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Dear Friends,

As I write this we are recovering from our third wildfire in Southern Santa Barbara County within the past year. Tragically, many homes were lost and my thoughts are with those whose homes were destroyed or damaged.

I want to thank our emergency personnel and volunteers who did another heroic job in the face of disaster. With the evacuation of over 30,000 residents, our community pulled together to help those in need.

One precious place in the Second District that burned over 70% is our San Marcos Foothills Preserve. While the Preserve is temporarily closed to the public, the San Marcos Foothills Stewardship Committee is already at work developing a restoration plan.



Supervisor Wolf with Parks Director Daniel Hernandez and others assess damage to San Marcos Foothill Preserve after the Jesusita Fire

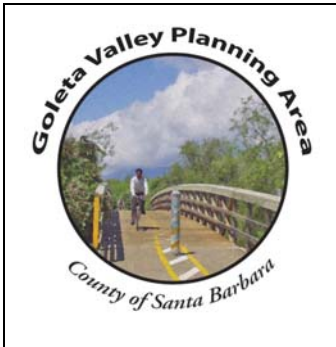
Our Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee (GVPAC) has been working diligently for nearly a year preparing to make important decisions regarding the future of the Goleta Valley. I'd like to urge all of you who live or own a business in the Second District's unincorporated Goleta Valley to take a few minutes to fill out the survey that will help the GVPAC to make these decisions. Click here for the survey: www.sbcountyplanning.org/survey

I'd also like to invite you to attend the GVPAC Community Workshop on Saturday, July 11, 2009. Click here for information about this important workshop: sbcountyplanning.org/survey

Finally, it's no secret that all levels of government are facing severe budget deficits, and difficult decisions need to be made. This week, the budget hearings for the County are underway. I want you to know that my priorities remain firm in ensuring that we maintain our fiscal integrity by making strategic cuts while preserving public safety and maintaining a safety net for our most vulnerable populations.

All my best for a wonderful summer!
Supervisor Janet Wolf

TAKE THIS SURVEY



Help Shape the Future for the Eastern Goleta Valley!

The County of Santa Barbara is facilitating an update to the Goleta Community Plan to guide land use and development for the unincorporated Goleta Valley over the next 10-20 years.

The objective of this project is to discuss, evaluate, and update the goals for many aspects of the community, including housing, transportation, agriculture, parks, economic development, and environmental protection in the 1993 Goleta Community Plan.

I invite the Eastern Goleta Valley community to fill out the following survey to tell us... *What do you cherish about the Eastern Goleta Valley? What do you want to see change? What does the community need?*

Upcoming Opportunities to Get Involved!

#1: Take the Goleta Valley Community Survey Online!

<http://www.sbcountyplanning.org/survey/>

Or Call 805.568.3380 to request a paper copy of the survey.

Please complete no later than **Friday, June 19, 2009**

#2: Come talk with the GVPAC at the upcoming GVPAC Community Workshop!

Saturday, July 11, 2009

Beginning at 9:00AM

Vieja Valley School

434 Nogal Dr.

Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Water Conservation: We Can Do It!

Did you know that the average household uses over half of its drinking water on its outdoor landscaping?

Check out Santa Barbara County's many agencies and programs that help us save water and save money.

Click here to learn more www.sbwater.org/

If every person can save at least **20 gallons of water a day** that will significantly help the region by allowing more water to stay in storage to meet future demands.

Take the 20-Gallon Challenge

www.sbwater.org/20gallon_challenge.htm

Arroyo Burro Beach Park Something for everyone!

Arroyo Burro Beach County Park is truly a gem within the Second District. In the past year, County Parks leadership has worked closely with the Second District, and with an excellent team of public and private partners, to enhance amenities and aesthetic features at Arroyo Burro.

Several months ago the Boathouse restaurant opened in a beautifully remodeled space right on the beach, providing a world-class venue for enjoying outdoor dining, sunset happy hour, or just a cup of coffee with sounds of the ocean in the background.

The Chumash Maritime Association, in partnership with County Parks rangers and Second District contributions, has embarked on a project to restore the native plants and bioswale within the park. The Chumash have a long and historic connection with Arroyo Burro, and the Chumash *Tomol* (canoe) is stored in a space below the Watershed Resource Center (WRC).



Jason Currie's artistic rendition of the Coastal Overlook, a project of the County Parks Foundation for Santa Barbara.

