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Creek Watershed Management Plan

Comments



Overall review spacing, formatting, grammar, capitalization, italics for Latin names, tables breaking across pages, headers with text starting on the next page, common name then Latin name when first mentioned. Overall var. and ssp. should not be italicized. Measurements as both imperial and metric. Overall animal or wildlife

Is this document a draft? Should reflect in title

Section 3.3 Creeks and Other Jurisdictional Waters includes more than creeks and other jurisdictional waters – such as 3.3.4 Section 3503 of the CFGC

The breakdown of Table 5 into categories is confusing. Are arroyo willow thickets the only riparian habitat? Seems as though coast live oaks, cottonwoods, and sycamores occur within riparian habitats as well. Similar are the only upland vegetations coastal sage scrub and coyote brush scrub

Since Sawyer was used, why are the vegetation communities (starting on page 59) introduced as Holland and again introduce Sawyer. Seems as though Sawyer should be introduced first as it was the basis of mapping then provide the similar habitat description

Categorize emergent wetland by dominant species as was done for other vegetation communities to align with Sawyer

To be consistent all vegetation communities should include wildlife uses

Categorize Beach with Holland

What time of year was open water recorded? Seems to be highly variable

There is a Sawyer vegetation community that includes non-native grasses

Table 6. Santa Barbara honeysuckle is widespread within the Goleta watershed

Table 6 Documentation of Occurrence responses are not consistent. 1) Not documented within the City. Habitat for this species is present within the City. 2) This species has been documented to occur outside of the City in Isla Vista. Consistency in responses allow for reader to more easily follow where the species occurs

Table 6 and 7. When were the plants and wildlife documented in the areas described? Relevant as some may no longer occur.

What does 1B.2/similar and all Status Abbreviations mean?

Table 7 does not represent the document text. Yellow warbler, warbling vireo, etc.

Table 7 is titled special-status wildlife yet includes wildlife with Status None/None. Why are they included if not special-status?

Update western snowy plover nesting occurrence data. Coal Oil Point – Devereux Beach and Sands Beach. North Campus Opens Space. Devereux Slough?

What does PSE mean? Is that the correct Status for crotch bee

Are all monarch butterfly individuals special-status?

Where is the Smith River?

4.3.5.3 specify in text plants or wildlife for all non-native invasive call-outs

What California Invasive plant council levels are you calling out? Why only certain species. Pampas grass!

Tab listed numbers instead of in-text for ease to reader

Define and Wildlife Corridor Study and further use the call-out WCS/Study etc.

4.3.5.5 wildlife observations don't total properly. What else was observed to equal the total?

Shouldn't birds be included in wildlife movement areas? Specifically, those birds that are in the creek/riparian habitats

4.3.5.6 Paragraphs should break differently to flow. Surveys are introduced in first paragraph then continued in second paragraph

Would be nice if there were photo descriptions for all photos indicating which creek/habitat the photo was taken

In-text figures would allow ease of reader to comprehend materials

Vegetation communities are described as being "within the creek" perhaps it's meant within the creek corridor or study area as coast live oaks don't occur in creeks – the water

4.3.6.1 consistency. Maria Ygnacio, Maria Ygnacio Creek, Maria Ygnacio creek...and then MY is used only in the photos

4.3.6.1 invasive plants or non-native invasive plants – consistency

Because this document will likely not be read from cover to cover, include more clarification as to when surveys or studies were performed – for example – instead of "a total of 36 bird species were observed along San Jose Creek during surveys" include "during 2020 San Jose Creek surveys, a total of 36 bird species were observed"

Table 27. What is the organization? Alpha, large to small?

Table 30. Column labeled Creek then each entry includes Creek...Also in other tables

Actions should be tied to a timeline. Accountability

Wildfire and how the potential for debris flows impacts to creeks and watersheds should be discussed. Creek capacity. Potential "choke" points where debris flows can accumulate and cause hazards – and associated management and actions that can be taken

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Figure intro page listing all figures. Appendix intro page listing all appendices

From: [Andy Newkirk](#)
To: [Andy Newkirk \(anewkirk@cityofgoleta.org\)](mailto:anewkirk@cityofgoleta.org)
Subject: FW: Join us Tonight for Creek and Watershed Management Plan Virtual Workshop
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:48:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

From: Cassady, Mark@Waterboards
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 2:12 PM
To: goleta@public.govdelivery.com; pio@cityofgoleta.org
Subject: RE: Join us Tonight for Creek and Watershed Management Plan Virtual Workshop

To: City of Goleta
Subject: Creek and Watershed Management Plan

Thank you for preparing the Creek and Watershed Management Plan and for taking a detailed look at the steps that can be taken to protect and enhance the creeks that run through the City of Goleta. The level of certainty that a given aquatic resource restoration, establishment, or enhancement project will meet its performance standards increases when there is a corresponding increase in understanding of watershed conditions.

We offer the following minor comments on the Creek and Watershed Management Plan:

- Section 3.4.2 discusses changes made to Title 17 of the Goleta Municipal Code on March 3, 2020, and notes that Section 17.30.070 includes four findings that are required for any reduction of a SPA buffer below the 100-foot standard. We believe it would be helpful to summarize these required findings in this document. This will help ensure that buffer reductions are minimized.
- We are not sure if this was intentional, but it seems odd that the image below appears in all creek descriptions. We suggest confirming that all images are correctly attributed to the appropriate creek.



- Table 27 notes that no TMDLs are in preparation for the creeks that extend through the City of Goleta. This is not exactly accurate as TMDLs for nitrates have been approved for Bell Creek and Glen Annie/Los Carneros watersheds. See links below.

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdl/docs/bell_ck_nitrate/

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdl/docs/glen_annie_loscarneros_nitrate/

- We support prioritization of the actions described in Chapter 6 as an important early next step toward improving aquatic habitat and water quality. Specific restoration and capital improvement projects should be identified and evaluated for factors such as cost, constructability, ability of each to achieve specific goals and objectives, and landowner and other stakeholder support.

On a related note, we understand the City is investigating a new off-site mitigation approach for the Hollister Avenue Bridge Replacement project. We strongly encourage the City to utilize the guidance provided for restoring impaired watershed functions in the Creek and Watershed Management Plan as you develop your revised mitigation plan.

