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Transmittal Memo

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TO: GVPAC Members

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SUBJECT: GVPAC Meeting #10: Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste

The items listed below have been included as part of the meeting materials for GVPAC meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2009

1. **Meeting Agenda:** Please see the attached agenda for the Tuesday, March 3, 2009. For details, please see discussion of agenda items below. **(Attachment 1, P.1)**
2. **Draft Meeting Minutes:** Staff has provided draft meeting minutes from the February 18, 2009 GVPAC Meeting for review and approval. **(Attachment 2, P.5)**
3. **Tentative Long Term GVPAC Meeting Schedule:** An updated long term schedule has been provided for review. **(Attachment 3, P.11)**
4. **Ms. Freeman Letter - Multi-media for GVPAC viewing:** In contribution to our discussions of ecology, biology, hydrology, geology, and parks/recreation, GVPAC Member Bonnie Freeman has shared two videos about biodiversity and local environmental issues and stories for viewing by staff and the GVPAC. Of particular interest, Ms. Freeman identified a student documentary film produced through the Environmental Media Program at UCSB that describes many of the issues discussed during GVPAC meetings as they relate to Goleta Beach County Park. Staff is working to post these media on the GVPAC website for viewing pending a few technical challenges. In the meantime, should the GVPAC or interested community members desire to view the hard copies of the films, staff can "check out" the original media. Please contact Erika Leachman at eleachma@co.santa-barbara.ca.us or at 568-2025 to arrange a viewing or inquire about the media to be posted on the website: **(Attachment 4, P.17)**

<http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/planareas/goleta/gvpac.php>

5. **Reference Map Packet:** As we begin to look critically at water and waste in the Goleta Valley, it may be helpful to refer to the following map: **(Attachment 5, P.21)**

Goleta Valley Sanitation Districts Map (P.23): This map describes the extent of sewer services provided to the Goleta Valley by the Goleta Sanitary and the Goleta West Sanitary Districts.

Tuesday, March 3, 2009 Agenda

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

Community Plan Discussion: Public Services and Facilities (Item #3)

This item continues the discussion of existing public services and facilities serving the Goleta Valley by addressing water and waste issues. The presentation will include details regarding waste management systems functions and capacities, specifically the systems of the Goleta Water District, the Goleta Sanitary District, and Tajiguas Landfill. With the help of our guest speakers, Kamil Azoury, General Manager of the Goleta Sanitary District, Eric Ford, Interim General Manager of the Goleta Water District, and Leslie Wells of the County Public Works Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division, we will explore how domestic water is provided, how stormwater and municipal sewage is handled, and how solid waste is managed and processed from the Goleta Valley. We will have the opportunity to draw linkages between these services, environmental quality and resource protection, and planning for low-impact, well-connected sustainable communities in both the urban and rural areas of the Goleta Valley. The GVPAC will have the opportunity to ask questions of staff and our guest speakers about facilities planning, future conditions and regulations, and options to ensure safe and sustainable resources for future generations through linkages to land use planning.

In preparation for this discussion, please consider the following principles and goals from the GVC 20/20 Vision Document and the 1993 Goleta Community Plan.

GVC 20/20 Vision Statement: (GVC pages 6 and 43)

We are a community that embraces conservation, stewardship and consciously living within our resources.

Watersheds Master Goal: *Preserve and improve the health of our watersheds; ridgeline to shore. Factors that reflect watershed well-being include: water supply and quality, condition of creek banks, flood management, and the diversity of habitat, plants and animals.*

Goal #1: Ensure an adequate water supply for current and future needs.

Goal #2: Maintain and improve water quality.

Goal #3: Provide comprehensive stormwater management.

Goal #4: Establish policies to ensure clean air.

Goal #5: Innovative improvements have been made to the storm drain system that protects all areas with a minimum of cost or damage to the environment.

Goal #6: Land use policies are in place which encourage utility companies to develop innovative ways to construct and operate their facilities.

Goal #7: The reclaimed wastewater system is available to all areas of the Eastern Goleta Valley.

1993 Goleta Community Plan Principles: (reformatted GCP pages 17 and 102)

To maintain an adequate, safe water supply and protect groundwater basins from prolonged overdraft and quality degradation.

To ensure that public facilities and infrastructure be planned which will service the residents and workers of Goleta at acceptable levels.

To provide protection for natural resources and landforms relating to topography, waterways, and biologically sensitive habitats.

Public Facilities and Services Super Element Goal: Promote improvements in Circulation, Parking and Other Public Facilities and Services for Commercial, Industrial and Residential Areas for the Benefit of the Entire Community.

Also, in preparation for this presentation and discussion, please read the following selected chapters of the Goleta Community Plan:

1. III.E. Resource Recovery;
2. III.G. Sewer and Storm-Drainage Systems;
3. III.I. Water

Following the presentation, the GVPAC will have the opportunity to discuss linkages between these issue areas and the capabilities of land use planning in the Goleta Community Plan to support a sustainable community. The following focus questions are provided to aid in discussion. Please consider these questions prior to the meeting and feel free to generate additional questions for staff and the GVPAC to augment the discussion.

1. How can land use planning in the Goleta Community Plan best support the health and sustainability of water quality and supply in both urban and rural areas of the Goleta Valley?
2. What land use patterns and components in the Eastern Goleta Valley tend to enhance or diminish water quality?
3. How can land use planning in the Goleta Community Plan best support the long term capacity of landfill operations and increase diversion of solid waste to resource recovery systems?
4. How best and where can land use planning in the Goleta Community Plan realize improvements to waste management systems and other infrastructure in the built environments of the Goleta Valley?