

RANCH RAMBLINGS

*Hope Ranch Park Homes
Association Newsletter*

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Hope Ranch Beach Festival Returns!

We are thrilled to announce the return of the Hope Ranch Beach Festival! A massive thank you goes to Cyndi Harris and her incredible committee for bringing us a newly reimagined and exciting event this year. You won't want to miss out on the fun, but space is limited *it is the last call to purchase your tickets and to ensure your spot and guarantee participation for you and your family.

Upgrading Our HOA Operations

The Board of Directors is proud to share that Hope Ranch is implementing a comprehensive HOA software system for the very first time. This unified platform will bring all of our community operations and finances together into one cohesive hub, a major operational upgrade that will streamline staff processes and deliver a much smoother experience for all homeowners.

We are already taking active steps to train staff and consolidate data so the system can go live on November 1. Our dedicated staff is embracing this ambitious transition with open arms and working hard behind the scenes. As they balance this major integration alongside their daily responsibilities, we kindly ask for your patience, support, and grace during the transition period.

- **How You Can Help:** A successful launch depends entirely on the accuracy of our homeowner database. If there has been any change in your property's ownership, we will need a copy of the official recorded instrument detailing the update and designating the primary owner.
- **Action Item:** When you receive your ownership verification form, please gather any necessary documentation and return it to the office promptly. Your quick cooperation on this is critical to keeping our rollout on schedule.

Security Updates & Entrance Cameras

You may have heard that our Flock security cameras at Las Palmas and Via Tranquila were recently stolen. Additionally, the camera at Marina Drive has been taken down. Non-Ranch residents have filed a class action lawsuit against the Ranch regarding these license-plate-reading cameras, which previously supported our Patrol and the Sheriff's Department.

As a result, the Ranch currently has no entrance cameras operating. While we navigate these legal and operational challenges, maintaining security cameras on your private property to record any unusual or unlawful activity is more important than ever.

Working Together

Hope Ranch thrives when we all actively contribute to its care, safety, and vibrant community spirit. Every resident plays a vital role in keeping our neighborhood strong, safe, and welcoming. If you have questions, ideas, or suggestions, please reach out directly to our General Manager, Samantha, or to myself, we are always here to listen and collaborate as we make Hope Ranch an even better place to live!

Warmest Regards,
Adrienne Schuele
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A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Dear Hope Ranch Community,

August has been a productive month across the Ranch. As summer wraps up, our team has been hard at work keeping your infrastructure updated, your common areas enhanced, and your community prepared and connected to Ranch Happenings.

Infrastructure & Maintenance Work

- **Road & Utility Coordination:** The remaining finishing touches on the summer chip seal project still remain – striping. Scheduling this has been a bit of a challenge with the striping company, so we appreciate everyone’s understanding as we wait for these final components to be completed very soon. So, Cal Edison performed recent tree trimming along Las Palmas and Las Olas Drive, as well as completed a complex helicopter pole replacement near Las Palmas and Via Cayente in the creek. This project was highly involved, and we are glad it was executed and completed safely. We understand these can cause delays and appreciate your continued patience with localized traffic controls and temporary outages.
- **Common Area Enhancements:** Infrastructure upgrades at the picnic grounds’ electrical supply are wrapped up, and new directional tire spikes have been installed at the beach exit to reinforce safety and access security moving into the future.
- **Private Property Clearance:** Following our community-wide palm trimming initiative, please remember that property owners are responsible for the prompt removal and disposal of private yard debris.

Operations Enhancement – Upcoming Software Implementation

- **Software Implementation & Modernization:** We are currently hard at work preparing for a comprehensive software implementation, targeting a go-live date of November 1st. To ensure this operational modernization transitions smoothly, our team has roughly 35 calendar meetings booked to document past processes and procedures that were previously unrecorded. For more details on how this effort will elevate service for all members and board members alike, please see the President’s Letter.

Community Safety & Upcoming Events

- **Emergency Preparedness:** Peak wildfire season is upon us and the rainy season will be here before we know it. If you haven't done so already, please take five minutes to register for local emergency notices via ReadySBC.org. Your FireWise Committee is working diligently to implement a Beacon Box program, so keep an eye out for more information on this project soon.
- **Mark your calendars for the return of the Hope Ranch Beach Festival!** September 5–6, 2026.

Additional Friendly Reminders:

- **Building Fee Schedule:** A reminder that the revised building permit and plan check fee structures will go into effect on November 1, 2026. Detailed documentation is available on the owner portal under “building department” > “important forms” and in prior e-blasts to all members.

Thank you to our dedicated staff, board members, committee members, and residents for working together to keep Hope Ranch safe, well-maintained, and beautiful.

Sincerely,

Samantha Bankston
General Manager



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

There's still time to get your tickets for the Hope Ranch Beach Festival this Labor Day weekend! It will be an unforgettable celebration featuring delicious food, live music, dancing, Hope Ranch T-shirt sales, an Arts and Crafts Show, and a Silent Auction. It will be fun for the whole family!

The festivities begin at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, with dinner served at 5:30 p.m.

And what a dinner it will be! Enjoy:

- Four delicious kinds of tacos with chips and Guacamole
- A beautiful grazing table
- Tri-tip and chicken hot off the grill
- Grilled vegetables, coleslaw, and vegetarian baked beans
- Tasty desserts to finish the meal

Come ready to tap your toes and sing along with Mike Nicassio & The InVocations, followed by Sage City. Next, Burleigh Skidmore and the Hope Ranch Posse will perform three favorite songs before we welcome REDFISH to the stage for an unforgettable evening of dancing under the stars!