The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board strongly supports the City's proactive Creek and Watershed Management Plan and we encourage creek and riparian restoration efforts within the watersheds and particularly within Goleta City boundaries. Thank you again for preparing this plan. We look forward to seeing it employed for continued improvement and health of the watersheds.

Sincerely,

Mark Cassady
Environmental Scientist

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From: City of Goleta <goleta@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 1:48 PM
To: Cassidy, Mark@Waterboards <Mark.Cassady@Waterboards.ca.gov>
Subject: Join us Tonight for Creek and Watershed Management Plan Virtual Workshop

EXTERNAL:

Join Us Tonight for Our Creek and Watershed Management Plan Virtual Workshop Via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

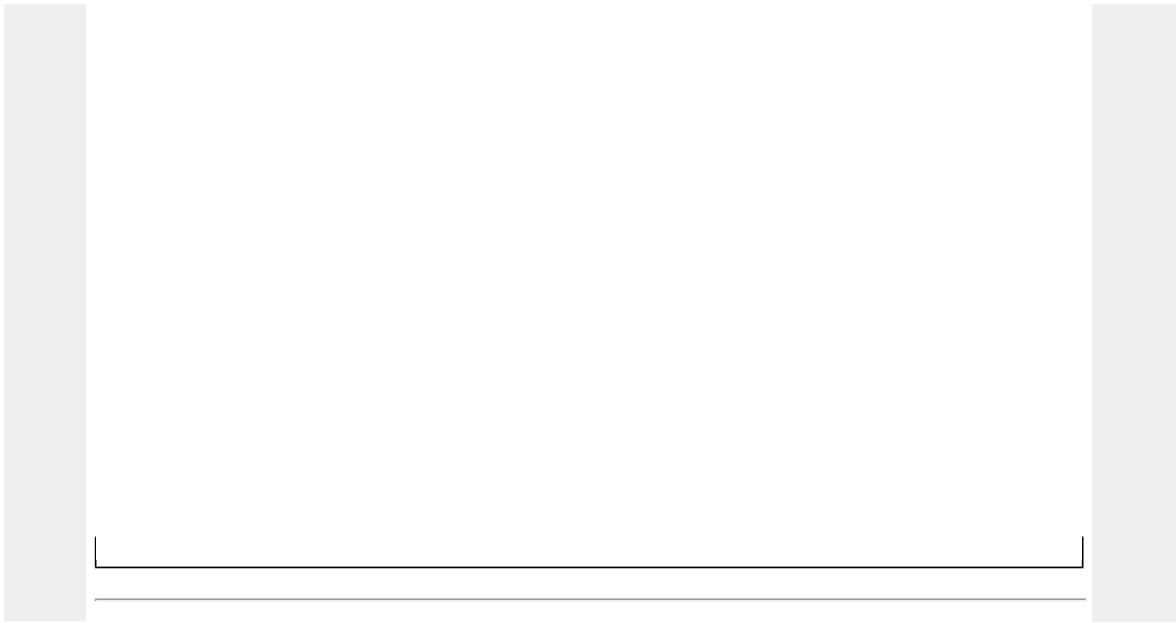
We are just hours away from our virtual public workshop on the City's Creek and Watershed Management Plan (CWMP). **The workshop begins at 6:00 p.m. tonight and can be accessed via Zoom here: <https://tinyurl.com/y3adk4nv>.** City staff will provide an overview of the CWMP and the project team will also be available to answer questions and receive comments. Spanish interpretation will be available. We encourage you to participate, get informed and be a part of shaping the future of our creeks and watersheds. A recording of the workshop will also be posted on the [project website](#) at a later date for those who cannot attend.

The City of Goleta's Creek and Watershed Management Plan (CWMP) is available for public review on the [project website](#).

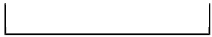
The CWMP includes detailed information on the dozen creeks that run through our community, identifies impairments to these creeks, and outlines programs and specific future actions to address identified impairments. It also outlines best practices to provide habitat for fish and wildlife, accommodate wildlife movement corridors, convey stormwater runoff and floodwaters, and furnish open space and passive recreational areas for City residents.

The City Council will consider adoption of the Creek and Watershed Management Plan at their November 17, 2020, meeting.

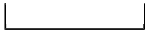
Learn more about the project at <https://tinyurl.com/GoletaCWMP>.



Questions? [Contact Us](#)



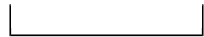
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From: eharris@silcom.com
To: [Andy Newkirk](#)
Subject: CWMP suggestion to consider
Date: Wednesday, November 04, 2020 1:18:00 PM

Hello Andy,

Thank you for an excellent presentation at the virtual workshop. I do appreciate your attention to my suggestions, and I am happy with the extensive background and the detail that has gone into the draft. I credit you, the administrative staff, the consultant's team, and experts on the TAC for providing information that will be valuable for the community and for decision makers.

I think however that there is one rather important aspect of watershed planning that has not been adequately addressed in the plan. In the workshop Monday night, I attempted to convey to you my concern about a lack of focused discussion of groundwater recharge in portions of watersheds that lie within the city's boundary. The CWMP does mention that new development will be required to comply with runoff retention conditions of approval. But beyond that, I do not find much that informs the reader and users of the plan about impairment that results from surface hardening. There is much more information that should be included in the plan. First, it is important to identify environmental deficiencies that result from hardened treatment of the urban landscape:

- Impairment of water quality – (briefly discussed in connection with the City's NPDES compliance). Runoff pollution is not cleansed by natural geofiltration, and by microbial breakdown of pollutants.
- Increased flooding risks – Loss of temporary safe storage of flood waters – runoff from hardscape increases hydrograph, increases flooding risk.
- Loss of groundwater recharge, resulting in:
- Loss of base flow during periods of dry weather – results in loss of pools and refugia for fish, temperature increase, impaired water chemistry, fish mortality.
- Less access to water - creating stress on terrestrial wildlife that depends on creek for life process.
- Depletion of water supply for human use.
- Saltwater intrusion - Depleted ground water allows saltwater intrusion into coastal zone, contaminating fresh water sources.
- Increased fire risk due to depletion of soil moisture – results in fuel desiccation, live fuel moistures in unsafe range.

Considering these impairments that result from hardening of the landscape, restoring porosity where appropriate may be one of the most essential and effective strategies in recovery of functional water resources. Restoration of porosity addresses all of these urban ills. Very few other strategies yield this multiplicity of benefits.

