The Joint Proposal involves relocating future land development from the most sensitive areas on the coast, and preserving about 665 acres of open space for habitat, passive recreation, and public access. These areas will be preserved in perpetuity. Without the relocation coordinated by the three participating agencies, the benefits of preserving contiguous open areas could not be achieved.

The proposed land development includes the Santa Barbara Development Partnership residential development at the Santa Barbara Shores Park property in Goleta, student and faculty housing on UCSB’s North and West Campus properties, and a residential development on Ocean Meadows Golf Course under the jurisdiction of the County of Santa Barbara.

To implement this proposal and its broad range of programs, the agencies sponsoring the Joint Proposal will prepare an Open Space and Habitat Management Plan (Open Space Plan), as well as Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) for the Open Space Plan and the land development included in the Joint Proposal area. Each agency will take independent, but coordinated, actions to approve the elements of the Joint Proposal under its separate authority. The Joint Proposal will also require approvals by the California Coastal Commission.

The jurisdictions will jointly prepare the Open Space Plan to guide management practices on 508 acres of open space, which will complement existing management efforts by UCSB within an expanded 157-acre Coal Oil Point Reserve.
**OPEN SPACE AND HABITAT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

One of the key elements of the Joint Proposal is the Open Space and Habitat Management Plan (Open Space Plan). It will present goals, policies, and management actions for the open space portions of the Joint Proposal area to be implemented by the sponsors in a coordinated manner. The Open Space Plan will include actions to preserve and restore sensitive coastal habitats and species, to manage public access and recreation to ensure compatibility with these resources, and to protect scenic resources. The Open Space Plan will provide an administrative framework and funding strategy to ensure the long-term management of the open space areas.

The objectives of the Open Space Plan articulated in the Joint Proposal are as follows:

- Permanently preserve almost 665 acres of contiguous open space.
- Restore, enhance and create native habitats to improve the area’s environment.
- Protect resources from development.
- Balance recreation needs with resource protection.
- Further enhance the value to the Coal Oil Point Reserve.
- Balance native habitat protection and expansion with the need to preserve or perpetuate significant tree resources.

**NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE JOINT PROPOSAL AREA**

The Ellwood-Devereux Coast is comprised of beaches, bluffs, undeveloped coastal mesas and sand dunes noted for their scenic beauty and environmental value. The lower Devereux Creek watershed includes seasonal wetlands, riparian habitat, and a coastal lagoon. Extensive areas of annual grasslands and one of the largest perennial native grasslands on the South Coast support raptors such as the white tailed kite. Massive groves of eucalyptus support one of the largest monarch butterfly over-wintering sites in the state.

**OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The public meeting will be conducted to receive comments, input, and suggestions concerning the objectives, scope, and content of the Open Space Plan. The Joint Proposal sponsors seek public input on how the open space lands should be managed, and the key issues to be addressed in the Open Space Plan. We are interested in your ideas about habitat protection, public access and recreation, off-site parking, and other topics.

The meeting provides an opportunity for the public to participate in the development of the Open Space Plan. You can provide verbal comments at the meeting, or you can send in written comments after the meeting. Written comments should be sent to the City of Goleta (address on the back) by July 11, 2003.

The meeting will begin with a brief summary of the Joint Proposal and a description of the Open Space Plan. The meeting will then provide a forum for members of the public to provide verbal comments which will be recorded. We will carefully consider all verbal and written comments as we develop the Open Space Plan during the summer of 2003. A draft Open Space Plan will be issued in October 2003 for public review and comment.

The Joint Proposal sponsors will also be preparing EIRs for our independent, but related actions on the Joint Proposal, including the adoption of the Open Space Plan. There will be a public scoping meeting concerning these EIRs in the summer of 2003, which focus on the land development projects included in the Joint Proposal. We will provide Information on this meeting at a later date. **The focus of the meeting on June 25th is on the Open Space and Habitat Management Plan.**
Joint Proposal for the Ellwood Devereux Coast

PUBLIC WORKSHOP
Regarding the Open Space and Habitat Management Plan

Wednesday June 25, 2003
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