All ticket sales go toward your food and entertainment, and we extend a heartfelt thank-you to our generous donors, whose support is helping make this wonderful community celebration possible.

Important parking reminder: Please drop off your friends and family at Hope Ranch Beach Park, then park at Laguna Blanca School and ride the complimentary shuttle back to the Beach Park.

And don't forget—this event is BYOB, so bring your favorite beverages!

Then, please join us again on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for the Hope Ranch Classic Cardboard Boat Regatta, a watermelon-eating contest, and hot dogs and hamburgers with your friends and family on the beach! Bring your favorite side to share.

Get your tickets today, gather your family and friends, and join us for a fabulous Labor Day weekend by the sea. See the flyer on the following page for more details. We can't wait to see you there!

PURCHASE TICKETS AND PRE ORDER SHIRTS HERE

<https://hope-ranch-park-homes-association.square.site/>

See You at the Beach!

The Hope Ranch Social Committee

Cyndi Silverman
Cell: 805-252-5910



YOUR LABOR DAY WEEKEND STARTS HERE!

Food • Music • Dancing • Beachside Fun for the Whole Family

Dear Hope Ranch Community,

There's still time to get your tickets for the Hope Ranch Beach Festival this Labor Day weekend—an unforgettable celebration of food, music, dancing, and fun for the whole family!

SATURDAY FESTIVITIES

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WHAT A DINNER!

Four delicious kinds of tacos • A beautiful grazing table • Tri-tip and chicken hot off the grill • Grilled vegetables, coleslaw, and baked beans • Tasty desserts

LIVE MUSIC & DANCING UNDER THE STARS

Tap your toes and sing along with Mike Nicassio & The InVocations, followed by Sage City and Burleigh Skidmore and the Hope Ranch Posse. Then dance under the stars with REDFISH!

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PARKING & SHUTTLE

Please drop off your friends and family at Hope Ranch Beach Park, then park at Laguna Blanca School and ride the complimentary shuttle back to the Beach Park.

REMEMBER: THIS EVENT IS BYOB—BRING YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGES!

JOIN US AGAIN ON SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M.

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GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

We can't wait to celebrate with you by the sea!

Warmly, The Hope Ranch Social Committee

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GUEST ARTICLE

On August 13, 2026 - Hope Ranch Owner Dr. Laurie Kurilla helped host a geology beach walk & talk for the Hope Ranch Riding & Trails Association (HRRTA). Dr. Kurilla wrote a paper, "Hope Ranch Geology," and was kind enough to share it here for those who may be interested. Enjoy!

Hope Ranch Geology

Laurie J. Kurilla, Ph.D., M.B.A.

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Introduction

Hope Ranch sits on a 42,000 year old marine terrace, on the Pacific tectonic plate, which is moving northwesterly at a rate of about 5-10 cm (~2-4")/year. The Pacific Plate is the Earth's largest and most active plate.

To understand the geology of Hope Ranch, one must understand the geologic history of California.

About 135 mya (million years ago) the North American and Pacific plates came together in violent collisions that shaped southern California. All of SoCal to north Baja was underwater before being uplifted. 40-50 mya most of the Santa Barbara front and back country formed from sediments filling the ocean basin that was formed during the subduction of the Pacific plate beneath the N. American plate. As the Sierra Nevada mountains rose, 20,000 – 30,000 feet of sediment accumulated on the ocean floor and became the fertile Central Valley and the Santa Barbara Coast.

For about 10 my (23-35 mya) the seas covered Santa Barbara with an accumulation of abundant marine life (organic material). This is when the Monterey Formation was laid down. The Monterey Formation is the major source-rock for 37 to 38 billion barrels of oil in conventional traps such as silty sandstones and shales. This is most of California's known oil resources. [Behl, Richard J., *"The Monterey Formation of California: New Research Directions"* California State University, Long Beach 2012]. The Monterey Formation extends laterally from the sea all the way to the base of the Sierra Nevada mountains.

Our Santa Barbara (and Hope Ranch) cliffs are the result of two types of geological events (1) uplift during tectonic activity associated with the More Ranch Fault, and (2) an ice-age drop in sea level ~17,000 years ago. Hope Ranch was raised about 600 feet due to uplift at the More Fault to the west and the Mesa fault at the east, as recently as 10,000 – 20,000 years ago. The highest elevation in Hope Ranch is about 550' on Cuervo Avenue and the lowest point is sea level at Hope Ranch Beach.

Cliff retreat, in general (without major storm or tectonic events), has been about 1' annually in Isla Vista for the past 50 years; Hope Ranch and Santa Barbara experienced 7-8 inches. The rule of thumb for normal cliff retreat, is "the height of a person in a person's lifetime."

Faults and Landslides

Faults

Hope Ranch is circumscribed by Quaternary (2.58 mya to present) faults (red lines).

