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# Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee

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## **APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

*December 16, 2010 at 6:00PM*

*Santa Barbara County Planning Commission Hearing Room*

**Meeting Called to Order:** By Chair Valerie Olson at 6:06PM

### **1. Roll Call**

**GVPAC Members Present:** Adams, Elliott, Ezal, Freeman, Mineau, Olson, True

**GVPAC Members Absent:** None

**County Staff Present:**

Jeff Hunt, Director, Long Range Planning Division

June Pujjo, Planner, Long Range Planning Division

Erika Leachman, Planner, Long Range Planning Division

Lucy Pendl, Planner, Long Range Planning Division

### **2. Public Comment:**

**Kelly Travers** stated that she submitted a letter and draft regarding band practice noise from San Marcos High School; she also expressed concern that the draft Plan under review does not contain statements from the GVC 20/20 document, regarding such things as no net loss of agricultural land and limits on housing density.

**Jack Armstrong** stated that Emergency Services is an important issue in this community and increased housing density creates increased danger in terms of evacuation; he suggested that staff look to the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Santa Barbara County.

### **3. Announcements:**

The Board of Supervisors continued the discussion of Amendments to the Land Use & Development Code (LUDC) to Jan 18, 2011.

Staff received written comments on the draft Plan in the form of letters from the Goleta Water District, the Towbes Group, the Coalition for Sensible Planning, and Kelly Travers.

Staff gave an overview of the regulations and recent modifications of the Brown Act.

Member Ezal mentioned a notice he received via email regarding Ethics Training, which is available for all PAC members.



**4. Minutes of November 23, 2010 GVPAC Meeting:**

Amendments: None.

**ACTION:** True moved, seconded by Ezal, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the minutes of the Nov 23, 2010 GVPAC Meeting.

Yea: Adams, Elliott, Ezal, Freeman, Mineau, Olson, True

Nay: None

Absent: None

**5. Calendar:**

The next GVPAC meeting to review the Administrative Draft of the Plan is scheduled for January 11, 2010. Additional GVPAC meetings will be scheduled for January and possibly February, as necessary.

**6. GVPAC continued review of Section III: Public Services and Facilities of the Administrative Draft Goleta Valley Community Plan for Eastern Goleta Valley.**

Review of Section III continued, including the subsections for: Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space; Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste Management; and Transportation.

**Public Comment:**

**Ann Crosby** commented that the ideas of the Parks subsection seem nice but should not be used as a justification for high-density housing.

**Lauren Hanson** explained, in reference to Water Management, that water use fluctuates with changes in humidity and precipitation, that Goleta Water District (GWD) has a Safe Ordinance for development and water usage and that there is 'stealth demand' for water, e.g. properties that have received Can-and-Will-Serve letters from GWD but have not been developed yet; she also offered definitions for the terms recycled and reclaimed water and graywater.

**Dr. John Ackerman** suggested, regarding the Wastewater subsection, that references to 'safe' water should focus on the safety of people, not safety of the environment, and that a dialogue with the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) should include biological contamination of water.

**Ann Crosby** commented, regarding the Wastewater subsection, that GWD will initiate an upgrade soon which will cause service rate hikes, so the Plan should contain language about monitoring the facilities, costs and future service rates of GWD.

**Patti Close** stated, regarding the Transportation subsection, that the wording in the plan implies that the community is anti-car, but some segments of the population will always need cars, and the roads should not be drastically changed.



**Ann Crosby** commented, regarding the Transportation chapter, that the idea that high-density housing is necessary to support transit is a specious argument and that smaller commuter buses are more appropriate for the community.

**Kelly Travers**, in reference to Section II: Community Development and Land Use – Subsection A: Planning Area Boundaries and Permitted Uses, referred to Item #4 on Pg. 17 of the GVC 20/20 document that states “maintain existing residential zoning.”

**Pete Travers**, in reference to Section II.A, explained that the community is afraid of high-density housing, and the community does not necessarily dislike being a “disjointed community.”

**Kas Terhorst**, in reference to Section II.A, commented that high-density housing is the “big unknown” which the community is afraid of and that the community’s goal is to keep huge development out of the area.

## 7. Adjournment

GVPAC Meeting #33 will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2010 at 6:00PM in the Planning Commission Hearing Room.

**ACTION:** Freeman moved, seconded by Ezal, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn until GVPAC Meeting #33.

Yea: Adams, Elliott, Ezal, Freeman, Mineau, Olson, True

Nay: None

Absent: None

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:07PM**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

*Valerie F. Olson*

Date 1-11-11

GVPAC Chair Olson

