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**Application No. 4-23-0215**

**(City of Goleta)**

**December 11, 2023**

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**Subject:** FW: Hearing 4-23-0215

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My name is Michael Garrigan. I own the property at 323 Island Oak Ln, at the "BLUFFS" in Goleta, California.

During my early career I worked at a Fire Camp in the Malibu Mountains. I acquired an up-close-and-personal understanding of the nature of brush and forest fire.

This hearing (0215) reviews a permit to allow the clearing of fallen trees at the preserve surrounding the Bluffs. I understand that the State is very careful regarding the treatment of land in preserves--as it should be.

But, please understand the current conditions in the Preserve are nothing short of a tinderbox. I am not an alarmist. I Have witnessed fires originating from such conditions. The living trees--eucalyptus, which house the seasonal Monarch Butterfly habitat--will clearly burn should the fallen trees ignite.

Please issue the permit for clearing dead wood in the preserve as requested by our local Fire Department.

Thank You, Michael Garrigan

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**Subject:** FW: Ellwood Mesa Fuel Reduction 4-23-0215

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**Subject:** Ellwood Mesa Fuel Reduction 4-23-0215

Dear Commission:

I would like to express my views and endorsement for the proposal as indicated. I am a resident of The Bluffs directly adjacent to the property in question. Our house was destroyed as a result of the Thomas fire debris flow. I have a keen interest in fire mitigation. This should be the simplest decision the commission has ever faced and yet the documentation requires AI to understand the documents extensive references and detail. The background involves in part over 1200 dead trees determined by a field study in 2017, this number obviously has increased . It is now time to get the job started and completed. Creating even more conditions even as the commission agrees to approve the project simply will not work. On October 17,2019, the commission approved the Coastal Development Permit No. 4-18-1223 with conditions. The Management plan was again reviewed by the City of Goleta and approved Phase One. Overall, it is not just removing dead trees but an entire improvement plan for the preserve for the Monarch butterfly, for guests, hikers, birds, plants, and the entire community. We have been fortunate not to have had a fire which is of great concern for the fire marshal who has publicly expressed this view. The commission must act with reason and not hinder the implementation with more conditions. I would hold the commission responsible given all the facts and danger these trees contribute to a fire in a very dense housing community should they fail to act.