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Board of Supervisors
Santa Barbara County

Chair Janet Wolf and County Supervisors:

Santa Barbara Audubon supports the conceptual plan "Goleta Beach 2.0" and urges you to approve moving forward with planning this to address erosion, natural resource protection, and recreation at Goleta Beach County Park. Moving the utilities in a utility corridor as close to Highway 217 as can be negotiated with Cal-Trans, will remove utilities from the erosion zone, and allow for removal of "emergency" and unpermitted rock revetments from the beach.

This solution is supported, in concept, by the Coastal Commission staff, and thus has a high likelihood of being permitted. It is less costly than other solutions, and is more likely to be eligible for funding from the State Coastal Conservancy and other state and federal agencies. The proposal works with natural coastal processes, allowing for a buffer zone which can fluctuate seasonally and over many years. With infrastructure moved out of the buffer zone, erosion and accretion of sand can occur, with the beach always usable by visitors and wildlife, without threat of sewer spills or other catastrophe.

Please move forward with Goleta Beach 2.0 when this issue comes to the Board on July 6.

Thank you,
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President, Santa Barbara Audubon

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