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RANCH RAMBLINGS AUGUST 2023 ISSUE

Message from the President

Dear Hope Ranch Association Members,

We hope you are all enjoying the summer in the Ranch, enjoying the beach as best we can until the sand returns, and we hope you enjoyed the Beach Campout (and pancake breakfast) brought to you by a great group of volunteers! We are looking forward to the Beach Festival at the beginning of September, (details can be found in the GM article) which will feature activities for the kids, classic cars on display, great food and music at night, and of course the ever-popular cardboard boat race!

Here is a brief update on what we are working on in the Ranch. As always, we welcome your feedback and questions.

Neighborhood Committees

There has been interest lately in volunteer committees in the Ranch, even expanding the number of our current committees, to include Trails, Neighborhood Network, and Picnic ground issues. Our Hope Ranch Committees serve many needs in the community, they are served on by Ranch residents, and there is a genuine value and camaraderie gained in getting to know one's neighbors and assisting the Board and the GM on many important issues. If you would like to know more about the committees in the Ranch or would like to join any of our committees, please contact the office for more information.

Cell Phone Service

As we ALL know, cell service in the Ranch is (insert your own term here). Several Boards in the past have tried to improve cell reception but multiple impediments have always been in the way. Well, now it is our turn. You will be receiving a survey soon about your thoughts and preferences on cell service in the Ranch. We are laying the groundwork for determining the feasibility of bringing in a

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

AUGUST 8TH
ABR BOARD MTG
3:30 PM
3820 STATE ST.

AUGUST 22, 2023
BOARD MEETING
3:00 PM
3820 STATE ST.

SEPT 2 & 3RD
BEACH FESTIVAL

SEPT 4TH
OFFICE CLOSED FOR
HOLIDAY

SEPT 12TH
ABR BOARD MTG
3:30PM
3820 STATE ST.

SEPT 26TH
BOARD MTG
3:00PM
3820 STATE ST

vertical tower and where the where to locate it. As you may know, and from a high overview, cell towers and signals work mainly on a line-of-sight basis, which makes it problematic with our terrain. We are working with a company that places towers and rents 'space' on those towers to the various cell service providers. They specialize in placing towers in 'difficult areas,' and there has been an improvement in technology since the last few attempts to locate them in the Ranch. By the way, you know those cell phone carrier commercials where the carriers say they're dedicated to bringing everyone the best service? Yeah, not so much. We've heard from several sources during our research that if there isn't a sufficient population density, these companies... are not so dedicated.... We will continue to keep you posted as we move through this process.

New Speed Radar Signs and Patrol Vehicle and Staff
As was previously announced, the Ranch has worked alongside the County in placing two radar speed-displaying signs on Las Palmas and Marina, and we have purchased a new Patrol vehicle which can display another radar speed sign, and this vehicle focuses a portion of its time on Marina and Las Palmas in an effort to get drivers to reduce their speed. Per Frank Mendez, these efforts have had an immediate and noticeable effect in slowing the traffic on these roads.

Dog Leash Reminder

This is an important issue that surfaced again yesterday. A renter of a house in the Ranch was walking with 2 dogs on the bridle trail, both dogs were off leash, when they encountered a horse and rider. Though the dogs were small, the dogs began barking and nipping at the legs of the horse, causing the horse to react and the rider to fall off the horse. The horse became further spooked and ran off. Our maintenance crew located the horse a mile away and waited for patrol to bring the rider back to their horse. Fortunately, the rider suffered only some bumps and bruises. The bottom line here is that this would not have happened if the renter had followed the Ranch rules and had leashed the dogs, especially when walking on the bridle trail. Residents also let their dogs walk unleashed from the parking lot down to the beach. County leash laws are there for a reason. We all must abide by them. So, if you are walking your dogs in the Ranch, please remember to keep your dogs on a leash, and if you are renting your property out, please make sure your renters are aware of the leashed pet rules as well.

The Beach crew will do its best to keep sand on the beach in between the tides, and hopefully mother nature will help us out so we can enjoy the beach and the Beach Festival; hope to see you there!



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



Hope Ranch Summer Sunset 2023

Message from the General Manager

With summer officially under way, we thought it might be nice to give you some sand and tide information to help you enjoy our beach as best you can under these very trying circumstances. You can find a special report from the Beach Infrastructure Committee at the end of this publication. A big thank you to Mark Mosby, Committee Chair, Neal Rabin, Laird Riffle, Stephen Eisler, Macy McGuinness and Carey Zimmerman for your hard work on this committee to make the beach experience the best it can be for our Members. Meanwhile, our summer events continue to be planned, the picnic grounds continue to be reserved for special occasions, and we will attempt once again to get the raft placed offshore. In essence, the things that make this community magical and memorable will continue no matter what the tides bring to our shores.

