



## Planning and Development Department

### Office of Long Range Planning

#### Transmittal Memo


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**DATE:** Thursday, January 15, 2009

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**TO:** GVPAC Members

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**SUBJECT:** GVPAC Meeting #7: Public Services and Facilities in the Goleta Valley: Fire, Sheriff, Emergency Services and other public services and facilities

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The items listed below have been included as part of the meeting materials for GVPAC meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2009

- 1. Meeting Agendas:** Please see the attached agendas for the Wednesday, January 21, 2009 GVPAC meeting and the Saturday, January 24, 2009 Goleta Valley Van Tour. 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 December 17, 2008 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.13)**
- 4. Van Tour Information Workbook:** Staff has provided the attached workbook of information for reference during the January 24<sup>th</sup> tour of the Goleta Valley. The objective of the tour is to:

Familiarize participants with the lay of the land in the Goleta Valley,

Recognize relationships between key features and areas of the Goleta Valley, and

Discuss interesting details and facts about unique locations throughout the Goleta Valley.

The duration of the tour is estimated to span 6-7 hours from 9:00AM to 3:00/4:00PM. During this time, staff will drive participants through a variety of areas, making regular stops to discuss facts, features, and linkages between specific areas and land use planning. All interested parties are invited to ride with staff or follow in private vehicles. In any case, all participants should anticipate some light walking in outdoor conditions.

Please note that the Goleta Valley Van Tour will be conducted as an official GVPAC meeting subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. For each stop along the tour, the GVPAC Chair will call the meeting to order, and the GVPAC will move to continue the meeting prior to driving to the next tour stop. Also, GVPAC members shall adhere to the terms of the Brown Act while in transit between tour stops by riding in separate vans, as well as during the scheduled lunch break. **(Attachment 4, P.19)**

### ***January 21, 2009 Agenda***

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

#### **Community Plan Discussion: Public Services and Facilities (Item #4)**

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This item introduces the existing public services and facilities serving the Goleta Valley, including fire, law enforcement, school, and emergency services. With details regarding current trends and issues of importance related to the issue areas, the GVPAC will be receiving both technical and theoretical details about the issues, including existing locations and capabilities of various public facilities, standards for service provision, modern best management practices, and linkages to general plan land use planning to inform discussion of relevance to the Goleta Community Plan update. As a preview of the presentation, we will cover the following current trends and issues for the following topics:

- 1. Fire Protection:** Our first guest speaker, Captain Martin Johnson, will lead a discussion focused on the functions of the Santa Barbara County Fire Department in the Goleta Valley. Topics will include fire department services and capabilities, existing Goleta Community Plan policy and permitting procedures, existing State-level standards for fire service provision, and current trends and issues of concern for the Goleta Valley regarding urban and rural fire protection.
- 2. Law Enforcement:** Our second guest speaker, Lieutenant Phil Willis, will lead a discussion focused on the functions of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department in the Goleta Valley. Topics will include law enforcement services and capabilities, existing Goleta Community Plan policy and permitting procedures, and current trends and issues of concern for the Goleta Valley regarding police protection.
- 3. Emergency Services:** Staff will lead a discussion focused on the functions of the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services. Topics will include emergency services and capabilities, recent emergency operations during and following the Gap Fire, and current trends and issues of concern for the Goleta Valley regarding emergency response services.
- 4. Schools, Health/Hospitals, and Other Public Services:** Lastly, staff will provide a brief overview of the locations and capabilities of various other public services and facilities, such as schools, hospitals and clinics

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 11)

*We are a safe community.*

**Goal #1:** We have in place preparedness plans and programs to assist residents in times of disaster.

**Goal #2:** Adequate emergency services are available to our residents.

**Goal #3:** Development has been planned to include disaster mitigation and adequate planning controls and infrastructure are in place before development is allowed (e.g., vegetation clearing from structures, a water system for fire fighting, adequate fire fighting equipment and personnel).

**1993 Goleta Community Plan Principles:** (reformatted GCP pages 17 and 172)

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

**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.

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

1. III.A: General Public Services and Facilities
2. III.B: Fire Protection
3. III.D: Police Protection
4. III.F: Schools

Following the presentation, the GVPAC will have to opportunity to discuss linkages between these topics and the capabilities of land use planning in the Goleta Community Plan. 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 function of these public facilities?
2. What land use patterns and components in the Eastern Goleta Valley tend to enhance or minimize the possibility of fire, earthquake or other emergency situation?
3. How best can land use planning in the Goleta Community Plan realize improvements to these public facilities and/or services?