



## Planning and Development Department

### Office of Long Range Planning

#### Transmittal Memo


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**DATE:** Friday, May 29, 2009

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**TO:** GVPAC Members

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**FROM:** David Lackie, Supervising Planner  
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**CC:** 2nd Supervisorial District Office  
Derek Johnson, Director of the Office of Long Range Planning

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**SUBJECT:** GVPAC Meeting #16: Sustainable Goleta Valley

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The items listed below have been included as part of the meeting materials for GVPAC meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2009.

- 1. Meeting Agenda:** Please see the attached agenda for the Tuesday, June 2, 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 May 20, 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. Final Room and Topic Layout for GVPAC Public Workshop:** As confirmed by the GVPAC during meeting #15, a final layout for topical tables has been included for reference. **(Attachment 4, P.17)**

## ***Tuesday, June 2, 2009 Agenda***

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

### **Administrative (Item #3)**

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**Goleta Transportation Improvement Plan (GTIP) Update – Status Presentation:** During the GVPAC Meeting #8, staff discussed the pending GTIP update project planned by the County Public Works Department. Since this time, the GTIP update was initiated in April 2009. As part of the update, the Public Works Department requested the opportunity to present the status for the project to the GVPAC and community. This brief presentation will provide details of the project's timeline, components, and anticipated outcomes.

**Goleta Valley Community Survey:** The Office of Long Range Planning is pleased to let you know that the Goleta Valley Community Survey has been successfully launched both online and in print for distribution to the community. To take the Goleta Valley Community Survey Online, any interested citizen may visit: <http://www.sbcountyplanning.org/survey/> or call 805.568.3380 to request a paper copy of the survey. Staff kindly requests surveys are completed by Friday, June 19, 2009.

### **Sustainable Goleta Valley (Item #4)**

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The upcoming meeting is intended to give the GVPAC the opportunity to discuss the wide range of issues covered thus far in the Plan update process through the lens of sustainability; that is, to discuss land use planning decisions that will meet the needs of existing residents without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Of particular importance will be the task of ensuring that land use in the Goleta Valley can sustain the local environment, economy, and social well-being of the community for the life of the updated Goleta Community Plan and beyond.

To help facilitate the discussion, we have invited expert guest speakers to discuss current trends in sustainability at the State and Local-levels. Topics will include air quality, greenhouse gases, and climate change, watershed planning and water best management practices, and energy efficiency, sustainable development, and green building.

For the upcoming meeting, the GVPAC is encouraged to discuss integration of sustainability principles into the goals and objectives of the updated Goleta Community Plan and will have the opportunity to discuss 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 the 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. What physical changes can be made in the Eastern Goleta Valley to increase long-term sustainability of the community?
2. How best can land use planning in the Eastern Goleta Valley reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality?
3. What land use planning goals would integrate sustainable land use for the local environment, economy, and social community?

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## Goleta Community Workshop Preparation (Item #5)

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As GVPAC Meeting #16 is the only meeting prior to the July 11, 2009 GVPAC Community Workshop, the GVPAC will have the opportunity to ask questions, discuss the layout and format of the workshop, and provide comments to staff in preparation. The GVPAC has volunteered for the topical tables at the workshop as follows (see Attachment 4 for final schematic layout for the workshop):

- Kim True, Environmental Protection and Stewardship
- Tom Elliott, Residential Land Use
- Valerie Olson, Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces
- Bonnie Freeman, Agricultural Land Use
- Kenan Ezal, Mobility, Circulation, and Parking
- Kenneth Mineau, Commercial Land Use
- Ted Adams, Public Safety and Infrastructure

Staff has prepared a preliminary packet of information for GVPAC members to review in preparation for the workshop. The packets cover each table at the workshop to include topical information, focus questions, and descriptions of potential planning tools to aid the implementation of the community's goals for the updated community plan.

Please note that this packet is intended to be informative and is not inclusive of all the materials, focus questions, facts, figures, information, and/or planning tools that may be considered or discussed during the workshop. It is intended to introduce the GVPAC members to the format and information for the workshop in advance.

Each GVPAC member is encouraged to review this draft information and contact staff individually should any questions, suggestions, or other comments arise regarding your particular table topic. Staff kindly requests GVPAC members submit suggestions, requests, or comments to staff no later than Friday, June 19, 2009. Adherence to this deadline will ensure adequate time to finalize materials for the July 11, 2009 workshop.

GVPAC members will be mailed final workshop materials for your GVPAC reference binders on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. This finalized packet of material should be considered your reference packet for workshop.

If questions arise following GVPAC Meeting #16, staff is available:

- Derek Johnson, 568.2072
- David Lackie, 568.2023
- Erika Leachman, 568.2025