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May 19, 2026 CPA Reports ...

... From the Board

As mentioned in our last issue, CPA is joining with the UCSB Art Design and Architecture Museum in planning for the David Gebhart centennial next year. Gebhart was CPA President for several years. I recently corresponded with Sheila Lodge, longtime CPA member who knew Gebhart personally and worked with him on several local CPA issues. Sheila has such a firm understanding of Santa Barbara history and how the work of that generation made Santa Barbara so special.

CPA has committed to sponsor the centennial at a very basic level and we could use your financial support to meet our goal. We are at 20% of our goal. If anyone would like to participate, you will be recognized individually but your contribution will help CPA complete its commitment. Please contact me if you need more information: maryellenbrooks84@gmail.com. Checks will need to be made out to the UCSB Foundation.

The memorial service for CPA member Dr. Charles Blair will be held at United Church of Christ in Vandenberg Village on Saturday May 30th at 11 a.m. Contact Marell for more information.

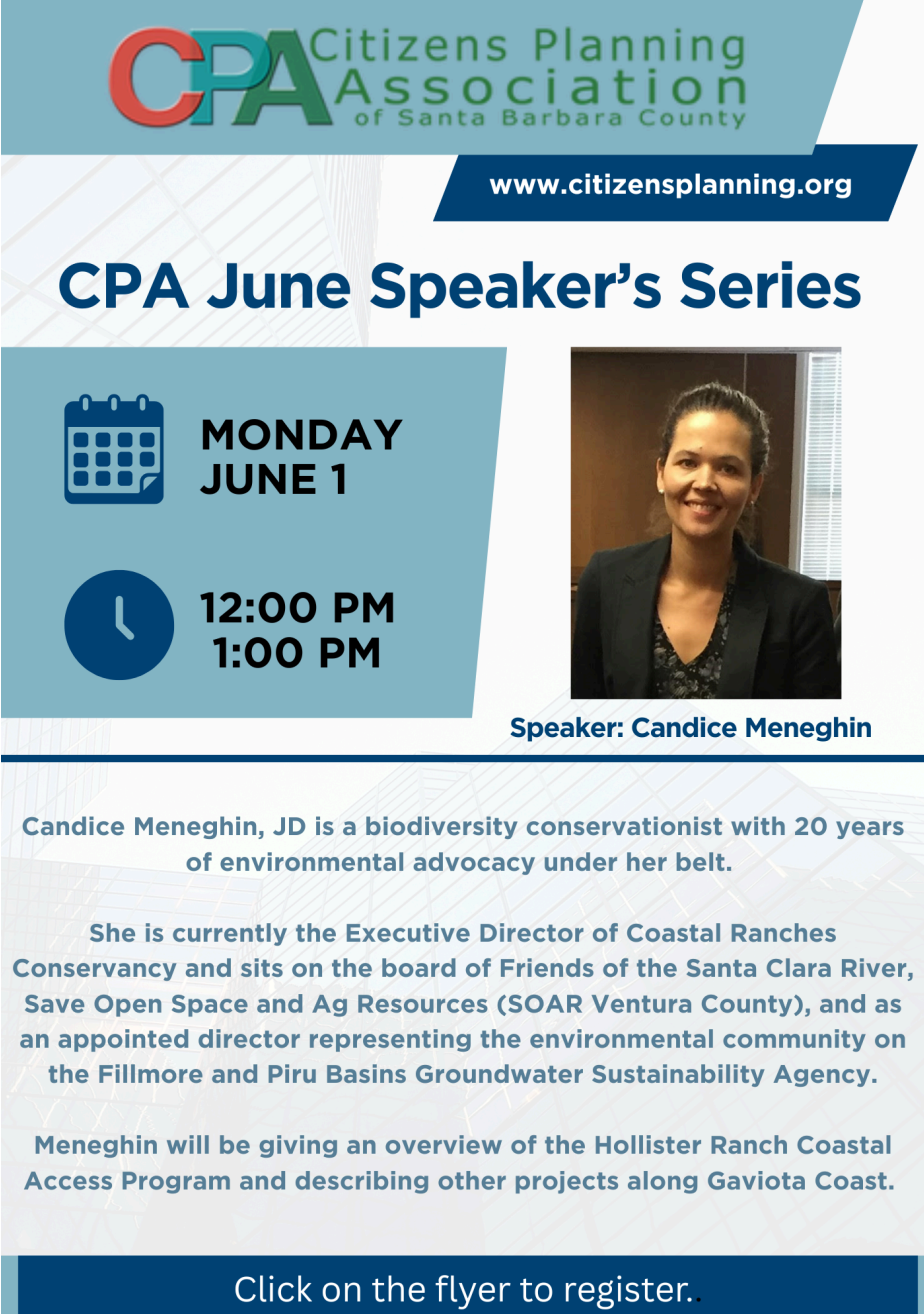
Looking ahead, the Board has decided to have the annual meeting in August. It will be held at the Adobe behind the Presidio and we will offer light fare. Details will follow in the next CPAR.

