women Voters – Santa Barbara

Jeff Kuyper, Executive Director
Los Padres Forest Watch

Richard W. Halsey, Director
The California Chaparral Institute

Rebecca August, Chair
Safe Energy Now! North County

Rick Frickmann, President
Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council

Alena Simon, Santa Barbara County Organizer
Food and Water Watch

Delaney Archer, Chair
Coastal Fund

Gordon Hensley
San Luis Obispo Coastkeeper
Environment in the Public Interest

Andrea Adams- Morden, Programs
California Native Plant Society
Channel Islands Chapter

Julia DiSieno, Executive Director
Animal Rescue Team

Sharon Broberg
350 Santa Barbara Climate Justice Hub

Matt Renner
World Business Academy

Theo LeQuesne, Campus Coordinator
Fossil Free UCSB

Clare Lakewood, Staff Attorney
Climate Law Institute
Center for Biological Diversity