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CGV Endorses John Buttny for 3rd District Supervisor

Again we find that all of Santa Barbara County is looking to the 3rd District Supervisor race to see what the future holds for the county. Again the winner of this seat will likely act as the swing vote in numerous 3-2 votes that will determine the future of our environment, neighborhoods, and the very livability of our communities. And again, it is up to each 3rd District voter to stand up and be counted in order to choose our future.

CGV whole-heartedly endorses John Buttny for Supervisor. The choice between the two major candidates in this race is clear, as it often is in the ongoing battle for control of the Board of Supervisors. Each candidate has a public service record that speaks volumes.

John Buttny has served as assistant for the last 18 years to Supervisors Wallace and Marshall. In this role, he has

played a critical role in successfully preserving our agricultural heritage and open space, protecting our oceans and beaches from more oil drilling and our communities from on-shore oil activities, improving our air and water quality, defending our oaks from massive destruction and avoiding urban sprawl while managing growth and development. He now stands ready to continue that commitment as Supervisor.



John Buttny believes that we need to understand the capacity of our local resources so that we do not develop our community beyond what can be supported by our available natural resources and public services. As Supervisor, he will ensure that residents are involved in deciding local issues such as land use, waste disposal and housing development. He will protect productive agricultural lands from being rezoned for increased development. He will fight to keep the County fiscally strong in the face of financial crisis at

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Ellwood Devereux Joint Proposal – Moving Forward

The Ellwood Devereux Joint Proposal (El Dev) has 4 main components: the Environmental Impact Reports (EIR) for development at Ocean Meadows (county), UCSB (self-review), and Ellwood (City of Goleta), and the Open Space Habitat and Management Plan (OSHMP). The OSHMP looks at habitat protection and recreational access to the area from the west side of Isla Vista to the west side of Santa Barbara Shores Park. URS, the project consultants, released a preliminary draft last fall, which mapped environmentally sensitive habitat, current and proposed trails, parking lots and other amenities. A more

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3rd District

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the State level, and his fiscal priorities will include ensuring that our emergency response capabilities are not cut, and that public health services and the social welfare safety net are kept as whole as possible.

In stark contrast, Brooks Firestone has a very different record. In his last term in the Assembly, the *League of Conservation Voters* rated his environmental voting record at 43%, due to his votes on pesticides, water, endangered species, recycling, and oil spills protection. This isn't just a failing grade, it's a miserable failure!

Based on this terrible record, it is not surprising that Firestone is supported by the very County Supervisors who put Goleta on a fast growth track in the 1980s by approving over 2 million square feet of commercial/industrial construction in Goleta from 1980 to 1987. They did so despite Goleta Water District's moratorium on new water hook-ups due to an overdrafted groundwater basin.

The resulting construction of commercial/industrial space without any new residential building created the huge jobs/housing imbalance that we now have on

the South Coast. The Supervisors in office at that time, David Yeager, Robert Kallman, Dewayne Holmdahl, and Harell Fletcher, all support Brooks Firestone.

Even in the current campaign, Firestone has shown a Jeckle-and-Hyde type of behavior. On one hand he tries to cast himself as the nice guy, bridge-builder, etc. However, at the same time he is engaging in a strange smear-oriented campaign against his opponents. His tactics include mud-slinging mailings, deceptive telephone "push polls" conveying false information, and phony "neighbor" letters written and paid for by his campaign. Rather than communicating his plan (if any) for the county, Firestone is spending an incredible amount of his campaign resources talking about "building bridges", while simultaneously sabotaging any hope of bridging the gap between north and south in the 3rd District and in the county.

John Buttny has the experience, the vision, and the integrity we need on the Board of Supervisors. The choice is clear. You must take responsibility for your future, for *our* future. You must make your voice heard by voting on March 2. ❖

Ellwood

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comprehensive draft will be forthcoming.

The EIRs are due out in mid March 2004. Ocean Meadows (OM) is proposing to develop 32 single-family homes and a two-story 5,000 sq ft maintenance building on their southeast corner, and 22 apartments on the northeast corner. 16 parking spaces and a restroom will be provided for public access. The remaining golf course property will be re-zoned from residential to recreation.

UCSB's proposal has two projects, A and B. A proposes to build 236 faculty housing units north of Ocean Meadows, and 151 family student housing units along Storke Road and Whittier Drive, east of OM. The South parcel and the West Campus

Bluffs would become permanent open space. Project B would develop 207 faculty-housing units south of OM, and 84 family student-housing units along Storke Road. Both projects include a 14,000 sq ft community building with meeting, recreation and laundry facilities, a 7,360 sq ft maintenance building, and play areas. Project A includes habitat restoration, public trails and access improvements, but Project B does not.

The Ellwood proposal shifts the Monarch Point development to the northwest corner of Santa Barbara Shores Park. A maximum of 78 single-family, gated homes are proposed. The bluffs would be gifted to

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Oil Issues Coming Your Way

Overcoming oil company lobbyists, Hannah-Beth Jackson's bill (AB 16) requiring that any new oil development MUST transport the oil by pipeline was signed into law! Venoco is the only company currently barging oil, and if they succeed in expanding the drilling on Platform Holly, barging will stop. Many thanks to Assembly member Jackson for her work.

CGV is monitoring three oil development projects currently being pursued by Venoco. One is the Venoco Paredon Project, which proposes to develop 3 leases from its onshore production facility in the city of Carpinteria. The Environmental

Coalition (of which CGV is a member) is providing support for the Carpinteria Valley Association to oppose this development. To date, Venoco's application is incomplete. The second of Venoco's projects is the expansion of the Ellwood Field into two leases quitclaimed to the state to offset the development impacts from a project in Long Beach. To date, a complete application has not been submitted.



The third Venoco project is the lease renewal for the marine terminal off Sands Beach (Coal Oil Point). Venoco has had a month-to-month lease from the State Lands Commission (SLC) since Venoco bought the Ellwood Oil Facilities. This year, SLC is taking the renewal seriously, and an EIR will be prepared to evaluate this project. A single-hulled barge loads up 60,000 barrels of oil every two weeks, right off a beach that is rich in habitat as well as a popular recreation spot. This will be an opportunity for the community to scrutinize this operation and request any changes that could make it safer. The scoping hearing will probably be this March. Send CGV your email address to receive updates on this issue!

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Now to end this update on a piece of good news... Venoco recently quitclaimed lease 208 back to the state because it didn't seem to be worth the investment to develop. Now this lease will become part of the sanctuary, never to be leased again. YAY!!! ❖

More Ellwood

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the city from the Trust for Public Land, after the \$20.4 million has been secured.

These three projects are being presented together to pass muster at the California Coastal Commission, which favors habitat protection and public access. The county seems to be emphasizing access, while environmentalists are prioritizing habitat protection over access, in conformance with the Coastal Act. But the most controversial aspect of the proposal is the development in wetlands and wetland buffer areas by UCSB. It is their hope that the benefits of a large, contiguous, protected open space will offset the prohibition of wetland destruction. These benefits will largely be described in the OSHMP, which will need a stable, long-term funding mechanism to be effective.

What will be the benefits? The impacts? If we allow development in wetlands, will it set a precedent for the county? For the state? How can this process promote an informed dialog between the various interests? CGV will be asking for meetings that give us an opportunity to really explore how to weight the benefits and impacts of this proposal. This project is an enormously exciting opportunity for the community! But it is up to all of us to join in some aspect of this process to support environmental protection and meaningful mitigation, and ensure the best possible project. ❖



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