BEACH FESTIVAL 2023

Speaking of events, the final planning stages of the Annual Summer Beach Festival 2023 are well underway. Here is what you need to know:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND 10AM-SUNSET

This day is dedicated to the kiddos in the Ranch, so if you are new, please mark your calendars! You will meet lots of Ranch families and participate in some special events like:

- Cardboard Boat Races- teams build the boats, we supply the materials.
- Sand/Rock Castle building (in case there is not enough sand)
- Children's games and Watermelon Eating Contest

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

4PM-Sunset Car show, Arts & Crafts show/sale, Children face painting and balloon twisting

Taco Kitchen (no host)

Fess Parker Winery will be providing sample libations.

7:30-10pm DANCING UNDER THE STARS WITH LIVE DANCE BAND "AREA 51" AND SPECIAL SURPRISE GUEST

Please try and carpool in or park offsite, as much of the parking lot will be used for the event.

There are still a few open spots for any artists in the Ranch who may want to display their talents. Please contact Burleigh Skidmore at 805-570-3963 if you are interested.

SANTA BARBARA BOTANICAL GARDEN EVENT IN HOPE RANCH SEPTEMBER 14TH 4-5:30PM

Hope Ranch residents Patty Helberg and David Smukowski are hosting a free "Planting with Purpose" event featuring Executive Director Steve Windhager, Ph.D at their home in September. Attendance is limited to 40 guests. A flier is attached to this newsletter with more information.

FOG COAT SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 28TH

I know you are thinking, what is fog coat? It is the sealing of certain roads in order to maintain their integrity and longevity. The roads to be treated are earmarked in the reserve study. They are; Laguna Blanca Drive, Corta, Vieja Drive (to the right off Tranquila to the fire gate) and Via Abrigada. The roads will be closed from 8am-5pm. If you live on one of these streets, please plan accordingly with household workers and groundskeepers. Please keep in mind that mail, FED EX, UPS and Amazon deliveries will not be allowed in. We will notify USPS, AMR and the Fire Department.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Last week I sent out an email blast for volunteers to serve on some new committees in Hope Ranch. The committees are:

Neighborhood Network – This committee would be formed among the various neighborhoods within the Ranch, headed by an Ambassador neighbor that could liaison with management and the board on issues important to them.

Welcome/Hospitality – This committee would be responsible for welcoming new members into the Ranch and coordinating an annual meet and greet event to introduce them to the Board and Staff with an emphasis on answering their questions about Hope Ranch living.

Trails – This committee would be responsible for communicating trail maintenance and enhancement needs to management.

Playground- this Ad Hoc committee will help the GM determine the highest and best use of the playground area in the picnic grounds.

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please send me an email and tell me a bit about yourself and why you want to serve. Please get back to me no later than August 17th. We ask that you limit your service to no more than 2 committees. Each committee will have one board liaison. Depending on community interest, we hope for the Board to ratify these committees and their volunteers at the August 22nd meeting.

In closing, among my many duties as your GM, some of the most important concern establishing strong ties with many County agencies. These relationships have been built on mutual respect and understanding of the needs of our community at government levels. Working with Transportation and Public Works on speed radar signs and cleaning up the Las Palmas Via Senda corner are recent examples of those efforts. The next big project is the MUP (Multi Use Path) that will wind its way up towards our entrance from Modoc. As one of your representatives at the discussion table, I am working to ensure the area will be safe and will aesthetically enhance our Las Palmas entrance. Additionally, my efforts to raise awareness of the Dignity Moves project with Supervisor Capps has resulted in small neighborhood meetings which have proven to be a successful way to help people better understand the project AND provide constructive suggestions on how the program will be run for the benefit of all concerned.

I say this not to toot my own horn, but to remind you that a big portion of what I do goes into representing YOU the Member on all levels of HOA administration. For issues on both the micro and macro level, I take that responsibility seriously and never for granted. Thank you for your support in all my efforts.

See you around the Ranch,

Jill Van Zeebroeck, PCAM
General Manager

CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (7.19.23)

CONCEPTUAL (16)

Antonova	4403 Via Abrigada
Lowe	4121 Creciente Dr.
Vernon	4655 Via Huerto
Shefflin	4135 Lago
Nesbit	4589 Vieja Dr.
Bidwell	4365 Llano Drive
Flynn	4225 Cresta
Esquenazi	4140 Marina
Wansor	990 Laguna Blanca Drive
Heller	210 Llano Drive
McRee	1057 Monte
Appleton	4002 Cuervo
Reichard	4300 Via Presada
Campbell	980 Via Tranquila
Kopf	3981 Laguna Blanca
Kopf	3979 Laguna Blanca

PRELIMINARY (10)

Arntz	1489 Cantera
Benz	4660 Via Huerto
Nielsen	4380 Llano Drive
Dane	4178 Cresta
Dipaola	3911 Via Laguna
Pasquinelli	4683 Via Roblada
Arteaga	4235 Cresta Avenue
Newton	4343 Marina Drive
McFeely	4395 Via Esperanza

FINAL (5)

Sidhu	4101 Mariposa
Goodall	700 Via Tranquila
Cartagena	1060 Monte
LCCC	4015 Via Laguna
Pasquinelli	4055 Mariposa

We currently have 68 active projects in the Ranch.

