

## Deborah Lopez

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**From:** Aaron Kreisberg <akberg90@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 03, 2018 11:48 AM  
**To:** Deborah Lopez  
**Subject:** Goleta Creeks and Watershed Masterplan-Public Comment for March 5th meeting

Goleta City Councilmember and Staff,

I am writing to express my support for the development of a Goleta Creeks and Watershed Masterplan. The City of Goleta has an exciting opportunity to restore and protect Goleta's watersheds, something that would have manifold benefits for the goodland. Removing invasive species and returning channelized areas to natural flow regimes while great environmental benefits and improve recreational opportunities.

I look forward to this exciting future for Goleta's creeks!

Best,  
Aaron Kreisberg

## A.2 Priority-Setting Workshop and FY 20182019 Annual Work Program

This is a good document and a good reference document for information on what is coming in the future. It would be helpful to have the name of the planner who is handling each project listed on the project document. It would be good to have a list with the estimated start and completion dates of the projects in order from current to the final project.

There are functions that the PER does that are not appropriate for the department. Both financial transactions and emergency operations should be handled in other departments.

The financial transactions of the department should be handled by the Finance Department. The use of the Management Assistant to do the accounting is a waste of her talents.

Emergency operations could more appropriately to be handled by Public Works, Neighborhood Services, and the Public Information Office. The use of GIS and mapping support should be available in Public Works and should not need help from the Planning Departments. The Advance Planning Manager is too valuable and needed in planning to be assigned to the County Emergency Services Operations.

Page 20 I am glad to see that Story Pole Regulations are being proposed but they should be separate from Design Guidelines. It would seem that Story Poles should be processed as part of the new Zoning Ordinance. They should be mandatory for all large projects.

Page 46 I agree with the Directors recommendation that the 18-Month Organizational Plan not be undertaken. It isn't appropriate for our City.

Page 65 What consideration of the trees in the public right of way will be included? Will the Urban Forest Management Plan Street Tree List be incorporated in the Conditions of Approval considerations?

Page 74 The Update of CEQA Thresholds of Significance is far more important than the Community Choice Aggregation Feasibility Analysis and should move forward to be completed prior to the Feasibility Analysis. These extremely important thresholds should already be in the updating process. Waiting more than a year to start this process is a failure to give the public the additional protections that are needed and required.

It is good that the Council and the public have a document that gives them an idea of what projects are being worked on. The Annual Work Program provides a timeline that will tell the community how various projects are progressing. It is important that it be well publicized and easily available to the public. This will encourage more public participation in workshops and hearings.

Barbara Massey  
March 3, 2018

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**From:** John Shaheen <johnshaheen@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2018 7:15 AM  
**To:** Deborah Lopez  
**Subject:** I support City preparation of the Goleta Creeks and Watersheds Master Plan as a high priority for the City in 2018

Way to go!!! The world needs more of this!! Thank you for preserving and protecting our environment for generations to enjoy!!!

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**From:** Susan Shields <shields3033@netscape.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 04, 2018 10:32 AM  
**To:** Deborah Lopez  
**Subject:** The Goleta Creeks and Watersheds Master Plan should be a high priority this year

Dear Mayor and City Council of Goleta,

I cannot attend your meeting on Monday but wish to endorse the strategic plan to protect the creeks and watersheds in Goleta.

Our family has long enjoyed walking and bicycling all over Santa Barbara and Goleta and we prize the creeks for their importance in the environment. They provide wildlife habitat as well as opportunities for recreation, play and education. I hope you will proceed as soon as possible with the Strategic Plan that has already been developed.

Susan Shields

3033 Calle Rosales, SB 93105



March 4, 2018

*Re: Planning and Environmental Review Department Priority-Setting Workshop and FY 2018-19 Annual Work Program, Environmental Programs and Plans - Creeks and Watershed Master Plan.*

Dear Mayor Perotte and Councilmembers Aceves, Bennett, Kasdin and Richards:

Citizens Planning Association has long, since 1960, advocated for good planning in Santa Barbara County and, especially, on the South Coast. Many of our Goleta members were active in the development of the city's General Plan.

Integral to good planning is a healthy, sustainable environment. We are very pleased to see that on your agenda for tomorrow is consideration of the Goleta Creeks and Watersheds Management Plan.

We are strongly supportive of this work being begun this year. It's been a long wait but it is definitely time, especially with the \$200,000 already budgeted for fiscal year 2018-2019. The creeks are jewels of the Goleta Valley, integral to the health of the "good land," essential for wildlife habitat and human recreation.

Citizens Planning Association encourages you to begin the process of watershed assessment towards developing the very important Creek and Watershed protection and enhancement of the Master Plan. With the increase of housing demands in the Goleta Valley, there's a critical need to begin this year the identification of watershed issues and restoration work on the creeks.

We hope that at tomorrow's Council Special Workshop for the Planning Department Work Program healthy creek habitat and recreational needs will move forward!

Sincerely, and on behalf of CPA's board of directors,

Betsy R. Cramer, board president

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**From:** Devon N <dynamicdevon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 01, 2018 4:48 PM  
**To:** Deborah Lopez  
**Subject:** Goleta Creeks and Watersheds Master Plan

I am writing in support of the Goleta Creeks and Watersheds Master Plan. Healthy creeks are vital to a thriving urban landscape. They not only provide opportunities for recreation, but also help to keep our water clean.