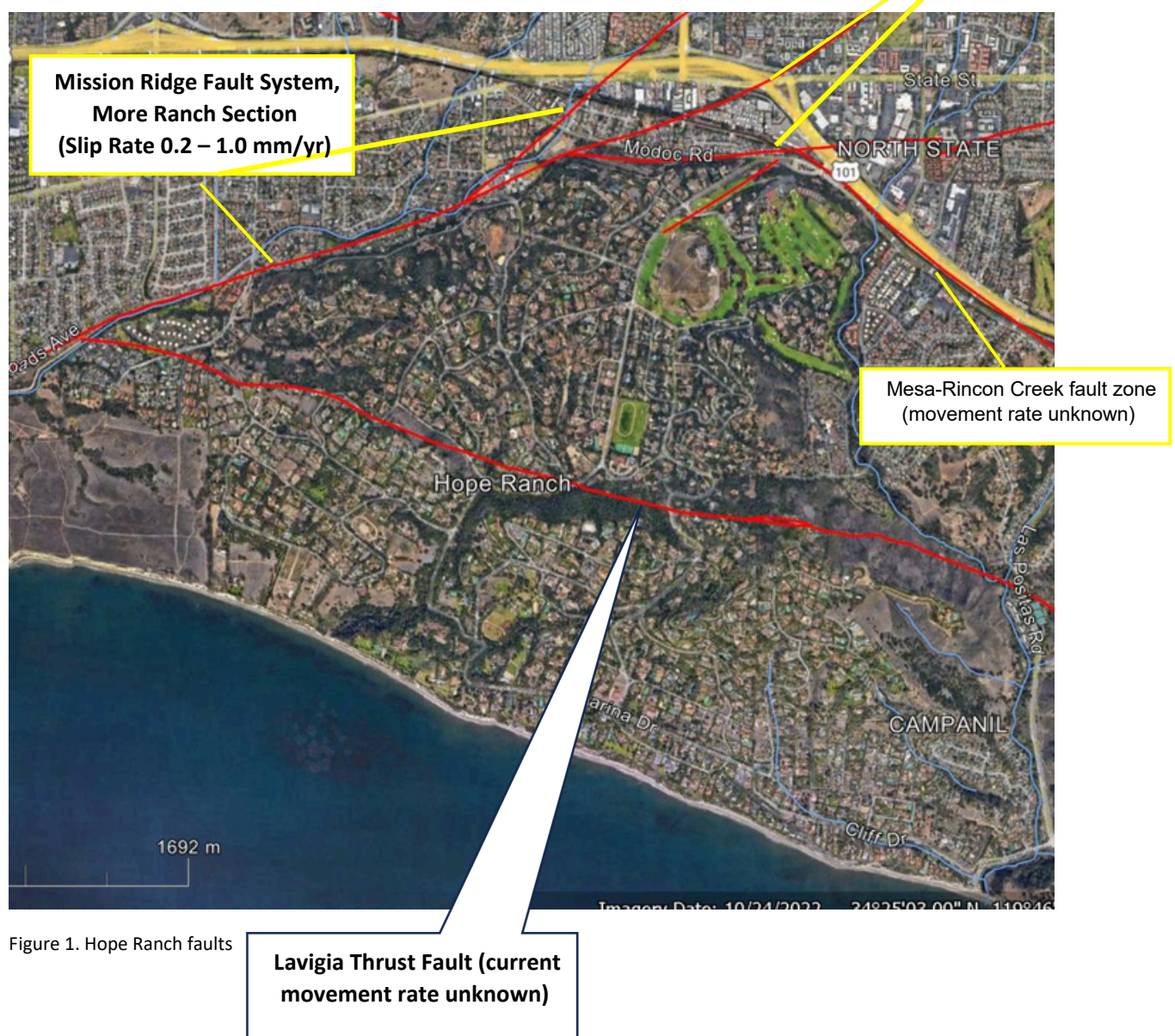


Figure 1. Hope Ranch faults

Sometimes it's just fun to see the bigger picture. Below are maps of faults all around us.

