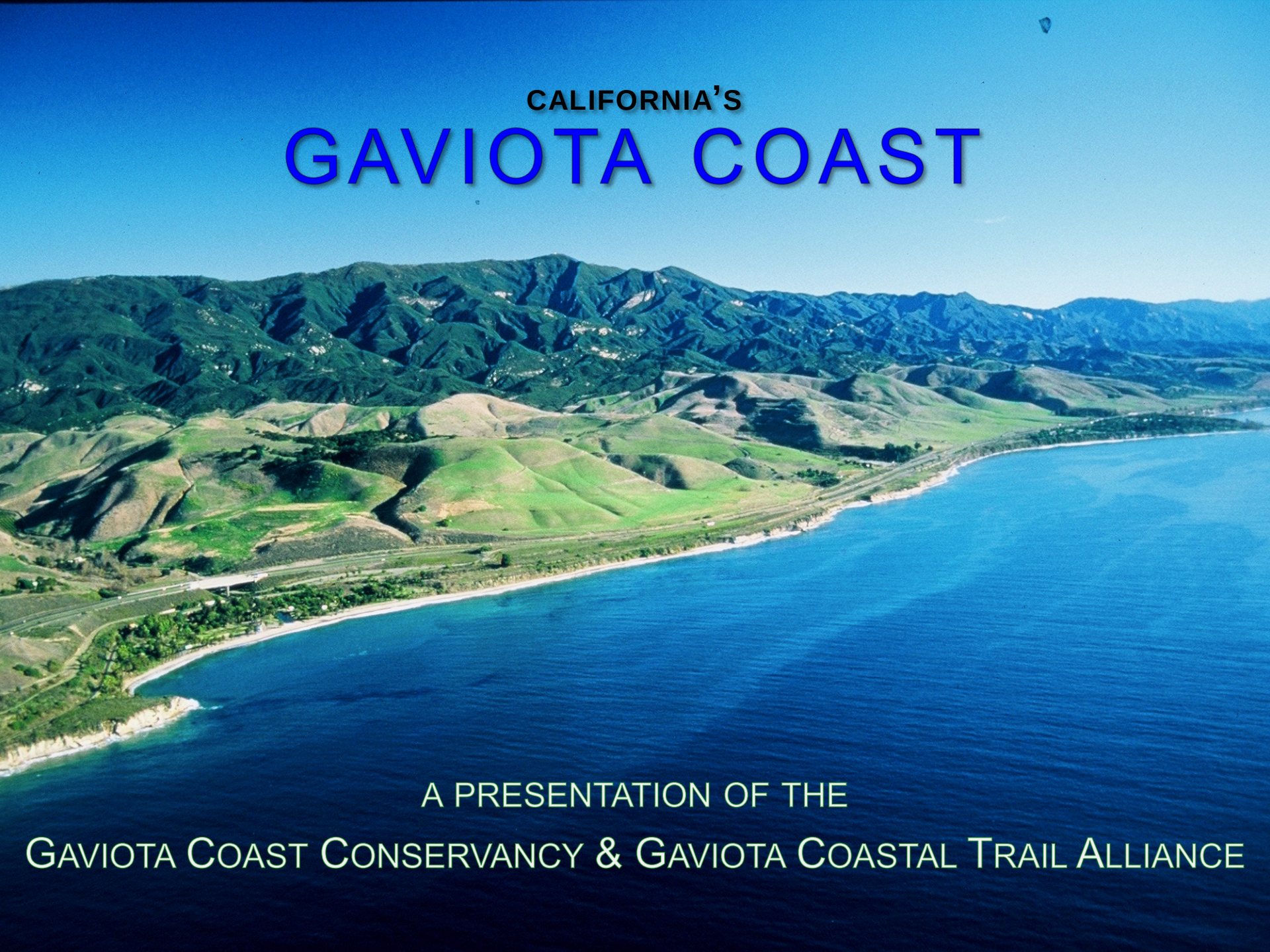


An aerial photograph of the Gaviota Coast in California. The image shows a rugged coastline with steep, green mountains in the background, rolling green hills in the middle ground, and a sandy beach meeting the blue ocean in the foreground. A road and some buildings are visible along the coast.

