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RANCH RAMBLINGS JUNE 2023 ISSUE

Message from the President

Dear Hope Ranch Association Members,

Welcome to Summer! Well, ok, June 21 officially, but as Memorial Day Weekend is usually the unofficial greeting of summer, let's go with that. You may also have to check your calendar for confirmation of summer, and don't listen to the fog! With that said, Sergio and his crew are doing their best to keep sand on the beach, moving it to the main area as necessary for safety. Most news reports have mentioned that it may take years for the sand to return to its pre-winter storm levels, and as the high tides tend to wash out the sand, we'll do our best to keep the area safe for all to enjoy.

Also, we now have the dates for this year's Hope Ranch Beach Campout and Beach Festival!

The Hope Ranch Beach Campout will begin on the night of Friday, July 14th. July 15th will kick off the Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM. Those of you who remember the great breakfast Tony and his crew put on last year will no doubt be looking forward to it again, and if you didn't join us last year, you'll want to this year!

The Hope Ranch Beach Festival is slated for the Labor Day Weekend, September 2nd, and 3rd, (for TWO days this year), with fun activities for kids and grown-ups alike. There will be Arts & Crafts activities, vintage cars on display, and at this moment it is anticipated that the Taco Kitchen will return! We will have a live band for the evening's entertainment, and of course, there will also be the Hope Ranch Favorite Cardboard Boat Race, always worth watching and participating!

With the rains behind us for now, most of the repairs to the roadways and trails have been completed. While there is one portion of the popular Thru the Woods trail that has yet to be

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JUNE 13TH

ABR BOARD MTG

3:30 PM

3820 STATE ST.

JUNE 27TH

BOARD MEETING

3:00 PM

3820 STATE ST.

JULY 4TH

OFFICE CLOSED FOR
HOLIDAY

JULY 11TH

ABR BOARD MTG

3:30PM

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JULY 25TH

BOARD MTG

3:00PM

3820 STATE ST.

AUGUST 8TH

ABR BOARD MTG

3:30 PM

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AUGUST 22ND BOARD

MTG 3:00PM

3820 STATE ST

repaired, please know that there are some complex legal issues surrounding this section, and as easements were never recorded for any or the properties making up this trail, we have to work with the parties involved to gain access and make repairs. We realize that we have not been able to move as quickly as some residents like, but please know that we are indeed taking this situation seriously and doing what we can as fast as we can within the construct of the legal situation.

We have also discussed formally, with the Fish and Wildlife Department, the possibility and procedure for obtaining a five-year, renewable 'maintenance agreement' for the creeks and adjoining slopes, so the Ranch can effectuate repairs in a more timely fashion without having to obtain permission each time. These communications were facilitated to clear up the rumors and misperceptions about what the Ranch could and could not do regarding our creek areas. This would include the ability to remove the 'volunteer' palm trees that grow out of the creeks in the Ranch and are largely responsible for the erosion of the creek 'walls' during times of heavy runoff. Please note the irony of finally having palm trees that DON'T grow into anyone's view, but they are STILL a problem! The 'maintenance' application is in process, and we hope to have more information about our ability to repair the trail and the creeks later this month and proceed accordingly.

Finally, your Board recently approved the addition of another Patrol officer to increase coverage in the Ranch, emphasizing patrols on Las Palmas and Marina, as not only have suspicious-persons activity increased in the Ranch, but motorcycle and vehicle speeding continues to be a problem. Even though we provide as much photographic data to the Sheriff's Office as we can, and we still avail ourselves of CHP services on weekends, we hope the added presence of a Patrol car on these roads will deter speeders. We will also fit the car with a dash cam to provide additional data to the Sheriffs. Our new officer will be starting at the end of June part time to cover summer vacation requests until a vehicle is purchased and we move him to full time.

Thanks again for staying with me this far, and as always, if you have any questions about the Ranch, please do not hesitate to call the Office, or reach out to me directly. Looking forward to seeing you at the beach Campout and Festival!



