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# Gaviota Coast Planning Advisory Committee

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## ***DRAFT MINUTES - WORKSHOP #1***

***Saturday March 20, 2010***

***Goleta Union School District Board Hearing Room***

**Workshop Called to Order:** By Chair Kim Kimbell at 9:05 a.m.

### **1. Roll Call**

**GavPAC Members Present:** Baer, Boise-Cossart, Bowman, Kimbell, Lloyd, McGinnis, McKenna, McNabb, Tautrim, Van Leer

**GavPAC Members Absent:** Feeney

**County Staff Present:**

Derek Johnson, Office of Long Range Planning Director

Vicki Parker, Office of Long Range Planning Deputy Director

David Lackie, Office of Long Range Planning Supervising Planner

Brian A. Tetley, Office of Long Range Planning Senior Planner

Katie London, Office of Long Range Planning Assistant Planner

Greg Wiley, Office of Long Range Planning Planner

### **2. Opening Remarks**

**3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor Doreen Farr:** Welcomed the workshop attendees and thanked the GavPAC for all of their hard work. Recognized the beauty and diversity of uses on the Gaviota Coast. Believes that now is the time to take measures to protect the Gaviota Coast. Acknowledged that the GavPAC has a broad range of backgrounds and experience as well as in-depth knowledge of issues related to the Coast. Explained that the GavPAC facilitates the multi-year planning effort to develop policies for the Coast. Recognized landowners who have been good stewards and those individuals who feel passionately about protection of the Coast.

**Derek Johnson:** This planning process is proceeding faster than anticipated, largely due to the enthusiasm and knowledge of the GavPAC. This workshop was designed to elicit public input on what Staff and the GavPAC should be thinking about in the process of developing the Gaviota Coast Plan. He explained the workshop format: World Café discussion in the morning and open forum/public discussion in the afternoon. GavPAC members will listen to the public and facilitate discussions. He also explained the workshop ground rules.

Workshop proceeded to discussions at six tables on six different topics,: Keeping Agriculture on the Land; Resource Stewardship & Open Space; Public Recreation; Plan Area Boundary; Transportation, Energy, & Infrastructure, Zoning, Land Use & Housing.

**Workshop Adjourned for lunch** – 12:30 p.m.

**Workshop Reconvened for Open Forum** – 1:15 p.m.

Public input was received on the following focus questions:

1. *What are the common threads among the goals and issues expressed for the topic areas?*

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2. *What are the tensions that exist in achieving some of these goals or addressing issues?*
3. *What are the important goals for this Plan to achieve?*
4. *What are the roles of the various entities involved: landowners, government, community/visitors?*
5. *What tools could be developed to help achieve the goals?*

**Derek Johnson:** Table facilitators will type up notes from the round table discussions and provide them to Staff. These notes will be provided on the County's website and at the next GavPAC meeting.

The County is looking at ways to incentivize green building strategies through their Climate Action Strategy (CAS), happening concurrently with the Gaviota Coast Planning process.

The Gaviota Coast Plan could use adaptive policies to accommodate the uncertainty of impacts from Climate Change on the Plan Area.

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Staff will present, to the Board of Supervisors, the California Coastal Commission's (CCC) Staff Report on recommended modifications to the County's LUDC in the Coastal Zone.

The AAC could work with the legislative committee (Leg. Comm.) to lobby for Bill(s) before Congress regarding inheritance taxes on agricultural land, and/or other pertinent legislative efforts.

Resource conflicts can arise when looking at areas viable for alternative energy; the planning process will have to take this into account.

A recreation management plan could be a tool for the Gaviota Coast Plan.

The next CCC Hearing will be located in Ventura at the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**Anne Coates:** On March 26<sup>th</sup>, the CCC Staff Report should be posted on the CCC's website

**Workshop Adjournment** – 3:36 p.m.