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A PRESENTATION OF THE
GAVIOTA COAST CONSERVANCY & GAVIOTA COASTAL TRAIL ALLIANCE

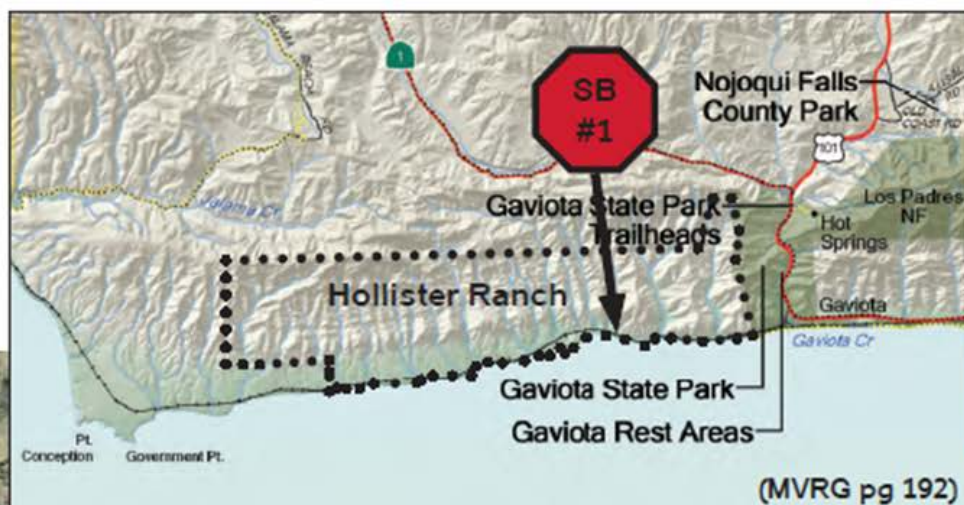


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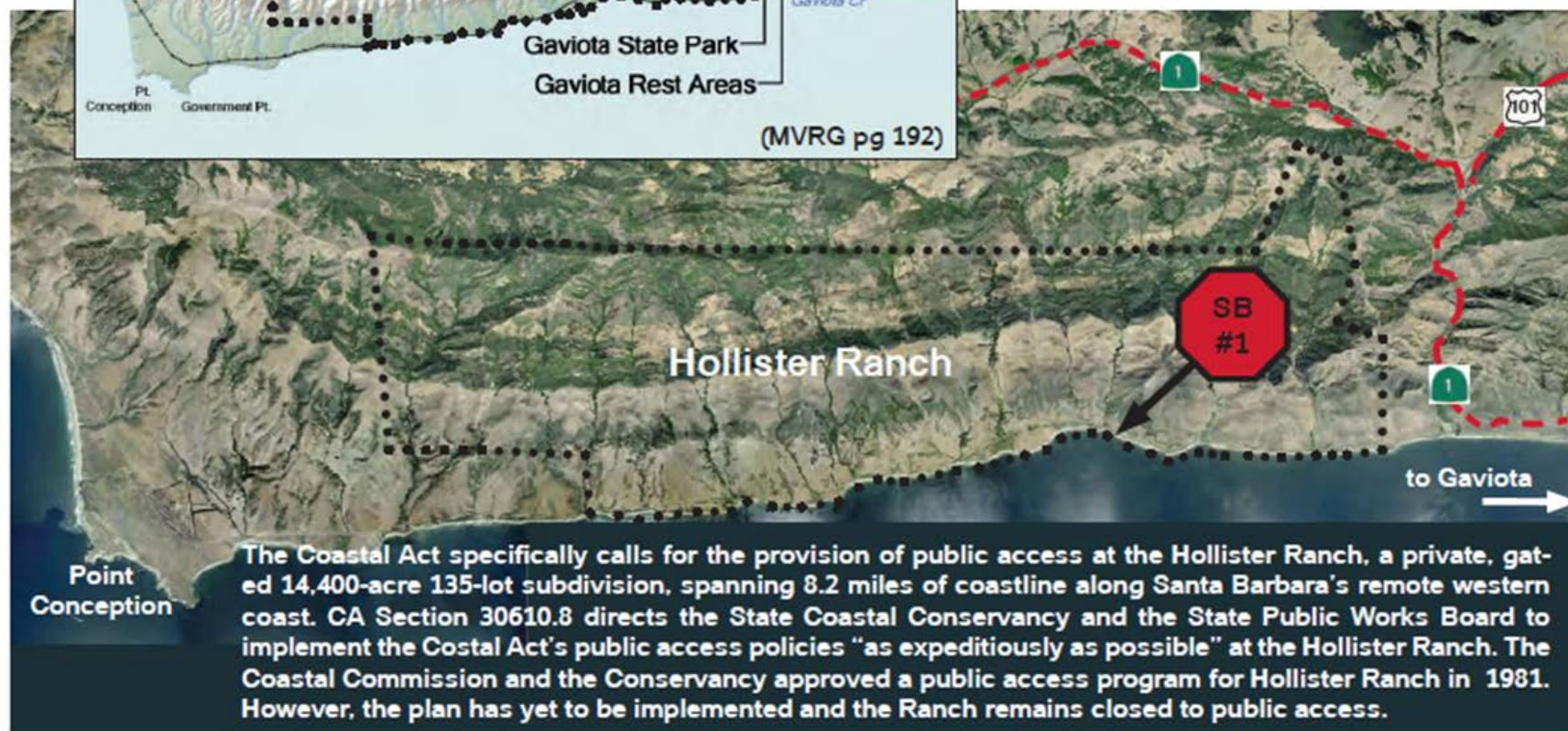








SB # 1 - Future Beach Accessway, Hollister Ranch, Santa Barbara County. OTD recorded 1982. Permit # 309-05 for a 150-person YMCA Camp.



