From: Susan Shields
To: City Clerk Group

Subject: Protection of creeks and wetlands within the City of Goleta

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To the Mayor and City Council of Goleta:

As a local resident who cares about the protection of creeks and wetlands in this area and their important role in the landscape and environment, I understand that in the past the City has approved reductions in the required 100-foot creek setback for new construction without analyzing the degree of compliance with the policy requirements.

I urge you to ensure that the New Zoning Ordinance include language developed by the California Coastal Commission and adopted by the County that clearly states the steps for determining if a reduction of the setback from creeks and riparian habitat may be granted upon an applicant's request. The provision should apply to any request to modify City zoning or policy requirements.

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