PATROL REPORT

**Prepared by Frank Mendez, Patrol
Supervisor**

Frank Safety tip of the month

**Instead of talking about alarms, cameras,
and Residential safety measures, let's
discuss dog activity in the Ranch.**

**Loose, lost, found, and unleashed dog
calls have kept patrol quite busy recently.
During the period of mid-June through
mid-July, patrol responded to a total of 13
calls involving either loose, lost or found
dog calls, some involving the same dog or
multiple loose dogs. This does not include
the number of times a dog is spotted
unleashed, or patrol received a complaint
about an unleashed dog in the Ranch.**

**Most of the time, loose, lost or found dogs
are found wandering around without a
collar and tag – so returning it to the
owner can be pretty difficult. Dogs with no
ID - Depending on the situation, patrol
may not be able to take possession of the
dog as we have no adequate facility to
care for the dog. We will do our best to try
and locate the owner but ultimately, we
would have to call Santa Barbara County
Animal Services (Control) who can scan a
microchip if the dog has one. If you do
decide to pick up a dog and take it home,
call patrol but also call animal control who
is equipped with a chip scanner. Keep in
mind by law can only hold a dog for 24
hours before you must surrender it to
Animal Services (Control).**

Unleashed dogs being walked in the Ranch have resulted in some unfortunate outcomes, such as a female getting attacked by a dog on Marina that required the female to receive several surgeries. Dog vs. dog attacks have also had some negative outcomes in the past, such as the dog that got mauled on Vieja Dr. that required to undergo a surgery and ultimately resulting in some litigation. Some time ago, a couple dogs attacked an equestrian's horse at HR beach who fortunately was able to fight off the dogs, but not after a terrifying experience to say the least. This was the case just yesterday on August 3rd where 2 unleashed dogs being walked on the trail behind the Laguna Blanca School between Camino Medio and Paloma attacked an equestrian's horse, biting the front and rear legs of the horse, causing the equestrian to be ejected from the horse. The horse ran all the way up to Cresta by Llano where it was finally contained. The result was a terrifying and painful experience for the equestrian. These are just a few examples of some dog attacks over the years and most recently, which can most certainly have been avoided if the dogs had been properly leashed...

Here is some important information to have handy -

Santa Barbara County Animal Control
5473 Overpass Road, Santa Barbara CA,
93111
805-681-5285
Open: 9am-4:45pm, Mon-Sat. Closed
Sundays. 618-5285

The VCA Animal Hospital on Haley in SB offers an after-hours drop off location.

VCA Animal Hospital
301 E. Haley Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
805-899-2273

After hours, you can also call the Sheriff's direct dispatch # 805-683-2724 and they can page out an Animal Control officer.

PATROL REPORT MAY-JULY 2023

May 15 12:37PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a tall female, possibly homeless, in the area of Via Tranquila and Via Alegre who appeared to be looking to “squat”. Patrol received another call about a female who appeared to be under the influence by a horse corral on Via Hierba. Patrol located the female on Via Hierba by a horse corral and learned she had no legitimate business in the Ranch. The female said she had experience working with horses and was looking for a job. Patrol noticed the female displayed some odd behavior as she was very animated and talking fast about various topics. The female appeared to have some mental health issues. Patrol advised the female that HR was private property and she needed to leave, which she immediately did. The female ran and pretended to gallop like a horse down the street in her heeled boots. The female was self-engaged and would talk to herself and make various hand signals. Prior to exiting out the Las Palmas archway, she climbed on the black chain at the archway pillars, swinging side

to side. The female was last seen on Modoc heading towards SB city.

May 17 11:10AM – While patrolling the 4200-blk. of Vieja Dr., patrol noticed some black colored graffiti on the fire gate. The graffiti was made with a black marker and was illegible. Patrol contacted the Ranch maintenance crew who removed the graffiti.

May 19 11:10PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Las Palmas who reported that several toilet paper rolls had been thrown on the front hedges of her home and in front of her trees along the front yard. The Resident said the incident occurred about an hour prior. Patrol checked the area, and no one was located. No suspect information, although the incident appeared to be juvenile related.

May 20 5:20PM – While conducting a vacation check on Cantera Ave., patrol located the double-doors on a second-floor balcony unlocked. Patrol accidentally set off the alarm and then called the Sheriff's Department to advise them no response was needed. Patrol contacted the Resident who said the housekeeper forgot to lock the doors. NOTE: Patrol has previously found the same double doors unlocked during prior vacation checks of this home.

May 23 8:00PM – While patrolling the 4100-blk. of Vieja Dr., patrol noticed some orange-colored graffiti on a "No Outlet" road sign. The graffiti was made with an orange marker and was illegible. Patrol contacted the Ranch maintenance crew who removed the graffiti.

