

## Alexander, Jacquelyne

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**From:** Lisa Moreno <shawspirit@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 5:13 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Save 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 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 for your careful consideration.

Lisa Moreno  
Santa Barbara

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**From:** Marc McGinnes <mcginnes@es.ucsb.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 5:18 PM  
**To:** sbcob; SupervisorCarbajal; Wolf, Janet; Farr, Doreen; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve  
**Subject:** Goleta Beach Park

Hon. Supervisors,

Clear and convincing evidence shows that rock revetment seawalls generally operate over time to scour and denude once sandy beaches, and in particular, such evidence indicates that the existing rock revetment seawall at the west end of Goleta Beach will in time lead to the deterioration and eventual disappearance of the beach. Such an occurrence would destroy the beach-going experience enjoyed by visitors to the county's much beloved Goleta Beach Park. To permit that would be a terrible mistake, I trust you will agree.

Please direct the removal of that stretch of rock revetment seawall, but please allow to remain in place all other stretches of rock revetments that have previously been permitted, such as those protecting the restaurant, pier and nearby park facilities. Please act as wise and ecologically informed stewards of these public trust lands.

On behalf of those of us who love going to Goleta Beach Park with our families and friends, please act to keep the Beach in Goleta Beach Park.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Marc McGinnes  
Emeritus Faculty Lecturer  
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**From:** Braddah Terry Martin <braddahterry@live.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 9:10 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** CRITICAL HEARING TO DECIDE FATE OF GOLETA BEACH, MARCH 18

Please approve the measure for improvement of Goleta Beach and the removal of illegal seawalls.

Thank you,

Terry Martin  
Bakersfield, CA

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**From:** Jenny Dugan <jenny.dugan@lifesci.ucsb.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 9:51 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Fwd: Jenny-Save Goleta Beach Today!

Dear Supervisors,

Please remove the unpermitted rock revetment seawall from Goleta Beach in order to protect this public beach as both a recreational and ecological resource for our community.

Sandy 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. As observed during the recent storm event in late February the existing revetments at Goleta Beach are certainly not out of reach of the erosive action of waves and tides. The loss of beach caused by the revetments will reduce the value of Goleta Beach as recreational resource and greatly impact the ecology of our local coastline. Goleta Beach is one of the few beaches in the Goleta area that is not backed by cliffs or bluffs. This means that Goleta Beach has the ability, if properly managed, to allow a sandy beach to persist even as sea level changes. These types of beaches are very limited on the southern Santa Barbara County coastline, which is mostly bluff-backed. To preserve some sandy beaches on our south county coast, beaches such as Goleta Beach must be carefully and thoughtfully conserved for the future.

The loss of ecological function caused by rock revetments that interact with the waves and tides and narrow the beach is significant as shown by my research and that of other scientists. These impacts affect biodiversity and propagate up to the birds at the highest level of the beach food web. After the beach erodes seaward of the revetment, biodiversity is greatly reduced and birds can no longer use the beach as a feeding area due to the loss of intertidal animals they feed on. Many birds depend on beaches along our coastline to survive the stresses of migration and wintering.

Please protect the park and the beach by removing the damaging rock revetments, relocating at-risk utility lines and parking spaces, and developing a viable plan for managed retreat as a sustainable and practical way to add protection for the park without damaging this unique and important beach.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Jenny Dugan

Isla Vista, CA

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**From:** Elise O'Dea <elise\_odea@berkeley.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 10:56 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Comments on Goleta Beach: Remove the Unpermitted Rock Revetment

Dear Supervisors,

Please remove the unpermitted rock revetment seawall in order to protect Goleta Beach. Beaches erode in front of rock revetments, and a number of experts have concluded that if the rock revetments remain, Goleta Beach will narrow and disappear over time.

All other rock revetments that are permitted 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 very much for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Elise O'Dea

UCSB Graduate

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JD Candidate 2015  
UC Berkeley School of Law



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**From:** Deb Stanton <dubness@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2014 6:51 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please protect Goleta Beach!

Dear Supervisors,

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Thank you for all your Goleta Beach preservation efforts!

Deb Stanton

Santa Barbara resident for 46 years

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**From:** Mary Ellen Brooks <mebrooks@sbceo.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2014 4:55 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Goleta Beach Plan

Dear Members of the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors:

I would like to express my support of the 'managed retreat' plan for Goleta Beach that will be discussed at the Board this week. I am sure during your deliberations you will select the best way to save this local treasure. My family dined at the Beachside on Saturday and were saddened to once again see the damage the storm waves had done to both the restaurant and the beach and the grassy area. I believe that staff has presented a plan based on science and best practices and that to do nothing is going to eventually mark the end of this county resource. I respect the work of the EDC, Surfrider, and other organizations that have followed this issue for years and who have provided invaluable information at every step of the public process.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comment.

Respectfully,

Mary Ellen Brooks  
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Lompoc, CA 93436