

Save Goleta Beach!

To the California Coastal Commission:

We, the undersigned residents and visitors to Goleta Beach County Park strongly support the proposal advanced by Santa Barbara County to stabilize this priceless beach park from further erosion. Specifically, we support the county's proposal for additional permeable pilings and pier decking as an elegant approach to retaining sand, without constructing impervious revetments or other armored structures along the shoreline.

Application No. 4-08-006 (Santa Barbara County, Goleta Beach) Application of Santa Barbara County to construct 500-ft. long, 20-ft. wide, permeable pile sand retention system as addition to existing Goleta Pier consisting of 250–330 timber piles (18" to 20" in diameter) and timber decking, seasonal installation of approximately 1,200-ft. long, 3-5 ft. high winter sand berm; removal of approximately 1,500 linear ft. of existing rock rip rap upcoast of Goleta Pier; and implementation of beach nourishment program involving initial offshore dredging of approximately 500,000 CY of sand and placement of dredged material on beach upcoast of pier for beach nourishment with additional periodic offshore dredging/beach nourishment on as-needed basis not exceeding 100,000 CY of material per year, 5986 Sandspit Rd, Goleta Beach County Park, Santa Barbara County.

At your upcoming hearing, please approve this carefully crafted solution that has also been endorsed by leading environmental scientists, local governments, community leaders, and concerned citizens.

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