My partner and I moved to Santa Barbara from Los Angeles several years ago. We saw first hand the enormous benefit of projects along the Los Angeles river that revitalized the natural landscape there. This is past evidence from a nearby urban city that this project will reap positive returns.

Creeks are critical habitat and we need to find ways to be stewards of them in the urban landscape.

Sincerely,  
Devon Nelson

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**From:** Robin Birney <robinbbirney@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 01, 2018 8:11 PM  
**To:** Deborah Lopez  
**Subject:** I support City preparation of the Goleta Creeks and Watersheds Master Plan as a high priority for the City in 2018

Please support the restoration of your creeks in Goleta. What a wonderful legacy to leave our children. Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Deborah Williams <deborah1518@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 01, 2018 12:19 PM  
**To:** Deborah Lopez  
**Subject:** Goleta Creeks and Watersheds Master Plan

Dear Mayor Perotte and City Council Members,

I am fortunate to live in Goleta adjacent to Las Vegas Creek. In the evenings, my husband and I like to walk to San Pedro Creek and Lake Los Carneros, among other destinations.

The creeks in Goleta are one reason we chose to live here. However, they can and should be better restored to achieve their full potential for wildlife habitat, recreation, learning/education, property value enhancement, community enhancement, water quality, and more.

I strongly support initiating the Goleta Creeks and Watersheds Master Plan as a new project in 2018.

As a community, and as individuals, we have a lot to gain from restoring our creeks and watersheds in Goleta, and it is very important to start that process now. Thank you for accepting my comments.

Goleta Proud,

Deborah Williams

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**From:** Lisa Stratton <stratton@ccber.ucsb.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 01, 2018 11:55 AM  
**To:** Deborah Lopez  
**Subject:** I support City preparation of the Goleta Creeks and Watersheds Master Plan as a high priority for the City in 2018  
**Attachments:** IMG\_1844.JPG

Dear Paula Perotte and Goleta City Council,

With the newly restored North Campus Open Space down stream from Devereux, Phelps/El Encanto/Evergreen creeks and run-off from Camino Real Shopping mall, we are in full support of the City of Goleta aggressively pursuing the preparation of a Goleta Creeks and Watershed's master plan and taking more immediate actions where necessary.

Some particular issues we are concerned with include:

Trash in the creeks and management of storm drain inlets and street sweeping

Transient occupation of creek corridors because of safety, bacteria issues and impacts to wildlife movement along creek corridors, as well as risk of fire.

Native plant restoration that uses ONLY locally sourced seed and plant materials

Stormwater infiltration to reduce erosion caused by unstable hydrographs that are the result of too much impermeable surfaces without intermediate infiltration opportunities

This will integrate with work being done now on Devereux Creek associated with Ellwood and the butterfly habitat issue.

Thank you for making this a priority and for immediately addressing current issues associated with trash in creeks.

Please see the attached photo of one of 5 trash cans of trash we removed yesterday from a short 700 ft segment of Phelps Creek downstream of Marymount way bridge. We did this to try to avoid having the trash run into the newly restored NCOS project site as happened after the January storm.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lisa Stratton

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***Subject: Planning and Environmental Review Department Priority-Setting Workshop and FY 2018-19 Annual Work Program***

Council Members,

This letter is in regards to item A.2 on the March 5th, City Council Agenda.

The Coalition for Sustainable Transportation (COAST) and the Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition (SBBIKE) are supportive of current and upcoming Advanced Planning Division work program items which are complementary to existing efforts by the city to improve the active transportation network including, but not limited to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) and the Hollister Complete Streets project.

One upcoming work program item of interest includes revisiting the development impact mitigation approach. This provides an opportunity to assess ways new development in Goleta could further the implementation of the BPMP. Development in Goleta should contribute its share towards the cost of the bicycle and pedestrian network. Other jurisdictions such as Santa Monica have successfully leveraged fees to support their active transportation network and reduce automobile traffic. We hope that the BPMP will lay down the groundwork for real mode share shifts for the city.

We strongly urge careful examination of the work program to allocate staff time to program and projects that will eventually lead to the removal of barriers to walking, biking, and using transit which will continue to make Goleta a more vibrant, healthy, and welcoming community.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Jeff Phillips <lje00@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2018 9:10 AM  
**To:** Deborah Lopez  
**Subject:** Goleta Creek Restoration

Hello Mayor Perotte and City Council,

My name is Jeff Phillips, I am a Fish and Wildlife Biologist and Environmental Scientist with a Masters in Environmental Science and Management from the Donald Bren School at UCSB. I served for three years on the Santa Barbara Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Program Citizen Advisory Committee, from 2004 to 2007.

I have a passionate belief that creeks can and should be utilized as a valuable community asset - they have enormous aesthetic and biological value. This should be protected and fostered through development setbacks, recreational easements, and habitat restoration and preservation. Creeks are an asset that once lost is very costly to bring back (see the multi-billion dollar plan to try to bring back the concrete-lined Los Angeles River). Creeks and adjacent habitat help to clean water, prevent flooding (when there is an intact floodplain connected to the waterway, support wildlife including threatened and endangered species, and provide a wonderful means to connect children to nature and help them learn about their natural environment.

I support, as a first step, the initiation of the *Goleta Creeks and Watershed Master Plan* in 2018.

Thank you,  
Jeff Phillips  
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