You mentioned several actions and programs that are already part of Goleta's response to groundwater depletion. Storm water regulations, and planned ground water recharge projects are among those efforts. I suggest that it may be important to include those actions and programs in a sub-section of the CWMP, along with any other actions that the city might consider to correct groundwater conditions, and a summary of the impairments listed above. As an incentive for participation by home-owners to re-landscape yard-space with rain gardens, swales and percolation basins, it can be stressed that directing roof run-off into vegetated landscaping, and using rain-barrels for vegetable gardens can save property owners on their water bill.

I want to mention that the City of Santa Barbara does have a comprehensive and well-crafted plan in place to correct similar problems that exist within their watersheds. The city of Goleta may benefit by reviewing S.B.'s amended NPDES plan and perhaps borrowing some of that content.

I came to realize this deficiency in the plan over this past weekend when I was able to re-read and evaluate the content in its entirety. I know this comes a little late in the process, but I think it is important for you to consider a more detailed treatment of the problem by adding better detail in the plan, and there is time remaining to do that.

The City of Goleta will be asking the County of Santa Barbara and other agencies with upstream jurisdiction to

work together on watershed planning by helping to restore base flow to City creeks. It is important that the CWMP shows that appropriate and effective actions are also being taken by the city to restore base flow by addressing those deficiencies that lie within the city's boundary.

Here are links to a few reports that provide background:

https://stormwater.pca.state.mn.us/index.php?title=MS4_fact_sheet_-_Retrofitting:_Infiltration,_Filtration_%26_Bioretention

<https://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/assets/pdfs/BMPRetrofit.pdf>

<https://www.casqa.org/sites/default/files/downloads/socallid-manual-final-040910.pdf>

I hope that these suggestions will help to improve the CWMP . A complete watershed management plan should identify and address deficiencies throughout the entirety of every watershed.

Sincerely,

Eddie Harris
for Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council

David Cutaia

From: Dan Silver <dsilverla@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 5:03 PM
To: City Clerk Group
Subject: Item D-1: Creek and Watershed Management Plan Adoption, Nov 17, 2020

Dear Mayor and Council:

Endangered Habitats League, a regional conservation group, urges you to adopt and implement the Creek and Watershed Management Plan, and that the Plan be incorporated into the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan.

Thank you for protecting irreplaceable resources for nature and community.

Regards,
Dan Silver

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David Cutaia

From: Christiane Schlumberger <c.schlumberger@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 5:13 PM
To: City Clerk Group
Subject: Creek and Watershed Management Plan

To the Goleta City Council:

I am writing to add my voice to those urging you to approve and establish a program to implement the proposed Goleta Creek and Watershed Management Plan at the hearing on Tuesday, November 17.

The Plan will protect and enhance creek habitats, ensure clean water, restore stream flows, create opportunities for passive recreation and nature-based learning, and will ensure effective and environmentally-sound flood control management.

I urge you to adopt and implement the Plan, and request that the Plan be incorporated into the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan.

The Plan should be developed into a staffed City Program under the Public Works Department, as recommended in the Plan, or in another Department. Creating a City Creeks Program will ensure that the Plan is implemented and provides the intended public benefits such as creek restoration and clean water.

The City should create and appoint a public Creek and Watershed Management Advisory Committee to guide the Program, and to vet priorities and creek and watershed enhancement projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christiane Schlumberger
Santa Barbara

From: Karen <vintageartifactsca@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 6:29 PM
To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: Creek and Watershed Management Plan

1. I urge you to adopt and implement the Creek and Watershed Management Plan, and request that the Plan be incorporated into the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan.
2. The Plan should be developed into a staffed City Program under the Public Works Department, as recommended in the Plan, or in another Department. Creating a City Creeks Program will ensure that the Plan is implemented and provides the intended public benefits such as creek restoration and clean water.
3. The City should create and appoint a public Creek and Watershed Management Advisory Committee to guide the Program, and to vet priorities and creek and watershed enhancement projects.

Thank you,
Karen Dorfman
Goleta

From: Bill Woodbridge <bill.woodbridge@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 7:24 PM
To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: in favor of the Creek and Watershed management plan

I would appreciate my comments being read into the record at the Nov. 17th meeting:

Goleta City Council:

I live right next to Maria Ygnacio Creek in Goleta. It doesn't appear that there has been any maintenance, clearing or improvements made to this creek in dozens of years. I urge you to adopt and implement the Creek and Watershed Management Plan, and request that the Plan be incorporated into the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan. The CWMP will protect and enhance creek habitats, ensure clean water, restore stream flows, create opportunities for passive recreation and nature-based learning, and will ensure effective and environmentally-sound flood control management.

The Plan should be developed into a staffed City Program under the Public Works Department, as recommended in the Plan, or in another Department. Creating a City Creeks Program will ensure that the Plan is implemented and provides the intended public benefits such as creek restoration and clean water.

The City should create and appoint a public Creek and Watershed Management Advisory Committee to guide the Program, and to vet priorities and creek and watershed enhancement projects.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill Woodbridge
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Goleta, CA 93111
805-679-5372

From: Tina Brenza <tbrenza@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 10:37 PM

To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>

Subject: Please approve and establish a program to implement the proposed Goleta Creek and Watershed Management

Thanks,

Tina Brenza

From: Lindsey Bolton <lindsey@allgoodproducts.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 5:55 PM
To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: Creek + Watershed Management Plan

Greetings City Council,

I am writing in favor of the Goleta Creek and Watershed Management Plan (CWMP).

1. I urge you to adopt and implement the Creek and Watershed Management Plan, and request that the Plan be incorporated into the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan. CWMP is a plan that will benefit the land and community through the restoration of stream flows, providing clean water and offering flood control management as well as providing opportunities for the public to engage in recreational and educational activities in nature.
2. The Plan should be developed into a staffed City Program under the Public Works Department, as recommended in the Plan, or in another Department. Creating a City Creeks Program will ensure that the Plan is implemented and provides the intended public benefits such as creek restoration and clean water.
3. The City should create and appoint a public Creek and Watershed Management Advisory Committee to guide the Program, and to vet priorities and creek and watershed enhancement projects.

I ask that you please read my comments into the record at the hearing, thank you kindly.