California Constitution, Article X, Sec. 4

No individual, partnership, or corporation,
claiming or possessing the frontage or tidal lands . .
. , **shall be permitted to exclude the right of way to**
such water whenever it is required for **any public**
purpose, . . . and the Legislature shall enact such
laws as will give the most liberal construction to this
provision, **so that access to the navigable waters of**
this State shall be always attainable for the people
thereof.

(emphasis added.)

Public Resources Code section 30610.8

- It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Coastal Conservancy and the State Public Works Board utilize their authority provided under law to implement, **as expeditiously as possible**, the public access policies and provisions of this division at the Hollister Ranch in Santa Barbara County. (emphasis added.)

Completing the California Coastal Trail

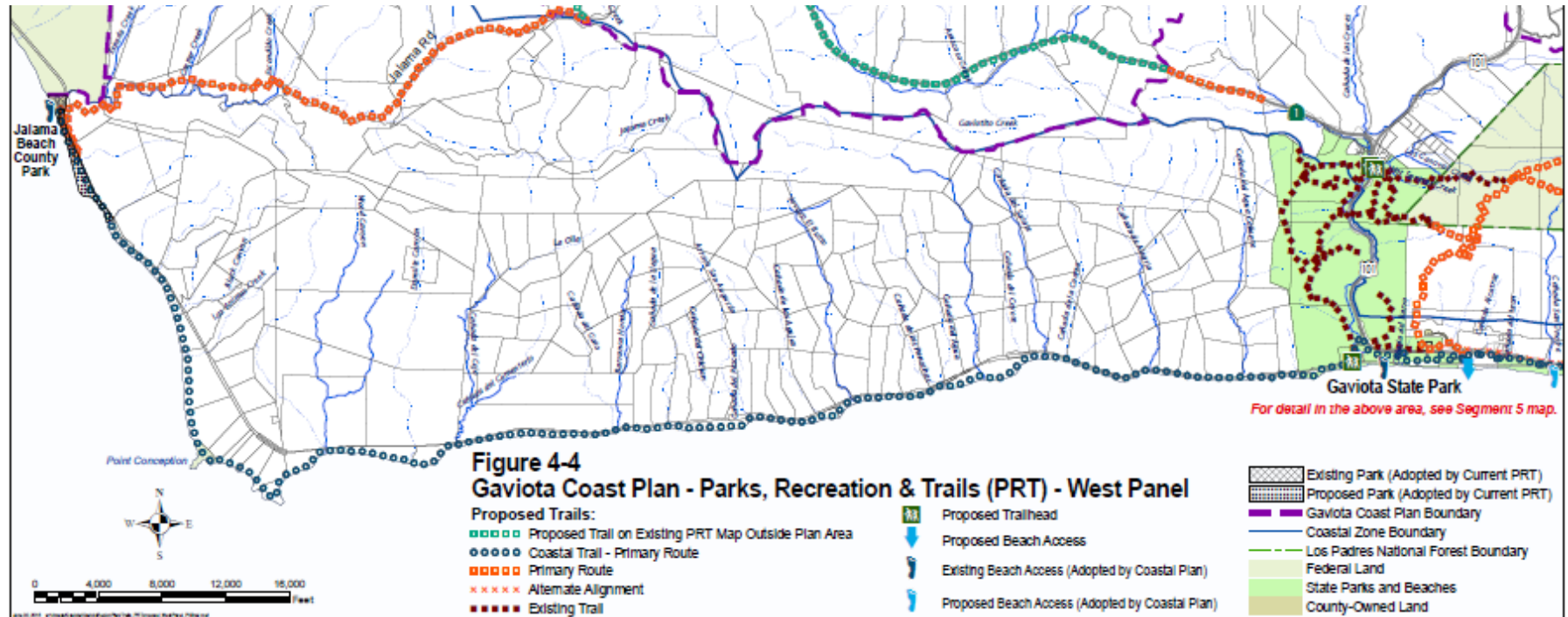


This report is prepared pursuant to Chapter 446, Statutes of 2001.

Definition of the California Coastal Trail

A continuous public right-of-way along the California coastline; a trail designed to foster appreciation and stewardship of the scenic and natural resources of the coast through hiking and other complementary modes of nonmotorized transportation.

