0:16:59.10 --> 0:17:0.520  
Sawaya, Gina  
Hi everyone. Welcome.

0:17:0.60 --> 0:17:0.640  
ARISTON JULIAN  
1.

0:17:1.480 --> 0:17:2.140  
ARISTON JULIAN  
Hello.

0:17:3.480 --> 0:17:3.950  
Glinda Clifford (Guest)  
Thank you.

0:17:5.570 --> 0:17:11.840  
Sawaya, Gina  
There we go. As you're coming in. If you wouldn't mind muting yourself and turning off your video, that'll help us with bandwidth.

0:17:12.410 --> 0:17:13.40  
Kathy Rosenthal (Guest)  
People off.

0:17:18.190 --> 0:17:18.720  
Mike Hodgson  
You should have.

0:17:20.430 --> 0:17:20.890  
Kathy Rosenthal (Guest)  
Look like.

0:17:26.990 --> 0:17:28.470  
Sawaya, Gina  
Thank you. We really appreciate it.

0:17:45.900 --> 0:17:48.970  
Sawaya, Gina  
Still, a lot of folks coming in, so we're going to take another second.

0:18:2.810 --> 0:18:3.690  
Jeff Danhauer  
Can you hear us?

0:18:4.570 --> 0:18:4.990  
Sawaya, Gina  
Yep.

0:18:6.870 --> 0:18:7.550  
Paulina Conn  
I can hear you.

0:18:5.390 --> 0:18:9.120  
Jeff Danhauer  
Ohh good. OK. Do you want us to be muted or unmuted?

0:18:9.940 --> 0:18:14.840  
Sawaya, Gina  
If you could mute yourself for now, we're going to have a period where you can unmute yourself later too.

0:18:15.230 --> 0:18:15.650  
Jeff Danhauer  
Alright.

0:18:16.430 --> 0:18:16.880  
Sawaya, Gina  
Thanks.

0:18:18.300 --> 0:18:28.530  
Sawaya, Gina  
And also if you want to turn your video off just for now, I think it might help. Just because we have so many people in the meeting, other people who aren't talking turn their videos off, it might help with our bandwidth.

0:18:43.300 --> 0:18:47.950  
Sawaya, Gina  
I'm still seeing quite a few people coming in through the lobby, so I'm gonna wait another minute before we start.

0:18:53.50 --> 0:19:0.570  
Christina Hernandez  
When I try and entering through my phone I can't. It says invalid passcode. Do you know if anybody else is having that?

0:19:3.230 --> 0:19:9.430  
Sawaya, Gina  
I am not sure. Let me see if I can put the invitation in the chat or in our question and answer box.

0:19:53.930 --> 0:19:56.740  
Sawaya, Gina  
I just put the call in number in the chat Christina.

0:19:57.520 --> 0:19:58.620  
Sawaya, Gina  
Let us know if that works.

0:20:0.320 --> 0:20:0.830  
Christina Hernandez  
Thank you.

0:20:1.920 --> 0:20:9.930  
Sawaya, Gina  
For those that are just coming in, if you could mute your mics and turn your videos off for now, that will help us make sure that we have the bandwidth to continue hosting the meeting.

0:20:37.280 --> 0:20:41.140  
Andrea Adams-Morden  
The other families who are not whole, and so he's not here to stay.

0:20:44.780 --> 0:20:46.270  
Sawaya, Gina  
Everyone thanks for coming.

0:20:47.690 --> 0:20:48.460  
Sawaya, Gina  
I think we're right.

0:20:47.600 --> 0:20:49.420  
Mark Wilkinson (Guest)  
Gina, the chats turned off.

0:20:51.210 --> 0:20:51.380  
Bryan Conant  
Of.

0:20:50.400 --> 0:20:55.30  
Sawaya, Gina  
Yes, that's intentional, so that we can direct our feedback to specific times during the meeting.

0:20:58.210 --> 0:20:58.630  
Amado Garcia  
I think.

0:20:56.400 --> 0:21:3.760  
Sawaya, Gina  
If you have questions, specifically technical questions, you can put them in the Q&A box, which you can reach at the top of your screen I believe.

0:21:16.790 --> 0:21:24.210  
Sawaya, Gina  
All right. I think we should get started, Erica, as people are coming in, if you could just continue to admit them and then you everyone, that would be amazing.

0:21:32.320 --> 0:21:32.600  
Dillon Osleger - Sage Trail Alliance  
Yeah.

0:21:24.990 --> 0:21:51.320  
Sawaya, Gina  
Umm hi everyone and welcome to the meeting today. We're gonna be talking about long range planning of recreation and parks and the unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County. We're really excited for this opportunity to get feedback from such a large group tonight. My name is Gina and I'm a planner working on the Santa Barbara County Wide Recreation Master plan. Before we jump in, let me introduce Jeff Lindgren, the assistant director of the County Parks Division.

0:21:57.860 --> 0:21:59.110  
Diana Andonian  
My name, my name.

0:21:55.490 --> 0:22:1.60  
Lindgren, Jeffrey  
Hello everyone. Yeah, my name. My name is Jeff Lindgren. I'm the assistant director with county parks.

0:21:59.190 --> 0:22:1.700  
Diana Andonian  
But when you can directly County Park.

0:22:2.450 --> 0:22:6.590  
Lindgren, Jeffrey  
Want to thank you for joining us on this journey.

0:22:3.340 --> 0:22:7.490  
Diana Andonian  
One, thank you for joining us on this journey.

0:22:8.650 --> 0:22:9.880  
Diana Andonian  
Some of you.

0:22:10.800 --> 0:22:11.450  
Diana Andonian  
You started.

0:22:12.680 --> 0:22:15.880  
Diana Andonian  
Years ago, working at the library, the plan.

0:22:16.600 --> 0:22:18.290  
Diana Andonian  
Sending some of the workshops.

0:22:19.230 --> 0:22:20.250  
Diana Andonian  
I didn't survey.

0:22:7.460 --> 0:22:34.770  
Lindgren, Jeffrey  
Some of you have been with us when we started two years ago, working on the countywide recreation master plan, attending some of our workshops, participating and surveys, you know, being involved in various meetings that we've held so far and we're extremely grateful for your participation thus far. Tonight we take another step and we start looking at how we can embed.

0:22:58.250 --> 0:22:58.580  
Diana Andonian  
Open.

0:22:35.430 --> 0:23:3.200  
Lindgren, Jeffrey  
Recreation into the counties planning documents, including the comprehensive plan and the zoning ordinance. So you know, with that said, I'll get this meeting started. Thank you, Gina. Thank you, Erica. Thank you. Dan, draw from WSP, who are consultants on this and helping us manage this meeting and all of the work we've been doing. And with that, I will pass it back. Thank you.

0:23:5.190 --> 0:23:6.350  
Sawaya, Gina  
Thank you so much, Jeff.

0:23:7.850 --> 0:23:11.160  
Sawaya, Gina  
All right, a little bit of housekeeping before we begin.

0:23:12.120 --> 0:23:17.750  
Sawaya, Gina  
This meeting is being recorded. We are providing transcriptions at the bottom of the screen.

0:23:18.580 --> 0:23:39.910  
Sawaya, Gina  
You will be able to participate in our activities on your computer or on your phone. That would be in a couple of minutes. We'll be providing a brief 15 minute presentation followed by some activities and then we're going to have a general public comment period after the after the meeting ends, you can submit additional comments to our e-mail at sbcrec.plan@gmail.com.

0:23:45.40 --> 0:24:9.970  
Sawaya, Gina  
Many of you may already be familiar with the Microsoft Teams platform, but for those who aren't, here are a few tips. We kindly ask that everyone turned off your mic and camera until the presentation is over. You can turn off your mic and camera by selecting the icons. I think most of you will have them at the top of your screen. You can also turn on English captions by selecting more the three dots and then turn on live captions.

0:24:10.870 --> 0:24:41.230  
Sawaya, Gina  
We're so excited by how many of you are here and we want to leave lots of time to get your input. The chat is not enabled in this meeting because we have so many people who registered and we will be restricting verbal comments to the end of the meeting. However, we have enabled a question and answer box for technical questions during the presentation. If you are having trouble participating, we will not be responding to project related questions during the presentation. Please reserve your questions and comments on the project itself for the public comment period.

0:24:41.320 --> 0:24:43.50  
Sawaya, Gina  
We'll leave plenty of time for that at the end.

0:24:54.10 --> 0:25:9.980  
Sawaya, Gina  
Our agenda today is to give you an overview of the recreation master plan, point out some issues with our existing policy framework and collect your input through a series of activities. Again, please reserve those questions for the public comment period will be giving you lots of opportunities to participate.

0:25:15.960 --> 0:25:37.90  
Sawaya, Gina  
How will your input be used today? So the stuff that you tell us will help us identify key recreation planning issues and new policies such as equity access and sustainability. Your input is also going to help us develop and prioritize goals, policies, standards and programs for long term improvements to recreation countywide.

0:25:38.710 --> 0:25:45.220  
Sawaya, Gina  
All right, we're about to launch into our first activity. So at a second, a poll is going to pop up on your screen.

0:25:48.650 --> 0:26:15.360  
Sawaya, Gina  
For this style of question, it works best if you use simple statements like Oak Park in your response. If the same person responds with the same park or trail, it'll appear bigger on the screen. You can use a few words like playgrounds, ball fields, beaches, or specific part that you like to go to. You can totally post more than one response and after you finished you can click the X in the top right hand corner to make this poll disappear from your screen.

0:26:18.460 --> 0:26:20.750  
Sawaya, Gina  
Yes, we love the orchid representation here.

0:26:22.520 --> 0:26:25.40  
Sawaya, Gina  
San Marcos, one of my favorite places to walk my dog.

0:26:27.410 --> 0:26:33.780  
Sawaya, Gina  
So many good trails and Gaviota. I recently did the wind, the wind caves for the first time. That was amazing.

0:26:35.280 --> 0:26:41.200  
Sawaya, Gina  
Yes, love disappoint for point Sal, that's a major focus of the recreation master plan is getting better coastal access.

0:26:48.850 --> 0:26:55.90  
Sawaya, Gina  
Seeing lots of great hiking water features the Hot Springs trail. Yes, absolutely. Lots of beaches.

0:26:59.160 --> 0:27:1.690  
Sawaya, Gina  
While we already have 54 responses, that's unbelievable.

0:27:2.910 --> 0:27:7.480  
Sawaya, Gina  
All right. Our next you can totally continue to respond to that one, but I'm going to post another question for you.

0:27:9.460 --> 0:27:13.720  
Sawaya, Gina  
Now tell us why is the park or trail that you mentioned in the last question your favorite?

0:27:25.500 --> 0:27:32.250  
Sawaya, Gina  
And this is the same deal here. If you post short phrases or a couple of words, it works a little bit better on this exercise.

0:27:38.620 --> 0:27:41.590  
Sawaya, Gina  
Access is such a major theme, we're going to be talking about that a lot today.

0:27:45.370 --> 0:27:50.440  
Sawaya, Gina  
I love that people are mentioning the activities they specifically like, like disc golf, hiking, biking.

0:27:53.10 --> 0:27:54.520  
Sawaya, Gina  
Being able to bring your dog.

0:27:55.550 --> 0:27:58.930  
Kathy Rosenthal (Guest)  
Turn the corner. She took us to what's described, Gina.

0:27:59.510 --> 0:27:59.950  
Sawaya, Gina  
Yes.

0:28:2.620 --> 0:28:7.740  
Sawaya, Gina  
We're going to leave questions till the end. If you're having a technical problem, you can post it in the Q&A box.

0:28:14.440 --> 0:28:16.440  
Sawaya, Gina  
All right, we're going to do our next poll.

0:28:18.970 --> 0:28:25.750  
Sawaya, Gina  
What is the key issue or interest that brought you here tonight? Why are you at this meeting? Why did you choose to take your time to come along today?

0:28:31.560 --> 0:28:37.930  
Sawaya, Gina  
To see polls that were all the case, you didn't get a chance, you can go to. I believe polls at the top of your screen under more.

0:28:41.660 --> 0:28:43.910  
Sawaya, Gina  
While lots of trail love here today.

0:28:47.840 --> 0:28:51.330  
Sawaya, Gina  
You have a reporter. You have some people here to talk about pickleball.

0:28:56.910 --> 0:29:2.120  
Sawaya, Gina  
We'll talk about the scarcity of parks, absolutely. Trail equity, better access, surfing.

0:29:4.0 --> 0:29:5.830  
Sawaya, Gina  
A better Aquatic Center? Absolutely.