*Marco Del Chiaro
President, Hope Ranch Park Owners Association*



More Mesa Sunset 2023

Message from the General Manager

Summer is officially here! Clearly no one told Mother Nature, as she dropped some rain this week, but our spirits will not be shaken! Let's get to it! Crews are moving sand over rocks (for safety) by day only to have the high tides take the sand back out at night. Still, we are not discouraged. The sand will eventually stick, the waves will calm, and our beaches will come alive again. Meanwhile, our picnic grounds and beaches are booked to host graduation parties, end of year school events, birthdays, and wedding gatherings. Beach lockers are ready for use and Members have become used to using our bathroom fobs already. The raft will be placed out in the

next week or so. If you did not get out to our beach over Memorial weekend, our lifeguards stood at the ready and our snack shack gal has lovely treats and beverages for sale. The clouds did not deter the spirit of Hope Ranch beach for our summer 2023 kickoff.



Snack Shack attendee Samantha!



Riders enjoying the beach!

Meanwhile, back at the Ranch (office) we are busy administering beach card renewals, lockers, and fobs. While the crews are preparing roads for chip seal work, sprucing up the medians and performing drain repairs in certain areas in preparation for the winter storms.

DOG WALKERS BEWARE

I also want to report there have been some reported incidents of dog poisoning and illness because of something eaten on a bridle trail or ingested from the water in our creeks. Please be advised, our creeks carry runoff from all the properties in the Ranch. We have no idea what kinds of pesticides or fertilizers are being used that ends up in our creeks.

In addition, poison from gopher or rodent bait on private property is making its way on to bridle trails and being ingested by dogs.

The best course of action is to keep an eye on your pet and watch what it is eating, licking, or drinking that is not familiar to you.

I also urge residents to check the chemicals you use on your property and keep in mind they will end up in the creek at some point.

The less toxic the better. Thanks for listening.

CHIP SEAL ROAD WORK

The Road work for 2023 will commence July 17-21st and involves. Via Roblada, Via Tranquila, Via Alegre, Via Sinuosa, Via Huerto, and Cantera. Three hundred eighty six thousand sq.ft. of road at a cost of \$187,000 which is below budget for this years' road reserve contribution by \$68,336.

Those of you living on the streets listed above should have received your notice by now regarding the trimming of your frontage road

WEED ABATEMENT SEASON HAS ARRIVED

For those homes located on the perimeter of the community, we ask that you make immediate arrangements to get someone out to give you an evaluation as to what measures are needed to make your home and the Ranch safe from fire this season. We have 2 very capable professionals to assist you in determining what you need to do. Please contact the office for more information or refer to my email of June 8th.

For this issue of the Ramblings, my Philanthropy Spotlight is on the **Woman's Fund of Santa Barbara**. I became aware of them while investigating the Dignity Moves La Posada project. This organization's business model is to research from a list of over 200 nonprofits to about 30 who they invite to apply for a grant. Financial reports are reviewed, and site visits are conducted before ballots are sent out and votes tabulated as to what organization will receive a grant.

The Women's Fund of Santa Barbara is a volunteer-led collective donor organization that enables women to combine charitable dollars into significant grants addressing the critical needs of women, children, and families in south Santa Barbara County. Of its 1,200 members, many are Hope Ranch women.

The Women's Fund educates and inspires women to engage in making lasting change in our community. This year, they awarded \$925,000 for family support services, youth engagement, housing assistance, transportation, education, mental health, domestic violence, and food and nutrition. The 2022-2023 grant recipients were: 2nd Story Associates, Alpha Resource Center of Santa Barbara, Alzheimer's Association (California Central Coast Chapter), Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara, Food from the Heart, Hillside House, Independent Living Resource Center, Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County, Santa Barbara County Immigrant Legal Defense Center, and St. Vincent's. In total the Women's Fund has given over \$10.4M to the local community.