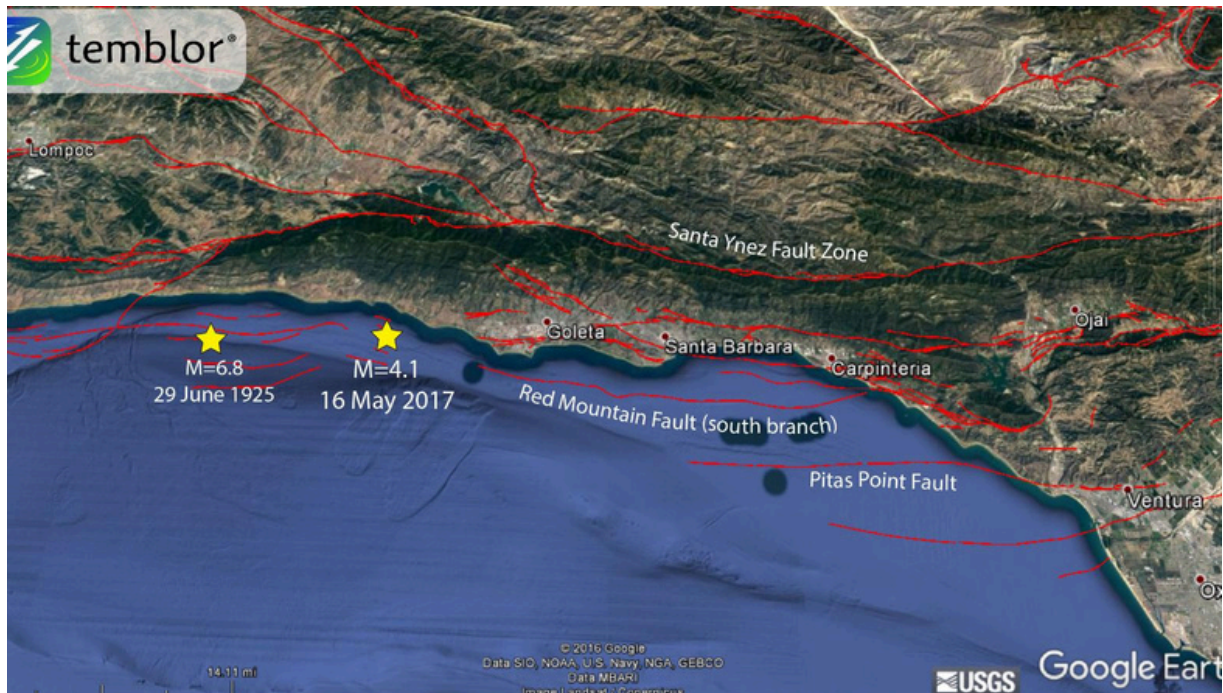


Figure 2. Eastern Santa Barbara County faults



Figure 3. Eastern Santa Barbara County faults on land and sea. Source: <https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/fam/> Purple faults: Within last 2.5 my, age of displacement undifferentiated. Green faults: Displacement within last 700,000 years. Red faults: Displacement has occurred within last 200 years.

Landslides



Figure 4. Hope Ranch landslides. Source: <https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/lsi/app/>

Don't be fooled by the lack of landslides on this map. These are simply those landslides that were either large enough, or had sufficient interest, to be mapped. There are numerous landslides, land slumps, and rock falls throughout Hope Ranch, both old and current.

Hydrology

Creeks/Drainage

Our hydrologic features include Laguna Blanca and an unnamed creek. Laguna Blanca is a natural lake originally formed in a low lying area fed by the Cieneguitas and/or Arroyo Burro Creek, whose channels have changed direction over geologic time. A minor, unnamed (on official maps), intermittent creek runs parallel to parts of Las Palmas Drive and empties into the sea at Hope Ranch Beach, we call it Las Olas Creek. "The present stream carries too little water to account for the prominent canyon it occupies. This canyon extends from the Laguna Blanca Basin to the sea and was almost certainly cut by a much larger stream, possibly Arroyo Burro Creek or Cieneguitas Creek" both of which were diverted westward during the tectonic uplifts. The current stream is "a tiny headless stream too small to have created the gorge it now occupies." [Norris, Robert M., *"The Geology and Landscape of Santa Barbara County, California and Its Offshore Islands"*, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Monograph 246pp, 2003]. Las Olas Creek is important to Hope Ranch as it is the primary drainage for most of central and eastern Hope Ranch, discharging at Hope Ranch Beach. Possibly 70-85% of Hope Ranch drains to Las Olas Creek, 19-20% eastward to Arroyo Burro Creek, and a small northwestern portion drains to Cieneguitas Creek. A larger ancestral drainage system flowed south from the Santa Ynez Mountains to the sea across what is now Hope Ranch. This paleo-drainage probably included: paleo-Atascadero Creek, paleo-Cieneguitas Creek, and several smaller foothill tributaries. During tectonic uplift Hope Ranch and More Mesa emerged as uplifted marine terraces, stream gradients changed, and drainages became increasingly confined by developing topography. Eventually those ancestral creeks were diverted westward, and water was routed toward the evolving Goleta Slough. Today's Las Olas Creek is no longer a stream initiating in the Santa Ynez mountains.