0:29:10.150 --> 0:29:17.210  
Sawaya, Gina  
All right. Thank you guys so much for participating in these. Again to close the pull out, you can click close and the top right hand corner. It's a little X.

0:29:17.960 --> 0:29:19.440  
Sawaya, Gina  
The one that's actually in the poll.

0:29:20.920 --> 0:29:25.60  
Sawaya, Gina  
We are going to be moving on to a little presentation and then we'll have more activities in a second.

0:29:32.230 --> 0:29:42.480  
Sawaya, Gina  
As many of you know, the county has been developing a recreation master plan. The main goal of the master plan is to provide a plan to improve parks, trails and recreational facilities.

0:29:44.740 --> 0:30:12.270  
Sawaya, Gina  
Why do we care about Parks and Recreation? Well, the benefits of recreation are absolutely immense. We know that recreation is essential to building sustainable communities. We've seen, especially during the pandemic, that parks foster, socialization, friendship and community building. We know that state and federal authorities have clearly found that parks are essential to addressing key health concerns like obesity and diabetes, and Parks and Recreation can enhance the environment.

0:30:13.90 --> 0:30:20.400  
Sawaya, Gina  
Recreation can have huge benefits to the local economy, providing jobs, tourist attractions and increasing property values as well.

0:30:25.700 --> 0:30:58.410  
Sawaya, Gina  
The master plan has a couple of key goals. It's going to help facilitate cooperation between the county. All eight cities, recreation agencies and other types of partners like private recreational service providers. This collaboration will give us more opportunities for funding new projects we have been developing a huge inventory of existing and proposed parks and trails identifying key needs and writing measures to improve recreational planning. This project will lead to a prioritized list of projects for the entire county that we want to see.

0:31:2.240 --> 0:31:14.440  
Sawaya, Gina  
We're going to be addressing the needs in five planning regions. We know that each community has their own set of needs, so we will be developing specific recommendation measures for each of the five colored planning areas you see here.

0:31:19.230 --> 0:31:50.720  
Sawaya, Gina  
The recommendations in the master plan are being informed by a robust public outreach effort that lasted over two years. We hosted 40 pop up events and dozens of workshops. Outreach involves targeted outreach to underserved and non-english speaking communities, resulting in roughly 8000 total survey responses, including about 350 surveys from children. As part of this evaluation, the county has realized that there's not only a need for parks and recreational improvements, but also a need for policy improvements.

0:31:51.140 --> 0:31:56.20  
Sawaya, Gina  
We learned that the existing policy framework doesn't support what people want to do.

0:31:58.450 --> 0:32:19.840  
Sawaya, Gina  
We're going to shift now to talking about how we can create land use and policy guidance for recreation. Specifically, let's think about this focus question. How can we better support parks, recreation and trails with a new policy framework? The reason this question matters is because the county depends upon its recreational framework to guide its decisions about Parks and Recreation.

0:32:24.280 --> 0:32:49.350  
Sawaya, Gina  
Recreation is guided by several planning documents. Without going into too much detail, these documents include the county Comprehensive Plan, which includes a land use element or chapter, and our land use development code, otherwise known as the Zoning Code. The documents that apply to recreation are over 40 years old and do not represent current needs, priorities or goals for the communities throughout the county.

0:32:54.300 --> 0:33:17.310  
Sawaya, Gina  
Here are a few examples of problems in the existing policy framework. The park acreage set forth in the land use element are 50% less than national standards. There are no plans for improving beach access in the northern part of the county, and it specifically states that coastal access will be provided in the southern part of the county. It prohibits new campgrounds and doesn't plan for new parks adequately.

0:33:18.100 --> 0:33:26.590  
Sawaya, Gina  
In addition, the zoning code, which implements the comprehensive plan ignores recreation. For example, trails are not allowed in most zones.

0:33:27.460 --> 0:33:39.620  
Sawaya, Gina  
This all makes building new parks, facilities and trails very difficult and complicated. The existing policy framework doesn't allow for more common approaches, such as building public private partnerships, for example.

0:33:45.600 --> 0:34:13.530  
Sawaya, Gina  
Tonight we want to talk to the group about some new policy concepts that have come up through public outreach. First, we want to talk about equity, the concept that everyone should have high quality, clean, safe park access. We're also going to talk about Parks and Recreation, particularly talking about sports and youth activities. We're going to address trails, particularly regional trails, regional access to trails. In addition, we want to talk about the administration of parks, including coordination and funding.

0:34:19.330 --> 0:34:38.940  
Sawaya, Gina  
Speaking about the importance of equity and access to recreation, we want diverse, safe, welcoming and clean facilities in our county. Based on our outreach, these values are important to communities across the county. The county needs to support equitable access to things like campgrounds and beaches, which is currently not addressed in the policies.

0:34:39.710 --> 0:34:42.20  
Sawaya, Gina  
So now we're going to go to another poll.

0:34:48.860 --> 0:34:55.930  
Sawaya, Gina  
How important is it to you that parks and recreational facilities are located within walking or biking distance of your home or neighborhood?

0:34:56.980 --> 0:35:0.590  
Sawaya, Gina  
This is a multiple choice question. You can choose the response that best suits you.

0:35:25.240 --> 0:35:26.870  
Greg N  
They don't seem to be able to.

0:35:24.880 --> 0:35:31.640  
Sawaya, Gina  
And once you submit, you should be able to see the responses. I'm seeing that it's very important to the vast majority of people here.

0:35:37.680 --> 0:35:47.380  
Sawaya, Gina  
About 2/3 say that it's very important. Another 17% say that it's somewhat important, 13% percent are neutral and 6% say it's little or not important to them.

0:35:51.20 --> 0:35:57.830  
Sawaya, Gina  
You can continue voting on this by going to the polls tab by clicking more at the top of your screen, but I'm going to launch our next poll.

0:36:0.750 --> 0:36:6.440  
Sawaya, Gina  
Do you think parks, recreation and trails facilities in the county are safe, clean and welcoming?

0:36:7.370 --> 0:36:10.630  
Sawaya, Gina  
You can click yes, no it depends or you don't know.

0:36:15.370 --> 0:36:18.310  
Sawaya, Gina  
And once you respond, you'll be able to see everybody else's responses.

0:36:22.390 --> 0:36:26.500  
Sawaya, Gina  
30 people have already responded and most people are saying it depends.

0:36:27.550 --> 0:36:34.200  
Sawaya, Gina  
I'm interested to hear in the public comment period about how this question depends for you. Is it? Where is it? When?

0:36:35.330 --> 0:36:37.860  
Sawaya, Gina  
You can start thinking about that for the public comment period later.

0:36:47.150 --> 0:36:48.660  
Sawaya, Gina  
Alright, I'm going to launch our next one.

0:36:50.630 --> 0:36:57.820  
Sawaya, Gina  
This one says do you think that public access to the coast in beaches is adequate in your community and this one multiple choice too?

0:36:59.390 --> 0:37:4.630  
Sawaya, Gina  
For those of you with your hand up, you can definitely put your question if it's a technical question in the Q&A box.

0:37:16.920 --> 0:37:24.530  
Sawaya, Gina  
We've got 36 people participating so far, and about half of the folks that are saying no, we do not have adequate access to coast and beaches.

0:37:25.890 --> 0:37:27.770  
Sawaya, Gina  
15% are saying it depends.

0:37:28.610 --> 0:37:31.550  
Sawaya, Gina  
About 1/3 of people are saying yes, they do have adequate access.

0:37:42.190 --> 0:37:45.580  
Sawaya, Gina  
53 responses? That's awesome. Let's move on to our next poll.

0:37:48.740 --> 0:37:59.910  
Sawaya, Gina  
This one is also multiple choice. It asks how important is it to you that the county actively pursue creation of new parks, recreation and trails in your neighborhood and community.

0:38:4.130 --> 0:38:11.800  
Sawaya, Gina  
And just as a refresher, we are using this feedback to help us write and prioritize policy amendments, so your feedback is really, really important here.

0:38:15.860 --> 0:38:18.540  
Sawaya, Gina  
About 90% of folks are saying it's very important to them.

0:38:21.680 --> 0:38:23.930  
Sawaya, Gina  
So far we have 51 people responding.

0:38:29.400 --> 0:38:32.550  
Sawaya, Gina  
We have over 100 people in this meeting right now. That is amazing.

0:38:33.960 --> 0:38:41.630  
Sawaya, Gina  
If you haven't gotten a chance to participate yet in any of these, you could still go to the polls panel at the top of your screen under more. If you want to keep voting.

0:38:44.280 --> 0:38:49.530  
Sawaya, Gina  
Just to make sure we have plenty of time. I'm going to launch our final poll for this section.

0:38:51.990 --> 0:38:58.860  
Sawaya, Gina  
How important is it to you that the county focus on improving parks, recreation and trails in underserved communities?

0:39:0.630 --> 0:39:13.400  
Sawaya, Gina  
Underserved communities can include Spanish speaking or non-english speaking communities, rural communities, people with limited access to the Internet, financially disenfranchised people, racial minorities.

0:39:14.500 --> 0:39:17.690  
Sawaya, Gina  
How important is it that we bring Parks and Recreation to those communities?

0:39:24.350 --> 0:39:29.340  
Sawaya, Gina  
We have 45 people responding so far, with the vast majority saying it is very important to them.

0:39:31.630 --> 0:39:34.0  
Sawaya, Gina  
A few folks say it's somewhat important or neutral.

0:39:38.470 --> 0:39:45.410  
Sawaya, Gina  
People are still joining the meeting. If you're just joining now, we have a couple more polls coming up in a second. There'll be lots of other opportunities to provide your input.

0:39:53.950 --> 0:40:3.780  
Sawaya, Gina  
All right, with responses slowing down, I'm going to close that one out. If you wanna vote on that poll or any of the other polls we've had so far, you can still do so. They're still open under the polls tab.

0:40:4.670 --> 0:40:6.650  
Sawaya, Gina  
Let's talk about our next theme.

0:40:10.450 --> 0:40:32.790  
Sawaya, Gina  
Public outreach overwhelmingly showed strong support for new and improved facilities. We wanna make sure that future development includes new parks. We know that there need to be policies for different users to balance the need for different activities like on multi use trails or multi-purpose fields. So our next set of questions is gonna focus on your values when it comes to planning for new facilities.

0:40:35.660 --> 0:40:36.970  
Sawaya, Gina  
All right, here's our next poll.

0:40:39.480 --> 0:40:57.530  
Sawaya, Gina  
This one asks recreation has essential benefits for people and communities. Please rank the following benefits of parks, recreation and trails in order of their importance or value to you and your family. So for this one, you drag and drop the responses and you put them in order from most important at the top to least important at the bottom.

0:41:16.800 --> 0:41:20.130  
Sawaya, Gina  
Then once you have them ranked in the way you want, you can click submit.

0:41:29.410 --> 0:41:31.740  
Sawaya, Gina  
This one has seven responses so far.

0:41:33.690 --> 0:41:38.100  
Sawaya, Gina  
And opportunities to play outside and access nature as the top response so far.

0:41:39.300 --> 0:41:43.490  
Sawaya, Gina  
Supporting children and youth fitness, safety and well-being is the second most popular.

0:41:45.200 --> 0:41:47.790  
Sawaya, Gina  
Creating safer, more desirable neighborhoods in the middle.

0:41:48.670 --> 0:41:55.80  
Sawaya, Gina  
And it looks like promoting physical and mental health and promoting social and community identity are pretty closely tied at the bottom.

0:41:57.190 --> 0:42:0.820  
Sawaya, Gina  
I know this one takes a second to read and respond to, so we'll make sure you get time to rank them.

0:42:20.10 --> 0:42:26.530  
Sawaya, Gina  
Opportunities to play outside and access nature and wilderness is by far the most popular response right now.

0:42:28.800 --> 0:42:34.740  
Sawaya, Gina  
And it looks like the number of responses is slowing down a tiny bit, so I think I'm going to go to our next one. We have a couple more in this section.

0:42:41.420 --> 0:42:52.290  
Sawaya, Gina  
Please rank the following types of recreational facilities that the county should focus on providing over the next 20 to 30 years in order of their importance or value to you and your family.

0:42:53.240 --> 0:42:59.470  
Sawaya, Gina  
So the options are regional trails, new sports facilities, urban trails, new parks and.

0:43:0.750 --> 0:43:5.480  
Sawaya, Gina  
In public pools, gyms and community centers, we have so many great options here. I know this is gonna be really hard to rank.

0:43:33.40 --> 0:43:39.390  
Sawaya, Gina  
I see the trails community really showed out tonight. We have urban trails and regional trails being the most popular responses so far.

