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# Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee

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## **APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**December 2, 2008 at 6:00PM**

**Santa Barbara County Planning Commission Hearing Room**

**Meeting Called to Order:** By Chair Valerie Olson at 6:02PM

### **1. Roll Call**

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

**GVPAC Members Absent:** None

**County Staff Present:**

David Lackie, Supervising Planner, Office of Long Range Planning

Erika Leachman, Planner, Office of Long Range Planning

Lucy Pendl, Planner, Office of Long Range Planning

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

**Ann Crosby** expressed appreciation for the level and methods of public notification released for GVPAC Meeting #5.

### **3. Minutes of November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 GVPAC Meeting:**

Amendments:

None

Note: Valerie Olson thanked staff for the level of detail in the meeting minutes.

**ACTION:** Elliott moved, seconded by Ezal, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 GVPAC Meeting Minutes, with no amendments.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

### **4. Goleta Valley Van Tour/Long Term Scheduling:**

The GVPAC members confirmed January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 for the van tour route described in the November 19<sup>th</sup> GVPAC meeting material.

The GVPAC discussed the preparation of packets of information about the route and the importance of the tour stops. Staff will send electronic templates to GVPAC members to provide specific



information on areas of expertise to staff for inclusion in the materials. Examples of information sheets will be provided during GVPAC meeting #6 on December 17, 2008.

## 5. Presentation:

Staff presented current trends and issues related to landscape chapters of the 1993 Goleta Community Plan, including Flooding and Drainage, Geology, Topography and Soils, and History and Archaeology, and discussed linkages between these technical/scientific issues and land use planning tools and practices. Issues included watershed planning principles related to the watershed basins in the Goleta Valley, the linkages between impermeable surfaces, such as rooftops, driveways, roadways, etc., and flood hazards, geologic hazards and emergency preparedness, and the local systems in place to avoid and/or mitigate any impacts to historical and archaeological resources.

GVPAC discussion topics included the use of buffers, setbacks, permeable paving options, bioswales, and low impact development (LID) to protect life and property from hydrologic hazards, the development of risk analysis modeling and emergency preparedness policies to supplement the policies of the Goleta Community Plan to protect development from geologic hazards, the linkages between evacuation and land use/transportation planning, and the recognition of the older neighborhoods in the Goleta Valley as areas of future urban retrofitting. The GVPAC also discussed the ability of the Goleta Community Plan to integrate watershed planning principles and techniques specifically applied to future retrofitting of the Goleta Valley's urban development and landscaping, including rain barrel and lawn-buyback programs, native plant landscaping planning and permitting, and restoration of stream corridors to slow the movement of fast-paced water during storm events.

Other discussion suggested staff post maps and graphics from the presentation on the GVPAC website for reference by GVPAC members and the public. It was also suggested that staff provide case studies of local project plans that were modified by or from the policies of the Goleta Community Plan later in the process when the GVPAC begins to develop revised goals for the updated plan. These case studies could help the GVPAC understand how and where the Goleta Community Plan can have an impact on the final development product and how impacts can be mitigated in the conditions of approval of the project.

### Public Comment:

**Ann Crosby** suggested that the GVPAC add a section to the updated Goleta Community Plan to include emergency preparedness, services, response, and evacuation as topics related to natural disasters, such as earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides, and other hydrologic or geology events.

**Patty Close** discussed the opportunities for the Goleta Community Plan update to include expertise from other County employees and departments,



including the Office of Emergency Services, to inform the development of emergency preparedness goals to ensure consistency throughout the County.

## 6. Adjournment

Next GVPAC Meeting (#6) will be held on Wednesday December 17, 2008 at 6:00 in the Planning Commission Hearing Room

**ACTION:** Ezal moved, seconded by True, and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn until GVPAC Meeting #6.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:20PM**

Signed Valerie F. Olson Date 21 Jan 2009  
GVPAC Chair Olson