



**ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING OFFICER (EHO) HEARING**  
**SYWEST DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (Draft EIR)**  
**HEARING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 29, 2024**

Current Planning Manager Lisa Prasse, serving as EHO, called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. EHO Prasse asked for public comment and asked for the presentation from staff. At about 5:10 PM, it was identified that there were technical difficulties occurring affecting the audio portion of the meeting.

After resolving the technical difficulties, the meeting was called to order again at 5:14 P.M. and Brian Hiefield, Associate Planner, along with Nicole West of Rincon Consultants gave a staff presentation again. The presentation followed the Power Point presentation which can be accessed here (<https://www.cityofgoleta.org/home/showpublisheddocument/31312>). Additionally, Associate Planner Hiefield briefly described the three alternatives that are included in the Draft EIR.

Mr. Hiefield also stated that physical copies of the Draft EIR are available for review at the Goleta Library, the Community Center and at City Hall during normal business hours. The Draft EIR is also accessible online at (<https://www.cityofgoleta.org/your-city/planning-and-environmental-review/ceqa-review/sywest>). The public may submit comments on the Draft EIR to Associate Planner Hiefield at [bhiefield@cityofgoleta.org](mailto:bhiefield@cityofgoleta.org) until 5 pm on November 25, 2024, when the public review period closes.

Ms. Prasse opened the meeting to public comments.

Public Speakers:

Ken Palley spoke about the Streamside Protection Area (SPA) buffer needing a detailed study, that he didn't see a significant traffic study included in the document, and that cumulative impacts needed to be accounted for, specifically related to the ease in which SPA buffer waivers can be approved.

Christina McGinnis stated the objectives are written too narrowly so as to not allow for a reasonable range of alternatives to be considered. She requested an alternative that would move the parking. She also stated that upstream of the site San Jose Creek is being restored and this area adjacent to the site should be restored as well.

There were no additional public speakers.

Ms. Prasse thanked everyone for the comments, stated that the public review period will close on November 25<sup>th</sup> and closed the meeting at 5:41 P.M.