



Gaviota Coast
Planning Advisory Committee
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- 1. The Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call**
- 2. Public Comment Period**
- 3. Administrative Briefings**
- 4. Meeting Minutes Review & Approval**
- 5. Discussion of Existing Natural Resources Policy**
- 6. Consideration of Natural Resources Preferences**
- 7. Consideration of Natural Resources Planning Tools**
- 8. Discussion of LUDC Certification Process**
- 9. Discussion of Long-Term Meeting Schedule**



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Agenda Item 1:

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call



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Agenda Item 2:

Public Comment Period for Items not on the Agenda



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Agenda Item 3:

Administrative Briefing

LUDC Modifications



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Agenda Item 4:

Meeting Minutes Review and Approval



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Agenda Items 5-7:

Natural Resources Planning Deliberations:

Discussion of Existing Natural Resources Policy

Consideration of Natural Resources Preferences

Consideration of Natural Resources Planning Tools



Existing Natural Resources Policy

Natural Resources Policy Approach:

- 1. Preservation of natural features and native vegetation, to the maximum extent feasible.**
- 2. Specific protection for wetlands, coastal dune habitat, and stream and creek corridors**
- 3. Conservation Element**
- 4. Environmental Guidelines and Thresholds Manual**



GavPAC Natural Resources Issues Summary

RSOS-6 Protect Cultural & Historic Resources

“All available measures...shall be explored to avoid development on significant cultural sites”

- a. Historical structures inventory
- b. Cultural resources predictive model
- c. Ordinance amendment(s)
- d. Organization to highlight the Chumash and the agricultural culture of Gaviota
- e. Gaviota cultural center as a possible use in the Gaviota Marine Terminal re-use plan
- f. SB 18 consultation



GavPAC Natural Resources Issues Summary

RSOS-2 Protect & Enhance Natural Resources Utilizing a Watershed Approach

RSOS-4 Protect & Enhance Wildlife Corridors

- a. Incentives/regulatory relief for implementation of watershed mgmt. plans and habitat conservation & enhancement practices
- b. Watershed scientific advisory panel and info. exchange for watershed planning efforts
- c. Ordinance amendment(s)
- d. Watershed characterization inventory
- e. Mountainous Area or Resource Management designations to appropriate upper watershed parcels
- f. Updated ESH policies & habitat mapping
- g. Invasive plant eradication
- h. Wildlife corridor study



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RSOS-7 Consider Habitat Restoration Projects

RSOS-5 Support Landowner Stewardship of Natural Resources

- a. Incentives/regulatory relief for implementation of watershed mgmt. plans and habitat conservation & enhancement practices
- b. Stewardship principles & agreements
- c. Ordinance amendment(s)
- d. "Safe Harbor"-like agreements that voluntarily enhance habitat for sensitive species



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RSOS-8 Natural Resources Best Management Practices to be Identified to Minimize Impacts from Agricultural Operations

- a. NRCS Practices Manual
- b. Management plans



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RSOS-3 Expanded Recreational Opportunities Should be Sensitive to Natural Setting

- a. Trails Implementation Plan
- b. Trail siting guidelines
- c. Conditional Use Permit conditions of approval
- d. Ordinance amendment(s)



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Climate Change & LCP

The Coastal Commission acknowledges its legal authority to address Climate change, through its implementation of the Coastal Act. The Coastal Act mandates the Commission “protect, conserve, restore, and enhance” the state’s coastal resources .

The Commission recognizes that local governments will need to update and revise their LCP Policies to address to help address impacts of climate change.

At this point in time, they has not provided direction on policies, ordinances and standards that would address climate change, nor have they pointed to Examples of other jurisdictions with recently updated LCPs that address climate change.



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Safe Harbor Agreements

The Safe Harbor concept was developed in 1995 to encourage private landowners to restore and maintain habitat for endangered species without fear of incurring additional regulatory restrictions.

The need for the agreement is that under the ESA the presence of an endangered species on a property may result in restrictions on activities undertaken on that land that may be harmful to that species. Thus if landowners were simply to restore wildlife habitats on their property, and those habitats became homes to endangered animals, they might find themselves needing permits to make future use changes subject to take provisions.



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Coastal Act ESHA Definition

30107.5. "Environmentally sensitive area" means any area in which plant or animal life or their habitats are either rare or especially valuable because of their special nature or role in an ecosystem and which could be easily disturbed or degraded by human activities and developments.



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Resource Protection Zones

Purpose: to protect mountainous lands...that are unsuited for intensive development, and that consist of:

1. Slopes in excess of 40 percent; or
2. Valleys surrounded by slopes exceeding 40 percent; or
3. Isolated table land surrounded by slopes exceeding 40 percent; or
4. Areas with outstanding resource values, such as environmentally sensitive habitats and/or watersheds.

The intent is to allow reasonable but limited development because of extreme fire hazards, minimum services, and/or environmental constraints and to encourage the preservation of these areas for uses including grazing, scientific and educational study, limited residential and agricultural uses.



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Resource Protection Zones

Uses & Permit Process:

1. Prohibition or CUP requirement for cultivated agriculture
2. Prohibition of Agricultural Employee Housing (except Goleta CP)
3. Design review required
4. More limited uses and requirement for discretionary CUP



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Agenda Item 9:

Discussion of Long-Term Meeting Schedule



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GavPAC Meetings

	Wednesday	Location
December	1 15	Vista Vista



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Meeting/ Workshop Type	Date and Time	Location	Discussion Topics
GavPAC Meeting #24	Wednesday, December 15, 2010 6:30 p.m.	Vista de Las Cruces School Auditorium	Planning Goals Development: Public Recreation I
GavPAC Meeting #23	Wednesday, December 1, 2010 6:30 p.m.	Vista de Las Cruces School Auditorium	Planning Goals Development: Resources Stewardship & Open Space II



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**Next GavPAC Meeting: Wednesday December 1,
2010 @ Vista de Las Cruces school – 6:30 p.m.**





Thank You