May 24 8:16AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Esperanza who reported cement/mud on the roadway along the 4200-blk. of Via Esperanza. Patrol located a trail of fresh cement w/rock spilled on the roadway. Patrol placed orange safety cones around the cement, which was cleaned up by the Ranch maintenance crew. NOTE: Vehicle that spilled the cement was not located.

May 24 7:58PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Marina Dr. who reported a motorcycle accident on Roble Dr. near Llano. Patrol responded and noticed an AMR ambulance also in route. SB County Fire Department was already on scene with a motorcycle rider who was complaining of pain. The motorcycle rider was transported to the hospital. Video surveillance of the accident showed the red Harley (or similar) motorcycle was north bound on Roble and was unable to manage the bend in the road and ran off the road, flipping over the motorcycle in the drainage ditch. CHP investigated the accident.

May 25 1:43PM – While patrolling the 1000-blk. of Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed a vehicle accident in front of the tennis courts. Patrol noticed a white Acura sedan had collided with a palm tree on the south bound shoulder of Las Palmas in front of the courts. The Acura had sustained major front-end damage, had a cracked windshield (passenger-side) and the airbags had deployed. Also on scene was a white Toyota truck and an AMR ambulance. AMR was attending to the females, one of which had blood on her

forehead and red a marking across her chest. Patrol learned the females were non-Ranch Residents. Patrol spoke to the owner, a Ranch Resident, of the Toyota who said that prior to the collision between the Acura and the palm tree, he felt a "Thump" from behind. The Toyota did not have any visible damage, but Resident said the trailer hitch may have had some evidence of contact but was not completely sure. 2 CHP units arrived to investigate the accident.

May 31 9:35AM – Patrol received a request from the Sheriff's Department to assist with an alarm activation on Cuervo Ave, reported as a "Kitchen glass break". Patrol responded and the residence was under construction with various workers and the Resident on scene. The alarm was accidental due to work being done. Patrol advised the Sheriffs it was a false alarm and responding Sheriff units were cancelled.

June 02 8:18AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Roblada who reported a "Toothless homeless man" pushing a shopping cart into the Ranch on Las Palmas. Patrol responded and searched the area and was unable to locate the male and/or a shopping cart in the Ranch. Patrol spoke to the HR maintenance crew working at the Las Palmas entrance and it appeared the male turned back around towards the La Cumbre bridge and had not been seen since.

June 03 12:10PM – While patrolling the 4600-blk. of Via Bendita, patrol noticed a landscaping truck parked on the bridge

trail. Patrol contacted the landscaping crew working at a nearby property about the parking violation. The truck was relocated without incident. Note: Please help in keeping the equestrian trails clear and have landscaping and/or construction vehicles/equipment park on your property when ample parking is available. Thank you.

June 03 5:40PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Huerto who reported a large GMC truck, occupied by 2 people, parked on the bridle trail. Patrol responded and found the GMC with tinted windows that initially appeared to be unoccupied. Patrol knocked on the door and as it opened, a young adult female was sitting on the seat covering the front of her body with a towel. The male was out of view. Patrol learned neither the male or female were Ranch Residents but said they live near HR. Patrol advised the couple that HR was private property and they apologized prior to leaving.

June 05 12:20PM – While patrolling the north-west side of the Ranch, patrol was contacted by a Resident who reported the theft of a large sum of money from his Residence, which occurred sometime in the past 3 months while the Resident was away from his home. The location of the money was under lock and key and had at some point been reset by a locksmith. The Resident said there was no forced entry, but there was a hidden key. The location of the money was very specific and is accessible from a separate entrance. Along with the money, other items such as firearm ammunition and some personal items were missing. The Resident advised

he had recently fired an employee on the property for stealing tools and eventually also fired a crew of employees. Patrol referred the Resident to the Sheriff's Department to file a report. Note: Wi-Fi cameras have recently been useful in other incidents in the Ranch to remotely alert Residents of activity on their properties. Ring, Arlo, Nest, are just a few brands of cameras Residents have installed on their properties in the Ranch.

June 08 11:52PM – While patrolling the HR beach, patrol noticed an unleashed dog on the roadway leading down to the turnaround from the upper parking lot. The dog's owner was at the wash station by the restrooms and the dog would not respond to her commands. The dog remained on the roadway barking and did not want to move. The owner eventually leashed her dog and left walking on the beach. Note: Please leash your dog. Thank you.

June 12 2:28PM – Patrol received a request from the Sheriff's Department to assist with an area check of a Residence on Via Fruteria. It was reported the Resident arrived home after being away for 3 days and found her garage door open and a door to the residence open with a key in the door lock. The Sheriff's and patrol checked the interior of the house, and all appeared to be in order. After speaking to the Resident, patrol learned that 3 days prior, she had left in a hurry and got distracted at the last minute, likely forgetting to lock up. When the Resident returned, she was surprised by the open doors and key in the door lock.

June 12 4:00PM – While checking the Via Vistosa fire gate, patrol noticed some black-colored graffiti on a “No Parking” sign on the fire gate. The graffiti was made with a black marker and was illegible. Patrol contacted the Ranch maintenance crew who removed the graffiti.

