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Attn: Planning Commission

Dear Chair Smith and Commissioners,

As a resident of Goleta, I am writing you today to request that the City make creek protection a priority by developing an ordinance that effectively implements the General Plan Policy CE 2.2. As someone who deeply appreciates our creeks, including San Pedro, Las Vegas, and others, I believe that protecting our creeks adds greatly to our quality of life in Goleta. Despite the strong protections for creeks and riparian habitats under Policy CE 2.2, the City has struggled with the implementation of this Policy and has routinely approved projects with reduced creek setbacks without an adequate process to evaluate whether adherence to the minimum 100-foot setback was infeasible.

For this reason, I support the recommendations made by the Environmental Defense Center and Urban Creeks Council to adopt the California Coastal Commission's language for analyzing when the 100-foot setback is feasible or infeasible. This language was adopted by the County of Santa Barbara in its Coastal Zoning Ordinance and is in the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan.

Please direct staff to incorporate the California Coastal Commission's language in the New Zoning Ordinance. The New Zoning Ordinance must be consistent with the City's goals to maintain, enhance, and restore its precious creeks and waterways.

Sincerely,  
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*The truth is incontrovertible. Malice may attack it,  
ignorance may deride it, but in the end, there it is.  
- Winston Churchill*