

More Mesa

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More Mesa and surrounding open lands encompass about 400 acres of grassland, wetland, and coast live oak and riparian woodland. These include the level bluff top of the Mesa itself and lowland areas along Atascadero Creek on the Mesa's north edge. The heart of this open space is the 300-acre bluff top, with 35 acres owned by the County and 265 acres held privately. Forty acres of the east end of this area are planned for development of up to 70 large houses, with the remainder designated as environmentally sensitive habitat. More Mesa is located in Santa Barbara's Goleta Valley, west of Hope Ranch and about two miles east of Goleta Beach and UCSB. Access can be obtained off the south end of Patterson Avenue or from Mocking Bird Lane via Puente Drive.

More Mesa Preservation Coalition

The More Mesa Preservation Coalition (MMPC) is a broad based community group committed to the protection of the increasingly rare natural, scenic, and recreational values of More Mesa. MMPC's goals are:

- **To work cooperatively** with land owners and public agencies to preserve all of More Mesa forever ... for its habitat, recreational, and open space values;
- **To protect** the site's significant biological resources and restore degraded habitats;
- **To maintain** the Mesa's existing balance of recreational uses including horseback riding, running, mountain biking, dog walking, hiking, birding, and general appreciation of the natural setting.

The four years since our formation have seen many issues arise that affect More Mesa. MMPC is encouraged by some of these trends and alarmed by others. However, we remain steadfast in our determination to protect More Mesa's unique resources and to help interested members of the public stay informed and involved in issues affecting this precious remaining open space. Only an informed and active public can ensure that More Mesa, and its resources, will remain intact for future generations!



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