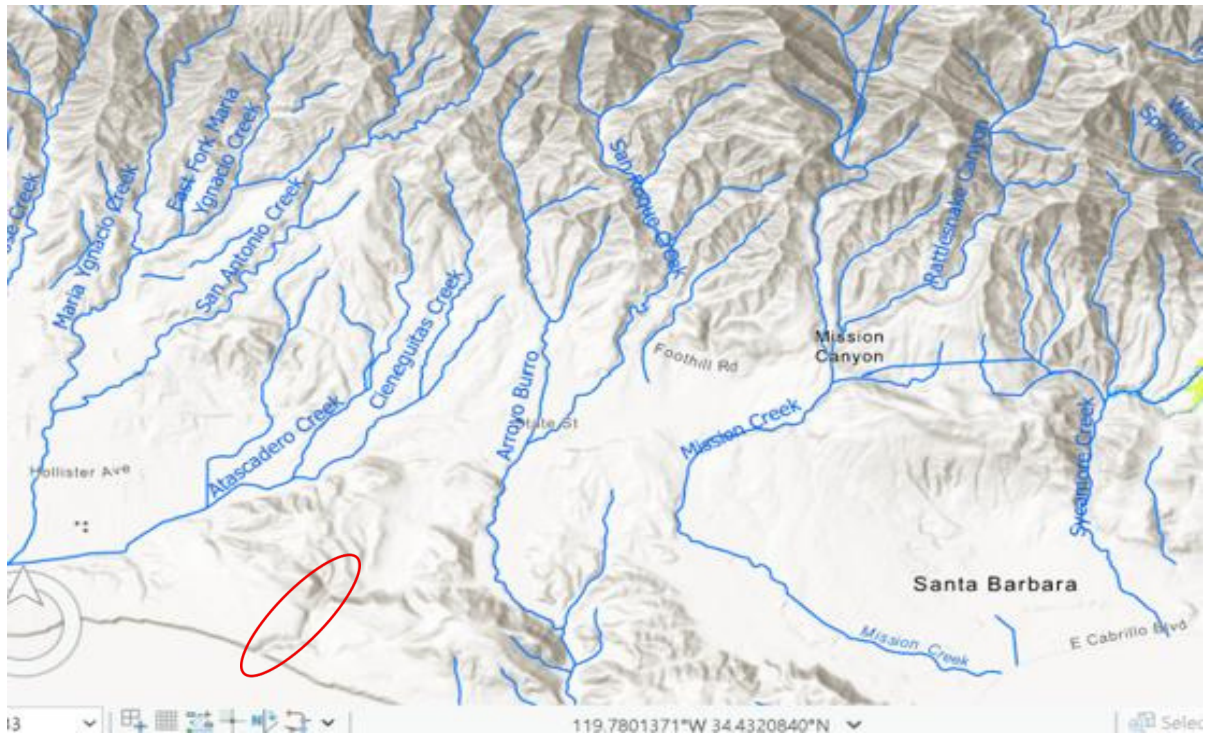


Figure 5. Present-day drainage channels in and around Hope Ranch. Red oval indicates present-day Las Olas Creek to sea.

LagunaBlanca

LagunaBlanca Lake, in part, is a natural lake. This small lake occupies a shallow depression (LagunaBlanca Basin) between the More Ranch and Lavigia faults and was filled only intermittently before Hope Ranch was developed in 1925. At that time, a well in the foothills east of San Marcos Pass fed a pipeline to the lake, providing a permanent supply. Deterioration of this pipeline caused it to be abandoned in the 1960s and municipal water supply was used to augment the lake when winter rains failed to provide sufficient water. As water supplies have become more restricted and expensive, the lake has been allowed to go dry during severe drought." [Norris, Robert M., *"The Geology and Landscape of Santa Barbara County, California and Its Offshore Islands"*, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Monograph 246pp, 2003].

Tar Seeps and Solfataras

Tar Seeps

Naturally occurring submarine seeps in the Santa Barbara Channel are responsible for the tar blobs and "oil sands" on the beaches from Goleta to Santa Barbara (including Hope Ranch Beach). About 20-25 tons of oil are emitted each day. We know the seeps have occurred for

10,000 years as there are records of the Chumash using the *asphaltum* for waterproofing tomols (canoes) and baskets.

There are buried tar seeps in our cliffs (in the Monterey Formation shale mentioned earlier), which occasionally catch fire by lightning, brush fires, and accidental means. In addition, various areas throughout Santa Barbara County, including our Hope Ranch Beach, have experienced events which were ignited by spontaneous combustion of hydrocarbons. These events have been reported as far back as the 18th century.

Solfataras

Spontaneous combustion is the phenomenon in which a hydrocarbon substance (oiliferous Monterey shale in Hope Ranch) unexpectedly burst into flame without apparent cause. In this case slow oxidation of the hydrocarbons releases heat, and if the heat cannot escape, the temperature of the hydrocarbon rises until ignition takes place. These fires may continue to smolder for a hundred years. The primary by-products of hydrocarbon combustion include carbon dioxide (CO₂), water vapor (H₂O), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), particulate matter, and trace amounts of other pollutants.

These phenomena have been called fumaroles and volcanoes. The accepted terminology is “solfatara”. The word “solfatara” comes from Latin Sulpha terra, "land of sulfur", or "sulfur earth". “Solfatara” is also the name of a dormant volcano near Naples, Italy, which still emits jets of steam with sulfurous fumes. The terms solfatara and fumarole are associated with volcanic activity, however, the solfataras found in Santa Barbara County are **not** associated with volcanic activity, present or past.



Figure 6. (a) 2026, Credit: Santa Barbara County Fire Department (b) 2020, Credit: Hugh Margerum

Santa Barbara Mission had its beginning in Hope Ranch

The predominant lithologies (rocks) throughout Hope Ranch are primarily Monterey Formation shale and smaller amounts of limestone, which are overlain by Quaternary (~2.5 mya to present) alluvium. The limestone used in the mortar for building the Santa Barbara Mission was quarried from uphill of the Cantera Avenue - Corta Road intersection. The limestone was “mixed

with seashells and baked in a brick calera (kiln), the ruins of which lie at the foot of the slope south of 1161 Las Palmas Drive.” [Thomkins, Walker A., “Santa Barbara Neighborhoods” Santa Board of Realtors, 1989].



Figure 7 (a) Limestone outcrops on lithology map. The red star is Cantera Avenue – Corta Road intersection where lime was quarried. The green star is the Santa Barbara Mission. (b) Hillshade map showing topographic relief. Circled area indicates location of limestone outcrops.

All of the blue polygons in the Figure 7 (a) are outcropping “units” of the Miocene (5-23 mya) Monterey Formation. All are composed primarily of organic shales and thin limestones, with various other minerals, but with different combinations in different units. The Monterey Formation is pervasive in Santa Barbara County but does not surface everywhere. The blue polygons are where the Monterey Formation outcrops, which is not widespread. The Hope Ranch site is the largest outcrop of the oldest unit of the Monterey Formation. It is primarily calcareous (calcium) , siliceous (silica), and phosphatic (phosphorus). This particular unit is outlined in black on the map. Why did they choose the Hope Ranch site to quarry? I can only speculate that (1) this may be the only place where there was sufficient limestone (rather than shale) in the “formation”, (2) the siliceous and phosphatic constituents of the Hope Ranch site may be more suitable for building (mortar) purposes, (3) there may have been an agreement made with the owners of this land to quarry, and/or (4) the terrain may have been more difficult in the alternate location (Figure 7 (b)).

