

Comments Received on Emergency Beach Sediment Deposition Projects at Goleta Beach and
Carpinteria Beach for March 17th Board Meeting
Item No. 3 Presentations

Dear Mr. Beyeler,

I am writing to you as a very concerned resident and business owner from Carpinteria.

The recent pulling of emergency permits for the County to dump debris from our Carpinteria and Montecito debris basins at our local Carpinteria beach on Ash Ave in particular, but in Goleta as well is devastating and negatively impacting our environment and community as a whole from resident's quality of life to business owners to visitors from out of town.

In 2018 we experienced this same scenario. And we were told it was an "emergency" and once in lifetime event. That is untrue.

I have been researching since the middle of January how every government agency is authorizing this. It is harmful to the environment, our marine and land ecosystem. I've contacted Army Corp of Engineers, District offices of EPA in San Francisco, California Coast Commission, County of SB (individually Das Williams and Lauren Capps), SB County Environmental and Health Department, Central Coast Water Board, Ventura County Environmental Health Department (to learn how they handle debris basins), City of Carpinteria Council (I presented at a meeting), Heal the Ocean, Santa Barbara Channelkeeper (which is taking a stand against this dumping), Surfrider Foundation, UCSB researchers, your own Scientific Committee) and other land restoration companies and many more.

There are other options besides dumping at our beaches - Ventura County gives this sediment to construction companies and farmers. Why can't we do this? Water and soil tests continue to test at harmful levels - is this not science to say that this dumping is having a negative impact on our coastline? Why is this being ignored?

What I have uncovered (as I just learned about BEACON) is that through emergency permit pulling, rather than having a long-term plan to clear debris basins our County and BEACON is authorizing this and essentially bypassing any concerns that might be raised. This is unacceptable.

I have been in conversation with Das Williams last week as I am leading a petition of the people to end this dumping NOW and permanently ://www.change.org/STOPTHEDUMPCARPINTERIA

The County needs to commit to long-term planning to mitigate what we know to be climate change and unexpected weather events.

What is really concerning is the lack of public involvement and awareness aloud in this entire process. The public should have a say in the "emergency plans" that are being approved since it impacts thousands of people.

I am looking to attend virtually your next Board meeting - please advise me of the details.

If I need to submit a public comment, please let me know. Additionally, the City is cooperating and trying to set up a meeting with County Supervisor Williams that the public can attend, but it is yet to be confirmed.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Thank you,

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I swim the mighty sea every day. Goleta Beach has been my turf for forty years. I know that marine bed well. The last dumping four years ago ruined the Goleta Coast. Bacteria and large rocks in the water made it dangerous to swim and do any water activity entailing the human body. Now this project has not only ruined the beach but it has destroyed human participation in the sea at this location. I was at the beach the day of the big storm on January 5. The beach was gone between the pier and the bathrooms. The beach was not gone near the point. The beach is still gone next to the pier and the water is sludge and will remain that way for a very long time . I am clueless as to the point of your beach nourishment . You have ruined h the he beach, the water and the marine life. You needed to put this toxic sludge somewhere so you dumped it at Goleta Beach and turned it into a toxic waste dump . Beach Nourishment? You have made total fools of the residents of this area. Not only that you have turned the roadways into mud holes . Shame on you BEACON! The entire south coast is filled with your toxic sludge .
irene Russo
40 year ocean swimmer.

Some of you know me some of you don't. My daughter Stella Ruiz is a 9th generation South Coast Local. I have been playing, including surfing, on our South Coast Beaches for 65 years. I was General Counsel for the Goleta Water District (GWD) for about 25 years I was on the Channel Islands surf team for about 20 years. I developed a close professional relationship with Professor Robert Norris, Founder of the UCSB Geology Department as he was on the Board for the La Cumbre Mutual Water Company that serves water to Hope Ranch and receives their water supplies delivered from the GWD. As any of you know who are experts like myself on this subject, Professor Norris was very well informed on this subject of beach erosion and nourishment in our Community and Environment. Some today do not agree with his approach. I do. I do not believe many of you have the professional qualifications to challenge his professional opinion on the subject. I encouraged Monica Solorzano who was just recently elected unopposed to the Carpinteria City Council, to volunteer for this position. I hope she will improve. In her most important decision in one of her first important Council meetings, she disappointed me. I am an old guy so let us hope she will improve before I will die I see Dan Gira's name on the Staff Report. I first met Dan 30 years ago and I hope he will be at the meeting. He may have developed a new opinion but I know he was smart enough to know better than to challenge Professor Norris when Dan and I were younger men. I hope Dan will be at our meeting and maybe he will be willing to debate.

I did volunteer work with Professor Norris on IV Beach on this subject, Butterfly Beach, and throughout the South Coast. I am not an expert but who else here is? I always question self identified "experts" (I guess the includes me!) I watched almost everyday 5 years ago what we did to our Ash Beach. Bunch of sharp, unnatural rocks left on the beach. I watched this year from day 1. Same thing. I do not support this approach and I am very confident Professor Norris would not either .

Please no more "so called emergency Permits". This is going to be a recurring event. CEQA is not intended to "permit" this approach and our rookie City Attorney needs a brush up on the law from Peter Brown and Steve Amerikaner! Please let's do this right. Those of you who read my diatribe Monday, I apologize. I believe our natural environment is extremely important and I believe our City Council made a grievous error Monday night in appointing an unqualified Planning Commissioner, in my opinion the worst Applicant. From Michigan? Really???. I hope I am proved wrong. God Bless us All!

Russell Ruiz

Dr. Patsch,

I am contacting you in hope that we can stop the insanity of this emergency dumping of sediment basins on Goleta and Carpinteria beaches. It is nothing short of Orwellian to call this nourishment. The double talk and hedging by the agencies is disgusting. Having sat through processes for the removal of Matilja and Rindge dams (we may be getting close!) with all the gesticulation of proper sediment getting on our beaches this is far from the 80:20 sand to fines that is accepted as beach nourishment in that aspect. This crap they are dumping fills the whole of the Wentworth Scale and certainly can be described as the precocious and improper delivery of these materials on the shoreline. Natural processes don't do this. I am aghast that there is

little reference to the accepted hydrological principals of sediment load and movement in streams. It is my understanding that in storm events the sediment gets segregated putting sand on our beaches, the heavier stuff behind, and the fines washed farther in the flood to mud beds offshore out of the littoral drift. This process was taught as dogma to me in the 70's at UCSB. Why is it being ignored now? Why is dam removal being hobbled by it and flood control agencies let to dump in the name of emergency? If Matilja Dam was down like it should have been decades ago Ventura Beaches would be way better off. If Rindge dam was down Malibu would be a beach again. Instead we are dumping materials on the beaches far from the proper ratios that natural processes do and the whole ecosystem has evolved on. We are screwing things up and being told that this dumping is a good thing...it's not! Santa Barbara County is just getting a cheap place to dump unrefined material out their debris basins and estuarine channels. I understand our beaches are going to change and the sandy dreams of my youth will fade but we need not trash matters further. This crap is not helping our beaches. I certainly hope your BEACON presentation Friday will reflect some hesitancy and caution. We need object science not studies paid for by those who want a result. The stuff of politics is it not? This is not about public relations this is about going ahead knowing we are right. Please we are not doing right and you know it.

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