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**Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors**

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**Re: Goleta Beach 2.0**

Dear Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the Surfrider Foundation, this letter is to urge your support for prudent coastal management at Goleta Beach via embrace of the proposed “Goleta Beach 2.0” project as an innovative way to preserve and improve the park for optimal future use by the community.

It is my understanding that the proposed “Goleta Beach 2.0” project entails:

- relocation of existing parking areas and utility lines further inland,
- restoration of the former parking area to a natural beach-dune system,
- removal of the unpermitted rock revetments along the western beaches fronting the park,
- minor extension of the existing revetment to protect the “treated wastewater line access vault”,
- designation of a “protection zone” which warrants clear definition relative to allowances for any future revetment if erosion eventually threatens the relocated utility lines.

Any revetment or other armoring structure can potentially have an adverse effect upon the beach. This is valid even if the revetment is landward of the “high water line” and beach, whereas future erosion may reduce the width of the beach or even eliminate the beach seaward of the revetment. The proposed “Goleta Beach 2.0” appears to reasonably balance the desire to preserve the beach with the desire to protect upland infrastructure.

Based upon the above, we request and recommend that the Board accept the proposed “Goleta Beach 2.0” project, including moving the sewer and utility lines as far inland as possible to avoid any future need for revetment construction in the “protection zone”.

If you have any questions, or if we may assist you further, please contact me.

Sincerely,  
**COASTAL TECH**

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President