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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Support for Goleta Beach 2.0

Dear Chairwoman Wolf and Supervisors,

On behalf of the Earth Island Institute, I am writing you to urge your support for Goleta Beach 2.0 as an innovative plan to protect and enhance Goleta Beach County Park. The Parks Department's new plan preserves and expands the beach by over an acre. It also adds recreational facilities like kayak rentals and trails and removes the unpermitted rock seawalls which severely damage the beach. By relocating the sewer and utility lines out of the critical erosion zone, the 2.0 plan is a long-term solution that makes the most sense for protecting the beach and providing amenities for the public.

The County's sewer line should be moved all the way back to Highway 217 to avoid future sewage spills on the beach and avoid the need to consider a controversial backstop revetment seawall which would cause further damage to the beach. Goleta 2.0 protects the Park and the environment and is far less costly than prior proposals which have been rejected by the Coastal Commission. We urge you to support Goleta Beach Park and direct staff to pursue all options to move the sewer line further inland. Goleta Beach 2.0 is a sustainable plan that works with nature to preserve and protect the Beach and its natural beauty.

Personally, I am incredible happy to see cooperation between County Parks and the non governmental organizations dedicated to achieving the best result for the community and the local environmental and habitat that truly makes Goleta Beach the special place that it is. I know this has been a long process, involving many stakeholders and congratulate the County in sticking to this

Sincerely,

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