

Esquer, Kaitlin

From: Angela Wallace <Angela@clanwallace.net>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 1:40 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Goleta Beach

Dear Supervisors,

Please remove the unpermitted rock revetment seawall in order to protect Goleta Beach.

Beaches erode in front of rock revetments. A number of experts including engineer Michael Walther from Coastal Tech and Dr. Orrin Pilkey have written the County that if the rock revetments remain, Goleta Beach will narrow and disappear over time.

All other rock revetments are permitted and would remain, including those in front of the restaurant, pier and other park facilities.

Please protect the park and the beach by removing the damaging rock revetments, relocating at-risk utility lines and parking spaces, and consider installing a cobble berm as a way to add protection for the park without damaging the beach.

Thank you.

Angela Wallace

Goleta resident for 22 years

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From: Ariana Katovich <ariana@earthisland.org>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 12:08 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Goleta Beach

Dear Supervisors,

Please remove the un-permitted rock revetment seawall in order to protect Goleta Beach. This letter does not pertain to the already permitted rock seawall, including those in front of the restaurant, pier and other park facilities.

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Many residents come to Goleta beach for the sand...allowing the revetment to protect utilities and parking spaces would definitely be the definition of "cutting your nose to spite your face." History, local examples and science strongly predict that the beach sand will absolutely disappear over time if you allow the revetments to remain. In addition, having sand on the beach is critical to maintain resilience from rising sea levels due to climate change. Sand, and a healthy slough, are necessary to protect against higher sea levels and increased storm surge.

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Thank you.

Ariana Katovich

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Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 1:23 PM
To: SupervisorCarbajal; Wolf, Janet; Lavagnino, Steve; Adam, Peter; Farr, Doreen; sbcob
Subject: My position on Goleta Beach
Attachments: Letter to supervisors.docx

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Members:

Sierra Club Santa Barbara Group, of which I am an at large member of the excomm, has submitted a position paper on Goleta Beach. In addition, I would like to submit my own thoughts as a private citizen of Santa Barbara.

Attached is my personal statement and I thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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Dear Santa Barbara Board of County Supervisors:

This letter is in support of Goleta Beach Project 2.0 – which will remove the unpermitted rock revetment seawall in order to protect Goleta Beach.

From what I can read/hear the biggest contention is the removal of the currently illegal rock revetments along the western part of the park. The fear is that their removal puts the park at risk of storm surges. There was also concern that the plan will decrease parking. Lastly, there is concern about the cost of the project. Due to these main (this is my assessment of what I've heard and read) concerns various groups have submitted alternatives.

The biggest (?) issue of contention is the removal of the rock revetments. The rock lies above the normal high water mark and is supposed to be under the sand. The argument for removal of this rock rip-rap is that hard coastal armoring has been shown and proven to be detrimental to beaches both on location and downstream. I have read both some of what is cited in the project report and also done my own searches. ***The science is clear – rock/hard revetments damage beaches; by reflecting wave action they cause increased erosion. Studies looking at the Santa Barbara coast have concluded that the areas where various hard revetments that already exist have resulted in loss and erosion of beaches. Furthermore scientific papers fear that sea level rise and climactic disturbances due to global climate change will exacerbate this problem.***

The argument for keeping these revetments is that the park is vulnerable to erosion in storms especially bad ones. The rip-rap in question lies under sand so there shouldn't be the type of erosion that hard revetments cause. The "proof" is that it hasn't happened since 2005 when they were put in. There have been no long term studies proving lack of erosion that I can find. However, the last storm has shown the rocks are easily exposed during these climatic surges. Although It can be argued that the rip-rap did indeed protect the park during the last storm, i.e. had it not been there the damage would have been worse, I believe the Project 2.0 cobble berm option is by far the better alternative.

In looking at the current Project configurations I believe that the EDC and Surfrider have taken community concerns, i.e. "please protect the park not just the beach", to heart. Their proposal now includes the option to "armor" the area where the rock rip-rap will be removed with proven shore/land protective cobble berm structures. Cobble berm structures have protected both beach and shoreline in at least two places on the west coast. Their use in Ventura has been considered a success. This type of hardening allows for shore protection without the beach erosion impacts of walls, revetments, rocks etc. I think this is a great compromise as do the proponents of Alternative 2 as they have also included it in their proposals. In addition, reading through the engineer's estimated probable cost of construction done by Penfield and Smith I see that the original Project 2.0 proposed by EDC is by far the most cost effective.

Doing nothing such as leaving the unpermitted rock revetments is not an option – the park got hit even with revetments and beach was eroded. I believe spending constant taxpayers' money to dredge and replenish sand is futile. In addition, that activity's carbon footprint is unacceptably high. Keeping the rock will damage down-coast shorelines and rising sea levels/changing storm patterns will make the whole park's life expectancy short.

