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Hello, Board of Supervisors, and SB County Public Works Department,

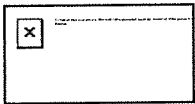
Please find attached a letter from the Gaviota Coast Conservancy (GCC) for Administrative Item A-17 for the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 15, 2022, regarding the Baron Ranch Restrictive Covenant.

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

With best regards,

Doug

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RE: Baron Ranch Restrictive Covenant

Dear Chair Hartmann and Supervisors,

Gaviota Coast Conservancy (GCC) appreciates additional time provided by the Board of Supervisors on March 1, 2022, to review the Baron Ranch Restrictive Covenant. Our request was made to review in detail how the restrictions identified in this document might intersect with planning for habitat protection, restoration, and future recreation plans as outlined in the Draft Baron Ranch Master Plan (Nov 2020).

It is our view that the Restrictive Covenant is highly protective of habitat and endangered species and we appreciate the work conducted over many years by the Public Works Department to achieve this document. We also believe that the Covenant provides sufficient flexibility for land managers to complete necessary work and improvements on the property within the area of the Covenant. We encourage the Public Works Department, the Community Services Department and the Board of Supervisors to finish the Baron Ranch Master Plan so that any future decisions for Baron Ranch are understood within the context of a completed holistic plan.

We will continue to reach out to the Public Works Department on Baron Ranch management issues, improving and normalizing our communications with Department management. GCC believes that, in the future, our views regarding Baron Ranch decision-making can and will be meaningfully discussed with the Public Works Department in advance of public meetings.

Thank you again for the additional time to review the Restrictive Covenant. We appreciate your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Doug Kern  
Executive Director