June 15 11:46AM – Patrol received a report from the HR maintenance crew about a missing STOP sign from its post on Via Alegre and Via Vistosa. It was noted this was the 2nd sign stolen from the same location. Evidence on the post indicated that a grinder or saw was used to remove the sign. The HR maintenance crew replaced the sign. No suspect(s) at this time.

June 15 9:16AM – While patrolling the 4400/4500-blks. of Vieja Dr., patrol noticed some utility boxes that had graffiti on them. One box had black colored graffiti and the other had orange graffiti, both appeared to have been done with markers. Patrol contacted Southern California Edison for clean-up.

June 16 9:18AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a couple of males unloading unknown items from a silver car by the creek on Las Olas. Patrol responded and found 2 males changing a flat tire on a Silver Audi.

June 16 12:37PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a female who had been in a bicycle accident on Marina Dr. Patrol responded and on scene was CHP with a female who was

standing up by a bicycle on the 4100-blk. of Marina Dr. SB County Fire Dept. and an AMR ambulance responded to the scene. The cause of the accident was unkn.

June 17 5:15PM – While conducting a vacation check on Creciente Dr., patrol noticed a black Jeep SUV, not listed on the vacation form, parked on the property. Patrol contacted the emergency contact on the form but there was no reply. Patrol conducted a perimeter check of the home and soon after, the Resident's son exited out from the home after hearing patrol checking the doors. Patrol was able to verify the information. Note: Please contact patrol if information on your vacation form changes once it is submitted. Thank you.

June 20 10:10AM – While patrolling the 4300-blk. of Via Presada., patrol noticed some white-colored graffiti on a "Speed Bumps" road sign. The graffiti was made with a white marker and was illegible. Patrol contacted the Ranch maintenance crew who removed the graffiti.

June 21 09:54AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Esperanza who reported a male on her property who wanted to put up some traps. The Resident had communicated with the male through her doorbell camera and had asked him to leave, which he did. Patrol located the male, an Insect/trap worker with the CA Dept. of Agriculture who said the Resident's address was on his list. Patrol noted the worker was in a state vehicle with decals, etc. Patrol suggested the Resident contact the Dept. of Agriculture about her address being on

their list. The Resident advised she does not have traps on her property. However, the neighbor across the shared driveway did have traps.

June 22 07:51AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a homeless person dressed in black clothing and carrying a black backpack, by the HR beach restroom area. The Resident said the male was acting “Erratic” as he was walking around and moving his hands. Patrol responded and noticed a male matching the description walking west on the sand towards More Mesa beach. Patrol noticed the male was self-engaged and appeared to have some mental health issues. Patrol warned beachgoers so they could avoid the male. The male was last seen heading in the direction of More Mesa.

June 23 8:34PM – Patrol received a request for assistance from the Sheriff’s Department to assist with a burglar and fire alarm at the same address on Via Huerto. Patrol responded and noticed the Fire Department was already on scene. No sign(s) of fire. A Sheriff Deputy arrived soon after and after meeting with the Fire Department and the Resident, it was determined to be accidental or a glitch in the system.

June 25 10:55AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a male with a hat checking out the cabana locker building at HR beach. The Resident said he looked disoriented as he walked up from the beach. Patrol then received a text message from another Resident who said the same male was on Las Olas.

Patrol contacted the male who was sitting on the steps of the cabana building drinking water. The male had a wool cap, was carrying a backpack and had a blanket. The male was slow to react, but patrol explained he was on private property, which he appeared to understand. The male had no destination but was given directions towards More Mesa. The male has not been seen since.

June 26 7:56AM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported an abandoned vehicle with damage parked on Las Olas and Las Palmas. Patrol responded and found a white Nissan Xterra, no plates but displaying DMV paperwork taped to the trunk lid, with front-end damage parked in the middle of Las Olas facing Las Palmas. The windows were down, and visible inside were tools, a bicycle and a child's car seat. CHP responded to investigate further. Patrol assisted CHP by checking FLOCK and despite having no plate, a match of the make and model was captured entering Las Palmas earlier in the morning at 3:13am. The Nissan was also captured on the HR beach camera when it entered Las Olas at 3:17am. A previous FLOCK image from June 2nd was also found of the Nissan when it left the Ranch out Marina. From evidence at the scene, it appeared the Nissan collided with a tree at an undetermined location. A CHP owner registration check came back to a non-Ranch Resident in Santa Barbara County. CHP towed away the Nissan.

July 02 2:14PM – Patrol received a report from Residents on Via Hierba who reported a large German shepherd in their

back yard, which was not fenced in. The dog barked at the Residents and was not approachable. Patrol responded and learned the dog was also spotted at another address on Via Hierba. Patrol located the dog sitting in the driveway on Via Hierba and called the owner of the property, but no one answered. Patrol noticed there was an open door to the Residence and despite some growling from the dog, patrol was able to secure the dog inside the house. Patrol followed up with the Resident who was out of town and advised the dog must have escaped and was thankful for patrol's assistance.