Warmest Regards,

Lindsey

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From: Debbie Allen <debbieinsb@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 8:06 AM
To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: Goleta Watershed City Council

1. I urge you to adopt and implement the Creek and Watershed Management Plan, and request that the Plan be incorporated into the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan. *[You may add your personal reasons for supporting the Plan.]*
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3. The Plan should be developed into a staffed City Program under the Public Works Department, as recommended in the Plan, or in another Department. Creating a City Creeks Program will ensure that the Plan is implemented and provides the intended public benefits such as creek restoration and clean water.
4. The City should create and appoint a public Creek and Watershed Management Advisory Committee to guide the Program, and to vet priorities and creek and watershed enhancement projects.

Sincerely
Deborah Allen
2660 Todos Santos Ln, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

From: Jeff Phillips <ljefe00@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 7:56 AM
To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: Goleta Creeks

To Whom It May Concern,

1. I urge you to adopt and implement the Creek and Watershed Management Plan, and request that the Plan be incorporated into the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan.
2. The Plan should be developed into a staffed City Program under the Public Works Department, as recommended in the Plan, or in another Department. Creating a City Creeks Program will ensure that the Plan is implemented and provides the intended public benefits such as creek restoration and clean water.
3. The City should create and appoint a public Creek and Watershed Management Advisory Committee to guide the Program, and to vet priorities and creek and watershed enhancement projects.

Sincerely,
Jeff Phillips
3852 B Crescent Drive
Santa Barbara, Ca 93110

From: Greg B. <branambuilders@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 7:24 AM
To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: Creek and watershed management plan

To whom it may concern;

I urge you to adopt and implement the Creek and Watershed Management Plan, and request that the Plan be incorporated into the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan. *[You may add your personal reasons for supporting the Plan.]*

The Plan should be developed into a staffed City Program under the Public Works Department, as recommended in the Plan, or in another Department. Creating a City Creeks Program will ensure that the Plan is implemented and provides the intended public benefits such as creek restoration and clean water.

The City should create and appoint a public Creek and Watershed Management Advisory Committee to guide the Program, and to vet priorities and creek and watershed enhancement projects.

Regards,

Greg Branam

Grammatical errors courtesy of iPhone

From: Kelsey Maloney <kelsey@thewriteteam.net>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:22 AM
To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: Comments on The Goleta Creek and Watershed Management Plan (CWMP)

Good morning,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing my comments and would like them to be read into the record at the hearing:

I urge you to adopt and implement the Creek and Watershed Management Plan, and request that the Plan be incorporated into the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan. As a long-time resident of Santa Barbara, I have a deep appreciation for our creeks and our ocean. I want to ensure that future generations have the opportunity to enjoy clean creeks and a healthy ocean.

Creating a City Creeks Program will ensure that the Plan is implemented and provides the intended public benefits such as creek restoration and clean water. The City should create and appoint a public Creek and Watershed Management Advisory Committee to guide the Program, and to vet priorities and creek and watershed enhancement projects.

Our beaches and creeks are precious community resources. Please protect them now for future generations.

Thank you,

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Kelsey Maloney
Grant Writer
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From: katherine.emery@lifesci.ucsb.edu <katherine.emery@lifesci.ucsb.edu>

Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:59 AM

To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>

Cc: Scott Cooper <scooper@lifesci.ucsb.edu>; Mark Holmgren <maholmgren33@gmail.com>; Adrian O'Loghlen <adrian.ologhlen@lifesci.ucsb.edu>; Jessie Altstatt <Jessie.altstatt@gmail.com>; Lori Gaskin <lgaskin@sbcc.edu>

Subject: SBAS letter on Goleta CWMP

Dear Ms. Lopez,

Santa Barbara Audubon Society (SBAS) would like to thank the City of Goleta's City Council for the opportunity to comment on the Goleta Creek and Watershed Plan (CWMP). SBAS strongly supports the City Council's adoption of the CWMP. Please pass this letter to the Mayor and City Council for consideration at their next meeting on Tuesday, November 17.

Thank you for your time and have a great weekend,
Katherine

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Katherine Emery, PhD
Executive Director
Santa Barbara Audubon Society
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November 11, 2020

City of Goleta
City Council and City Clerk
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Goleta, California 93117
cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org

The Santa Barbara Audubon Society (SBAS) would like to thank Goleta's City Council for this opportunity to comment on the Goleta Creek and Watershed Plan (CWMP). SBAS strongly supports the City Council's adoption of the CWMP and further strongly encourages the City to provide support for its implementation.

SBAS is a chapter of the National Audubon Society with approximately 1100 members in the Santa Barbara area. The mission of the SBAS is to protect area birdlife and habitat and connect people with birds through education, conservation, and science. Our members, many of whom reside in Goleta, frequently use the open spaces, parks, natural areas, and creek corridors in and around the City of Goleta for recreational, outreach, educational, and research activities. SBAS's interest in the CWMP, then, stems from an abiding devotion to protecting, preserving, and restoring our precious creeks, riparian zones, and streamside protection areas (SPAs) because they are critical in supporting populations and communities of birds and other wildlife.

In this letter, SBAS would like to address the process used to develop the CWMP, the content and direction of the CWMP, and the next steps that would ensure the CWMP's implementation. SBAS greatly appreciates the large amounts of time and effort that City staff, particularly Anne Wells and Andy Newkirk, and its consultant (Dudek), led by John Davis IV, have devoted to the development of the CWMP. We also would like to congratulate the Mayor and City Council for having the vision and foresight to fund and provide direction for the development of the CWMP.

Process. SBAS believes that City staff and Dudek have done an excellent job of soliciting public input, holding public workshops, and working with a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to bring the CWMP to completion. We especially appreciate the appointment of a TAC composed of personnel from regulatory agencies and NGOs, which provided extensive input on the draft CWMP. As you probably know, one of our SBAS Conservation Committee members, Scott Cooper, served as SBAS's representative on the TAC and he regularly acted as a conduit between SBAS and the CWMP development team, keeping SBAS apprised of the content and progress of the CWMP and sharing SBAS input with the TAC and development team. In addition, a number of our Conservation Committee members, including our Co-Chairs, Lori Gaskin and Jessie Altstatt, and our bird experts, Mark Holmgren and Adrian O'Loughlen, attended CWMP public workshops and provided direct input to the development team. SBAS feels that the CWMP development team was very responsive to our concerns and input and tried to integrate our feedback into the final CWMP. Given all of this, we would like to make two points: (1) Public input indicated that Goleta's citizens most valued our local creek corridors for their natural resource values, that is their role in providing habitat for native plants and animals. (2) We encourage the City to use the TAC template in developing other programs, plans, and actions, because it provides the local expertise needed to guide such plans or

projects and ensures that all relevant agencies, NGOs, and citizens are on the same page.

