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It is my understanding that the City has a tendency to push the limits of zoning without regards to Goleta wetlands and creeks. These areas are miniature sanctuaries for wildlife that contribute more than we know to the local ecology. It is imperative that we respect the space these organisms have to live in, and keep a fair enough distance away from these wetlands so they can continue to feel comfortable living here. In addition to wildlife, we must think about the livelihood of humans too. As we've seen in Montecito and Ventura, heavy rains can lead to floods and mudslides. These wetland areas are subject to flooding and can cause a lot of damage to homes. It's silly to continue pushing the boundaries of development when there are risks such as these involved. Please respect wildlife space and health of ecology.

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