0:43:55.20 --> 0:44:3.270  
Sawaya, Gina  
We have 104 people in this meeting right now. We really appreciate you all coming. For those of you with your hand up, you can ask your question in the Q&A box.

0:44:4.560 --> 0:44:6.440  
Sawaya, Gina  
Which you should be able to access at the top.

0:44:7.960 --> 0:44:9.810  
Sawaya, Gina  
It looks like 2 little speech bubbles.

0:44:14.60 --> 0:44:27.790  
Sawaya, Gina  
We have 42 responses on this one so far. Trails are still the most popular answer, followed by new parks and playgrounds that are accessible to neighborhoods, new sports fields, and courts for youth, and then finally, public pools, gyms, and community centers.

0:44:29.800 --> 0:44:38.120  
Sawaya, Gina  
I'm going to watch our next one, which is another open response question. Remember for this one, it works better if you respond with a few words or a short phrase.

0:44:38.860 --> 0:44:43.440  
Sawaya, Gina  
If you could change one thing to improve recreation in Santa Barbara County, what would it be?

0:44:54.870 --> 0:44:56.790  
Sawaya, Gina  
More, yes, we want more of everything.

0:45:4.380 --> 0:45:8.420  
Sawaya, Gina  
A brand new Aquatic Center that was one of the most popular responses in our survey response.

0:45:9.550 --> 0:45:13.500  
Sawaya, Gina  
There is no Q&A box on our screen. Thank you for putting that down.

0:45:15.480 --> 0:45:18.550  
Sawaya, Gina  
For me the Q&A box is at the top. If you're coming in.

0:45:19.350 --> 0:45:22.380  
Sawaya, Gina  
From a web browser, it might be at the bottom.

0:45:36.150 --> 0:45:38.220  
Sawaya, Gina  
Erica or Dan, are you saying the Q&A box?

0:45:42.580 --> 0:45:42.970  
Sawaya, Gina  
OK.

0:45:41.80 --> 0:45:46.950  
Gira, Daniel  
Yeah, I see it, Gina. It's even like I even I can find it. But that doesn't mean I could if I was on my phone or something, right?

0:45:47.540 --> 0:45:50.170  
Sawaya, Gina  
Yeah, it might be different depending on your web browser too.

0:45:50.590 --> 0:46:5.640  
Gira, Daniel  
Yeah, and remember Erika's handling technical questions. So if you're having technical difficulties, again put in the Q&A and Erica will contact you and and deal with it. As we move forward, we're going to be taking a more formal comments at the end when Gina is done with their excellent presentation.

0:46:6.700 --> 0:46:7.380  
Sawaya, Gina  
Thanks Dan.

0:46:8.530 --> 0:46:14.860  
Sawaya, Gina  
I see that Ken was able to post a question in the Q&A box, so we know that it's appearing for at least some folks.

0:46:17.720 --> 0:46:23.120  
Sawaya, Gina  
And we will have a public comment period coming up in just a few minutes and we'll have you unmute yourself and ask any other questions you have.

0:46:28.310 --> 0:46:41.200  
Sawaya, Gina  
All right, the most popular responses I've been more access and trails, which we definitely heard a lot of in our public survey responses as well. We have 102 responses to this question. I'm also seeing maintenance.

0:46:41.930 --> 0:46:42.810  
Sawaya, Gina  
Parking.

0:46:45.130 --> 0:46:48.160  
Sawaya, Gina  
Bike bike lanes. Accessibility.

0:46:50.790 --> 0:46:52.50  
Sawaya, Gina  
For pickleball courts.

0:46:53.140 --> 0:46:54.760  
Sawaya, Gina  
Thank you for all these awesome responses.

0:46:55.640 --> 0:47:0.600  
Sawaya, Gina  
I'm going to go back to our presentation and talk about our next topic and we'll have more polls in just a second.

0:47:5.800 --> 0:47:28.30  
Sawaya, Gina  
By its nature, the master plan is a multi agency effort. It's a collaboration between the county, cities and private recreational providers. This planning requires collaboration between all kinds of providers in order to meet our recreational needs. This is also an opportunity to build public private partnerships projects on private land will help us meet the needs of the recreation master plan as well.

0:47:29.990 --> 0:47:35.850  
Sawaya, Gina  
So our next set of questions is going to ask about collaboration and different projects that we can help support through the master plan.

0:47:41.250 --> 0:47:51.600  
Sawaya, Gina  
This question asks please select approaches to collaboration for recreation that you support. You can choose as many as you want here and this is a multiple choice question, but you can choose multiple responses.

0:48:1.810 --> 0:48:2.720  
Faith on Chrome  
Expectations.

0:47:56.930 --> 0:48:2.830  
Sawaya, Gina  
Would you support incentives for private property owners to provide public parks, recreation and trails?

0:48:3.470 --> 0:48:6.400  
Sawaya, Gina  
Would you support improved access to state, federal and?

0:48:5.540 --> 0:48:6.890  
Faith on Chrome  
Eight federal and.

0:48:7.490 --> 0:48:12.740  
Sawaya, Gina  
Privately managed conservation lands public schools, making their facilities more available.

0:48:13.610 --> 0:48:16.660  
Sawaya, Gina  
Or local park, recreation and trail groups partnering with the county.

0:48:23.740 --> 0:48:26.230  
Sawaya, Gina  
You have 11 people who have responded so far.

0:48:30.930 --> 0:48:36.340  
Sawaya, Gina  
It looks like local parks partnering with local Parks and Recreation groups is the most popular so far.

0:48:42.460 --> 0:48:52.150  
Sawaya, Gina  
About 25% each have responded that they would want to see incentives for private property owners and improved access to state, federal and privately managed conservation lands.

0:49:3.970 --> 0:49:5.500  
Sawaya, Gina  
Up to 60 responses.

0:49:7.570 --> 0:49:12.840  
Sawaya, Gina  
Improved access to state, federal and privately managed lands has increased a little bit. Now it's in #2.

0:49:19.100 --> 0:49:26.920  
Sawaya, Gina  
We serve a lot of people with joining the meeting, so if you're just coming on, we have lots of upper opportunities to participate coming up right now, we're just doing a few polls.

0:49:27.660 --> 0:49:29.550  
Sawaya, Gina  
To gauge your interest in different ideas.

0:49:32.910 --> 0:49:37.80  
Sawaya, Gina  
All right. I see the number of responses slowing down. So I'm going to move on to the next one.

0:49:44.300 --> 0:49:51.50  
Sawaya, Gina  
This one asks please select the recreation based economic activities that you support. Choose all that apply.

0:49:52.20 --> 0:50:1.440  
Sawaya, Gina  
Some examples could include competitive sports tournaments or races tourism, including agritourism and ecotourism and special events.

0:50:2.310 --> 0:50:19.490  
Sawaya, Gina  
Agritourism includes increasing visitors in our ad areas for outdoor exploration. Agritourism could include new campgrounds, hay rides, pick your own produce, vineyard, Torres Farm to table dinners, special events, and seasonal activities, just to name a few.

0:50:32.230 --> 0:50:38.250  
Sawaya, Gina  
We have 39 responses to this one so far, and it's pretty evenly split between the four different activities.

0:50:40.550 --> 0:50:45.120  
Sawaya, Gina  
Outdoor education programs are slightly more popular, with about a third of their responses.

0:50:46.350 --> 0:50:49.500  
Sawaya, Gina  
The next most popular one is tourism opportunities.

0:50:52.370 --> 0:50:55.340  
Sawaya, Gina  
In competitive sports and special events, you're tied right now.

0:50:57.230 --> 0:51:1.70  
Sawaya, Gina  
Thank you all so much for participating in this. It's really cool to see your feedback happening live.

0:51:11.150 --> 0:51:18.960  
Sawaya, Gina  
Or up to 107 people in this meeting right now. If you're just joining us, we're doing a couple polls. We'll have a lot more opportunities for engagement and a second.

0:51:24.890 --> 0:51:26.620  
Sawaya, Gina  
All right, our next question asked.

0:51:27.970 --> 0:51:43.820  
Sawaya, Gina  
Would you like to see more options for agritourism or agricultural or rural recreation that is, activities carried out on a farm or a ranch or a rural area that allowed the general public to participate in recreation and or agricultural activities?

0:51:46.630 --> 0:51:54.290  
Sawaya, Gina  
This one multiple choice. Do you want to see those opportunities do not want to see those opportunities. Do you think it depends on how the policy is written or maybe you don't know?

0:52:4.800 --> 0:52:11.80  
Sawaya, Gina  
So far, yes, is the most popular, with about 2/3 of people saying that they would support these new opportunities.

0:52:14.550 --> 0:52:19.590  
Sawaya, Gina  
Some people are saying it depends. Maybe it depends on how the policy is written or what kinds of activities it includes.

0:52:25.170 --> 0:52:30.520  
Sawaya, Gina  
About 2/3 of people have had a chance to respond, so I'm going to go into our last poll of this section.

0:52:37.780 --> 0:52:50.900  
Sawaya, Gina  
The county faces substantial challenges in providing new parks and trails. Would you support public private partnerships that allow some and increased private development as a means to create new parks and trails?

0:52:52.710 --> 0:52:57.570  
Sawaya, Gina  
So this could include incentives for land owners to help us provide some of those opportunities.

0:52:58.230 --> 0:52:59.320  
Sawaya, Gina  
In new areas.

0:53:0.290 --> 0:53:3.920  
Sawaya, Gina  
It could include some of the agritourism activities we talked about and they ago.

0:53:9.810 --> 0:53:15.360  
Sawaya, Gina  
And if you have thoughts about what you'd want to see in a policy like this, where almost at the public comment section where you can talk about that.

0:53:18.510 --> 0:53:34.520  
Sawaya, Gina  
Right. We've got a little over half, almost 2/3 of people participating and about 60% say yes, they would support these 30% or about the third of the folks say that it depends on the maybe have a policy as written and 10% say no.

0:53:45.10 --> 0:53:49.720  
Sawaya, Gina  
All right, we're about to go into our last bit of slides before we get to public comment.

0:53:54.480 --> 0:53:59.450  
Sawaya, Gina  
Don't forget you can close the poll on your screen by clicking that X in the top right hand corner of the pole.

0:54:1.20 --> 0:54:19.870  
Sawaya, Gina  
The other thing we want to talk about is support for county parks as an organization. There are a few ways the policies can support administration, such as by supporting staffing, Park maintenance and programming. So we're going to talk about a few different ways that we could explore, helping to provide for new parks.

0:54:25.450 --> 0:54:33.0  
Sawaya, Gina  
So this is another ranking question. This one asks please rank the following county park functions in order of importance or value.

0:54:33.730 --> 0:54:41.240  
Sawaya, Gina  
Do you want county parks to focus on providing open space, allocating recreational facilities to equal parts of the county?

0:54:42.730 --> 0:54:46.950  
Sawaya, Gina  
Do you want to focus on improving and expanding amenities at our existing parks?

0:54:48.740 --> 0:54:52.340  
Sawaya, Gina  
Do you want to see better maintenance? A higher standard of operation and maintenance?

0:54:53.430 --> 0:54:56.620  
Sawaya, Gina  
Do you want to focus on building new parks, recreation and trails?

0:55:0.780 --> 0:55:9.810  
Sawaya, Gina  
So you can rank this one by dragging and dropping the five responses. As a reminder, the one you like the most is #1 and the one you don't wanna see the most you put at the bottom.

0:55:27.320 --> 0:55:30.410  
Sawaya, Gina  
Now these ranking ones take a little bit of reading, so I'll give you another minute.

0:55:36.140 --> 0:55:39.310  
Sawaya, Gina  
About 1/4 of our people have responded so far and.

0:55:40.50 --> 0:55:46.810  
Sawaya, Gina  
Operating and maintaining parks to higher standard is the most popular one so far, followed by building new facilities.

0:55:48.40 --> 0:55:52.810  
Sawaya, Gina  
Providing open space and preserving the natural environment is of course, very popular in our county.

0:55:55.270 --> 0:56:1.670  
Sawaya, Gina  
Building new facilities just became the top spot. They're very closely tied with operating and maintaining the existing parks.

0:56:6.270 --> 0:56:11.710  
Sawaya, Gina  
Registered about half of the folks have responded. If you haven't had a chance to respond so far, we'll give you another couple seconds.

0:56:18.910 --> 0:56:22.280  
Sawaya, Gina  
After this we just have two more questions and then we'll get to our public comment period.

0:56:31.790 --> 0:56:35.200  
Sawaya, Gina  
Providing open space just became the second most popular response.