Content, recommendations. The CWMP contains a large amount of information on our local creeks, riparian zones, and SPAs. Such information on Goleta's creek systems is crucial for guiding the management of these areas. We thank the City Council for funding the development of the CWMP, and also the subsequent mammal and bird studies that greatly informed the CWMP. The development team has collected, synthesized, and summarized this information in the CWMP and now Goleta has a good foundation for inventorying and monitoring natural resources associated with our local creeks. The CWMP also identifies a series of problems or human impacts associated with our local creeks, then offers recommendations for remedying these problems. We believe that the CWMP's analysis of negative human impacts on local creeks and possible actions that could mitigate these impacts constitute a clear, cohesive blueprint for management approaches and actions that could protect, preserve, and restore our local creek corridors.

Next steps. As indicated by SBAS's endorsement of the Environmental Defense Center's environmental group letter on the CWMP, we believe that the CWMP is an excellent plan so the next major consideration for the City Council is the CWMP's implementation. SBAS recommends that the City Council take steps to ensure that the CWMP is implemented fully over time by enshrining the CWMP in City policy, appointing an expanded TAC to shepherd the CWMP through to actions, and integrating the CWMP's provisions into the City's budgetary and planning processes. In short, we strongly support EDC's recommendations for next steps.

1. Integrate the CWMP into the City's General Plan.
2. Appoint an expanded TAC and citizens' group to guide the plan's implementation. Public input indicated that most citizens were concerned about the creeks flowing through their back yards, so the current TAC could be expanded to include citizens from each watershed.
3. Integrate the CWMP recommendations into the City's budgetary and planning processes (such as the City's Strategic Plan) to ensure that there are sufficient funds and personnel to implement the CWMP's recommendations. Implementation of the CWMP will require that the City allocate funds and appoint personnel to carry out the CWMP's recommendations. SBAS recognizes that funding and personnel allocations may take some time owing to the COVID/financial crisis; however, the City could still integrate CWMP recommendations into its planning and budgetary processes at this time.

Again, we congratulate the CWMP development team on a job well-done and the City Council for having the vision to fund the development of the CWMP. We believe that implementation of the CWMP will protect, preserve, and restore our creek corridors while mitigating flood damage, providing many benefits for Goleta's citizens.

We hope these comments are helpful.

Sincerely,



Katherine Emery, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Santa Barbara Audubon Society



November 13, 2020

Mayor Paula Perotte
 City Council
 City of Goleta
 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
 Goleta, CA 93117

Re: Creek and Watershed Management Plan Adoption and Implementation

Dear Mayor Perotte and City Councilmembers:

The undersigned organizations write in support of adoption of the City of Goleta Creek and Watershed Management Plan (“Plan”), and urge the Council to adopt the Plan tonight. We represent diverse community groups who understand that the Plan represents a significant step forward in protecting and enhancing our environment, and offers a multitude of benefits including clean water, healthy wildlife habitats, nature-based education, recreation, and economic progress.

The Council deserves immense credit for the vision exhibited in Plan initiation, adoption, and implementation. Our recommendations for advancing the Plan are:

- Incorporate the Plan in the Conservation Element of the City’s General Plan,
- Add the establishment of a staffed Creek and Watershed Management Program (“Program”) to the City’s Strategic Plan, and establish the Program in the Public Works Department, as recommended in the Plan’s Strategy 1.1, or another appropriate Department, as soon as feasible, and
- Create and appoint a Creek and Watershed Advisory Committee, as recommended in the Plan’s Action 7.11.2, to assist Council and staff on guiding Program implementation priorities, including identifying revenue options.

Our groups appreciate the hard work of City staff in bringing the Plan for adoption. Thank you for supporting Plan adoption and implementation to enhance the City of Goleta.

Sincerely,

Linda Krop, Chief Counsel
Environmental Defense Center

Dr. Katherine Emery, Executive Director
Santa Barbara Audubon Society

Dan McCarter, President
Urban Creeks Council

Katie Davis, Chair
Sierra Club Santa Barbara Group

Sigrid Wright, Executive Director,
Community Environmental Council

Ken Owen, Executive Director
Channel Islands Restoration

George Relles, Convenor
The Goodland Coalition

Ben Pitterle, Interim Executive Director/Science and Policy Director
Santa Barbara Channelkeeper

Hillary Hauser, Executive Director
Heal the Ocean

Vijaya Jammalamadaka, President
League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara

Moe Gomez, Executive Director
South Coast Habitat Restoration

Luke Swetland, President and CEO
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History & Sea Center

Richard Smalldon, Sea Center Director
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Sea Center

Ken Hough, Executive Director
Santa Barbara County Action Network

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Dan Fontaine, Executive Director
Wilderness Youth Project

Dr. Nick Jensen, Lead Conservation Scientist
California Native Plant Society

Marell Brooks, Executive Director
Citizens Planning Association

Russell Marlow, Conservation Program Manager
California Trout, Inc.

Lisa Stratton, PhD
Restoration Ecologist and CWMP TAC Member

Jeff Kuyper, Executive Director
Los Padres Forest Watch

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UCSB Coastal Fund

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Surfrider Foundation, Santa Barbara Chapter

Kipp Callahan, President
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From: Brigitta Van Der Raay <bvanderraay@cox.net>

Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 3:17 PM

To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>

Subject: Input to Nov 17 hearing re: Goleta Creek and Watershed Mgmt Plan. Please read into the record at the hearing.

Dear Goleta City Council Members,

Please adopt the Goleta Creek and Watershed Management Plan, and incorporate the Plan into the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan. As you move forward, please also move to provide staff and funding to ensure that clean waters, waterways, and riparian habitats are implemented and maintained.

Thank you for your work and support this far. I encourage you to continue good work like this that seeks to ensure that we live in a beautiful and healthy community.

Brigitta Van Der Raay

From: karinlohwasser <karinlohwasser@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 8:34 PM
To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: Goleta Creek and Watershed Management Plan

First of all, thank you Goleta City Council! I am still relatively new to the area and I am constantly impressed by your work.

