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Hello, Board of Supervisors,

Through the attached letter, Gaviota Coast Conservancy (GCC) requests that the Administrative Item currently identified as A-15 for your meeting on March 1, 2022, regarding the Baron Ranch Restrictive Covenant be removed from the Administrative Agenda and be rescheduled for a future date.

I am available to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

With best regards,

Doug

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*By email to [sbcob@countyofsb.org](mailto:sbcob@countyofsb.org)*

RE: Baron Ranch Restrictive Covenant

Dear Chair Hartmann and Supervisors,

Gaviota Coast Conservancy (GCC) requests that the Administrative Item currently identified as A-15 for your meeting on March 1, 2022 regarding the Baron Ranch Restrictive Covenant be removed from the Administrative Agenda and be rescheduled for a future date.

Baron Ranch is a special place on the Gaviota Coast and GCC has been strongly involved along with many community organizations and members in the Baron Ranch Master Plan process. This planning process remains incomplete. While GCC appreciates the need for the County to mitigate actions at the Tajiguas Landfill and we also applaud the concept of protecting habitat on Baron Ranch through a Restrictive Covenant, we received this highly-detailed 87-page Restrictive Covenant late on Friday February 25, 2022. We need sufficient time beyond a single working day to properly review and contemplate the details of the Covenant and its implications for Baron Ranch planning.

This Restrictive Covenant may, or may not, preclude opportunities we would all like to see implemented at Baron Ranch. We need to study it in detail.

The Board of Supervisors, as well as the general public, should **not** consider the Restrictive Covenant independently of the recreational improvements now under consideration for the site. Rather, a balanced approach is needed to consider both habitat protection, restoration, and future recreation plans in a holistic fashion.

Thank you for considering our request to pull this item from the Administrative Agenda and reschedule this important topic for a future date. We look forward to providing comments.

Sincerely,

Doug Kern  
Executive Director