All women are welcome to join as a Group Member, an Individual Member, or both. Some of the Hope Ranch groups have very interesting names like Ab-solutely, Empty Nesters, Friends, Heart2Heart, HOPE, Hope Ranch Living, Progressive Pod, Santa Barbara Partners, TLC, etc. Join as a group member for \$275 or more, or as an Individual Member with a donation of \$2,750 or more annually. Feel free to contact Stina Hans (a Hope Ranch resident and volunteer) at Membership@womensfundsb.org or visit womensfundsb.org. If you join before December 31st, you'll be able to vote on the ballot that will be presented in March 2024. And you'll

have the satisfaction of being part of an organization that underwrites projects that make a difference in our community.

If you have a charity you are involved with and want to promote an event or are looking for volunteers, please send me the information and I will be happy to feature your cause in an upcoming issue of the Ramblings.

I hope to see you around the Ranch,

Jill Van Zeebroeck, PCAM
General Manager

PLAINS OIL SPILL SETTLEMENT FUNDS

By now, many of you may have received settlement funds from the Plains Oil Spill of 2015. If you did not file a claim, you may want to inquire, as they may still be accepting applications. Call 844-202-9486.

Hope Ranch filed a claim for the four beach parcels owned by the Hope Ranch Association. The Association received funds of \$285,000. These funds are considered to belong to the Association as the owning entity. The Board is seeking legal counsel input to determine how these funds must legally be managed. We will update you when we have more information on the matter.

LA POSADA HOUSING PROJECT

As you are aware, the La Posada project has been approved by the County Board of Supervisors and is moving forward. Supervisor Capps office has indicated there are opportunities for the community to have input on how the project will be implemented. They are open to suggestions and ideas. They are willing to participate in mini town hall meetings held in private homes with neighbors in the Ranch who want to meet and address questions and concerns. I have attended these meetings and they are a great way to get the facts of how the Dignity Moves project works and how Good Samaritan administers the site. You are also invited to visit the downtown site by appointment to see how the project works. Contact Jack Lorenz via email at jack@dignitymoves.org or by phone at 310-66-0502 for more information.

CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (5.30.23)

CONCEPTUAL (15)

Antonova	4403 Via Abrigada
Lowe	4121 Creciente Dr.
Newton	4343 Marina Dr.
Vernon	4655 Via Huerto
Shefflin	4135 Lago
Nesbit	4589 Vieja Dr.
Bidwell	4365 Llano Drive
Flynn	4225 Cresta
Esquenazi	4140 Marina
Murphy	4520 Huerto
Wansor	990 Laguna Blanca Drive
Heller	210 Llano Drive
McRee	1057 Monte
Appleton	4002 Cuervo
Reichard	4300 Via Presada
Campbell	980 Via Tranquila

PRELIMINARY (8)

Arntz	1489 Cantera
Benz	4660 Via Huerto
Nielsen	4380 Llano Drive
Pasquinelli	4055 Mariposa
Daney	4178 Cresta
Dipaola	3911 Via Laguna
Pasquinelli	4683 Via Roblada
Arteaga	4235 Cresta Avenue

FINAL (5)

Sidhu	4101 Mariposa
Goodall	700 Via Tranquila
Cartagena	1060 Monte
Sutter	985 Las Palmas
Murphy	4520 Via Huerto

**HOPE RANCH PATROL REPORT
JUNE 2023
Provided by Frank Mendez
Post Commander**

March 18 10:24AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Roblada who reported a transient pushing a shopping cart, heading in the direction of the Las Palmas entrance. Patrol checked and noticed the shopping cart with some personal items inside was left abandoned on the side of the road on Las Palmas. Patrol checked the area but no one on foot was located. The cart was cleared from the side of the road.

March 18 12:35PM – While patrolling Via Roblada, patrol noticed 2 large dogs running loose on the roadway. Patrol tried to approach the dogs, but they ran away. One of the dogs entered a property and patrol learned both dogs lived at that address. A search was conducted for the 2nd dog, which was eventually found on the More Mesa Preserve.

March 20 12:58PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Estrella Dr. who reported a suspicious male who walked by the Resident's house and looked into her daughter's bedroom. The male was described as having a beard, wearing a ball cap, and a light-colored shirt. Patrol checked the area and located a SoCal Gas employee on a nearby street and learned it was him who had walked past the Resident's house on foot while trying to locate a gas main/meter. Patrol followed up with the Resident, who then followed up with the SoCal Gas co. employee's supervisor to report the incident.