I am writing in support of the city's adoption and implementation of the Goleta Creek and Watershed Management Plan and in support of a public Creek and Watershed Management Advisory Committee to guide the program and assess priorities of creek and watershed enhancement projects.

Again, thank you.
With best regards,
Karin Lohwasser

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(206) 619-5062

From: John Brooks <johnbrooks69@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2020 7:02 PM
To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: Goleta Creek

Please read my message at the council meeting.

Dear City Council

The Goleta Creek and Watershed Management Plan will protect and improve creek habitats, make sure there is clean water, restore the stream flows, create opportunities for passive recreation and nature-based learning, and will make sure there is effective and environmentally-sound flood control management.

This needs to be in the General Plan.

The council should also create and appoint a public Creek and Watershed Management Advisory Committee to guide the Program, and to set the priorities and creek and watershed enhancement projects.

Thank you.

John Brooks
CFROG

From: Deborah Williams <deborah1518@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 10:46 AM

To: David Cutaia <dcutaia@cityofgoleta.org>; Deborah Lopez <dlopez@cityofgoleta.org>; Liana Campos <lcampos@cityofgoleta.org>

Subject: Creek and Watershed Management Plan Adoption

Please read my comment (immediately below) into the record at the hearing and share them with the Mayor and Council Members.

Dear Mayor Perotte and City Council Members,

Our creeks and watersheds are one of the most wonderful aspects of our City. They are so important: to our quality of life, to the quality of our environment, and to our economy (including property values). However, Goleta's creeks and watersheds not only need to be protected, but also, in some areas, they need to be restored to provide important habitat, clean water and other benefits going forward.

My husband and I are fortunate to live adjacent to Las Vegas Creek. Many people from throughout Goleta walk down our street to enjoy the watershed's oaks, sycamores and wildlife. Throughout the year, my husband and I visit San Pedro Creek and watershed as well as San Jose Creek and watershed to experience the birds, vegetation, amphibians, and more. We chose to live in Goleta, in part, because of the creeks and watersheds here. We encounter so many other people who agree with this sentiment.

The Creek and Watershed Management Plan before you has been thoughtfully written and reviewed. It is excellent. I urge you to adopt and implement the Plan, and incorporate it into the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan.

As a member of the Goleta Parks and Recreation Commission (speaking solely on my behalf), I know how important Advisory Committees are to the City Council and the city as a whole. I urge the Council to create and appoint a public Creek and Watershed Management Advisory Committee to assist the Creeks and Watershed Program, including reviewing priorities and creek and watershed enhancement projects.

Also, as recommended in the Plan, there should be a staffed City Program to implement the Plan.

Thank you for considering my comments. Protecting and enhancing our creeks and watersheds are a priority, and a very important part of our legacy.

With appreciation,

Deborah Williams

Deborah Williams

Lecturer, UCSB, Environmental Studies Department

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Latest OpEd: <https://www.independent.com/2020/09/10/reasons-for-hope/>

*The truth is incontrovertible. Malice may attack it,
ignorance may deride it, but in the end, there it is.*

- Winston Churchill

From: Morgan family <morganfamily1@cox.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:37 AM
To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: Goleta Creek and Watershed Management Plan

Dear Goleta City Council Members:

I urge you to adopt and implement the Creek and Watershed Management Plan, and request that the Plan be incorporated into the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan. Additionally, the Plan should be developed into a staffed City Program under the Public Works Department, as recommended in the Plan, or in another Department. Creating a City Creeks Program will ensure that the Plan is implemented and provides the intended public benefits such as creek restoration and clean water. And finally, the City should create and appoint a public Creek and Watershed Management Advisory Committee to guide the Program, and to vet priorities and creek and watershed enhancement projects.

Protecting Goleta's natural resources, including our creeks and beaches, is essential for maintaining the beauty and health of our community. Thank you for being good stewards of our land, water, and air while in turn protecting our area's wildlife!

Sincerely,
Carter Morgan
6542 Camino Caseta, Goleta

-----Original Message-----

From: eharris@silcom.com <eharris@silcom.com>

Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 11:47 AM

To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>

Subject: Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council inut

Hello City Clerk

I'm making sure this letter is included in the record on the CWMP adoption item, tomorrow night's City Council meeting.

Thank you, please make it available to the Council,

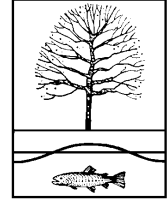
Thank you,

Eddie Harris

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November 13, 2020

Mayor Paula Perotte &
Goleta City Council
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
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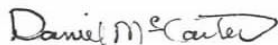
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Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

You have before you tonight a watershed and creek plan that will be of great value in ensuring that Goleta's future includes healthy and functional water resources. Planning for clean water, high habitat values for fish and wildlife, and safe recreational waters are among objectives that are detailed in the plan. Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council recommends that you adopt the Creek and Watershed Management Plan (CWMP) and that you also take steps to enable the city to begin implementation. We are a 501(c)(3) watershed advocacy group that has worked tirelessly over the past 33 years, helping over 3,000 members and families across the south coast who share a vision for watershed health. This plan has been shaped by a competent team of knowledgeable experts and presents that vision for Goleta's future.

We also support the Environmental Defense Center's recommendations to facilitate implementation of the plan. Those recommendations include adoption of the CWMP in the city's General Plan, establishment of a CWMP program in the Parks and Open Space Division and creation of a Creek and Watershed Management Advisory Committee. These recommendations are important to successful implementation and will ensure that the plan will fulfill its intent in guiding the City of Goleta through challenges that lie ahead.