0:56:40.800 --> 0:56:51.290  
Sawaya, Gina  
I'm surprised that improving and expanding amenities at our existing parks is the lowest. Right now, our survey results showed that people were really in favor of that. So it's interesting to see how different audiences choose different priorities.

0:56:53.560 --> 0:56:55.370  
Sawaya, Gina  
Although that one just didn't move up a spot.

0:56:59.440 --> 0:57:3.30  
Sawaya, Gina  
Building new parks, recreation and trails is still the most popular response.

0:57:3.760 --> 0:57:11.770  
Sawaya, Gina  
I'm going to move on to our next one, but as a reminder, you can still access this question if you go to more at the top of your screen where there's three dots and clicking polls.

0:57:15.880 --> 0:57:17.670  
Sawaya, Gina  
This one is a multiple choice question.

0:57:18.530 --> 0:57:30.140  
Sawaya, Gina  
It says please select the recreation funding approaches you support. Choose all that. Apply the options are grants. Should we try to make that a big priority to go for state and federal grants?

0:57:31.220 --> 0:57:36.610  
Sawaya, Gina  
The County General Fund and annual budget review, should we try to make a bigger slice of the pie for parks?

0:57:37.550 --> 0:57:43.80  
Sawaya, Gina  
Should we try to implement local taxes such as hotel bed taxes, cannabis taxes, etcetera?

0:57:45.660 --> 0:57:58.930  
Sawaya, Gina  
Should we try to implement revenue generation from parks such as leasable space and programs, leasable space can be like allowing people to host special events on parks property.

0:58:0.130 --> 0:58:1.720  
Sawaya, Gina  
Offering special programs.

0:58:2.460 --> 0:58:6.950  
Sawaya, Gina  
And finally, should we explore the developing a recreation district?

0:58:7.920 --> 0:58:14.590  
Sawaya, Gina  
A recreation district is a special district that is specifically formed for parks management, administration and funding.

0:58:22.510 --> 0:58:24.800  
Sawaya, Gina  
Hard to choose these all sound like really good priorities.

0:58:26.450 --> 0:58:37.870  
Sawaya, Gina  
About 44 people have responded so far, and the most popular response is the county general. I'm sorry, the most popular one is grants, which I definitely agree with prioritizing grants.

0:58:38.600 --> 0:58:44.20  
Sawaya, Gina  
Another quarter of people say that we should focus on the county general fund getting a bigger budget for parks.

0:58:47.330 --> 0:58:53.80  
Sawaya, Gina  
We're tied between recreation district and local taxes as the third and fourth most popular.

0:58:56.310 --> 0:59:2.400  
Sawaya, Gina  
I'm really interested to see how you guys talk about these things and the public comment period, if you have ideas on how to implement any of these.

0:59:9.280 --> 0:59:13.350  
Sawaya, Gina  
Responses are starting to slow down, so I'm going to go to our next question in a second.

0:59:14.150 --> 0:59:16.870  
Sawaya, Gina  
This is our last activity before the public comment period.

0:59:21.810 --> 0:59:23.300  
Sawaya, Gina  
All right, here's our last question.

0:59:26.230 --> 0:59:43.360  
Sawaya, Gina  
Do you support the county's efforts to adopt new policies and regulations to provide parks, recreation and trails for the enjoyment of existing and future county residents and visitors? So after everything you've heard today, do you think this is a good use of our resources? Do you want to see new policies implemented?

0:59:44.400 --> 0:59:46.290  
Sawaya, Gina  
We're hoping that you give us a good answer.

0:59:48.360 --> 0:59:53.550  
Sawaya, Gina  
We have 20 responses so far and 100% of people have said yes. A couple of people have said it depends.

0:59:55.980 --> 0:59:58.710  
Sawaya, Gina  
About half of our guests have responded so far.

1:0:1.820 --> 1:0:10.620  
Sawaya, Gina  
When we get to the public comment period, this would be a really good opportunity to expand on this question and say what you'd wanna see in those policies to make sure that something that you support.

1:0:22.940 --> 1:0:28.130  
Sawaya, Gina  
All right, you can continue to vote on this one. We're going to go to our next slide, which explains the public comment period.

1:0:32.210 --> 1:0:40.380  
Sawaya, Gina  
Now we want to hear from you directly. Hopefully this activity has inspired some specific thoughts and we want to provide an opportunity to hear what you think.

1:0:42.940 --> 1:1:0.310  
Sawaya, Gina  
So depending on the number of people who want to give a public comment, we might impose time limits. We'll see in a second if you would like to make a public comment, please go ahead and raise your hand. Now you can raise your hand by clicking the reactions button on the top of your screen. It looks like a little guy with his hand up.

1:1:2.210 --> 1:1:16.100  
Sawaya, Gina  
When your name is called, you can unmute your microphone and when you start your comment, please say your full name and tell us if you're a part of any organizations. If you're representing a particular group today, or if you're a part of any organizations that have to do with recreation.

1:1:21.220 --> 1:1:24.290  
Sawaya, Gina  
All right. I think we're ready to get started. Let's see how many people we have.

1:1:25.620 --> 1:1:29.870  
Sawaya, Gina  
You got 11 people so far, so I think, Erica, maybe we should do the timer.

1:1:40.110 --> 1:1:44.380  
Sawaya, Gina  
Erica, I'm gonna. I'm ohh. I think you have to unmute yourself so you can read this one.

1:1:48.150 --> 1:1:48.870  
Leachman, Erika  
Thanks Gina.

1:1:50.440 --> 1:2:14.440  
Leachman, Erika  
Great. All right. So to ensure everybody has an opportunity to speak tonight, let's try to keep your comments to about 3 minutes. We have a we have a timer running over here and we'll jump in and interrupt if if it starts to go on a little long, but try to keep that in mind as we go forward. We have a lot of guests tonight and a lot of thoughts that we'd like to hear and take down. So I would appreciate appreciate the brevity.

1:2:15.490 --> 1:2:28.590  
Leachman, Erika  
And what we'll do is go in order, starting with Lynn, Sherman. Lynn, if you could unmute your microphone and you're welcome to turn on your camera too, if you'd like to. And we'll take your your comment, your thoughts.

1:2:30.260 --> 1:3:0.940  
Lynne Sherman  
Hi there I'm request Strian and I live in Santa Barbara, so that's South county and I do enjoy trail riding and it's a the trails have been disappearing and so I think as far as policy it's very important to me that whoever the people that are making the policy consult with equestrians and understand.

1:3:1.190 --> 1:3:5.140  
Lynne Sherman  
That a horses can't share trails with bikes.

1:3:6.460 --> 1:3:20.710  
Lynne Sherman  
It will never work and it creates a hazard and there's only one horse trail left in our county. Think this we have that and we also.

1:3:22.60 --> 1:3:40.880  
Lynne Sherman  
Really value the opportunity for horse camping and anything to do with horses gets complicated, but it's important that the policy observe these best practices to keep everyone safe.

1:3:42.420 --> 1:3:52.150  
Lynne Sherman  
I'm also very active in with horse shows and competitive sports that take place at the Earl Warren Showgrounds.

1:3:52.880 --> 1:3:53.890  
Lynne Sherman  
And.

1:3:55.190 --> 1:4:4.260  
Lynne Sherman  
We need policies to preserve and protect equestrian access in our county. Thank you.

1:4:6.820 --> 1:4:8.10  
Leachman, Erika  
Great. Thank you, Lynn.

1:4:9.670 --> 1:4:18.610  
Leachman, Erika  
Much appreciated. All right. Our next speaker, I have an e-mail address, so apologies, I don't have your name, but MCLE key@aol.com.

1:4:19.920 --> 1:4:27.30  
mthieleke@aol.com  
OK, MC Lucky and AOL is my spouse. My name is CJ Jackson.

1:4:27.640 --> 1:4:45.190  
mthieleke@aol.com  
A former planning commissioner, I am involved in multiple ways, but I am in a business that provides recreational opportunities, so opening to the general public is somewhat contrary to our business model and talking about the also yesterday.

1:4:46.150 --> 1:4:49.890  
mthieleke@aol.com  
My concerns mostly in this discussion have been.

1:4:50.930 --> 1:4:55.640  
mthieleke@aol.com  
I'm concerned about grant funding, cause Grant funding is temporary funding.

1:4:56.370 --> 1:5:22.900  
mthieleke@aol.com  
And I am worried about the follow through and the budgeting process of the county to take adequate care of the facilities they already have, so that when they embark upon adding new ones, it needs to become a portion of the county budget. Otherwise the deferred maintenance program and schedule allows parks and facilities to fall into disrepair.

1:5:23.640 --> 1:5:47.960  
mthieleke@aol.com  
And I am concerned that if we bite off more than we can chew, then we will have more properties where a significant amount of the population of Santa Barbara County who don't jet off to Cabo really use those facilities. So if you're not going to care for them and they're going to be covered with graffiti or uncared for, then you're really.

1:5:48.860 --> 1:6:2.770  
mthieleke@aol.com  
Shooting yourself in the foot if you try to take on new facilities that you can't maintain. Also, I'm a a private property owner and allowing public access is problematic. Thank you.

1:6:5.170 --> 1:6:6.540  
Leachman, Erika  
Great. Thank you very much.

1:6:7.930 --> 1:6:10.20  
Leachman, Erika  
All right. Our next speaker is Brett.

1:6:12.380 --> 1:6:33.30  
Brett  
Hi, my name is Brett Shirini. I thought that was a nice slideshow in presentation. I wasn't able to participate in the polls. I think it has to do with the mobile version of this, this meeting program. I think that trails and being outdoors is a huge benefit to.

1:6:33.760 --> 1:6:34.930  
Brett  
Santa Barbara County.

1:6:36.250 --> 1:6:42.600  
Brett  
I also think we do need to make fair or existing parks are taken care of.

1:6:44.80 --> 1:6:46.430  
Brett  
And that should be a top priority.

1:6:47.340 --> 1:7:7.730  
Brett  
Other than that, working with private sector, I think that raises a lot of issues with liability. And who's gonna burden that liability and all stakeholders should be listened to whenever a new trail or a facility is put into place.

1:7:8.520 --> 1:7:9.330  
Brett  
Thank you guys.

1:7:10.880 --> 1:7:11.950  
Leachman, Erika  
Terrific. Thank you, Brett.

1:7:13.630 --> 1:7:15.800  
Leachman, Erika  
All right. Next up we have Ken, Ken, Owen.

1:7:19.0 --> 1:7:24.180  
Ken Owen  
Yeah. Good evening, everyone. Thanks for putting this on folks. It's a great workshop.

1:7:25.300 --> 1:7:37.930  
Ken Owen  
I'm executive director of Channel Islands restoration, where a nonprofit group that does habitat restoration and environmental education not just on the Channel Islands but on the mainland.

1:7:39.170 --> 1:8:3.910  
Ken Owen  
I know obviously parks are built mostly for the use by people and put public money goes for that. But I'm also here to advocate for open space preservation and preservation of native habitat, so to the extent that we build trails and use our natural areas.

1:8:5.860 --> 1:8:19.680  
Ken Owen  
I wanna ensure I want the county to ensure that we are also protecting habitat for animals, birds, etcetera that are disappearing in huge numbers right in our own communities.

1:8:20.660 --> 1:8:21.590  
Ken Owen  
And.

1:8:22.930 --> 1:8:33.810  
Ken Owen  
We've had the privilege of working for 12 years in a public private partnership with the County Parks Division at the San Marcos Foothills Preserve.

1:8:34.590 --> 1:8:37.500  
Ken Owen  
So we've done habitat restoration by.

1:8:37.860 --> 1:8:45.410  
Ken Owen  
Uh, applying for and receiving grants for all sorts of different restoration work.

1:8:46.770 --> 1:9:16.360  
Ken Owen  
Lately we've started work on trails and also educational programs and we were part of the campaign that bought the West Mesa right next to the San Marcos Foothills Preserve that'll be included in the preserve. I really support public private partnerships. I think that that's a good way, a good model for funding. If you find nonprofits like ours who are really interested in local parks, local open spaces.

1:9:16.740 --> 1:9:20.780  
Ken Owen  
Who can you know? Friends of groups, that kind of thing, who can help?

1:9:22.160 --> 1:9:34.860  
Ken Owen  
Not just volunteer. We're doing that in Goleta at parks, adopt A park program, but there's a lot of folks out there who would get involved if they were invited to do so.

1:9:34.930 --> 1:9:36.870  
Ken Owen  
You know finally.

1:9:38.530 --> 1:9:47.300  
Ken Owen  
I I really do support the idea of an open space district because it's like the one gentleman said, you know, I wanna just increase the parks and then have deferred maintenance.