SECURITY REPORT

Prepared by Frank Mendez, Security Supervisor

July 25 9:20PM – Patrol received a report of a group of people at HR beach with a bonfire in the sand. Patrol checked and noted the bonfire was in a container and there was a bucket (for water) present. Patrol discussed the bonfire rules and was assured the person in charge would properly extinguish the bonfire. Patrol noted no wind at the time.

July 27 3:30PM – Patrol assisted the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department with an alarm call on the 4100-blk. of Mariposa Dr. Patrol and the Sheriff's checked the property and all the doors were locked and the windows were closed. There was no sign of any suspicious activity, and the cause of the alarm was undetermined. Patrol noted the property was being monitored by a camera surveillance system.

July 27 6:26PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Carretas who reported an unknown vehicle parked on the bridle trail along Via Huerto. Patrol responded and found an unattended red Hyundai. Patrol noted the vehicle info and issued a parking warning. During a later check, patrol noted the Hyundai was gone.

July 27 7:49PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Camino Medio who reported a solicitor that was at her door, and she was afraid to open the door. The solicitor was described as a young male in a blue shirt. Patrol responded and was flagged down by another Camino Medio Resident who reported the same solicitor. Patrol located the male at another residence on Camino Medio and made a casual contact and advised him Hope Ranch was private property. Patrol learned the 23 yr. old male is from Ojai and was soliciting for his carwash business. The male was cooperative and patrol provided a ride to his truck, which was parked on Via Tranquila. The male left without incident.

July 28 8:49AM – While patrolling Cantera Ave., patrol noticed a female walking an unleashed dog in the roadway. Patrol noted the female had a leash in hand. Patrol made a casual car-to-ped contact about the unleashed activity and the female leashed her dog without incident. Note: Please leash your dog, thank you.

July 28 12:41PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Roblada who reported a reckless driving incident from the day before involving a red VW sedan. The Resident said a line of vehicles were behind a cement truck going uphill on Via Bendita from Las Palmas and she observed the VW speed and unsafely pass around several of the vehicles, including the cement truck. The Resident followed the vehicle to a residence on Via Roblada and attempted to handle the situation herself, "neighbor-to-neighbor". The Resident was greeted at the door by a young adult female who was extremely rude to the Resident during the contact. Patrol followed up with Resident where the VW had been seen at and provided details of the incident. Patrol learned the female in the VW is a contracted employee and the Resident who hired her services would follow up with the company.

July 31 9:35AM – While patrolling the 4400-blk. of Via Cayente, patrol noticed a medium sized branch in the roadway partially obstructing the traffic lane. Patrol safely removed the branch from the roadway and noted the property where the branch belonged to, which would be responsible for the cleanup and disposal.

August 01 12:05PM – While patrolling the 4600-blk. of Via Bendita, patrol noticed a parked vehicle with the engine on and a driver that appeared to be sleeping. Patrol made a casual contact on foot and knocked on the driver's window, causing the driver to wake up. The driver spoke broken English and advised he was delivering packages for the postal service. The driver continued his route and made a nearby delivery to a residence on Via Bendita.

August 01 7:10PM – While patrolling Marina Dr., patrol noticed a transient male with a dog, pushing a shopping cart filled with personal belongings. Patrol made a casual car-to-ped contact with the male and ultimately assisted him by providing a courtesy transport to La Cumbre Plaza, without incident.

August 02 9:40AM – While checking HR beach, patrol noticed several beach goers with a total of 5 unleashed dogs running on the beach. Patrol made a casual contact on foot regarding the unleashed activity. All but one Resident cooperated and his dog was seen running up to another leashed dog that had to be guided away from the unleashed dog. The owner of the unleashed dog eventually caught up with his dog but made no attempt to control it. The owner of the unleashed dog was associated with a vehicle parked in the HR beach parking lot. Note: Please leash your dogs at the beach, thank you.

August 04 11:41AM – Patrol received a call from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department who advised of an alarm activation on the 4000-blk. of Bajada Lane. Patrol responded and on scene was a Sheriff's Sergeant who advised everything was okay at the residence. Both units cleared without further.

August 04 7:56PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 4000-blk. of Ramitas Rd. who reported hearing fireworks at the Laguna Blanca School field. Patrol checked the area and were unable to locate any firework activity. No subsequent fireworks were seen and/or heard.

Telephone #'s to keep handy:

Hope Ranch Security Patrol

Primary: 805-800-9002 (Direct Cell phone) – Calls, texts.

Note: Email to Hrpatrol@hoperanch.org will also reach the patrol cell.

805-967-8335 (Dispatch)

Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department

805-683-2724 (Non-Emergency dispatch)

California Highway patrol (Traffic related issues)

805-477-4174 (CHP Dispatch)

805-770-4800 (SB CHP office)

·Emergency: 911

SECURITY REPORT CONTINUED...

August 05 6:36AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the 4000-blk. of Mariposa who reported a homeless man, wearing a backpack and a beanie, who according to the Resident, looked “suspicious”. Patrol responded and was unable to locate the reported male. Patrol checked with a worker at a nearby construction site, but no additional sightings were reported.

August 05 11:17AM – Patrol received a report from the Ranch’s Maintenance Supervisor who reported a homeless male with a skateboard on Las Palmas. Patrol checked and the male had already exited the Ranch out the Las Palmas gate.

