



# ISSUE & POLICY ROUNDTABLE

Thursday,  
February 28th  
12:00pm

Chair  
Mark Dispenza

THE CHAMBER'S FORUM FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS CONCERNS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February

29 - Annual  
Membership  
Meeting & 2008  
Magazine Unveiling  
(Info on back)  
Holiday Inn  
5650 Calle Real  
11:30am - 1:30pm

### March

11 - Issue & Policy  
Roundtable  
Commercial Real  
Estate Trends  
Jean Blois  
Community Room  
271 N. Fairview  
Suite 104  
12:00pm - 1:15pm

13 - Lemon Festival  
Comm. Meeting  
Jean Blois  
Community Room  
271 N. Fairview  
Suite 104  
8:00am - 9:00am

17 - Executive  
Board Meeting  
Jean Blois  
Community Room  
271 N. Fairview  
Ave., Ste 104  
12:00pm - 1:30pm

26 - Business After  
Hours Mixer  
Hampton Inn  
5665 Hollister Ave.  
5:00pm - 7:00pm

27 - Issue & Policy  
Roundtable  
Jean Blois  
Community Room  
271 N. Fairview  
Suite 104  
12:00pm - 1:15pm

## Venoco's Facility Improvements & Modernization

Venoco, Inc. is planning important improvements to their Goleta facilities and has applications pending with the State Lands Commission, the entity responsible for regulating oil and natural gas development operations in California.

Steve Greig, Venoco's Government Relations and Regulatory Manager will explain the Ellwood Oil Pipeline Installation and Field Improvements project that requests approval to improve infrastructure at Venoco's facilities within Goleta, extend the lease boundary of their offshore leases, construct a pipeline for transporting the extracted oil and natural gas, and decommission the Barge Jovalan.

Venoco's modernization offers numerous benefits to the local community, including: addressing the long time interests of the environmental community to eliminate offshore barging and to decommission the Marine Terminal; increased revenue for local jurisdictions through royalty sharing; and continued development of more local oil and natural gas supplies for California to keep our energy portfolio diverse and the cost of living manageable for business owners and their employees.



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## INTEREST ITEMS

### ITEM 1: 2007 Chamber Position Summary

Review of positions taken by the Chamber on state, regional, and local issues in 2007.

### ITEM 2: CalChamber Sacramento Legislative Summit, May 20-22, 2008

Opportunity to meet and speak with our legislators and State Government staff officials. Includes breakfast with the Governor, dinner with local legislators, and seminars. Any interested members should contact Anna.

### ITEM 3: Goleta Beach Park, Beach Stabilization/Permeable Pier

Coastal Commission staff is reviewing application from the County. Initial reports are that the application will be returned to the County as incomplete. Chamber is member of a coalition of support to ensure that the Coastal Commission understands that the vast majority of the community supports protecting the park.

### ITEM 4: Goleta Valley Community Plan update

The Chamber submitted the following to Supervisor Janet Wolf, Supervisor 2nd District: "The Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce is very concerned with the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission recommendation to prevent most rezoning or General Plan amendments in the unincorporated Goleta Valley during the Community Plan update.

Additionally, we question the value of updating the entire plan when other options could produce a better result in less time and at less cost to the county's taxpayers.

A moratorium would last six years or more by the time rezoning and amendments are studied and a project completes the development review process. Such a long delay would only compound the multiple negative environmental, economic, and social impacts already felt on the South Coast. We need to find ways to house the critical workforce that keeps us safe, healthy, and allows our businesses to thrive.

Planning Commissioners and staff indicated on February 6th that the update could cost \$500,000 and would only cover about five vacant properties - a large sum of money to spend for just a few parcels. We believe it would make more sense simply to revise the outdated policies in the existing plan and to hold community design workshops to address the best uses for the specific properties in question."

We appreciate your publicly stated commitment to ensuring that the Goleta Community Plan Advisory Committee is balanced and that it will be charged with producing an updated plan that will help meet our area's substantial housing needs.

Now, we urge you and your fellow Supervisors to focus on a simpler, less time-consuming, and less expensive approach to allow much needed residential development to proceed sooner."

### ITEM 5: Shelby Property Initiation

On February 19th, the City Council vote 3-2 to initiated the Shelby residential project. Shelby proposed 75 homes, including a diverse selection of workforce, affordable, and market rate units. The Chamber spoke in favor of initiating at the hearing.



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## NOTES

### LOCAL POLITICAL CALENDAR

#### February

26 - Design Review Board  
3:00pm  
Goleta City Hall  
130 Cremona Drive, Ste. B

#### March

4 - City Council Meeting  
1:30pm & 6:00pm  
Goleta City Hall  
130 Cremona Drive, Ste. B

*IPR is the Chamber's forum for governmental and business concerns. The IPR committee will endeavor to study and take positions, when appropriate, on local regional and state issues that affect business and commerce in the Greater Goleta Valley.*

*The Chamber is the largest and most broadly based business representative in the Goleta Valley. It is the Chamber's role to promote a platform of economic health and vitality for the Goleta Valley on behalf of our members. IPR meetings and discussions are open to all Chamber members. When voting on an action item, all members present will be asked to vote. To be valid, votes must include a majority of the committee members listed below:*

Kristen Amyx  
Jean Blois  
Mark Dispenza  
Mark Ingalls  
Jim Knight  
Bill Macfadyen  
Tim Mahoney  
Bill Redding

## MEMBERSHIP MEET

### 2008 Annual Membership Meeting

**WHO:** achievements in 2007, and endorse our goals for 2008.  
Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce

**WHAT:** The Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to the 2008 Annual Meeting; an elegant, professional luncheon provided each year for our members.

At this business presentation we will unveil the new Goleta Magazine, install our new board of directors, acknowledge our

**WHEN:** Friday, February 29th, 11:30am - 2:00 pm

**WHERE:** Holiday Inn  
5650 Calle Real  
Goleta

**COST:** Chamber Members - \$35  
Non-Members - \$45

## GOLETA'S FINEST

### Nominate the Finest Today



In April/May, the Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce will be honoring Goleta's Finest with a "Celebration of Our Community." If you know of someone within our community deserving special recognition for their activities, then here's

your chance to nominate them for this prestigious award.

To ensure that your recommendations are considered, please return a completed nomination form to the Goleta Chamber by February 29th, 2007. If you have any questions please call the Chamber.

Forms are available here at the Chamber and online:

<http://www.goletavalleychamber.com/goletasfinest/nomination.pdf>

THE GOLETA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS A MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:



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