1:9:48.340 --> 1:10:11.630  
Ken Owen  
And the general fund is just not a stable enough to depend on. There's so many priorities in the county and revenue goes up and down. So it's really I believe very important to follow models like the Creeks division and the City of Santa Barbara that raised the hotel occupancy tax to fix.

1:10:12.570 --> 1:10:40.280  
Ken Owen  
What we're horrible creeks in the city and are now beautiful and beautifully restored and safer, and much more esthetically beautiful. So open space district. I really hope that the the Community can get behind that and it it's would provide ongoing perpetual funding for the parks and open spaces that we all left. Thanks.

1:10:41.910 --> 1:10:42.700  
Leachman, Erika  
Thank you, Ken.

1:10:44.660 --> 1:10:48.140  
Leachman, Erika  
Rate our Next up is Jason Jason Osborne, please.

1:10:49.470 --> 1:11:2.590  
Osborne, Jason  
Hi, I'm Jason Osborne. Tonight. I'm representing the Lompoc Trail subcommittee of the Lompoc Pool Park Rec and Pool Foundation, where a nonprofit that helps to develop public private partnerships for recreation and the North county.

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Osborne, Jason  
Couple of general comments, I would definitely advocate personally for as as much work could be done to encourage interagency cooperation to help figure out how to get new trails and outdoor recreation opportunities available for the public. In particular, I want to advocate that the part that the accounting rec master plan.

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Osborne, Jason  
Help to streamline the the permitting and development process that's required for getting trails built on land that's not particularly zoned for recreation. We we have a particular project where we are private landowners and do want to open this for public recreation, but there are challenges with its age to zoning and the substantial financial impact in burden to our group to get through a conditional use permit process that is required at this point according to land use documents to get a trail built on it. So.

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Osborne, Jason  
Having the rec master plan have some sort of.

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Osborne, Jason  
Overarching theme that makes that process less cumbersome for people that do have the ability to and desire to provide recreation opportunities to the public would would be.

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Osborne, Jason  
I strongly advocated for by myself and by our group and and then lastly, this is something that that has been missing from the county master plan for a while. But adopting and my focus is obviously on recreation and trail activities adopting countywide trail design guidelines so that everybody's trail is built sustainably and to rational guidelines so that we don't end up living with our, quote UN quote, everybody's favorite Los Padres switch back, which is about a 24 degree slope.

1:12:49.810 --> 1:12:59.20  
Osborne, Jason  
Have 180 degree turn in the middle of it, so those are my comments. And again thank you for the opportunity to speak and thanks for putting this program together.

1:13:0.210 --> 1:13:2.160  
Leachman, Erika  
Wonderful. Thank you, Jason very much.

1:13:3.40 --> 1:13:6.550  
Leachman, Erika  
All right. On deck, we have Francis Francis from Romero.

1:13:8.740 --> 1:13:34.720  
Frances Romero  
Well, good evening, everyone. I think there's some sort of problem with my camera, so I'll just try to hit on a bunch of stuff and use my 3 minutes. Well, I was. I've been a park commissioner for over for about 10 years in the 90s and again in the 2000s. I'm currently not a park Commissioner, so I'm here representing myself tonight based on all of the experience that I have. I'm also a land use consultant.

1:13:35.660 --> 1:14:6.120  
Frances Romero  
The multi use trail policy absolutely needs to be revisited. We know that there are inherent conflicts and problems when we put PEDs, bicyclists and horses together, and that needs to be acknowledged. I want to assure everybody that the Parks Department does a fabulous job of leveraging grant money for one time expenditures. However, it's great to build stuff, but then you need the ongoing maintenance money, which they're really isn't grant funding.

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Frances Romero  
To do, I would suggest that how Quimby funds are used may be an option for some of the long term maintenance issues. I know that that's kind of a big thing to look at, but that is a a source of some funding.

1:14:23.670 --> 1:14:43.650  
Frances Romero  
I think that it's time that the general Fund does put its money where its mouth is. The county always touts the jewel that our parks are, and they are fabulous. But there needs to be more stable funding from the General Fund because we already have a patchwork of special districts, including here in North County.

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Frances Romero  
To provide more money and resources and on any given day you can look at the Board of Supervisors agenda and you see that there is a lot of money for a lot of new programs. So I'd like to hope that parks could be prioritized and looked at as a core function to all members of the public and that maybe we have to retract a bit on, you know, not everybody can have everything they want all the time.

1:15:14.400 --> 1:15:31.670  
Frances Romero  
We need to take care of what we already have. North County trails are indeed deficient, but parks also deals with a lot of homeless issues in parks, so parks safety is something that needs to be looked at. And then that also weighs into the cleanliness of the parks at times.

1:15:33.140 --> 1:16:3.280  
Frances Romero  
Trails of the assumption that agriculturists, agriculturalists all want to have trails on their property or as connections to other trails really needs to be looked at because of the change in the food safety rules. They are real, and one dog that's let off leash and we all know that it's that 1%, that 5% that drives a lot of the policies can spoil a very large portion of something.

1:16:3.870 --> 1:16:18.580  
Frances Romero  
Like a Berry harvest. And that's a lot of money. And when you start putting people through trails and remote areas, there aren't restroom facilities. And all of those are real things that that need to be addressed.

1:16:19.420 --> 1:16:33.120  
Frances Romero  
I would hope that the PRT maps could be revisited based on what's currently built and what is envisioned to be built and align that with some realities of what can be built and maybe some of those need to be revised.

1:16:33.930 --> 1:17:0.40  
Frances Romero  
And as far as land use permits go, again, this is an area where the county could waive fees. They could have a streamlined process if indeed trails are desire. And I've kind of it's the same problem though that we have with everything, even trying to build affordable housing, it's not affordable once you go through the the cost of the land use permit. So that again that's a larger conversation.

1:17:1.40 --> 1:17:26.330  
Frances Romero  
The county's budget general fund is comprised of property tax, sales tax T, OT and a lot of other pass through funds. And I think most citizens have a reasonable expectation that parks indeed is a course service and is just as important, literally for every dollar you spend on a park, you save $14.00 on the law enforcement side of things, and there needs to be a serious look at that.

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Frances Romero  
So I think I've used my time. I hope I've said some things that maybe someone hasn't thought about, but we definitely have a lot of work to do.

1:17:37.420 --> 1:17:39.520  
Leachman, Erika  
Wonderful. Thank you, Francis very much.

1:17:41.140 --> 1:17:43.590  
Leachman, Erika  
All right. Next up we have Sean. Sean diggins.

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Diggins, Sean  
Evening. Sean Diggins here. I work with the granite construction. I managed the plants, so I largely manage all the land that Granite owns in Santa Barbara County.

1:17:59.170 --> 1:18:9.900  
Diggins, Sean  
Couple comments. First one is grant. It's definitely in support of the public private partnership. We have a facility that would be a good candidate for a trail opportunity.

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Diggins, Sean  
And then add another comment is regards to funding. I think the county has some fantastic parks facilities that already exist, but they generally can only be accessed by car.

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Diggins, Sean  
In a.

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Diggins, Sean  
Trail system that would allow you to access these parks with something other than a vehicle would probably be an extreme value add for the county.

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Diggins, Sean  
And if.

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Diggins, Sean  
If you can look at that as an alternative form of transportation, it can open up a lot of funding opportunities that wouldn't be available if it's purely viewed as a recreation opportunity.

1:18:44.440 --> 1:18:45.50  
Diggins, Sean  
Thank you.

1:18:46.720 --> 1:18:47.590  
Leachman, Erika  
Thank you, Sean.

1:18:49.930 --> 1:18:52.200  
Leachman, Erika  
Terrific. Next up, we have Lee Lee Cushman.

1:18:59.70 --> 1:19:3.240  
lee cushman (Guest)  
Hello at the time and I appreciate the slide show you put together, I I'd like to voice.

1:19:4.940 --> 1:19:10.240  
lee cushman (Guest)  
Things that have already been said, so I'll make it short, but I I think our current parks are in, in a lot of disrepair.

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lee cushman (Guest)  
You can take leave Boston Arrows, for example, that bridges that put bridge has been down the pickleball courts that delete it. There's a lot of a lot of opportunities we have just by repairing and cleaning up the parts we currently use. I'd also like to echo the.

1:19:28.320 --> 1:19:34.320  
lee cushman (Guest)  
The liability issue with the private owners and public trails. Thank you.

1:19:36.600 --> 1:19:37.810  
Leachman, Erika  
Terrific. Thank you, Lee.

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Leachman, Erika  
Next up we have Barbara.

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Leachman, Erika  
Barbara Cox.

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Leachman, Erika  
Are Barbara Cox we can come back to you if you're not not currently available. We can leave you on the list.

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Leachman, Erika  
OK, Barbara, we'll do that. Stay on the list and we'll come back to you next. We have a a Julian, Julian Sarafian.

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Julian Sarafian  
Wonderful presentation. I wanted to advocate for my fellow Pickle Ballers. More specifically, there are three key issues that I think we should focus on for pickleball in the future. This is the fastest growing sport in the world right now. LeBron James just invested in the league. It shows no sign of slowing down, and it's really accessible to people of all ages, which is why I think it's very powerful sport at the municipal courts. I think that there's a lot of space for us to expand the number of pickleball courts that currently exist. I've been playing there.

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Julian Sarafian  
Countless hours and I have never seen the tennis courts be full, though I often see the pickleball courts fill up day in and day out. So I think whether it's expanding the number of pickleball courts.

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Julian Sarafian  
Uh on new land or if it's converting the existing tennis courts or some of them, I think we can definitely do something there and the city and parks and rec should work on that.

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Julian Sarafian  
I also think that for the safety and convenience of the 100 plus players that play pickleball at Muni every day, there should be an accessible or a portable restroom that's closer to the pickleball courts. Right now, the pickleball courts are in the very far side of the municipal grounds and it's basically 500 plus yards to walk to use one. So it's just another way, you know, to keep things flexible that the city can support. And lastly, lights installed on the courts at Muni would expand the facility usage.

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Julian Sarafian  
It would really help because it would allow folks who work during the day to play at night and it would also ease the traffic of the pickleball players during the day because right now that's really our only option and it's certainly possible to have lights installed on the pickle cords there. They have some on the tennis courts, you know, 200 yards away. And so there's many options here for what the city could do to support the support. And I think it would really be in the Community's best interest because this, this, this sport shows no sign of slowing down and the more catered.

1:22:14.620 --> 1:22:18.830  
Julian Sarafian  
That we can create the Community to, I think the better off Santa Barbara would be. Thank you.

1:22:20.420 --> 1:22:20.710  
Julian Sarafian  
Thank you.

1:22:19.960 --> 1:22:20.840  
Leachman, Erika  
Thank you, Julian.

1:22:23.70 --> 1:22:26.240  
Leachman, Erika  
Terrific. All right. Next on our list is John John Blanchard.

1:22:30.270 --> 1:22:44.40  
Jon Blanchard  
I'm John Blanchard with Santa Maria Valley open space and also known as orchid trails. But we build and maintain trails for parks and some private property owners in North county around the Santa Maria Valley.

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Jon Blanchard  
And I think you know where the.

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Jon Blanchard  
You know, we're like a lot of other places in the country that most of the trail work and maintenance is done by volunteers and.

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Jon Blanchard  
You know, we have a lot of issues with social trail building and and damage and trespassing and things like that that tend to proliferate as you get more and more people moving into your neighborhoods. And a big part of that, I think, is that there's no presence of, you know, parks Rangers or those types of folks on the trail system. And it's, you know, kind of a transition. I think, you know, the history of the parks was more of a traditional park. And over the last 10 years, we're adding more trails and we haven't really adapted to that. So.

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Jon Blanchard  
I think somehow through the funding and you know organization and and things that.

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Jon Blanchard  
There should be, you know, a collaboration of teamwork with nonprofits in terms of how you manage and provide.

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Jon Blanchard  
People, the work and, you know, maintain the trails, but also kind of at police and enforce them. And I think that's a combination of maybe a nonprofit that does have a sustainable funding source that is focused on both trails, conservation and recreation.

1:24:5.30 --> 1:24:12.610  
Jon Blanchard  
Like Ohh and I think you know what we're seeing is you know, particularly with social trail building that it you know.

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Jon Blanchard  
Umm.

1:24:14.540 --> 1:24:45.610  
Jon Blanchard  
Eliminates the benefit of the conservation and the preservation efforts and the quality of those areas. That should be a part of the trail system and not damaged by them. So that's a big issue for us and then in general I think we need to think bigger. You know that you know, particularly in the North county, I'd like to see you know, one of the things we had proposed is like a Santa Maria Valley Room Trail, something big that becomes a destination and part of the economy.

