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Transmittal Memorandum

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SUBJECT: GavPAC Meeting No. 2: Overview of the Comprehensive Plan and LCP

The items listed below have been included as part of the meeting materials for GavPAC meeting no. 2 on Wednesday November 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Vista de Las Cruces School auditorium:

1. **Meeting Agenda:** Please see the attached agenda for the November 18, 2009 GavPAC meeting. For details, please see discussion of agenda items below. **(Attachment 1)**
2. **Draft Meeting Minutes:** Staff has provided draft meeting minutes from the November 4, 2009 GavPAC meeting for review and approval. **(Attachment 2)**
3. **Tentative Long Term Meeting Schedule:** Based on discussion of long-term scheduling during the November 4, 2009 GavPAC meeting, a long term schedule has been provided for review. **(Attachment 3)**
4. **California State General Plan Guidelines: Introduction and Chapter 1: Content of General Plan (19 pages):** These sections have been provided to the GavPAC as a primer on California general planning law, which governs the development and applicability of the contents of a general plan, including all community plans. The introduction and 1st Chapter of the California General Plan Guidelines provide succinct guidelines to the role, function, and organization of both general plans and community plans. **(Attachment 4)**
5. **California Coastal Commission document "Updating the LCP – A Place to Start":** providing a primer on the Local Coastal Plan (LCP) and recommendations and resources for LCP update planning. **(Attachment 5)**
6. **Land Use Designations & Definitions Table:** This table summarizes the various land use designations contained within the Plan Area. **(Attachment 6)**
7. **Diagram of County Long Range Planning Documents:** This attached diagram graphically depicts the hierarchy of long range planning documents adopted by the County of Santa Barbara. The Comprehensive Plan provides the overarching policy context for the all other long

range planning document. Other planning documents must be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, including community plans, specific plans, master plans, and design guidelines. Collectively, these long range planning documents provide the policy framework for specific planning and development projects throughout the County. **(Attachment 7)**

8. **Gaviota Land Use Designation Maps:** Three maps depicting the land use designations for all of the land contained within the plan area. One map each for the western and eastern plan areas and a coastal strip map for the eastern plan area. **(Attachment 8)**

In addition to this packet, please bring the GavPAC Documents binder with you to the meeting.

All GavPAC materials are also available for download from the following webpage if you have difficulty with the files attached to the email:

<http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/planareas/gaviota/gaviota.php>

Meeting Summary

Prior to promulgating a Gaviota Coast Plan it is important that the GavPAC and the public have an understanding of both the State legal framework for planning and the role and function of area and community plans in Santa Barbara County. This understanding will aid in the formation of plan goals that are consistent with State law, and the Comprehensive Plan. The agenda item will include an overview and discussion of planning law and documents that are an intrinsic part of area and community planning.

In addition, the administrative tasks of electing a vice-chair and recording secretary will be performed.

Long Term GVPAC Meeting Schedule (Agenda Item #5)

During the last GavPAC meeting, the dates for five future meetings were approved by the committee. In order to remain on track with the project's long range schedule, the meeting schedule is presented with a list of topics proposed to be covered during each meeting. Please review and comment on the tentative long term schedule provided in this packet.

California State Law and General Planning (Agenda Item #6)

California State Law requires that each City and County jurisdiction adopt and maintain a general plan to guide planning over long periods of time. In Santa Barbara County, our general plan is called the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan provides policies, data, and environmental protections to guide land use and development. In addition, for the coastal zone areas of the State, a Local Coastal Plan performs the function of the General Plan for these areas. As part of this agenda item, staff will present an overview of general planning law and process in California.

Staff has included the following documents for reference: California State General Plan Guidelines: Introduction and Chapter 1: Content of General Plan and California Coastal Commission document "Updating the LCP – A Place to Start":

Overview of Land Use Designations (Agenda Item #7)

Staff will provide an overview and description of the various land use designations within the plan area. Staff has included the Land Use Designations & Definitions Table as reference.