With an important primary election looming over us, CPA urges members to read about the candidates and see who might help to protect CEQA. CEQA might need some tweaking but there is a very strong push in Sacramento to gut it in the name of the 'housing crisis'. CPA has been researching how communities across the State are handling the State Mandates and are alarmed that some decision-makers are blaming our housing 'crisis' on the CEQA process. Also, many of the projects that necessitated a change in zoning are only required to offer 15% affordable. That ratio will never provide us with the kind of housing we so desperately need.

Lastly, CPA is delighted to announce that Nancy Avoce, our communications contract person, has been appointed Executive Director of SBCAN. It has been a pleasure working with Nancy during the past year and we have benefited from her growing knowledge of all things Planning in our County and her computer publishing talents. We are presently interviewing for this position.

... Speakers Series

Thank you for joining CPA's May Speakers Series with guest speaker **Mike Prater, Executive Officer of Santa Barbara LAFCO** where he explained the role of LAFCO and shared maps of three proposals the county is currently considering. View the recording on our website [here](#).





The flyer features a light blue and white color scheme with a grid pattern in the background. At the top, the CPA logo is displayed in red and green, with the text 'Citizens Planning Association of Santa Barbara County'. Below the logo, the website 'www.citizensplanning.org' is written in white on a dark blue banner. The main title 'CPA June Speaker's Series' is in large, bold, dark blue font. To the left, a calendar icon is next to the text 'MONDAY JUNE 1', and a clock icon is next to '12:00 PM 1:00 PM'. To the right is a portrait of Candice Meneghin, a woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a dark blazer over a patterned top. Below the portrait is the text 'Speaker: Candice Meneghin'. The bottom section contains a paragraph about Candice Meneghin's background and current role, followed by a paragraph about her presentation topic. At the very bottom, a dark blue banner contains the text 'Click on the flyer to register.'


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CPA June Speaker's Series

 **MONDAY
JUNE 1**

 **12:00 PM
1:00 PM**



Speaker: Candice Meneghin

Candice Meneghin, JD is a biodiversity conservationist with 20 years of environmental advocacy under her belt.

She is currently the Executive Director of Coastal Ranches Conservancy and sits on the board of Friends of the Santa Clara River, Save Open Space and Ag Resources (SOAR Ventura County), and as an appointed director representing the environmental community on the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Meneghin will be giving an overview of the Hollister Ranch Coastal Access Program and describing other projects along Gaviota Coast.

Click on the flyer to register.

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/FKJf0FHZSFGZm75OY_mMDQ

... Tonight's SAGE Meeting



SAGE
SMART ACTION FOR
GROWTH & EQUITY
SANTA BARBARA

We apologize for the late notice but we strongly urge you to attend the SAGE community meeting to discuss the Builder's Remedy project at 505 E. Los Olivos St, behind the historic Mission Santa Barbara.

Sign up to attend the meeting using [this link](#).

If you cannot make the meeting, see [this petition](#) to the City of Santa Barbara, urging them to consider the health, safety, and environmental concerns of the Los Olivos and other Builder's Remedy projects.

... State Housing Bond

See the call to action from Senior Assistant to the City Administrator Barbara Andersen below.

“As you all know, we’ve been advocating relentlessly to **amend the State Housing Bond** vehicles to **include funding for the Local Housing Trust Fund Program**. Unfortunately, last Thursday, both bond vehicles (AB 736 and SB 417) passed off their respective second house appropriations committee suspense files without amendments, meaning both will now move to the floor. But there is still time to push forward our ask!

This is the time for personal calls and texts to our members (Limón and Hart) to request an amendment to include the Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) Grant Program as one of the programs to be funded through the Housing Bond.

Specifically, we suggest the following talking points:

California’s proposed housing bonds, AB 736 (Wicks) and SB 417 (Cabaldon), present a critical opportunity to invest in affordable housing, but they must include \$500 million for the Local Housing

Trust Fund Program to be effective. LHTF funding was included in the 2018 housing bond, and sustaining programs we create is essential to maintaining progress. These funds are often the last dollars into a project, closing critical financing gaps and unlocking additional federal, local, and private investment. Without this investment, the state risks losing one of its most effective, locally driven housing production tools at a time of continued housing need.”

... UCSB Housing

CPA has been a member of the Sustainable University Now! Coalition for two decades and we are finally seeing some movement by UCSB to accommodate students as promised many years ago. Read more [here](#).



The Coastal Commission has approved UCSB’s housing plan for four new buildings to accommodate 1,688 beds as part of the East Campus Housing Project.

Bodger Housing Development and Vesting Tentative Tract Map (Project) - Deadline June 12

For decades, several groups have fought to keep this property in agriculture as part of the Bailey Avenue corridor. Alas, the owner was able to take advantage of Builder's Remedy and submit this proposal to the County. It includes 200 single family lots and two lots for 140 townhouses.

Visit the County Planning Department website to find out more about this project.

The [CPA website](#) offers a wealth of information. All our past comment letters are posted as are the links to some of the past Speakers Series. Important links for decision-making bodies are listed and we will now add copies of CPAR. You may join CPA via this [Paypal link](#).



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