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Goleta Beach County Park Project 2.0 <u>Draft Environmental Impact Report</u>

The County of Santa Barbara encourages comments from the public on the Draft EIR for the Goleta Beach County Park 2.0 Project. The County Community Services Department is proposing the Project in response to the Coastal Commission's denial of a prior permeable pier solution to managing the park and directive to develop a long-term solution to the park that balances the recreational resources of the park while accommodating natural coastal processes. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project was released to the public, stakeholders, and interested local, state and federal agencies on June 3, 2013. The period for which the public and interested stakeholders can submit comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR extends to August 1, 2013.

The Draft EIR and additional information pertaining to the Project may be obtained on the County Planning & Development Department's (P&D) website at: www.sbcountyplanning.org/projects/11DVP-00000-00016/index.cfm. The Draft EIR is also available for review at the Santa Barbara Downtown Branch Library (40 E. Anapamu St.) and Goleta Branch Library (500 N. Fairview Ave.). Santa Barbara County P&D is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the analysis and proposed mitigation measures described in the Draft EIR, as well as the discussion and assessment of project alternatives.

You may comment by providing testimony at a public hearing on the Draft EIR held by P&D staff on **July 23**, **2013** at 5 p.m. in the Goleta Union School District Board Meeting Room at 401 N. Fairview Avenue, and/or submitting written or oral comments to the project planner, Alex Tuttle, at 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, (805) 884-6844, atuttle@countyofsb.org, prior to the close of public comment on August 1, 2013. Questions about the Project may also be directed to the project planner, Alex Tuttle.