March 21 07:34AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Vistosa reporting a tree down and blocking both lanes. Patrol coned off the tree and opened the Via Vistosa fire gate until the tree was cleared from the roadway by the Ranch's maintenance crew. NOTE: Patrol and the Ranch maintenance crew were on storm watch during the day and responded to another tree down and a large branch obstructing the roadway.

March 22 10:07AM – While patrolling Via Tranquila, patrol noticed a large eucalyptus tree down and blocking both lanes of traffic. The roadway was closed, while a private tree service company handled the all-day clearing of the tree.

March 24 10:30PM – While patrolling Las Palmas and Roble Dr., patrol came across a 2-vehicle traffic collision involving a black BMW sedan and a silver Nissan pickup truck. 4 CHP units were already on scene. Patrol noticed the BMW had major front and driver's side damage, while the Nissan was found resting on its side (Driver's side). Per CHP, no injuries were reported. Patrol learned the Nissan was part of a larger group of vehicles that had been driving north bound on Las Palmas. Both vehicles were towed from the scene and CHP investigated the collision.

March 25 3:50PM – While patrolling Las Olas, patrol noticed an illegally parked red BMW on Las Olas just outside the HR beach gates. During a check of the beach, patrol located 4 people at the beach that were associated with the BMW. Patrol learned the group entered through the

beach gates without a key card and none of them were Ranch Residents and/or guests of a Resident. The group were directed to Hendry's beach, and they left without incident.

March 28 11:00AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Estrella Dr. reporting a gray Frenchie dog in the middle of the road on Estrella. Patrol responded and with the help of a nearby construction worker, the dog was secured and returned to the owner's residence. Patrol advised the owner of a vulnerable spot on the fencing, the likely area where the dog had escaped from.

March 28 8:30PM – While patrolling Lago Dr., patrol noticed a big cloud of smoke that appeared to be coming from a location near the La Cumbre Country Club. The source of the smoke was from an active tree fire and a small structure on fire on Modoc Rd., just across from Via Senda. The SB County fire department began fighting the fire and the rain that started also helped with extinguishing the flames. The cause of the fire was not known.

March 29 1:44PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Marina Dr. who reported a male seen on her camera system walking around her unoccupied property. The male had casual attire and was talking on his cell phone. Patrol responded and checked the property, but the male was gone. Patrol obtained images of the male from security cameras on the property and kept an eye out

during the patrol shift. The male has not been seen since.

March 30 1:12PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Llano who reported a suspicious white Toyota sedan parked backed-in at a neighbor's driveway. The Toyota had no front plate, a paper plate on the rear, a Minnesota Toyota dealer license plate frame, and the front bumper was taped on with duct tape. Patrol located the vehicle parked nearby on the bridge trail with hazard lights on and a shirtless male driver reclined in the front seat. On the rear seats patrol noticed other items. Patrol contacted the male who was on his cell phone and was able to confirm he was a delivery driver for Door Dash and had delivered dog food at the nearby property. Patrol checked the driveway and located a delivery of dog food. The male said he was taking a break but left the Ranch without incident.

April 01 1:45PM – While patrolling Via Roblada, patrol noticed construction work being done at a driveway entrance to a property. Patrol contacted the crew who had not obtained prior authorization from the HR building dept. for the Saturday work. The work stopped and did not continue. NOTE: As a reminder, no construction is allowed on Saturday without prior authorization from the HR building dept. No work on Sundays or listed Holidays – See HR building guidelines.

April 01 6:15PM – While patrolling Via Laguna, patrol noticed a pile of packages in front of an entrance gate to a property. Patrol attempted contact at the gate

intercom, but no one answered. Patrol sent a text to the Resident who advised they were in midflight and asked to please relocate the packages on the inside of the gate. NOTE: The package tracking # is a good resource to keep track of your packages.

