




Planning and Development Department

Long Range Planning Division

Transmittal Memo

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TO: GVPAC Members

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SUBJECT: GVPAC Meeting #29: GVPAC Review of Administrative Draft Plan:
Section I: Introduction

The items listed below have been included as part of the meeting materials for the upcoming GVPAC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 6:00PM.

1. **Meeting Agenda:** Please see the attached agenda for Tuesday, October 26, 2010. (**Attachment 1, P.1**)
2. **Draft Meeting Minutes:** Staff has provided draft meeting minutes from the June 29, 2010 GVPAC Meeting for review and approval. (**Attachment 2, P.5**)
3. **Proposed GVPAC Meeting Schedule:** A proposed schedule for Phase III of the project has been provided. (**Attachment 3, P.11**)
4. **GVPAC Comment Log:** This tool is provided to organize and record your talking points for each section of the Administrative Draft Plan. If you prefer to keep a record of your comments digitally, a MS Word version will be emailed to you as well. Please use this tool to prepare your main comments on the proposed policies and planning tools of the Plan for the GVPAC discussion. (**Attachment 4, P.15**).
5. **Administrative Draft Plan for GVPAC Review and Comment:** Staff has updated the 1993 Goleta Community Plan for Eastern Goleta Valley based on the GVPAC goals and the community input. This Administrative Draft Plan has been meticulously reviewed by the GVPAC Plan Review Subcommittee and is now subject to its first public review.

Administrative (Item #2)

As appointed by the County Board of Supervisors, the Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee (GVPAC) serves the following role:

The GVPAC serves as an advisory body to the County of Santa Barbara and shall:

1. Receive community input,
2. Develop Community Plan goals, and
3. Review and comment on the draft Goleta Valley Community Plan.

This upcoming GVPAC meeting is the first of many meetings and hearings of Phase III of the Goleta Community Plan update project, the Review and Revision Phase. With the articulated goals of the GVPAC recorded, staff has updated the 1993 Goleta Community Plan to create an Administrative Draft for Eastern Goleta Valley. The Draft Plan is subject to review by the public, the County Planning Commission, and the Board of Supervisors prior to initiation for environmental review per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

As an intermediate step to the GVPAC's review and comment on the Administrative Draft Plan, your Plan Review Subcommittee has meticulously reviewed and revised the draft Plan based on the GVPAC's articulated land use goals, thereby ensuring efficient and effective review by the full advisory committee following the subcommittee review process.

Through the update process so far, many policies have remained unchanged from the 1993 Plan while, in some cases, changes have been made to better align the Community Plan with the community's land use goals. Only a few issues remain unresolved pending input for the full GVPAC. In the coming meetings, the GVPAC will learn:

1. Where and how staff recommends changes,
2. Where staff recommends no changes, and
3. Where staff needs additional input and advice from the GVPAC and the community to finalize the Administrative Draft Plan for recommendation to the County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for initiation of Environmental Review.

Calendar

The GVPAC Review of the Administrative Draft Plan is scheduled from October 26, 2010 to January 11, 2011. During this time, the Administrative Draft Plan is a public document and open to comment from the GVPAC and the community. Five (5) public meetings are scheduled (see Attachment 3). Each meeting will provide the opportunity to review and comment on the policies of one (1) section of the Administrative Draft Plan, as follows:

1. Tuesday, Oct 26, 2010: Section I: Introduction (p.3 – p.26)
2. Tuesday, Nov 9, 2010: Section IV: Environmental Resources and Constraints (p.153 – p.211)
3. Tuesday, Nov 23, 2010: Section III: Public Services and Facilities (p.93 – p.152)
4. Thursday, Dec 16, 2010: Section II: Community Development and Land Use, Part 1 (p.27 – 92)
5. Tuesday, Jan 11, 2010: Section II: Community Development and Land Use, Part 2 (p.27 – 92)

Each meeting agenda will schedule a brief overview presentation by staff, followed by GVPAC discussion, and public comment on the assigned section.

Following GVPAC Review and Comment, the Administrative Draft will be prepared for the County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors' review and initiation for environmental review.

GVPAC Role in Phase III

In preparation for Phase III, please consider what is expected of each GVPAC member prior to and during the GVPAC meetings:

Scope of the GVPAC Review

1. Read the GVPAC review draft of the plan.
2. Review and Record Comments on the Land Use Policy Framework based on the GVPAC Land Use Goals.
"Does the policy framework meet the GVPAC goals?"

Each meeting will be an opportunity to comment on the assigned section of the Administrative Draft Plan. To facilitate GVPAC discussion, staff recommends the use of the GVPAC Comment Log (Attachment #4). After reading the assigned sections, please use the attached comment log to record and organize your thoughts. You may also mark up your copy of the Administrative Draft Plan with your feedback. You are welcome to record your comments by hand or digitally. In either case, make

sure you bring your comments to the appropriate meeting to serve as talking points during the GVPAC discussions and deliberations.

Note: Though this process of recording your comments and talking points requires more effort upfront, staff highly recommends this tool. It will ensure that the GVPAC's review is effective, efficient, and comprehensive, which all contribute to the overall integrity of the project. Staff will record the comments of the GVPAC and the public to inform the revisions of the Administrative Draft Plan prior to initiation for environmental review.

Section I: Preface and Introduction (Item #3)

The Administrative Draft Plan is organized as follows:

Preface

- I. Introduction
- II. Community Development and Land Use
- III. Public Resources and Constraints
- IV. Environmental Resources and Constraints

Prior to GVPAC Meeting #29, please read the Preface and Introduction of the Plan. This section explains how the plan is organized and implemented, the legal definitions and abilities of the policy framework, and the background for the Plan in Eastern Goleta Valley.

Thank you for your time and hard work in preparation for this next phase of the project. We are looking forward to your feedback on the Administrative Draft of the Goleta Valley Community Plan for Eastern Goleta Valley.

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