July 03 7:20AM – While patrolling Las Palmas by Laguna Blanca School, patrol noticed a transient male walking along Las Palmas. Patrol contacted the male and offered assistance. The male was enroute to the La Cumbre Plaza and asked for some water. Patrol provided a couple bottles of water and the male continued on, exiting out the Ranch on Las Palmas. Dr.

July 03 5:36PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Llano Ave. who reported a vehicle accident on Roble Dr. near Llano the night before. Video surveillance of the accident showed a gray Toyota Corolla was north bound on Roble and was unable to manage the bend in the road and ran off the road, going into the drainage ditch, striking a horse crossing sign and driving back onto the roadway. CHP investigated the accident and patrol assisted by providing FLOCK license plate reader information to CHP. FLOCK captured the Toyota making entry into the Ranch at 11:04pm the night

before then being towed away on a flatbed on Las Palmas at 12:13am. CHP investigated the collision, and the SB County Roads Dept. replaced the damaged sign.

July 05 6:00PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Las Palmas who reported a homeless-looking male trying to enter his property. The Resident's dog started barking and the male turned around and left walking on Vieja Dr. The male was described as wearing black clothing and having long dirty hair. Patrol responded and checked the area. The male was not located and has not been seen since.

July 05 8:52PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Vieja Dr. who reported a tree branch was on fire by her home. SB County Fire Department and SC Edison were already on scene and the fire had been extinguished. According to the Resident's son, it appeared that a small oak tree branch broke off the top of a tree, landing on the power lines, creating sparks and a fire. No property damage and/or injuries were reported.

July 07 1:08PM – Patrol received a report from the La Cumbre Water co. who reported a semi-truck that struck some utility lines by the water co. office on Via Tranquila. Patrol responded and noticed the top of the semi truck's cargo trailer struck some utility cables (Not power lines). The semi-truck was stopped with the cables still on the cargo trailer and some cables were low hanging. Patrol notified SB County dispatch and the SB

County Fire Department responded to the scene. Traffic control was conducted, and the Fire Department cleared the lines. The nearby equestrian trail had to be closed-off as a utility line was directly on the trail. Cox cable responded sometime later and repaired the line.

July 08 12:07PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident who reported a homeless person on a bicycle and a yellow safety vest, who according to the Resident, looked “drugged and disheveled”. Patrol responded to the area and was not able to locate the person on the bicycle. No subsequent reports were received.

July 09 12:50PM – While patrolling Las Palmas by the Laguna Blanca School, patrol noticed a male, possible a transient, wearing a backpack and sitting on one of the school field wooden posts. Patrol contacted the male and offered assistance. The male was walking to the beach and was heading south. Patrol provided the male a ride to the Marina exit without incident.

July 10 7:46PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Llano Ave. who reported a vehicle accident on Roble Dr. near Llano the night before. Video surveillance of the accident showed a white Toyota Corolla was north bound on Roble and was unable to manage the bend in the road and ran off the road, going into the drainage ditch, striking at least one roadway reflector sign, and driving back onto the roadway. CHP investigated the accident and patrol assisted by providing FLOCK license plate reader information to CHP. FLOCK captured the Toyota making

entry into the Ranch at 5:46pm the day before then being towed away on Las Palmas at 6:51pm. FLOCK showed the vehicle in HR 10 times in the previous 30 days. CHP investigated the collision, and the SB County Roads Dept. replaced the damaged sign.

July 13 10:10AM – While conducting a vacation check on Via Sinuosa., patrol located an unlocked door to a guest house. Patrol contacted the Resident who advised that the guest who had been staying on the property accidentally left the door unlocked.

July 14 11:46AM – Patrol received a report from the HR office who requested a check of the HR beach gates as the office received a bad cell reception call from someone who requested access through the beach gates. Office staff said it sounded like it was tourists who were requesting either access in and/or out. Patrol responded and noticed 2 vehicles with various people parked on Las Olas by the gates. Patrol contacted the group, and they left without incident. No access provided.

July 14 6:54PM – Patrol received a report from a beachgoer who reported a nude male at HR beach. While on the phone with the caller, patrol could hear a man yelling and cursing in the background. Patrol responded but advised the caller to call 911. On scene, patrol was advised the male was being rude and was last seen walking on the sand from east to west, heading in the direction of More Mesa beach. The male was not seen again.

July 20 5:00PM – Patrol received a report from a Resident on Via Huerto who reported a male sleeping in his green Ford SUV parked along Via Huerto. Patrol contacted the sleeping male and learned he had no legitimate business in the HR. The male was advised HR was private property and the male left without incident.

July 21 1:16PM – While patrolling the 1300-blk. of Las Palmas Dr., patrol noticed an illegally parked older green Lexus SUV parked near a posted no parking sign. Patrol noticed various personal items inside the Lexus and a male who appeared asleep, reclined in the front seat. Patrol contacted the male about the parking violation and the male left without incident.