April 02 1:35PM – While conducting a vacation check of a home on Via Bendita, patrol noticed several doors to the home unlocked. Patrol called the property manager listed on the form and learned that the Residents had returned early from their vacation but did not notify patrol. The Resident met with patrol before leaving and were thankful for checking the home. NOTE: Please notify patrol of any changes to your vacation form, thank you.

April 02 8:10PM – Patrol received a call from the SB Sheriff's dispatch to assist with an alarm activation on Las Palmas Dr. A deputy on scene found an open door to the home. Several deputies cleared the home and patrol called the Resident and learned the house was unoccupied. No one was found in the home and the house was secured prior to leaving. It was noted the alarm had gone off earlier in the day.

April 02 9:22PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Bendita who reported a homeless man heading west on Via Bendita towards More Mesa. Patrol located a tall, slender male in his 20's carrying sleeping gear. The male said he had been walking for several years and was heading north. Patrol provided transportation to the Via Huerto fire gate without incident and the male was last seen heading towards Puente.

April 03 7:23AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a large tree down and blocking on Mariposa & Estrella. Patrol placed cones and a barricade to mark the tree and informed the Ranch maintenance crew who cleared the tree from the roadway.

April 03 8:31AM – While patrolling Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a male in a dark hoodie, carrying a backpack, walking along the roadway on Marina. Dr. Patrol learned the man was looking for the beach other than the nearby Hendry's beach. Patrol gave directions to the male who was last seen walking along the county roadway.

April 08 12:10PM – While patrolling Via Huerto, patrol noticed a male in his 30's walking around with a camera taking pictures of a fence of a property. Patrol contacted the male and learned he was from Australia and gave the reason of loving real estate for taking the pictures. Patrol informed the male that Hope Ranch was private property and he needed to leave. An Uber arrived to pick up the male.

April 08 6:00PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Las Palmas who reported that an accident had just occurred on Las Palmas Dr. as he heard a vehicle crash into a pole by her home. A witness at the scene advised that the involved vehicle, which had left the scene, was a white sedan. Tire marks on the road were an indication the involved vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed. CHP responded to the scene. Patrol checked

the FLOCK license plate reader camera and found a white Mercedes sedan entering the Ranch at the time of the incident. The still images provided a plate # and showed the vehicle "fishtailing" on the side of the road right before the location of the pole/sign. The SB County public works repaired the sign and CHP investigated the Hit & Run.

April 10 1:32PM – Patrol received a report from a passer-by on Las Palmas who reported a traffic collision involving a motorcycle a few blocks back on Las Palmas Dr. Patrol responded and located the collision on Las Palmas & Via Tranquila involving a Harley motorcycle and a Dodge Ram truck w/trailer. The Harley had some damage and there was fresh fluid on the ground. Patrol learned the Harley had been traveling south on Las Palmas and collided with the passenger side of the trailer as the Dodge truck w/trailer was turning left onto Via Tranquila from Las Palmas Dr. The driver of the Harley fell off the Harley and said he felt soreness to his arm/wrist and left leg. The driver of the Dodge and his passenger said they did not sustain any injuries. CHP and medical personnel were called to the scene and 2 CHP units, and an AMR ambulance responded. The Harley rider was assessed at the scene but was not transported. A tow truck also responded but was cancelled as the Harley would later be picked up by the rider's friend. While at the scene, a female passer-by stopped and said she witnessed the collision. CHP investigated the collision.

April 13 9:20PM – While patrolling Marina Dr., patrol noticed a vehicle parked outside a construction site on the 4000-blk. of Marina Dr. Patrol noticed the gate was open. Patrol contacted the owner of the property who was on site. NOTE: Did you know that Vacation forms can also be used for construction sites?

April 13 9:30PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident reporting a homeless male on Las Palmas and Via Cayente. Patrol located a male fixing the light on his bike. The male left the Ranch soon after.

April 13 9:50PM – While patrolling Via Esperanza, patrol noticed a vehicle parked on the horse trail along the 4500-blk. of Via Esperanza. Patrol noticed the windows of the vehicle were fogged up. Patrol contacted the adult couple and informed them that Hope Ranch was private property. The couple left without incident.

