



**Planning and Development Department**  
**Office of Long Range Planning**  
**Transmittal Memorandum**

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**TO:** GavPAC Members

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**SUBJECT:** GavPAC Meeting No. 5

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The items listed below have been included as part of the meeting materials for GavPAC meeting no. 5 on Wednesday January 6, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Vista de Las Cruces School auditorium:

- 1. Meeting Agenda:** Please see the attached agenda for the January 6, 2010 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 December 2 and 7, 2009 GavPAC meetings for review and approval (Attachment 2).
- 3. Overview of Watershed Principles and Biological/Ecological Resources:** Guest speakers will provide an overview of watershed principles and biological/ecological resources of the Gaviota coast. Staff has attached a packet of resources in preparation for this discussion as follows: 1) a compendium of existing County policies related to habitat protection and watershed health (Attachment 3), 2) a set of two panel maps (Attachment 4) depicting potential biological factors from State and County databases which are also available on the Gaviota Coast Plan website @ <http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/planareas/gaviota/gaviota.php> (legibility can be increased over the paper maps by using the zoom feature in Adobe Acrobat), and 3) a primer (Attachment 5) on watershed principles from the Environmental Protection Agency (excerpt, entire manual available from EPA @ <http://www.epa.gov/watertrain>).

In preparation for this discussion, please review the attached materials and the *Gaviota Coast Study Group Report* pp. 14-27, and *Developing Adaptive Policy to Climate Disturbance in Santa Barbara County* (McGinnis, et. Al. 2009) which are also available on the Gaviota Coast Plan website (link above).

- 4. Overview of Applicable Zoning Ordinances – Relationship to the Comprehensive Plan and Local Coastal Plan:** Staff will describe the three applicable zoning ordinances within the planning area, their function in relationship to the Comprehensive Plan and Local Coastal Plan, as well as a summary of zoning districts and associated key land uses. Zoning ordinance summary sheets and four zoning maps were included in the Meetings 3 & 4 packet dated 11/29/09 for your reference.

5. **P&D Citizen Access Portal:** Staff will describe this useful, publicly accessible database that enables research into permit activity and property information for the unincorporated County. A user guide for the portal was included in the Meetings 3 & 4 packet dated 11/29/09 for your reference.
6. **Long Term GavPAC Meeting Schedule:** The GavPAC long term meeting schedule (Attachment 6).

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>  
The following provides additional detail for selected agenda items, as labeled.

#### **Overview of Watershed Principles and Biological/Ecological Resources (Agenda Item No. 4)**

This item is dedicated to watershed principles and the ecology of the Gaviota Coast, including biologic resources, habitats, and sensitive species. Local experts and staff will provide detail regarding watershed principles and current trends and issues of importance related to the ecological functions of the landscape, permit process issues involving sensitive habitats and species, and the current policy environment for the inland and coastal zones:

The watershed principles overview includes watershed delineation, associated natural processes, and factors related to land use. The biological/ecological discussion will focus on the functions and relationships between local marine and terrestrial biologic resources, including habitats and sensitive species, and their relationship to the unique landscape of the Gaviota Coast. The existing policy environment will also be described.