Thank you

Catherine Mullin

Santa Barbara

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From: Christina Shadle <mrsshadle@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 11:34 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Goleta Beach

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Thank you.

Christina Shadle
Santa Barbara

Christina Mahon Shadle

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From: Dan-Big Brand Water <dan@bigbrandwater.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 1:02 PM
To: Scott Bull - Santa Barbara Chapter Surfrider Foundation
Cc: sbcob
Subject: RE: Help Save Goleta Beach!

*Dear SB County Board of Supervisors,
I attended UCSB in the late 1990's and sea wall projects were controversial then.
While I understand property owners wanting to protect their investment, natural erosion must be taken into consideration when buying beachfront property.*

*I am not saying I am entirely opposed to methods for reducing erosion. I do think that any sea walls, rock, stone, concrete construction that is put in place should be evaluated and put before a public review before construction.
If there are in fact rock sea walls that have been put in place without public review and permitting I do believe they should be removed.*

Regards
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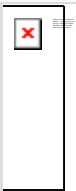
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[mailto:santabarbara=surfrider.org@mail59.wdc03.rsgsv.net] **On Behalf Of** Scott Bull - Santa Barbara Chapter Surfrider Foundation
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 9:49 AM
To: Dan-Big Brand Water
Subject: Help Save Goleta Beach!

Surfrider flags along Santa Barbara's state street this week. Important upcoming hearing to decide the fate of Goleta's only sandy beach.

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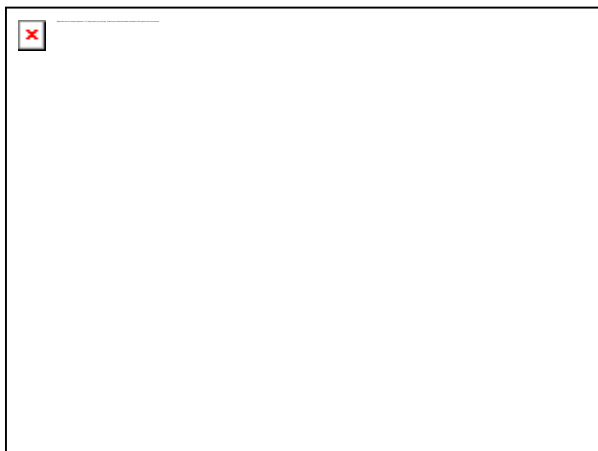
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ACTION ALERT



CRITICAL HEARING TO DECIDE FATE OF GOLETA BEACH, MARCH 18



Whether it's a sunny afternoon with your kids building sand castles, a morning walk with your dog, a picnic on the beach while watching the sunset, or a nap on the sand, Goleta Beach is a very special place. We need your help to protect Goleta Beach today.

Starting in the 1960's, and then in the years that followed, a number of rock

seawalls were constructed. Those on the park's west end are unpermitted and illegal. Unless we take action and remove these seawalls, they threaten to erode and eliminate Goleta's largest sandy beach. Imagine going to Goleta Beach and seeing no beach!

On Tuesday, March 18 at 1:30 pm the County Board of Supervisors will be reviewing a management plan for Goleta Beach. We need you to lend your voice to help protect our community's beach and park from storm damage, sea level rise and the illegal seawall.

The project removes these illegal rock seawalls and protects the beach. It is also a compromise. It leaves all the other rock seawalls - which are permitted - at the east end and in front of the pier, restaurant and other facilities and adds 250-feet of cobble berm protection in front of the Goleta Sanitary District vault near the restaurant. The Santa Barbara Chapter Surfrider Foundation and the Environmental Defense Center have been engaged in this issue for years. We encourage the public to support a hybrid alternative to the above project which would remove the unpermitted revetments, retain the existing number of parking spaces, move the bike path and utility lines out of the erosion hazard zone, but also install a cobble berm to better protect the park, the restaurant and the beach.

Removing the illegal seawall and moving the sewer line out of the erosion hazard zone will allow the beach to expand naturally, providing a larger sandy beach for recreation – including beach walks, sun-bathing and sand castle building, more habitat for shorebirds, and a nicer beach park for all to enjoy.

