

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
AND  
THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

THIS AGREEMENT, MADE AND ENTERED INTO THIS 25th DAY OF  
August, 1987.

by and between

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, a  
Municipal Corporation,  
hereinafter referred to as  
"City"

and

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
acting by and through its duly  
appointed, qualified, and  
acting Director of Department  
of Fish and Game, hereinafter  
called the "State".

A. WHEREAS, State has acquired certain real property in and around the Goleta Slough in the County of Santa Barbara; and

B. WHEREAS, City owns certain lands within the boundaries of Santa Barbara and its Airport which are considered environmentally sensitive habitats; and

C. WHEREAS, City has a certified Local Coastal Plan (LCP) which contains policies to protect the environmentally sensitive habitats of the Goleta Slough; and

D. WHEREAS, LCP policy C-1 states that City shall enter into an agreement with The Department of Fish and Game for, among other things the purposes of long term management, preservation and enhancement of the Goleta Slough; and

E. WHEREAS, State and City desire to cooperate in the rehabilitation, enhancement, preservation and maintenance of the Goleta Slough in order to protect and enhance this natural resource and to provide for recreational uses, and to establish the Slough as an Ecological Reserve;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, and conditions contained herein, the parties hereto do hereby agree as follows:

1. AREA IDENTIFIED

Upon approval of the Fish and Game Commission, the area shall be known as the Goleta Slough Ecological Reserve, hereinafter referred to as the "Reserve", and shall consist of the following areas, which are described below and shown on Exhibit A:

AREA A: The property acquired by the State and designated as the Goleta Slough Ecological Reserve by the State Fish and Game Commission on April 1, 1983, and described in the attached legal description and by reference made part of this Agreement.

AREA B: The property owned by City and designated as Recreational Open Space on City's certified LCP Land Use Map (Exhibit B), and by reference made part here of.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of establishing and managing the Reserve shall be to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitats and other environmental values of the Reserve, and to provide for appropriate uses of the Reserve, including educational and recreational uses, which are compatible with the continued well-being of those habitat values.

3. NECESSITY OF AIRPORT

The Airport is a necessary municipal facility subject to customary maintenance requirements. The establishment and maintenance of the Reserve shall not interfere with the operation of the airport, or the maintenance of existing airport operational facilities within the Reserve, or with the development and implementation of new facilities within the Reserve, which are found consistent by the appropriate agencies with the Coastal Act, City LCP policies, and implementing ordinances.

4. AGREEMENT DOES NOT APPLY OUTSIDE OF RESERVE

City shall retain the ability and right to operate the Airport, which may include activities such as the modification or removal of existing facilities, or the construction of new facilities outside of the Reserve. These activities shall not be affected by this Agreement or the rules and regulations governing the Reserve at the Goleta Slough.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be legally executed in duplicate, the day and year first above written.

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
a municipal corporation

ATTEST:

Lily Rossi, Deputy  
City Clerk

By Sheila Lodge  
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**Table 1**

Ten factors to consider when assessing impacts of visitor use at a site

Factor	1. Conservation value of site	2. Resistance of site	3. Recovery of site	4. Susceptibility of site to erosion	5. Severity of indirect impacts	6. Severity of possible indirect impacts	7. Likely amount of use	8. Timing of use—social	9. Timing of use—ecological	10. Total area likely to be directly affected
Less impact likely	Low—already extensively modified ecosystems	High resistance (grasslands)	Faster (rainforest)	Low (rock or hardened soils)	Low impact (e.g., trampling)	Low (e.g., temporary displacement of predators)	Rare (limited use)	Constant low use	Dryer seasons, warmer	Small (short, narrow track)
Impact spectrum		Medium resistance (herb fields, etc.)			Medium impact (horse riding in some ecosystems)					
Greater impacts likely	High—biodiversity hot spot, limited distribution, etc.	Low resistance (bogs, heaths)	Slower (higher altitude areas)	High (deep humus soils, bog area)	High impact (e.g., 4WD vehicle use)	High (spread of invasive plants)	Popular—many people at all times, or very high usages at key times	Periods of very high usage	Wetter, critical times for ecological events	Large (long track, etc.)

Examples of how impacts could vary within each factor are given here. Details and references for each factor are provided in the text