1:24:45.740 --> 1:24:58.410  
Jon Blanchard  
That people would actually come to, to participate in and and seek for outdoor recreation. So that's kind of it. But I think and I a lot of the comments, I think we've been really good in terms of.

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Jon Blanchard  
The ideas they have and.

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Jon Blanchard  
Challenges, so thank you.

1:25:4.920 --> 1:25:14.20  
Leachman, Erika  
Wonderful. Thank you, John. We agree. Thank you everyone for your comments and your thoughtfulness tonight. This is excellent, excellent input and feedback. We really appreciate your time and thoughtfulness about this.

1:25:15.30 --> 1:25:18.160  
Leachman, Erika  
Umm, terrific. Next on our list is Richard Salzburg.

1:25:24.840 --> 1:25:25.210  
Leachman, Erika  
Hello.

1:25:22.750 --> 1:25:25.540  
Richard Salzberg  
OK, I'm here. Can you hear me? Hello.

1:25:26.730 --> 1:25:27.400  
Richard Salzberg  
How are you?

1:25:28.370 --> 1:25:38.320  
Richard Salzberg  
I'm my name is Richard Salzburg. I'm Santa Barbara's pickleball ambassador. I started playing pickleball about seven years ago, and when I started, there were maybe.

1:25:39.100 --> 1:25:42.810  
Richard Salzberg  
That you're 60 of us and now there's over 1300 and.

1:25:43.560 --> 1:26:13.150  
Richard Salzberg  
50 people that are permit holders at the municipal tennis and pickleball center alone. That doesn't count the Goleta Valley Community Center or people, places that other residents play. But I did wanna second what would? Julian was saying that we do we we could use more access at an existing facility like Muni where most of the time the tennis courts are not being used.

1:26:13.850 --> 1:26:44.120  
Richard Salzberg  
If we could even have some temporary or some blended lines on some of the tennis courts when when they're not in use, there's also a fantastic stadium that has been in disrepair. However, there are four temporary pickleball courts set up inside the stadium, which are used for lessons right now. They also do give some tennis lessons in there, but most of the afternoons, those courts are unused and they could be also facilitated by.

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Richard Salzberg  
Allowing people to get in there.

1:26:47.120 --> 1:27:16.630  
Richard Salzberg  
Also the the the about the bathroom, I think that is absolutely a safety concern of the demographic of the sport is all ages, but a lot of the folks down there are over 60 and you know, having a restroom closer than 500 yards away would definitely make a big difference and it would be very easy to do. The pickleball players would even join in to do to do some fundraising, to offset the cost of that.

1:27:17.310 --> 1:27:43.990  
Richard Salzberg  
We've been told that there that in order to get to a a portable restroom that Marbourg would need to get a truck into within 30 feet of of the portable restroom which which could be done outside of the gate in the cities annex which is which is right next to us anyway, if someone could look into that, we'd really appreciate it. And lastly, there are some.

1:27:44.190 --> 1:28:5.600  
Richard Salzberg  
Some lines uh put down at Pershing, but there are temporary, I think. Are Pershing Park is also very underutilized and that that a few permanent courts there would be helpful. And again I think you could get some public fundraising participation for those kind of projects.

1:28:6.500 --> 1:28:7.750  
Richard Salzberg  
And that's all I got.

1:28:9.90 --> 1:28:11.130  
Leachman, Erika  
Terrific. Thank you, Richard, so much.

1:28:13.330 --> 1:28:15.190  
Leachman, Erika  
OK. Next up we have Theresa.

1:28:17.150 --> 1:28:48.120  
Theresa  
Hi, my name is Theresa Riley. I am on a a retired elementary teacher that in my retirement I spent a lot of time outdoors as an individual, but also bringing groups out with nature track of bringing groups of autistic adults out, as well as seniors. And so am I concerned center around safe access to various parks and trails and that includes feeling safe parking, having bathrooms and having things that are maintained.

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Theresa  
I also am very supportive of keeping the habitat as natural as possible and promoting native plantings and being respectful of our other animals that share the the space.

1:29:6.330 --> 1:29:24.140  
Theresa  
I I do want to comment on night lighting. We I'm I'm also part of we watch and one of our concerns is maintaining dark skies. So if you light up those pickleball feel courtyards, make sure that the lighting is aiming down and not interfering with our dark skies.

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Theresa  
Umm, but basically I'm I wanna be able to more easily get groups of children out for educational purposes and to spend more time in nature. I support the ag tourism as long as there's neighborhood compatibility and safety.

1:29:40.920 --> 1:29:54.960  
Theresa  
Umm, I'm all for multi use trails but we need to keep in mind that bikes don't always correspond with horses, so the questions need their own trail areas. So thanks for what you're doing and accepting our public input.

1:29:56.330 --> 1:29:57.760  
Leachman, Erika  
Wonderful. Thank you, Teresa.

1:29:59.870 --> 1:30:3.0  
Leachman, Erika  
All right. Next up we have Heather from ESP Bike and coast.

1:30:6.400 --> 1:30:17.30  
Heather (SBBIKE+COAST) (Guest)  
Hi yes. My name is Heather Deutsch, and I'm the executive director of our new organizations. Name is move, Santa Barbara County.

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Heather (SBBIKE+COAST) (Guest)  
So uh, we have heard from a number of our Members supporters and that includes a lot of children.

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Heather (SBBIKE+COAST) (Guest)  
Uh. Regarding equitable access to our parks and we focus on biking, walking and public transit, so some of the things that we'd like to see from the perspective of bicyclists is that trailheads and access points. I'm not only to the design standards, include bike racks, but they those access points feed designed from the perspective of someone, including a child coming by bike. So connecting to safe streets or other trails.

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Heather (SBBIKE+COAST) (Guest)  
From the perspective of transit, where does the local bus system go? Is there a stop that could be included that would allow someone to then walk to or access local park or or Regional Park and then also in terms of sidewalks, so parks that are near neighborhoods, does the sidewalk continue into the park or the crosswalks mark? Is it safe to get from a neighborhood to to a park or they're trails walking trails that would connect and neighborhood to a park?

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Heather (SBBIKE+COAST) (Guest)  
And lastly, just a note about parking lot. So oftentimes we'll have a park, the the entrance might be accessible to someone who is walking or biking or taking transit and then walking and the parking lot really acts as a barrier. There's this idea that somehow pedestrians and bicyclists should wander through parking lots and that that's safe. And especially for children, it's not safe at all. And So what we'd like to see is that there being the design standards, a complete separation.

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Heather (SBBIKE+COAST) (Guest)  
Physically, visually, between parking lots and access for members of our public who are choosing not to drive to access the parks. Thank you.

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Leachman, Erika  
Terrific. Thank you, Heather.

1:32:15.20 --> 1:32:18.110  
Leachman, Erika  
All right. Next up we have uh, Blair Blair Whitney.

1:32:22.230 --> 1:32:30.620  
Blair Whitney  
Uh, yeah, hang on a SEC. I'm thanks a lot. Thanks for having this uh presentation and discussion, so.

1:32:32.640 --> 1:32:44.900  
Blair Whitney  
In light of, you know, the challenges with funding all those work, I realized that one of my UM ideas might be expensive and then one is actually not that expensive at all. So.

1:32:45.540 --> 1:33:1.770  
Blair Whitney  
Umm. At the current uh parks, where commendation is just keep the restrooms clean and then just invest in staff, that would kind of have a checklist and on appropriate periodic basis, just keep the restrooms clean.

1:33:2.480 --> 1:33:31.950  
Blair Whitney  
Umm. And safe and also for the UM parks like for example, the summer county park at Rincon, you know on the upper hill of Rincon Beach. I don't really understand why you would have a policy where you lock the gate right as soon as the sun goes down for people to go to the beach, especially surfers, they like surfing until the sun goes down. So just keep it the gate.

1:33:32.820 --> 1:33:50.870  
Blair Whitney  
Unlocked for say uh 1 1/2 hours after it gets dark or something of that nature I I get it that you wanna lock it up for night time to be safe, but don't do it right. Your policy is right. When the sun goes down as far as the expensive needed.

1:33:51.580 --> 1:33:55.160  
Blair Whitney  
Uh. Potential recreation for Santa Barbara, South Coast.

1:33:55.950 --> 1:34:0.100  
Blair Whitney  
I I think we need a new Aquatic Center, so if you look at.

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Blair Whitney  
Aquatic Center is like you look at the Lompoc Aquatic Center. It's a beautiful Aquatic Center.

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Blair Whitney  
Uh, but down in Santa Barbara City, South Coast area. We don't have a public a clock sound like it. We have low Spanos, but it's not the same type of Aquatic Center that say Lompoc has or other cities like Sambar City should have. If you look at the clock center, for example, in Mesa, AZ, if you can go check out some other cities like that, they have a beautiful aquatic centers that have areas for families to play in.

1:34:37.340 --> 1:34:54.70  
Blair Whitney  
For kids who went out to swim and for competitive swimming and water polo and diving, I I know it's a lot to ask of a rich city like Santa Barbara, but it might be something to consider for the whole entire committee across all.

1:34:54.630 --> 1:34:58.450  
Blair Whitney  
Uh, parts of our community, so thank you very much.

1:34:59.710 --> 1:35:1.80  
Leachman, Erika  
Wonderful. Thank you, Blair.

1:35:2.120 --> 1:35:3.640  
Sawaya, Gina  
Hey, Erika, before we go to.

1:35:2.70 --> 1:35:33.580  
Leachman, Erika  
Great. Before we call on our next speaker, I did want to remind everybody those who'd like to speak tonight and then also those who may have to drop off as we get later in the evening to Please remember that you can submit your comments to the county at SBC REC plan. That's REC p.lan@gmail.com. We'll share that e-mail address again at the end of the of the presentation and the comment period. But just wanna take a minute for those who joined late or have to drop off that.

1:35:33.750 --> 1:35:38.550  
Leachman, Erika  
We would love to hear from you and writing as well as this opportunity tonight. So thanks. Thanks very much for that.

1:35:40.270 --> 1:35:41.220  
Leachman, Erika  
OK, wonderful.

1:35:40.280 --> 1:35:44.550  
Sawaya, Gina  
Erica, did you put the next slide on just so we could have that visually as people are talking?

1:35:44.940 --> 1:35:46.370  
Leachman, Erika  
Absolutely. Here we go.

1:35:46.230 --> 1:35:47.40  
Sawaya, Gina  
Thank you so much.

1:35:49.300 --> 1:35:53.920  
Leachman, Erika  
OK, wonderful. So our next speaker tonight is Dave Dave Baker.

1:35:58.50 --> 1:36:27.830  
Dave Baker  
Hi there. Thank you very much for the time. I appreciate this opportunity. My name is Dave Baker. I represent a group of dedicated volunteers and business owners within the Lompoc Valley. I'm the chair of the Lompoc hike and Bike Committee, also known as Lompoc Trails. My partner Jason jumped in earlier. I don't wanna revisit too much of what he already said, but I just wanna let you know, you know, our committee, we built a public bike park in the city of Lompoc, working with the.

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Dave Baker  
The city, with a public private partnership and now we're trying to take our efforts up into the hills.

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Dave Baker  
And expand the trail system up by the existing Santa Barbara County Trail called Badger Hill Budget Trail. The South end of Lompoc, our group owns about 80 acres around this existing trail.

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Dave Baker  
As we go through this process, we want to ensure we are following all the best practices with trail designs and construction. Being a property owner wanted to build public trails has been.

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Dave Baker  
Kind of problematic.

1:37:3.200 --> 1:37:5.790  
Dave Baker  
It it's a lot, lot harder than we expected.

1:37:6.930 --> 1:37:8.220  
Dave Baker  
I just wanna ask.

1:37:9.770 --> 1:37:11.200  
Dave Baker  
You are sweet.

1:37:12.240 --> 1:37:12.710  
Dave Baker  
It.

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Dave Baker  
Really reevaluate our processes and as we're going through this master plan, we work together with the community groups as you're doing and really make an effort to provide more opportunities for groups like ours that wanna do something good for community like Lompoc who really needs a much.

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Dave Baker  
And you know, it needs healthier activities and places to go. And we've got a good dedicated group of people, but we're really, really concerned about just all the processes that go along with it and some, some of the vagueness in the rules and regs that come along with build trails. And thank you again for our, for, for this time. And we really hope that we could work together to.

1:38:4.80 --> 1:38:8.920  
Dave Baker  
And really helped bring more trails to our community. Thank you for the time.

1:38:10.280 --> 1:38:11.560  
Leachman, Erika  
Excellent. Thank you, Dave.