August 05 12:49PM – Patrol received a call from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department who requested assistance with an alarm activation on the 900-blk. of Via Fruteria. On arrival, the Resident arrived and it was suspected the alarm may have been triggered by a door that had been intentionally left unlocked. All other doors were locked, windows were closed and all appeared to be in order. Patrol cleared without incident.

August 05 8:46PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported water balloons coming from a white Ford truck hitting vehicles on Las Palmas between Via Bendita and Las Olas. The Resident advised two other vehicles were also struck by water balloons, but there were no injuries or damage to the vehicles. Patrol checked the area and was flagged down by a driver who reported that earlier, his vehicle was struck by water balloons. The driver advised the Ford was also speeding and driving recklessly. Ultimately, the Ford was not located. No subsequent call(s) were received.

August 06 9:55PM – While patrolling Las Palmas near Via Presada, patrol was flagged down by a lost motorist in a black Mercedes Benz who advised she is not from the area and needs directions to the gas station as her engine light came on and needs coolant for her vehicle. Patrol guided the female to the gas station on La Cumbre Rd. without incident.

August 07 10:18AM – Patrol received a report from a caller reporting the smell of smoke around Paloma Dr. Patrol checked the area and found no signs of fire and/or smoke. Patrol checked the online active fire department calls and noted an active vegetation fire call on Marina Dr., with 3 fire department units assigned. Patrol confirmed with the fire department dispatch that grass had ignited at the bluff shale area and the fire was the size of a small bush. Fire department personnel were on scene at the end of Alisa Lane tending to the fire.

August 07 AM – Patrol was flagged down by a worker at a Roble Dr. property who reported the theft of an orange plate compactor worth \$2500, that was last seen outside gate of the Roble property where driveway work was taking place. The worker said the compactor was last seen the previous Saturday at 3pm and was discovered missing on Monday at 8am. Patrol advised the worker to have his boss, the owner of the compactor, file an online theft report with the Sheriff’s Department.

August 08 10:58AM – Patrol received a call from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department regarding a noise complaint on Via Bendita & Via Huerto. Patrol responded and noted a large party already dispersing on the 4600-blk. of Via Bendita. Patrol noted no music was playing and multiple cars and two trolleys were picking up partygoers. Patrol relayed the information to the Sheriff’s.

August 09 9:20AM – While patrolling Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a white Honda vehicle parked near the Laguna Blanca School field with its lights off. Patrol illuminated the Honda with the patrol car spotlight and noted a couple inside the Honda smoking cigarettes. The Honda left the area without incident. Several minutes later, while checking Las Olas, patrol noticed a silver Toyota SUV parked in the dark. Patrol noted a male and a female inside the Toyota engaged in “intimate activity”. Patrol illuminated the Toyota with the spotlight, and the Toyota left the area without incident.

Aug 10 3:57PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on the west end (street intentionally omitted) of the Ranch who reported being verbally assaulted by a neighbor while on the roadway. The Resident followed up by emailing the HR GM an account of the incident. The Resident said he was “verbally assaulted” and “harassed” by his neighbor out on the street. The Resident said he heard a female walking by say an expletive, as the Resident loaded cardboard into the recycling bins. The Resident initially believed the female may have been on her phone, or it was the case of mistaken identity. The Resident saw the female a 2nd time while driving down the street where he noticed she used both hands to “flip off” the Resident, while yelling something out. The Resident recognized the female as a neighbor and took the opportunity to ask if there was a problem. The Resident said the female proceeded with a “profanity laced rant”, while aggressively pointing at the Resident and yelling loudly. The Resident said the female made a reference about how the Resident was making their (female) lives on the other side of the fence miserable. Note: No subsequent call(s) have been received.

August 11 6:45PM – Patrol received a call from a Resident on Via Vistosa who reported kids drifting recklessly on Via Vistosa and Via Esperanza. Patrol responded and noted a BMW drive onto Via Airosa from Via Vistosa. The BMW met with patrol at the cul-de-sac and patrol noticed the BMW had a flat rear tire. Patrol learned the male driver was a 17-year-old non-Ranch Resident. Patrol called CHP who responded and ultimately cited the 17-year-old for driving without a license and towed the unregistered BMW. The 17-year-old’s grandparents picked him up from the scene.

August 15 6:07PM – Patrol received several calls regarding a noise complaint related to a party at a residence on Marina Dr. Patrol responded and advised a worker at the party of the complaint, and he advised that the music level would remain. The Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Department also received a call and responded to the party. Additional noise (loud music) complaints were received by both patrol and the Sheriff’s into the early am hours. During the am hours, one of the Residents who reported the loud music went to the location of the party and personally spoke to the Resident (party host) who turned down the music. Patrol followed up with the Sheriff’s and collected information on all of the calls that were received and provided the HR GM the noise complaint details for further review. Note: Please refer to the 08/21/2026 Hope Ranch Friday Announcements email that talks about “Neighborhood Courtesy: Celebrations, Parties & Noise” in the Ranch, thank you.

August 18 12:08PM – While conducting a vacation check on Via Trepadora, patrol noticed a couple of vehicles that were not listed on the vacation form parked on the ungated property. Patrol reached out to the Resident who confirmed the vehicles were okay to be on the property. Patrol checked the residence and it was found locked and secure. Note: Please notify patrol of any changes to your vacation form, thank you.

August 18 4:10PM – Patrol received a call from a Resident on Camino Medio who reported a “suspicious” male outside her property ringing her doorbell. Patrol responded and spoke to the male who turned out to be the neighbor’s gardener who was attempting to get access to cut the overgrown hedges. Patrol relayed the information to the Resident who okayed access to the gardener.