Sincerely,



Daniel McCarter
President

From: Krista Pleiser <kpleiser@sbaor.com>

Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 2:06 PM

To: Kyle Richards <krichards@cityofgoleta.org>; Paula Perotte <pperotte@cityofgoleta.org>; Roger Aceves <races@cityofgoleta.org>; Stuart Kasdin <skasdin@cityofgoleta.org>; James Kyriaco <jkyriaco@cityofgoleta.org>

Cc: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>; Anne Wells <awells@cityofgoleta.org>; Andy Newkirk <anewkirk@cityofgoleta.org>

Subject: SBAOR Comments re: CWMP

Greetings,

Attached are comments from the Santa Barbara Association of REALTORS® in regards to the Creak and Watershed Management Plan on tomorrow's City Council agenda. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Krista Pleiser, MPP, RCE

Government Affairs Director

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November 17, 2020

Mayor Paula Perotte Mayor
Pro Tempore Kyle Richards
Councilmember Roger Aceves
Councilmember Stuart Kasdin
Councilmember James Kyriaco
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
Goleta, California

Re: Creek and Watershed Management Plan Adoption

Dear Mayor Perotte and Councilmembers,

The Santa Barbara Association of REALTORS® (SBAOR) represents roughly 1,300 REALTORS® throughout the South Coast and our mission includes engaging in real estate related community issues affecting our members and/or their clients who are homeowners, landlords, tenants, and commercial owners. SBAOR overall supports the recommended Creek and Watershed Management Plan, however we do have concerns regarding one policy.

Action 8.1.7. Consider amendments to General Plan subpolicy CE 2.2 and GMC Section 17.30.070 to provide greater clarity regarding SPA buffer requirements and to provide greater protection to SPAs. Consider biological resources and water quality in any proposed amendment to subpolicy CE 2.2 of the General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan.

We do not support Action 8.1.7 and request you keep the language “as-is” in the General Plan CE 2.2. The language within CE 2.2 allows flexibility for property owners while still adhering the spirit of the Streamside Protection Areas (SPA). Maintaining the allowance of the creek setbacks to be considered on a case-by-case basis ensures that the property can be used to its fullest extent. In addition, by keeping the current General Plan language property owners know that this policy is not a “takings” and they can still use their property.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact our Government Affairs Director, Krista Pleiser at kpleiser@sbaor.com

Sincerely,

Staci Caplan
2020 President



From: Don & Sally Webb <sdwebb@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 3:39 PM
To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: Goleta Creek and Watershed Management Plan

We urge the Goleta City Council to approve and establish a program to implement the proposed Goleta Creek and Watershed Management Plan. Please read our comment into the record at the hearing.

Don and Sally Webb,

From: Jessie Altstatt <jessie.altstatt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:13 AM
To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: City Council agenda item D-1

Hi,
if possible, please read this into the record for today's agenda item D-1.

My name is Jessica Altstatt and I am an Old Town Goleta resident and a biologist, living in the San Jose Creek and San Pedro creek watersheds. I am writing to express my approval of, and sincere thanks for completing, the Creeks and Watershed Management Plan. I urge Council to adopt the Plan. But we need to go farther. To ensure its success, the City must create a staffed program with positions to manage the Plan. The Plan shines a light on meaningful opportunities to improve water quality, conduct habitat restoration, improve wildlife corridors, provide educational experiences and create areas where residents can seek solitude. Let's not waste the opportunity to move it forward as part of a staffed City program.

Thank you, Jessica

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Jessica Altstatt

From: Bill Zeldis <billzeldis@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:38 AM
To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: Goleta Creek and Watershed Management Plan

I want to add my voice to those urging the Goleta City Council to establish programs to ensure clean watersheds for the future.

Now, not later, is the time to protect and enhance creek habitats, ensure clean water, restore stream flows, which will importantly create opportunities for passive recreation and nature-based learning.

Not surprisingly, this will also move us towards better flood control and conservation. All of this will become ever more priceless over time, and our children will thank us for our responsible actions. Please make this a priority under the Public Works Department; it will only become more expensive and difficult if we postpone action now.

Thanks,

Bill Zeldis
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From: ben lakish <bclakish@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:37 AM

To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>

Subject: Comments Regarding Goleta Creek and Watershed Management Plan

Dear City Clerk and Goleta City Council:

Would you please read the following comments into the record at the November 17th 2020 meeting:

I am a former resident of Santa Barbara County, and I worked with CDFW doing steelhead research and management from 2013 to 2017. I am familiar with most of the creeks in Goleta and I value them greatly. I have read the Goleta Creek and Watershed Management Plan, it appears to be a good step forward for Goleta and I urge you to adopt and implement the plan.

Sincerely,

Benjamin C. Lakish

-----Original Message-----

From: Patrick Daugherty <psdaug@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:46 AM

To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>

Subject: Comments for the City Council Meeting Record Nov 17, 2020

> I would like to request that my comments below be read into the City Council Meeting record.

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> "Dear Goleta City Council Members and Fellow Community Members,

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> As a local resident, I believe our Creeks and Watershed are precious natural resources that deserve our respect and thoughtful stewardship.

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> Given this, I urge the Goleta City Council to adopt and implement the Goleta Creek and Watershed Management Plan, and further request that it be incorporated into the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan.

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> I would also like to encourage the City to dedicate staff FTE support, and an Oversight/Advisory committee of appropriate representation, to ensure that the many critical aspects of the Plan can be administered to achieve long term conservation for public good.

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> Thank you,

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> Patrick Daugherty

> N Patterson Ave

> Adjacent to San Jose Creek

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> Patrick Daugherty

> 917 N Patterson Ave

> 805-451-5083

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-----Original Message-----

From: louis andaloro <louis@silcom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 1:32 PM
To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>
Subject: Creek & Watershed Management Plan

Note: while I realize that this letter has been submitted too late to be submitted to today's City Council meeting, I would nonetheless appreciate it being entered into the record, thank you.

November 17, 2020

Mayor Paula Perotte
City Council
City of Goleta
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
Goleta, Ca. 93117

Dear Mayor Perotte & City Councilmembers,

I would like to express my support for you to adopt a Goleta Creek & Watershed Plan as soon as possible, in support of all of the environmental organizations that have already made this request of you.

Goleta has been blessed with several amazing creeks and watersheds, all of which are deserving of our respect and stewardship. Not only are they a wonderful resource for humans, birds and wildlife, they perform several important ecological functions that we need to support.

Our creeks are experiencing several issues that demand our attention:

The homeless encampments are a source of trash and pollution, creating both a public nuisance and a health hazard.

Many are polluted with a variety of substances (such as agricultural run-off, illegally dumped substances, and human waste).

Non-native vegetation and animals disrupt the natural processes and create hazards to the creek ecosystems, that require restoration.

Historic alterations to stream banks need to be evaluated and possibly re-engineered.

Homeowners whose houses are situated adjacent to some of these creeks are going to have serious erosion problems on their property, and the City of Goleta should be aware of this situation and devise proactive plans to deal with these situations before they become emergencies.