1:38:13.840 --> 1:38:16.100  
Leachman, Erika  
All right. Next up we have dawn, please.

1:38:25.230 --> 1:38:28.290  
Leachman, Erika  
Don, if you're available, apologies I don't have your last name.

1:38:41.740 --> 1:38:45.610  
Leachman, Erika  
Hello Don, I see your mic is on, but we're unable to hear your comment.

1:39:7.580 --> 1:39:24.570  
Leachman, Erika  
Dan, we must be having some trouble with your microphone. Maybe check to make sure it's plugged in, and if if we still can't hear you, you feel free to put your comment into the Q&A and I'd be happy to read it for you. If we're having trouble. I see your mic turning on, but we're unable to hear you, unfortunately.

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Leachman, Erika  
OK.

1:39:36.530 --> 1:39:56.280  
Leachman, Erika  
All right. Thank you. Sorry and apologies for that, Don. And as I, as I said, if you wouldn't mind typing out your comment in in the Q&A or if we're if that isn't working either, feel free to submit your comment to sbcrec.plan@gmail.com and we'll be happy to take your input and respond as needed.

1:39:58.920 --> 1:40:3.10  
Leachman, Erika  
OK. Thank you. And next on list, we have faith, faith on Chrome.

1:40:4.540 --> 1:40:33.810  
Faith on Chrome  
Hi yeah I swapped browsers because the the poll wasn't working for me and the the box that you talked about. But anyway it still didn't work so thanks for everything you guys are doing and what really jumped out at me when we were what you were sharing was equity. I'm from the sanding as Valley. I'm also an equestrian person. And so there were just 44 short points. I'd like to make. One is what popped out.

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Faith on Chrome  
For me, just right from the very beginning was on the title page. There was hiking, there was biking, there were sports represented. The little icon people. But the equestrian, the little icon for an equestrian. It just. It wasn't there. And. And as a member of a group that just feels like we are being squeezed out to the point of extinction, it would be really nice to feel that we were a part of the title page also. So that was my first request. If you could please add.

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Faith on Chrome  
A little logo just to represent us as a user group. The second one is that.

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Faith on Chrome  
For an area like Santa Ynez, maybe Montecito, if you'd be willing to make it part of the plan to require that enforcement that the policy includes enforcing pre-existing policy that we already have. So in the biggest example is that in.

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Faith on Chrome  
Neighborhood areas like where I live in the Santa Ynez area. We have Rd shoulders and the road shoulders are protected by transportation code and fire evacuation code, except that the Public Works department in the Fire department doesn't educate residents and doesn't enforce the code so their landscaped over the top of and pedestrians and equestrians and even mountain bikes that could use the shoulder to get out of the street can't access the shoulder.

1:42:8.30 --> 1:42:32.480  
Faith on Chrome  
So that would be an immediate fix that is not difficult to do through an education plan if if putting in your policy to require pre-existing policy to be enforced at at least through education through the people that are already in charge of it, I think that would open up a huge amount and it would speak to your question that was on the.

1:42:33.400 --> 1:42:55.780  
Faith on Chrome  
The survey about how important it is is it to you to be able to recreate without having to drive a vehicle to go get there. A lot of us could walk out of our doors and walk around our neighborhoods without almost getting hit by cars. If we could get out of the road, walk our dogs, etcetera, older people with walkers and stuff, baby strollers were on the street.

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Faith on Chrome  
The third one is that it was great to hear about the pickleball and the tennis courts and the Aquatic Center and being up here in Santa Ynez, I was just like I've never played pickleball. I've not hadn't really heard about it that much. I googled it and this I started like realizing like equity. Like I don't know that we even have a tennis court up here. I don't. I don't know that we have a tennis court that's that's a public tennis court. I know the high school has one, but I don't know that the community is allowed to use it unless we like, ask permission.

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Faith on Chrome  
I don't know that we have a pickleball court. I've just heard they just built one in solving at the park there, which is solving city. But since this is Santa Barbara County, then I started thinking about our parks like what parks does Sandiness Valley even have that are parks in like in the Santa Ynez Valley, there's the Santa Ynez Little Tiny Park and the Los Olivos like like tiny little piece of dirt that is our park. And so if we're looking at equity.

1:44:1.290 --> 1:44:32.140  
Faith on Chrome  
Whenever another whenever one city gets a tennis court, maybe it could be in the plan that it's looked at. Does every district have a tennis court? Does every district have a pickleball court? Does every district have a swimming pool? And if there isn't one, maybe the county would consider buying land in other areas to put parks on. And it'll cost money. But land comes up for sale, I guess once in a while, but I don't even know that we have hardly any parks.

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Faith on Chrome  
Up here really at all? And then the final thing, I know there was some concern about private liability liability to private landowners that might allow access to anyone to the public walking over their land for trail. And I just want to mention that in 1963, California adopted a recreational use statute, which makes private landowners immune from liability for injury suffered by people who enter their land.

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Faith on Chrome  
As long as it's free of charge for recreational purposes, so as long as the land owners aren't charging people money to access the land and they're just allowing them to walk on it or ride their bike or their horse or whatever it is, there's actually Civil Code 846 that was adopted in order to help to protect them and have them be immune from the liability of that. And that's it. So thank you so much for everything you guys are doing.

1:45:32.910 --> 1:45:47.590  
Leachman, Erika  
Fantastic. Thank you faith so much and apologies that our tech tools weren't working for you tonight. I so appreciate your patience with that and and taking the time to provide your comments. If you do have anything you'd like to follow up on, feel free to e-mail us. We really appreciate that.

1:45:48.800 --> 1:45:52.370  
Leachman, Erika  
Wonderful. So next on our list, we have Leticia Leticia Carmona.

1:45:53.530 --> 1:46:19.880  
Leticia Carmona  
Hello, my name is Leticia Mendez Carmona. I'm an intern at the Guadalupe Dunes Center and I'm here representing this nonprofit organization. We focus on our outdoor education and really encourage people to explore the outdoors. We recognize the importance of trails to public health and disadvantaged communities. Guadalupe is 3 miles from the ocean, and yet there is no safe multi model access from Guadalupe to the ocean.

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Leticia Carmona  
A community this close to the ocean should get should not need a car to safely get to the beach.

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Leticia Carmona  
We are in favor of providing incentives to private property owners to dedicate and build new trails through providing incentives such as increased development and preferential permitting.

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Leticia Carmona  
On a personal level, I just want to say I'm from Santa Maria, so I'm not. I don't live in Guadalupe, but.

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Leticia Carmona  
I wanted to go to the beach on my own, but I don't own a car since I'm still very young. I'm 18. The closest I can get to Guadalupe Town is the closest I can get to Guadalupe to the to the beach in Guadalupe is just Guadalupe the town via public transportation. Since the bus doesn't go all the way to the beach.

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Leticia Carmona  
There's no sidewalks or trails to get there. The only axis is the road, but that's obviously very dangerous because people can get hurt.

1:47:15.500 --> 1:47:21.180  
Leticia Carmona  
And that's why a child, a trail to access the Guadalupe Beach is very necessary. Thank you.

1:47:22.450 --> 1:47:24.250  
Leachman, Erika  
Manipulating CIA. Terrific.

1:47:26.170 --> 1:47:28.470  
Leachman, Erika  
All right. Next up we have uh aristone.

1:47:32.880 --> 1:47:53.960  
ARISTON JULIAN  
Thank you. I appreciate the your staff, Gina, and trying to get a video here. Appreciate you putting this together, Erica. And and Gina for putting this together and that I'd like to at this time, kudos to the county of Santa Barbara for allowing the the ability to use the river, the River Livery project from Santa Maria to weather Lupe.

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ARISTON JULIAN  
That's one leg. The next leg would be from Guadalupe Hwy 1, basically along the river and a the beach access because that's good. That's important to, you know, to Waterloo and also to Santa Maria.

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ARISTON JULIAN  
I also wanted to meet you. Make sure that we and I, we personally I'm with the city of water little bit and I appreciate Jeff and David coming out here and working with the landowners to see about accessing our working with the landowners who owned property along our City Park and also adjacent to the Sandy River which we're landlocked because of the river and also because of private property and I know that there's a couple landowners that.

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ARISTON JULIAN  
Own close to 1000 acres that along the levy and and along the river that working with with the county and with you all with the dunes center with Los Amigos. The weather. Lupe. What? What you all are doing with this process is generating energy that will move a little bit forward and other communities that need access and parks and especially access to the beach.

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ARISTON JULIAN  
Umm, I just again wanted to thank you all for doing that and I appreciate the Dan and Jeff and you Gina. And and staff were for moving forward with this. Thank you.

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Leachman, Erika  
Mayor Julian, thank you so much for joining us tonight. We so appreciate your participation.

1:49:19.680 --> 1:49:23.640  
Leachman, Erika  
Wonderful. Uh, Next up we have George and George. I apologize. I don't have your last name.

1:49:25.170 --> 1:49:51.680  
George (Guest)  
Hello, my name is George Nagai. Uh, I wanted to commend everybody on participating. Great program, great presentation and a great comments from the community. I definitely am in support of preserving our trails and open spaces, but the main reason I wanted to speak this evening is I wanted to advocate for our wheeled recreation communities that include skateboarders, roller skaters.

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George (Guest)  
Uh bicyclists and our wheelchair athletes. I wanted to show support by suggesting the development of a basically good good facilities to accommodate those communities, things like skate parks, skateboard plazas, roller skating spaces, pump tracks and other recreational facilities of that nature.

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George (Guest)  
That is all. Thank you very much.

1:50:18.990 --> 1:50:19.990  
Leachman, Erika  
Thank you, George.

1:50:20.960 --> 1:50:21.950  
Leachman, Erika  
Excellent. Thank you.

1:50:22.800 --> 1:50:25.640  
Leachman, Erika  
All right. Next up, we have Christina Christina Hernandez.

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Christina Hernandez  
Hi, my name is Christina Hernandez and I am a Guadalupe resident. I'm a mother. I'm also staff at the Dunes Center and it's important for me to have equitable access to open space for our health, our mental wealth being we need to recognize the importance of trails to public health and underserved communities currently in Guadalupe, we don't have any trails and getting access to the beach has been difficult.

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Christina Hernandez  
When me and my kids are writing our bikes, we are usually having to peak to compete with cars that are going over 50 miles per hours, and I have three children under 8.

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Christina Hernandez  
I strongly support the acquisitions of new Parks, recreation opportunities, trails and hope that the county can adopt new countywide trail design guidelines developed in coordination with all trail organizations in the county. As part of the recreation master plan. It's important we have safe access, equitable access for our kids.

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Christina Hernandez  
We need new outdoor recreations for our youth so they can really connect connected with our community. They need a place to run, play football, run and have fun and safe in a safe space. We also need to make sure that we preserve county parks like the Ronto Walla, Lupe Dunes with over 100 endemic species 1300 animals. It's very important that we continue to preserve these special places, that it are a biodiversity hotspot.

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Christina Hernandez  
Continuing any equitable education to our Guadalupe dunes is imperative. Thank you.

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Leachman, Erika  
Terra.

1:52:1.580 --> 1:52:2.710  
Leachman, Erika  
OK. Thank you, Christina.

1:52:4.700 --> 1:52:7.10  
Leachman, Erika  
All right. Next up we have Kathy, Kathy Rosenthal.

1:52:10.420 --> 1:52:12.180  
Kathy Rosenthal (Guest)  
Well, hello, everybody. Can you hear me?

1:52:12.610 --> 1:52:13.390  
Leachman, Erika  
Yes indeed.

1:52:13.700 --> 1:52:45.10  
Kathy Rosenthal (Guest)  
OK. Well, I wanted to thank all of you that are putting on this presentation tonight. I know you've been working very hard and it's good to finally hear from you. It's been a long time over the course of the last year. I'm here to speak just on our trails and actually equity. I represent the Santa Ynez Valley writers and our coalition saves. Santa Barbara County a questran trails and the issues we have with trails are that we only have one that really caters to both equestrians and hikers right now. And it's working out.

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Kathy Rosenthal (Guest)  
Quite well. We wanna see that expanded in the policy. And just to be very explicit in multi use trails and requiring those with all users, I'm saying I'm referring to equestrian, hyper and mountain bikers on every trail is really not a good idea.

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Kathy Rosenthal (Guest)  
Trails are not really as benign as they used to be. The new technologies with mountain bikes, ebikes, drones, all of that is making our trails more dangerous for not only our hikers but our horses and our riders as well. So we want to just.

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Kathy Rosenthal (Guest)  
Make that point that we have some more technological issues we have to deal with on our trails and we ever have before.