A new leaseholder, Art-From-Scrap, formally assumes stewardship of the WRC on July 1. Art-From-Scrap offers an array of environmental and artistic programs for schoolchildren.

Another public-private partnership at Arroyo Burro is the Wripples dog bath in the island between the parking lot and Cliff Drive. After romping in the surf and rolling in the sand, dogs can enjoy a bath and blow dry before climbing back into their car to go home.

Finally, Parks Director Daniel C. Hernandez, Deputy Director Erik Axelson and the newly reconstituted County Parks Foundation are working on the final stages of the Coastal Overlook art installation. Designed by environmental artist Scott Peterson, this unique vantage point is nestled on a hill adjacent to the Boathouse restaurant. Already 90% completed, the project is seeking private funds to begin the final construction stage this summer. Architect Jason Currie has produced an artistic rendition of how the Coastal Overlook will look when completed. For more information about Arroyo Burro Beach Park, and to schedule a tour of the Coastal Overlook: <http://www.sbparcs.org/2007/Parks/arroyoburro.html> or call Erik Axelson at 568-5651.

SAVE THE DATE!
Arroyo Burro Beach County Park
Community Reception
Come Celebrate our new Park Amenities
Ribbon-cutting at the Watershed Resource Center
Sunday, August 23, 2009
1:00 PM

Bus Service in the Second District: MTD Reinstates Line 8

Last year, due to lack of funding, MTD made changes to Line 8, the route that runs through part of the Second District neighborhood along the Calle Real corridor, between Turnpike and Patterson. As a result, some neighborhoods were left without bus service. After months of hearing from Line 8 bus riders who lost service, neighborhood groups, and conversations between Supervisor Wolf and MTD staff, the MTD Board voted to restore the original Line 8, if with a slightly abbreviated schedule.

MTD Board Chair, Dave Davis, nominated by Supervisor Wolf as a County appointed member to the District board, remarked: “I am most thankful for the efforts and diligence of the area’s residents, Line 8 riders, and Supervisor Wolf’s office in working with MTD to develop a reasonable and financially feasible way to reestablish this much-needed service connection.”

The changes adopted address most of the problems associated with limited service for residents in the University and Fairview neighborhoods.

The compromise adopted includes approximately 10 daily “extended routes” where Line 8 will follow its previous route all the way through University to Fairview Avenue. These 10 “extended trips” will occur at 30-45 minute intervals in the morning and evening peak hours, with mid-day pick-up times approximately 2 hours apart. These service changes will take effect August 24, 2009.



For the specific changes to Line 8, please go to: [http://www.countyofsb.org/bos/wolf/documents/Line 8.pdf](http://www.countyofsb.org/bos/wolf/documents/Line%208.pdf) for a summary text of the changes, a map of the route and the schedule.

Santa Barbara County’s Climate Action Strategy

I’m pleased to announce that Santa Barbara County is now at work developing a comprehensive Climate Action Strategy, with an emphasis on encouraging renewable and clean-energy sources. On March 17, 2009 the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a “Climate Change Guiding Principles,” which resolves to take immediate, cost effective and coordinated steps to reduce the County’s collective greenhouse gas emissions.

Several new state laws will help us to transition to a clean energy economy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions Countywide. “The Global Warming Solutions Act” (Assembly Bill 32), which requires the State of California to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, initiates an unprecedented and deliberate shift away from fossil fuels and local governments are called on to be partners with the state in this pioneering effort.

Senate Bill 375, “The Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act” builds on AB 32 by linking transportation and land use planning with climate change by mandating the creation of “sustainable” regional growth plans. The aim is to curb urban sprawl and cut back on the time people have to spend in their cars.



Together with these landmark bills, homeowners have something to look forward to on the horizon if you’ve ever considered installing solar power, but found it to be too costly. Assembly Bill 811 enables the County to provide low interest loans for property owners to finance energy efficiency improvements and the installation of renewable energy sources, like solar, that are permanently fixed to real property. The County is working to have these opportunities available as soon as possible.

In light of these new state laws, Santa Barbara County is taking a holistic approach to addressing these new mandates through its Climate Action Strategy. Click on : http://www.countyofsb.org/bos/wolf/documents/Arch_Climate_Policy_Final.pdf to see the Proposed Architecture for Climate Policy in Santa Barbara County.

I remain committed to ensuring that our County makes rapid progress in planning and implementing new strategies that will reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, take advantage of opportunities to build our County’s renewable energy portfolio, and offer homeowners ways to finance renewable energy and energy efficiency upgrades.

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