In addition to the issues that we will have to address, you also need to be aware that a Resource Management Plan for Goleta's Creek's will allow you to develop educational and recreation opportunities for our community.

I have participated in several Creek Clean-Ups supervised by Brian Trautwein & The Environmental Defense Center, and I can attest to the incredible diversity of creeks we have been blessed with.

I am confident that your implementation of a Goleta Creek & Watershed Management Plan will be a source of pride in the community for decades to come.

Please join us so we can work together to make a future Goleta, even better than it is now.

Sincerely,

Louis Andaloro
Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council, Vice President
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Santa Barbara, Ca. 93101

From: Couch, Rachel@SCC <Rachel.Couch@scc.ca.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 2:01 PM

To: City Clerk Group <cityclerkgroup@cityofgoleta.org>

Cc: Andy Newkirk <anewkirk@cityofgoleta.org>; Anne Wells <awells@cityofgoleta.org>

Subject: Comment letter for Creeks and Watershed Management Plan - Council Agenda 11-17-2020

Dear City of Goleta Clerk's Office,

Please see attached letter in support of the Creeks and Watershed Management Plan item on this evening's City Council agenda. I hope it is not too late to be shared with the Council and staff as part of the administrative record.

Thank you,

Rachel

Rachel Couch
Central Coast Project Manager
State Coastal Conservancy
(805) 845-8853 office
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November 16, 2020

Mayor Paula Perotte and Council
City of Goleta
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
Goleta, CA 93117

Re: Creek and Watershed Management Plan Adoption and Implementation

Mayor Perotte and City Councilmembers:

The State Coastal Conservancy urges adoption of the City of Goleta Creek and Watershed Management Plan ("Plan") at its November 17th meeting. The Coastal Conservancy's mission is to act with others to preserve, protect, and restore the resources of the California coast and ocean, including coastal watersheds. We are especially focused on promoting local and regional nature-based systems as efficient solutions to buffer against projected climate change hazards such as increased and more intense drought, flooding and fire. Maintaining healthy wetlands and creeks is key to a safe and healthy future for the City and its citizens. The current Plan is visionary and worthy of high praise. It is a huge step forward in protecting and enhancing the natural areas within the City. It collects a wealth of important ecological information in one place and offers important benefits to wildlife habitats, recreation, clean water, a sustainable economy, and nature education.

We commend the Council for the vision embodied in the Plan. We join other conservation organizations in recommending the following actions:

- Adopt the Plan as a new Creek and Watershed Element in the City's General Plan,
- Establish and staff a Creek and Watershed Management Program ("Program") in the Parks and Open Space Division of the Public Works Department, as recommended in the Plan, or another appropriate Department, as soon as feasible, and

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- Create and appoint a Creek and Watershed Management Advisory Committee to assist Council and staff on guiding Program implementation priorities, including identifying revenue options.

City staff and consultants worked diligently and patiently with the TAC on this Plan. I would like to extend a special thanks to the whole team for their skill in this major effort. Thank you for supporting Plan adoption and to its future implementation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel Couch".

Rachel Couch
Central Coast Project Manager

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From: Robert Atkinson <Robert_Atkinson@sywest.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 4:48 PM

To: Anne Wells <awells@cityofgoleta.org>; Andy Newkirk <anewkirk@cityofgoleta.org>; Peter Imhof <pimhof@cityofgoleta.org>

Cc: Amerikaner, Steven <SAmerikaner@bhfs.com>; Bill Vierra <Bill_Vierra@sywest.com>

Subject: Goleta - (CWMP) Creek & Watershed Management Plan Comments

Good afternoon,

We would like to share the following CWMP comments with you.

Flood Control – The San Jose Creek conveys storm water that would otherwise result in flooding of homes, businesses and critical public infrastructure. As noted in Section 5.2.5 on page 183/211, ‘the number of heavy rainfall events is anticipated to increase’. In recognition of climate change, any discussions about removing the concrete lined channels and creating additional erosion and sediment runs counter to the goal of improving this creek. Unfortunately there are multiples references in the draft CWMP that reference the removal of concrete lined channels. It should be recognized that the resulting marginal improvements in wildlife habitat could result in large negative financial impacts to the City of Goleta and it’s residents (and any resulting changes in storm water conveyance could run afoul of the State and County storm drainage requirements). Please see below the list of noted references related to changes to the creeks ability to convey water:

1. Strategy 12.4. The City should, where funding and resources allow, prioritize and complete new capital projects to address the removal of concrete channels within the City.
2. Action 12.4.1. Develop a CIP project or projects based on the Project Description Sheet (Appendix I, pages 3-4) for removal of concrete channels within City creeks.
3. Action 12.4.2. Consider prioritizing locations that do not have existing or pending projects to address impairments associated with concrete channels.
4. Action 12.4.3. Conduct engineering feasibility analyses in support of concrete channel removal and creek restoration projects in a timely fashion.
5. The Concrete-lined channel removal, including a more thorough description of the problem, cost estimate, time implementation, and monitoring recommendations, is provided in the Project Description Sheet provided in Appendix I.

Retention Basins – The Plan does not fully recognize the value and benefit of bio filtration and detention/retention basins within the SPA buffer areas adjacent to creeks. These basins help reduce the flooding concerns, provide water quality benefits and can provide supplemental riparian habitat. On (p. 95/123) a list of beneficial uses of San Jose and Old San Jose Creeks can be found and Flood Control should be added to the list of beneficial uses. It should be noted that recreation with body contact and no-body contact, and boating are listed, however this runs contrary to improving the habitat areas within this creek (having a bio swale that filters water next to a creek seems to be a better choice than recreational boating or swimming, etc.

within the creek). Please note that in public workshop #2, group session notes, it was suggested by a local Environmental Consulting firm that the plan should “Address allowed uses/activities in buffers, e.g., detention basins might be compatible in buffer” (see the notes on page 316).

Vegetation - In section 4.3.6.2 San Jose and Old San Jose, starting on page 99 (p. 127) characterizes vegetation communities of San Jose and Old San Jose Creeks as being well shaded creeks, and then talks generally about the vegetation. This section should also specifically call out the concrete-lined section having no habitat value or native vegetation. It is acknowledged elsewhere (p. 98/126 “no riparian trees”) and should be repeated here. The document should be consistent in talking about various segments and their characteristics.

Thanks.

Robert Atkinson
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