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Kathy Rosenthal (Guest)  
With respect to horse facilities, equestrian facilities in the county, recently I did a survey of all the coastal communities, coastal counties in Santa Barbara, CA and from Monterey to San Diego. Each county has at least one place to horse camp and we don't have that anymore. In Santa Barbara County. We think this is a need and we'd like to see the policies written so that that can happen.

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Kathy Rosenthal (Guest)  
Ohh, we would like to have equitable fees that allow equestrians to use and access recreational facilities and trails such as Live Oak camp that used to be a horse camp and it is no longer, but we would like to explore that.

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Kathy Rosenthal (Guest)  
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1:54:21.690 --> 1:54:51.700  
Kathy Rosenthal (Guest)  
I wanted to agree again. Echo what Lynn Sherman said. What Ken Owen said and what Francis Romero said about keeping our open spaces and our wild places for not just people, but for our natural resources and our wildlife. We are coming to a point in our evolution where our open spaces are becoming more and more rare.

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Kathy Rosenthal (Guest)  
And the need for more trails is becoming more and more in demand and we have to confront that.

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Kathy Rosenthal (Guest)  
Uh, that uh issue as as we go on with over the life of this recreation plan, we are concerned about this new term we've heard called green washing that really relaxes environmental review and environmental laws for.

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Kathy Rosenthal (Guest)  
Uh trails and that kind of thing to get them through and we would hate to see that happen here in Santa Barbara County. We want to see our new policies be consistent with our values in the past. There's a lot of good policies still in the land use plan and in especially in the conservation element. So we want to make sure that those are carried through in perpetuity. The last thing I wanted to talk about or trail design guidelines, I hope that.

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Kathy Rosenthal (Guest)  
The equestrian community will be invited to contribute to this endeavor. I know it's on the createx.

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Kathy Rosenthal (Guest)  
Ohh agenda for Monday and I plan on sitting in on that and listening but I hope there will be a public, maybe a public forum for that as well so.

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Kathy Rosenthal (Guest)  
Lastly, there's on going back to technology and stuff, the issue of ebikes and where those will be allowed is a concern.

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Kathy Rosenthal (Guest)  
Uh, we think that's going to take a little bit more focus than maybe some of the other issues. We believe they should be not be permitted on rural or semi wilderness grazing areas and nature preserves. We also think that the ebike should remain in more urban areas on pavement, so they're all in my comments. I will try to put these together and send in a written statement so that you have these and I again, thank you very much for putting this all together.

1:56:47.960 --> 1:56:54.390  
Kathy Rosenthal (Guest)  
Yeah, you've done it. Very nice job and I know you have a wealth of information. So and happy holidays to all of you.

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Leachman, Erika  
Uh, thank you, Kathy. So much. You as well. And we so appreciate your input.

1:57:1.270 --> 1:57:3.940  
Leachman, Erika  
All right, terrific. Next up, we have Phil Phil McKenna.

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Phil McKenna  
Hi, my name is Phil McKenna. I'm a member of the board of the Gaviota Coast Conservancy, and I'd like to advocate, as several of the other commentators have, on the creation of an open space district, such a district could provide significant and sustainable revenues for acquisition of recreational assets for their development and for importantly for their maintenance.

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Phil McKenna  
I I I would like to make an ask of.

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Phil McKenna  
Yeah, the the the planning department in this process to include a statement or a brief discussion in the plan of the potential.

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Phil McKenna  
Benefits of an open space district if community organizations got together and proposed such a district, it would be valuable to be able to point to an official document that had been properly developed and vetted.

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Phil McKenna  
Of suggesting that this might be a beneficial asset.

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Phil McKenna  
Lastly.

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Phil McKenna  
I know doubt my window that the full moon has risen, and I would encourage all of you to look out your windows or step outside. It's quite beautiful tonight. Thank you very much.

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Leachman, Erika  
That's great advice. Thank you, Phil.

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Leachman, Erika  
And thank you for your suggestions and comments as well. That's that's terrific. We appreciate that.

1:58:41.790 --> 1:58:44.440  
Leachman, Erika  
All right. Next we have Mary, Mary Hayden.

1:58:49.90 --> 1:58:56.380  
Mary Heyden (Guest)  
Yeah. Hi. My name's Mary Hayden, and my family owns and operates a cattle ranch in the Santa Ynez Valley.

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Mary Heyden (Guest)  
Umm, we are very blessed to have this space and we also take our land stewardship very seriously and realize that.

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Mary Heyden (Guest)  
We are managers of open space in the Santa Ynez Valley that, yeah, we feel very blessed for that. It's also a business. And so one of the things that I would like to ask for is being able to have temporary private events on our ranch. And so not something that's permanent, but temporaries 1.

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Mary Heyden (Guest)  
Example of this would a couple of years ago we hosted a Spartan race out on our ranch and that was amazing. We barely got it through permitting.

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Mary Heyden (Guest)  
We didn't do a very good job of it, but it really brought in a lot of people from all over county, California, United States and and beyond and they just really love the opportunity to be out on our ranch. And yeah, anyway, so things like that. I'm hearing a lot of the question people talking. It would be great if we could easily have permit horse camping again on a temporary basis, not something that's permanent.

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Mary Heyden (Guest)  
And then totally switching. I raised my son here. I live in Los Olivos, just outside of our ranch. And I I want to say one of the the biggest connections to my community through my son was through a YSO and pony baseball. And we do not have very good facilities for that in the Santa Ynez Valley. And I really think focusing or putting some good resources to.

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Mary Heyden (Guest)  
I'm creating a great sports facility here.

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Mary Heyden (Guest)  
And yeah, I I think it's it talk about accessibility. I mean everybody in the community is a part of it. And if you have children who like sports.

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Mary Heyden (Guest)  
But everybody from all social economic comes together on these fields and just has a great time together and.

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Mary Heyden (Guest)  
You know, I I know most of my kids friends because of a YSO and baseball through the years and it's been a really wonderful thing and I'd like to be able to support that in, in the future and have really great facilities. So thank you very much for your time.

2:1:32.600 --> 2:1:34.610  
Leachman, Erika  
Excellent. Thank you Mary very much.

2:1:36.700 --> 2:1:47.820  
Leachman, Erika  
All right, we see one more hand, friend. Thank you for your patience. Our next speaker is Brian comments. And if there's anybody else would like to speak, feel free to raise your hand at this point. But go ahead, Brian.

2:1:48.900 --> 2:1:51.210  
Bryan Conant  
All right. Thank you. Thanks everyone. This is really exciting.

2:1:52.240 --> 2:2:21.560  
Bryan Conant  
It's really neat thinking about all these cool things, but I was thinking, boy, it sure would be nice to have a trail that goes from Goleta into the Los Padres Forest. I know that there has been some work over the years and over the decades to to try to push that forward, but it hasn't quite happened yet. So that's something that I would like to see people focus on here. Another thing too I'm I'm representing the the Los Padres Forest Association. Tonight we have dozens of miles of trails. Beautiful trails.

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Bryan Conant  
That are open to all user groups in the forest, but unfortunately with the chaparral that we have here, a lot of deferred maintenance or over overgrowth along the trails that that kind of make them not so attractive at this at this time. So it'd be great to see some some attention put towards our our existing trails as well as as new trails too.

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Bryan Conant  
And then taking off my LPFA hat, I I I have a couple kids that are in the sports and we see a lot of the schools around here that are closed during off hours and you can't get, you know, in to use the basketball courts or the field or anything like that. That sure would be nice to to have some, some of the schools remain open after hours and on weekends for, for kids and and adults to to use and enjoy as well.

2:3:11.720 --> 2:3:13.740  
Bryan Conant  
Alright, thank you guys. Have a good night.

2:3:14.220 --> 2:3:15.820  
Leachman, Erika  
Oh, thank you, Brian very much.

2:3:16.930 --> 2:3:19.420  
Leachman, Erika  
All right. And we got one more hand. I'm so glad.

2:3:20.350 --> 2:3:21.140  
Leachman, Erika  
Otis.

2:3:28.10 --> 2:3:28.320  
Otis (Guest)  
Hi.

2:3:29.430 --> 2:3:30.10  
Otis (Guest)  
Umm.

2:3:32.90 --> 2:3:36.490  
Otis (Guest)  
My name's Otis calef. I'm President of the Santa Barbara County Trails Council.

2:3:37.330 --> 2:3:42.80  
Otis (Guest)  
And I just wanted to applaud film McKenna for mentioning.

2:3:44.30 --> 2:3:49.310  
Otis (Guest)  
The possibility the idea of an open space district and.

2:3:49.410 --> 2:4:2.160  
Otis (Guest)  
Uh, maybe we could create an open space and parks district, for example. But you look around at other states. I think somebody mentioned.

2:4:3.330 --> 2:4:21.210  
Otis (Guest)  
Arizona. I'm thinking of Colorado. I've seen amazing trails through Colorado. And you know why they have them? Because they have a funding source. They've developed a continual.

2:4:22.90 --> 2:4:28.720  
Otis (Guest)  
Uh funding source and that Santa Barbara doesn't have that. I think just leaves us.

2:4:29.920 --> 2:4:31.460  
Otis (Guest)  
Pretty much in the lurch.

2:4:32.310 --> 2:4:34.540  
Otis (Guest)  
So that would be my recommendation.

2:4:39.200 --> 2:4:41.620  
Leachman, Erika  
Terrific. Thank you, Otis, very much.

2:4:43.700 --> 2:4:44.860  
Leachman, Erika  
All right, everybody.

2:4:46.360 --> 2:4:50.170  
Leachman, Erika  
Give it one last final call. Any final comments you can raise a hand.

2:4:51.590 --> 2:4:53.310  
Leachman, Erika  
And otherwise we will.

2:4:54.170 --> 2:4:58.690  
Leachman, Erika  
Wrap up our presentation tonight and let everybody go on with their evenings.

2:5:0.950 --> 2:5:1.190  
Leachman, Erika  
OK.

2:5:0.660 --> 2:5:14.480  
Sawaya, Gina  
So as we kind of stated earlier, we will absolutely be accepting public comments after this meeting at our e-mail, which is on the screen and it's SBC Rec plan@gmail.com, we'll be happy to hear from you for the next several months.

2:5:15.360 --> 2:5:17.350  
Sawaya, Gina  
Now we can talk about the next steps a little bit.

2:5:19.430 --> 2:5:50.200  
Sawaya, Gina  
There will be another opportunity to review our work in the spring. We anticipate publishing the draft master plan and our recommended policy amendments early next year. In addition, this project has a planned program environmental impact report, so you'll be able to review that late next year and then we can expect adoption hearings in late 2023 or early 2024. So please keep your ear to the ground if you haven't checked out our website, sbcrecplan.com.

2:5:50.360 --> 2:5:55.530  
Sawaya, Gina  
That's where you can sign up for e-mail updates, but if you're attending this meeting, you probably already gotten it emails before.

2:5:58.890 --> 2:6:30.740  
Sawaya, Gina  
We're also going to put our contact information individually up on the screen. I'm Gina. I'm one of the planners working on this project, Erica, who led the public comment period, is the principal planner at WSP, who has been helping with this effort. Dan Girardi is also on the line. He's our program manager. And of course, Jeff Lindgren of the Parks Department is also on. Here's all of our contact information. We will be posting these slides after on our website and on the Counties website. So if you want to go back and find our contact information that way, we'll make sure you get a copy of the slides.

2:6:33.380 --> 2:6:43.830  
Sawaya, Gina  
Thank you so much. We really encourage you to submit your future comments via e-mail and we look forward to hearing from you. Thank you so much for coming. This was a really, really fun and exciting workshop to hear all of your feedback.

2:6:44.940 --> 2:6:46.900  
Sawaya, Gina  
Jeff, Erika. Dan, any final thoughts?

2:6:47.870 --> 2:6:54.710  
Leachman, Erika  
I couldn't have said it better myself. Gina. Thank you everyone for your time and your consideration and thoughtful comments tonight. We really, really appreciate it.

2:7:0.530 --> 2:7:5.610  
Lindgren, Jeffrey  
Yep, same for me. I thank you, everyone. We I think we learned a lot tonight. So fantastic.

2:7:6.250 --> 2:7:7.560  
Lindgren, Jeffrey  
Really appreciate your help.

2:7:8.300 --> 2:7:16.450  
Gira, Daniel  
Yeah. And Eric, I'll just say that 42 years working on county planning items, this is probably the most exciting project I've worked on in that 42 year career.

2:7:20.950 --> 2:7:24.420  
Sawaya, Gina  
Awesome. Thank you so much everyone. Have a great rest of your evening. Thank you for coming.