County Board of Supervisors

Hearing on Goleta Beach

Tuesday, March 18, 1:30-4:00 pm

County Admin Building, 4th floor 105 E Anapamu, Santa Barbara

Please also call or e-mail the supervisors to let them know you want the rock seawall removed and the park and beach protected:

Janet Wolf: 805-568-2191

Doreen Farr: 805-568-2192

Salud Carbajal: 805-568-2186

Supervisor Adam: 805-346-8407

Supervisor Lavignino: 805-346-8400

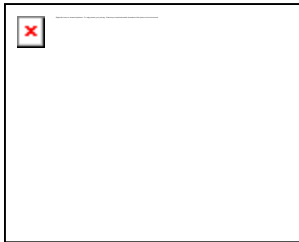
or email the Board here:

sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

More information:

http://www.edcnet.org/learn/current_cases/goleta_beach/index.html

<http://www.sbcountyplanning.org/projects/11DVP-00000-00016/>



The Santa Barbara chapter, founded in 1992, is a local, all-volunteer ocean and watershed environmental group, comprising of surfers and non-surfers alike, working on public access issues, beach clean-ups, school outreach programs, and protecting the local beaches, water quality and coastal open spaces that all Santa Barbarans love. The Chapter's key mission is to protect the threatened Gaviota coast, the last 20 miles of undeveloped coastline in Southern California, a landscape of innumerable cultural, biological and recreational treasures.

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From: Jim Nuttall <nuttalljimmy@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 12:12 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Removal of Goleta Beach Seawall

Please support the removal of the unpermitted seawall at Goleta Beach.

Jim Nuttall

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From: Kaelyn Maehara <kaelynmaehara9242@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 1:04 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Goleta Beach

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

I know you have a big decision to make tomorrow about the rock revetments on Goleta Beach Park. I would like to urge you as a UCSB student, a fellow community member, and a voter to take out the rock revetments and restore the beach. This would be the best thing for the park and the beach if you adopted a hybrid alternative which removes the rocks, saves the beach, relocates park facilities out of the critical erosion zone, and if needed places a cobble berm to save the park from more destruction. Also, by adopting a hybrid alternative you will be saving the county money in the long run because this plan would be cheaper than having to continue beach nourishment due to sand loss, not to mention you might get fined by the state because this rock wall is un-permitted.

Every person, regardless of what "side" they are on wants to keep the park and the beach. This would be the way to do that. It would be proactive in dealing with the ever impending threat of climate change and sea level rise and It would provide a solution that gives the people what they want. The science behind climate change and the negative effects of sea walls on beaches is too concrete to ignore. Please I urge you to make the right decision and think about a sustainable future for this park and adopt an alternative hybrid plan. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kaelyn Maehara

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From: Mia McAdams <miamcadams@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 11:44 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: a Goleta native for Goleta Beach

Dear Supervisors,

My family has lived in Santa Barbara for four generations, and Goleta is my hometown. I care deeply about protecting our wild places, our mountains, creeks and coast. The natural beauty of this area is unmatched and deserves protection.

I've read the science backing up the removal of the rock seawall to protect Goleta Beach, and it makes sense to remove the wall and protect the beach. This is the beach I grew up on, and I'd like the chance for my children to do the same. It is a small thing to ask - to remove a few structures that are going to cause long-term damage, and in exchange have a wonderful park and coastline that can be enjoyed by generations to come.

Please consider protecting the park and the beach by removing the damaging rock revetments, relocating at-risk utility lines and parking spaces, and consider installing a cobble berm as a way to add protection for the park without damaging the beach.

Thank you.
Mia McAdams
Goleta, CA

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From: Molly McDonough <mmcdonough01@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 11:34 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Goleta Beach management plan

To Supervisors: Janet Wolf, Doreen Farr, Salud Carbajal,
Supervisor Adam, Supervisor Lavignino

I am a local constituent of yours and urge you to do what you do best: protect the most valued features of our community.

As a member of the Santa Barbara Chapter Surfrider Foundation, ChannelKeeper and an Environmental Defense Center supporter, I urge you to please support the hybrid plan to the Goleta Beach project. I am a regular Goleta Beach swimmer with friends of mine from Yardi who meet up with Ocean Ducks twice a week on the beach in front of the pier. The hybrid alternative plan would remove the unpermitted revetments, retain the existing number of parking spaces, move the bike path and utility lines out of the erosion hazard zone **AND** install a cobble berm to better protect the park, the restaurant and the beach.

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Thank you for preserving a precious Goleta asset.
Best regards,
Molly McDonough

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From: Vicki Campbell <vicki@vavoomdesign.com>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 11:45 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Hearing on Goleta Beach

Hello,

I grew up in Goleta and my son is attending UCSB so I am familiar with the area. I live in San Diego and have witnessed so many problems caused by seawalls that prevent natural erosion. I would like you to listen to me and the surf rider foundation and remove the illegal seawalls.

I am not able to attend the meeting since I am currently not in the county.

Thank you
Vicki Campbell
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