**Our Ever-changing, Dynamic and Fun Hope Ranch Beach
Summer 2023
(Hope Ranch Beach Committee)**

Hope Ranch Park Homes Association offers its residents many recreational activities including exclusive access to the south facing Hope Ranch beach. This is a very safe and great beach for enjoying walks, fishing, tide pooling, kayak touring, surfing, free diving, windsurfing, watching sunsets and swimming, particularly in the summer months when the Santa Barbara channel ocean temperatures are greater than 63 degrees F.

Many of our residents have been enjoying our beach for decades. With this long-term perspective in mind, we have learned about many changes that have affected our use of the beach. In fact, Hope Ranch beach, like all beaches, is an ever-changing and dynamic beach due to sea level rise, daily ocean tides, currents, and waves. Tides and weather alter beaches every day, bringing new materials and taking away others. In general, winter storms from the north and west generate large waves which pull sand offshore creating narrower, rocky beaches. Lower, gentle, spring and summer swells from the west and south generate waves that carry sand onshore resulting in wider beaches.

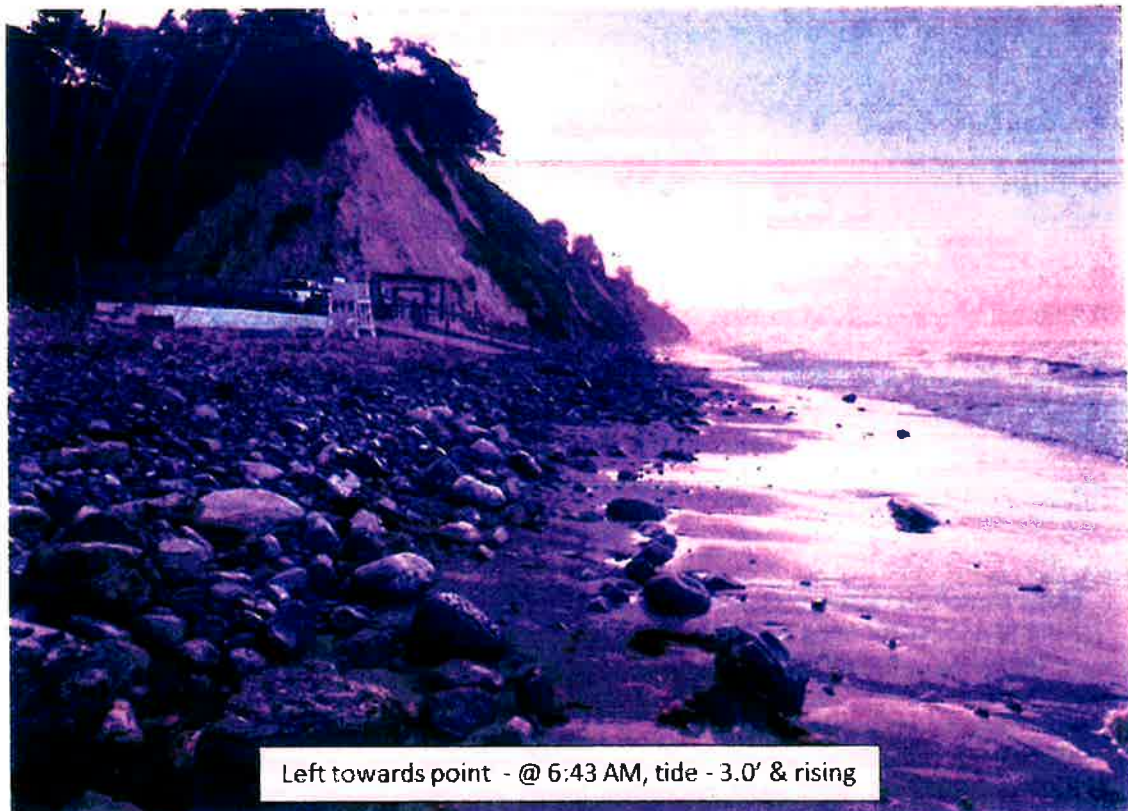
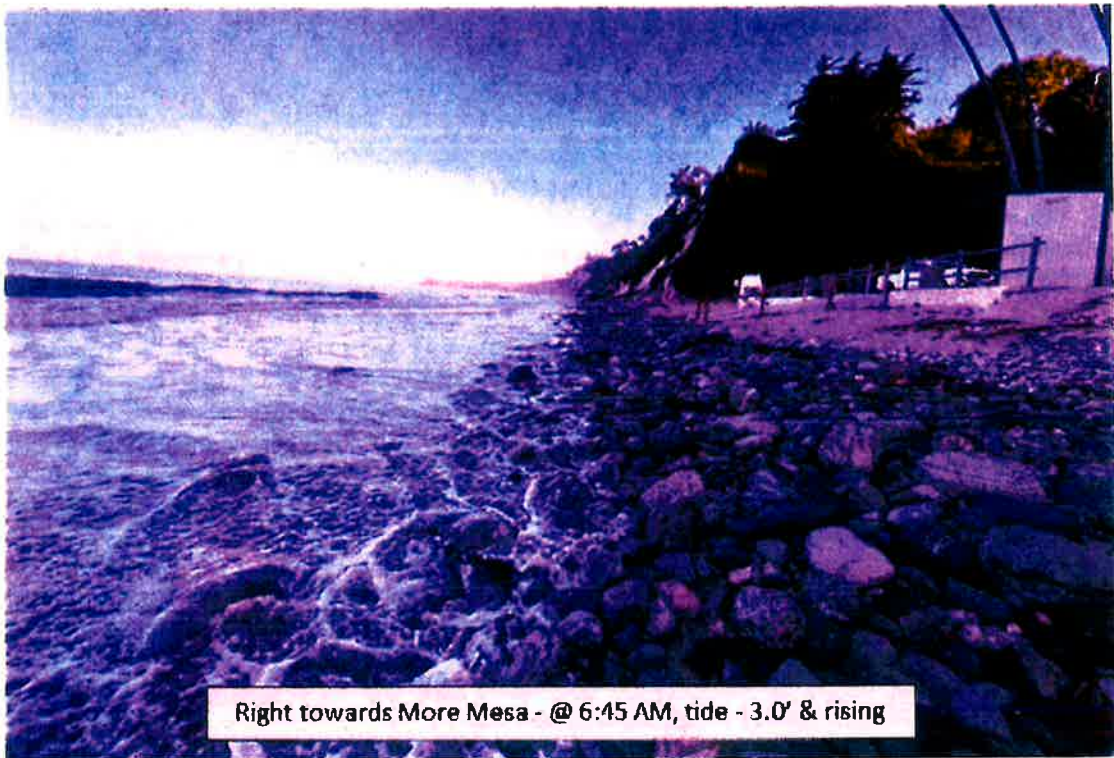
Our Hope Ranch operations crew pays close attention to beach conditions. If we experience beach problems in the winter because of large surf or storm runoff, our operations crew works in providing access and addressing as needed infrastructure problems though at times our efforts may be curtailed by ocean conditions. During the summer, periodically, our operations crew will move sand from lower tide areas to the higher tide area for safer resident access and beach use.