April 19 5:15PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Sonriente who reported work noise coming from a neighboring property. Patrol responded and spoke to a gardener who was using power tools passed the permitted hours for General Maintenance in the Ranch. The work immediately stopped. NOTE: General Maintenance hours in the Ranch are Monday-Saturday, 8:00am-5:00pm. No work on Sunday. Please note this is different from Construction hours. Refer to the HRPFA Building Guidelines for specifics.

April 23 5:36PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Roblada who reported a vehicle that had run off the road on Las Palmas & Via Cayente. Patrol responded and noticed white Toyota on the south bound shoulder with the front-end stuck on top of a large rock. The Toyota had front end damage and would have to be pulled out by a tow truck. The driver said he did not sustain any injuries and there was no property damage. It appeared excessive speed and distracted driving was the cause of the collision.

April 24 12:26PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Roblada who reported an unfamiliar white van parked in her neighborhood. Patrol responded and noticed an older Dodge Ram van, which had the rear cargo area covered, passing by in the opposite direction. Patrol monitored the van, which stopped on its own on Roble Dr. Patrol contacted the driver who was Spanish speaking and learned he had been at a property in the Ranch for a tree job. The male said he was now lost. Patrol provided directions to the male out the Ranch and he was last seen exiting out Marina towards Cliff Dr.

April 24 4:30PM – While patrolling Via Esperanza, patrol was flagged down by a non-Ranch resident on a walk who reported that on the 4400-blk. of Via Esperanza (No actual address was provided), two brown dogs jumped the fence and onto the street and charged at him. The walker did not sustain any injuries, but he did call 911 to report the incident. Patrol checked the area and

noticed a Sheriff's unit patrolling Via Esperanza.

April 28 9:49AM – While checking the fire gate along the 4200-blk. of Vieja Dr., patrol noticed 2 females walking 3 unleashed dogs. Patrol monitored the off-leash activity and one of the females leashed her dog, while the other female kept her dogs unleashed. Patrol contacted the female about her unleashed dogs, which she leashed after being contacted. NOTE: Please leash your dog(s). Thank you.

April 30 12:50PM – While patrolling Via Bendita, patrol noticed workers on the roof of a construction site. Patrol could hear tools being used. Patrol contacted the general contractor about the construction rule violation (No Sunday work). The work stopped and did not continue.

May 01 12:26PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Vieja Dr. who reported a homeless male pushing a shopping cart walking west in the direction of the fire gate. Patrol checked and contacted a male with a shopping cart along the 4500-blk. of Vieja Dr. While talking to the male, he rambled on about various topics, making no real sense. The male was not a danger to himself, but he did appear to have some mental health issues. Patrol asked the male if he would like to speak to a counselor (Sheriff's Critical Incident Team), but he declined. Patrol gave the male directions out of the Ranch, and he was last seen north bound on Nogal towards Hollister.

May 02 5:00PM – While monitoring the Sheriff's frequency, patrol learned of a traffic collision involving a motorcycle and a USPS mail carrier vehicle on Marina Dr. & Alisa Ln. SB County fire department, CHP units, and Sheriff's units responded to the scene. Patrol learned the collision was a fatal traffic collision as the motorcycle rider was confirmed deceased at the scene. It appeared the mail carrier vehicle had been traveling west-bound on Marina Dr. and made a left-hand turn onto Alisa Ln. when a motorcycle, traveling east-bound on Marina, collided with the side of the mail carrier vehicle. CHP investigated the fatal traffic collision. NOTE: Refer to local news media outlets for more coverage on this collision.

May 03 5:50PM – Patrol received a report from a private employee on Via Roblada who reported a couple riding bikes and appeared to be "casing the area". Patrol responded and contacted a male and a female, who appeared to be homeless. The couple said they were lost and were looking for the way out of the Ranch. Patrol directed them to the Via Huerto fire gate, where they were last seen riding towards Puente Dr.

