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Steve Lavagnino, Chair, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
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RE: Item A-25 – Donation of Lands from Dangermond Preserve to Jalama Beach County Park

Chair Lavagnino and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The Gaviota Coast Conservancy (GCC) has monitored potential developments and activities on the Cojo/Jalama Ranch for decades. Late in 2017, The Nature Conservancy purchased the Cojo/Jalama Ranch and renamed it the Dangermond Preserve, honoring the contributions of Laura and Jack Dangermond to preserve this iconic ranch for the benefit of future generations.

As part of a complicated acquisition transaction, The Nature Conservancy agreed to offer to the County 35 acres of land adjacent to the Jalama County Beach Park to be used to expand recreational opportunities for Santa Barbara County residents and visitors.

The Gaviota Coast Conservancy supports the County's acquisition of these lands, and urges the Board of Supervisors to accept this dedication and move forward with public planning processes to utilize these lands effectively for public benefit, mindful of and respecting the sensitive biological, cultural and historical resources of the area.

Thank you for considering our views and acting to accept this important offer to benefit residents throughout the County.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil McKenna".

Phil McKenna
Chair, Land Use Committee
Gaviota Coast Conservancy

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