To facilitate and improve resident beach use, understanding daily tidal levels is key in planning a beach visit. For guidance on visiting Hope Ranch beach during summer 2023, the following tide guidelines will help:

Tide Description	Approximate Tide Level (Ft)	Available Beach Area To Walk, Enjoy & Explore
VERY HIGH – Water is over the access ramps, near turn-a-round wall	~7.0 +	Very narrow beach sand adjacent to turn around wall, with large surf, water is at the wall
HIGH – At the end of pedestrian and emergency access ramps	~5.5	Limited to central beach area near turn around wall between horse trail and beyond pedestrian access ramp
MEDIUM – Beach below rocky area (see 7/28/2023 pictures)	~3.0 & lower	Can walk on sand to the left past the point and right to More Mesa
LOW – Tide pooling (near the point)	~1.0 & lower	Left, past the point and right to More Mesa
LOWEST – minus tides	~ -1.5 to -2.0	At minus tides, large beach area, left, one can walk past Hendrys and right past Goleta pier / UCSB

Hope Ranch summer 2023 beach access and approximate tide guidelines (will change based on sand deposition rates and wave size). Many tide table references exist, one excellent reference is the NOAA tide website: [Station Home Page – NOAA Tides & Currents](#).

So far, 2023 beach pedestrian access and use conditions have been a challenge due to lower levels of sand deposition. Summer 2023 sand deposition levels are down roughly 2.5+ feet compared to recent historical sand levels. This is one of several reasons why we walk over rocks after the ramps to access beach sand. We are paying close attention to these conditions and are making efforts to maintain our beach as a great place to be accessed and enjoyed safely by our residents year-round. Please do not hesitate to call the Hope Ranch office if you have any comments, questions or concerns about our great beach.



Hope Ranch Beach – July 28, 2023

Right (towards More Mesa) & Left (towards point)

Rocky entrance from ramps, use caution when entering the beach



Zimmerman family & friends, cardboard boat race



Sandcastle contest

Hope Ranch Beach - September 4, 2022
Beach Festival

(Come join us for the 2023 Beach Festival Sept. 2-3, 2023)



How to Plant With Purpose

Hosted by Patty Helberg & David Smukowski

We're excited to welcome you to an informal afternoon with Executive Director Steve Windhager, Ph.D.

Steve will be speaking about the power of native plants and how to plant with purpose. He'll also share how we can all mitigate the effects of climate change while also ensuring biodiversity thrives – right in our backyards!

Date: September 14, 2023

Time: 4 to 5:30 PM

Location: 755 Via Airosa, Santa Barbara, CA

Please RSVP to pattyhelberg53@gmail.com

Attendance is limited to 40 guests.



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