May 04 8:15AM – Patrol received a report from Resident on Vieja Dr. who reported a large tree limb hanging over the road along the 4400-blk. of Vieja Dr. Patrol responded and noticed it was a large tree with several branches just a few feet from the ground. Several walkers called 911 as the limbs appeared to be affecting power lines. Patrol contacted the SB County public works and soon after, SB County fire department, CHP and SB County

public works responded to the scene. Patrol provided traffic control on one side and CHP on the other. A contracted tree company arrived and cleared the tree without incident. NOTE: Patrol contacted Carriage Hill HOA about the tree and the Carriage Hill HOA opened their rear exit out to Puente as another way out for Residents.

May 04 11:38AM – While patrolling the 1100-blk. of Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a male with a pack walking north-bound on Las Palmas on an aqua blue girl's frame bike. The male had a steady pace as he rode north on Las Palmas in the direction of La Cumbre Rd. The male left the Ranch without incident and was not seen again.

May 05 12:48PM – Patrol received a report from a Ranch employee who reported a transient walking up Estrella towards Cresta. Patrol responded and contacted a male on Cresta who was walking and had planned to walk along the equestrian trails in the Ranch to find the liquor store by More Mesa (??). Patrol advised the male that Hope Ranch was private property. Patrol gave the male directions along the way and at one point advised him not to walk into the trail that runs from Via Cayente and Via Fruteria. The male continued along the county roadway and eventually exited out to Nogal from Via Tranquila. NOTE: The male appeared to have some mental health issues.

May 05 9:05PM – Patrol received a report from a realtor in the Ranch who reported several prowlers in the back yard of her client's property on Laguna Blanca Dr.,

which she was monitoring remotely. The female called 911 directly as patrol responded to the area. Various Sheriff's units responded and searched the area; however, the subjects left and were not located. Video surveillance on the property showed there were 4 subjects in hoodies and face coverings. The exterior of house was checked and found secure / no sign of forced entry. UPDATE: Patrol learned of a subsequent arrest made in Montecito with some evidence linking at least one suspect in that case to the prowling in the Ranch. Patrol followed up with the Sheriff's department, providing them with some useful information. NOTE: Cameras that can be monitored remotely are a great security measure for any property.

May 10 9:15PM – Patrol received a report from a private employee on Via Roblada who reported what sounded like a vehicle accident somewhere in the area of Las Palmas/Roble/Marina. Patrol heard on the scanner traffic the traffic collision was a vehicle rollover on the 1500-blk. of Roble Dr. Patrol responded and found an unoccupied silver Honda SUV on its roof, with airbags deployed and with empty beer cans inside the cabin. The vehicle appeared to have been traveling north bound on Roble when it failed to negotiate the turn on the road. SB City police units and CHP units responded to the scene. Patrol learned the Honda had been reported stolen and the SB city police had been looking for it. The driver and/or any passenger(s) were located.

May 12 6:10PM – While patrolling Las Palmas near Via Tranquila, patrol noticed

a medium-sized box in the middle of the road. Upon closer inspection, the box was an unopened FedEx delivery with an address in the Ranch. Patrol delivered the box to the Resident who was happy to receive her package, which she believed had been stolen.

May 13 4:47PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported hearing a loud noise that sounded like a dragging tailpipe sometime in the early am hours along the east side of the Ranch. Patrol learned the noise was from a vehicle that had been involved in a collision with a tree on the corner of Lago and Estrella and the noise was coming from a piece of the vehicle, likely a damaged tire and wheel, that was dragging along Estrella. Patrol located a wide black mark on the roadway leading from the 900-blk. of Estrella, ending near Marina. Patrol located vehicle debris at the collision site, which included silver painted GM pieces and other misc. vehicle parts. Patrol checked the HR FLOCK license plate reader cameras and located the involved vehicle, a metallic silver Chevy Tahoe. The FLOCK images indicated the Chevy first entered the Ranch on Marina at 2:15am and exited out Las Palmas at 2:36am. The Chevy returned to the Ranch through Las Palmas at 3:02am and was seen exiting out Marina at 8:02am on the back of a flatbed tow truck with major front-driver's side and driver's side damage. CHP responded to investigate the collision at 6:14am and informed the owner of the tree and vegetation of the collision.