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- City of Santa Barbara, Airport Department
- Goleta West Sanitary District
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- Environmental Community
- Local/Regional Agencies
- Regulatory Agencies
- Sanitary Districts/Utilities
- Santa Barbara Airport

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The overall goal of the Goleta Slough Management Committee and the *Goleta Slough Area Sea Level Rise and Management Plan* is to provide coordinated management of the Goleta Slough Ecosystem and to provide for a healthy slough ecosystem by implementing the most beneficial plans, mitigation protection or restoration projects possible. The individuals, agencies and groups listed above contributed to that goal and we thank them.

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