August 25 3:50PM – While monitoring the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s radio channel, patrol heard a traffic collision call at Marina Dr. and Roble Dr. Patrol responded and was also flagged down by a couple of passersby. Patrol was first on scene and noted 3 people (2 teenaged females and one adult male) were involved in a 2-vehicle head-on traffic collision. CHP, AMR ambulance, both Santa Barbara County & City Fire Departments, and the 2nd patrol unit responded to the scene. Roble at Marina was closed to thru traffic and patrol assisted with traffic control. It was learned the teens were traveling west on Marina Dr. in a silver Acura SUV and failed to negotiate the Marina/Roble turn, crossing into the opposite lane of traffic, colliding head-on with a black Honda Civic sedan that was traveling south on Roble Dr. towards Marina Dr. A witness (Nurse) at the scene provided the male with a blanket as he appeared to be in shock and it was reported one of the teens hit her head on the windshield. All involved parties were transported to the hospital, and both vehicles were towed from the scene. The roadway was reopened once it was safe to do so. CHP investigated the traffic collision.

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Frank’s Safety Tip of the Month

As you have read in the summer editions of the security report, patrol has been busy with a variety of calls. Safety in the Ranch is a top priority and thanks to the proactiveness of Ranch Residents implementing security safeguards on their properties and the extra vigilance on the part of your patrol team – Misael, Karen, Jim, and Frank, this has greatly contributed to the preservation of the quality of life in the Ranch. Please feel free to peruse the list below of a few safety measures, some free, that can be implemented to better safeguard you and your property.

Security measures list:

- Cameras – Wi-Fi type (Ring, etc.) that can alert you in real-time of activity on your property. Make sure to keep cameras in good working order (Batteries charged, etc.). Driveway camera coverage, if possible, is ideal to have.
- Burglary and fire alarm systems. Do not ignore faulty sensors, etc. and have your alarm company service your system when needed.
- Motion sensor lights are great for illuminating movement in dark areas. There are dual motion light + camera systems (Ring, etc.) available.
- Interior light/lamp timers or Wi-Fi wall plugs are a great idea to turn on and off lights, some can be done remotely from a phone app.
- Fill out a vacation form. Lock doors and windows before leaving and list a local emergency contact on your form that can respond if you are out of town.
- Limit the number of people you tell when you go on vacation. Do not post vacation pictures while you are on vacation on social media, etc. This will tell people you are away.
- Lock your cars on your property – even in the garage. Do not leave your keys inside your car.
- Dogs – Are a great deterrent and can alert you of activity on your property.
- Ask trusted neighbors to keep an eye out when you are away. Some neighbors have helped with mail/package gathering, etc.

Building Department Report

<u>Name & Street:</u>	<u>HRPL & Intake Fee: (Approval Status)</u>
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PRE-CONCEPTUALS (6)

4205 Mariposa Dr.	New Residence, Barn, Pool, Pool Cabana, etc.
4653 Via Roblada	Lot Split
4629 Via Cayente	Addition
4560 Via Esperanza	New Residence, ADU, & Pool
4178 Cresta Ave.	Stable, Paddocks, Pasture, & Landscape
716 Monte Dr.	Remodel & Garage/Gym

CONCEPTUALS (9)

4589 Vieja Dr.	Remodel & Addition
4220 Mariposa Dr.	Pool, Pool Cabana, & JADU
4161 Crec. Dr.	Remodel & Addition
4400 Via Esperanza	Remodel & Garage/ADU
800 Carosam Rd.	Remodel & ADU
4662 Via Roblada	Gate & Driveway
4609 Via Bendita	Tennis Court, Pool, & Landscape
4629 Via Roblada	Roof Material
4099 Creciente Dr.	Barn, Paddocks, Pasture, & Landscape

PRELIMINARYS (11)

1489 Cantera Ave.	Driveway Drainage
4225 Cresta Ave.	Horse Facilities
585 Las Palmas Dr.	New Residence, Garage, Pool Cabana, & ADU
4630 Via Vistosa	Remodel
4212 Cresta Ave.	ADU & Garage
4343 Marina Dr.	New Residence & ADU
1011 Estrella Dr.	ADU & Pool
4665 Via Bendita	Landscape Remodel
880 Estrella Dr.	Remodel & Garage
520 Via Sinuosa	Addition/Greenhouse
4475 Via Abridada	New Residence, Garage, & Pool

FINALS (12)

4140 Marina Drive	ADU, Pool, & Landscape
1530 Roble Dr.	Garage Remodel
609 Via Tranquila	New Residence
4295 Mariposa Dr.	Gate
4655 Via Huerto	New Residence & ADU

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4640 Via Bendita	Landscape
1057 Monte Dr.	Pool & Deck
4653 Via Huerto	New Residence, Garage, Guesthouse, Pool, etc.
1211 Silvestre Rd.	Garage Remodel
4004 Via Laguna	Entry Landscape
4600 Via Cayente	Siding Material
4625 Via Carretas	New Residence, Pickleball Court, Guesthouse, etc.

VARIANCES

4426 Via Bendita	ADU S.F. (In Progress)
4140 Marina Dr.	ADU S.F. (In Progress)
985 Las Palmas Dr.	Pool Cabana w/in Setback (In Progress)



August 2026 Building Department Fun Facts:

- 41 Projects currently in the planning process.
- 40 Projects currently in the building/construction phase.
- 87 permits issued. 19 in August alone!