GavPlan Trails – Jalama to Gaviota Park



**ADOPTED
COASTAL ACCESS PROGRAM
for the
HOLLISTER RANCH**

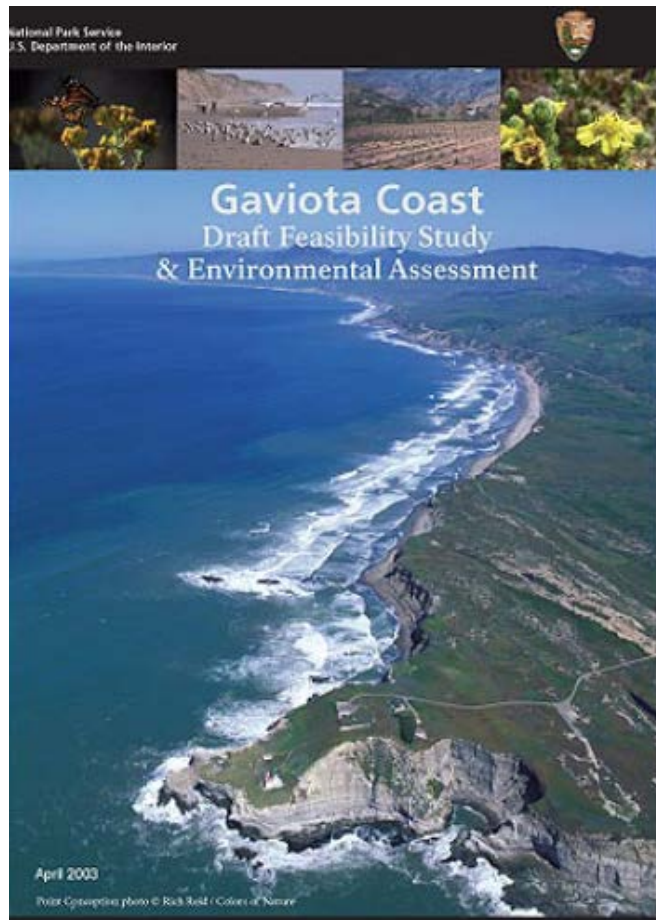


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JOINT COASTAL ACCESS PROGRAM
CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION/
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

National Park Service Gaviota Coast Feasibility Study 2003





United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, D.C. 20240

March 5, 2004

Honorable Richard Pombo
Chairman, Committee on Resources
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am pleased to transmit the enclosed Gaviota Coast Feasibility Study, Environmental Assessment, and a Public Comment and Response Document related to the study. The study was authorized by Congress in 1999 (P.L. 106-113) and addresses a 76-mile segment of coastal watersheds in Santa Barbara County between Coal Oil Point in Isla Vista to Point Sal at the northern boundary of Vandenberg Air Force Base. The National Park Service (NPS) prepared this study in order to determine whether all or part of the Gaviota Coast study area meets established criteria for designation as a unit of the National Park System and to evaluate what would be the most effective and efficient protection strategy for this area.

As required by statute, the study evaluated the area for its significance, suitability and feasibility. The study determined the area contains nationally significant natural and cultural resources, and is suitable but not feasible for inclusion in the National Park System. The area is not a feasible addition to the System for several reasons: sufficient land is not currently available to NPS; strong opposition from study area landowners makes it unlikely that effective NPS management could occur; and NPS is not able to undertake new acquisition or management responsibilities of this cost and magnitude, given competing priorities in existing units and the need to concentrate on addressing the backlog of deferred maintenance.

The final study evaluated only two alternatives, neither of which includes NPS management. Alternative 1 was no action or the continuation of current policies and Alternative 2, a derivative of the no action alternative, called for a continuation of current policies but provided a menu of additional local options that built upon the strong history of protection in Santa Barbara County without further Federal involvement.

One of the most important parts of the study revealed that the citizens and local governments of Santa Barbara County are already engaged in a wide array of local land protection efforts that have set a fine example for other parts of the country. These efforts have produced an outstanding record of locally based environmental protection by private individuals, organizations and local public agencies. In the professional opinion of NPS, the most effective and efficient means of protecting these significant resources and for providing public enjoyment along the Gaviota Coast is for these types of local protection strategies to continue and grow without further NPS involvement. Therefore, there is no new Federal action envisioned or recommended and no action is required by Congress.

New York Times, July 20, 2018

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Opinion

What if You Owned a Beach but Weren't Allowed to Get to It?

By Kathleen Sharp

Ms. Sharp is a journalist who kayaks and bodysurfs along California's beaches.

July 20, 2018



Los Angeles Times, August 6, 2018

The state should not have settled for Hollister Ranch's dismal offering



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What can the Commission do now? Some commissioners believe they didn't have enough information on the Hollister Ranch case before they agreed to let the state's attorneys settle the lawsuit. But it's unclear if they can back out now. They should try. Or the judge could toss the settlement out. If any of this happens, Hollister Ranch will, no doubt, continue to fight to keep control over the beach. But, for the state and for the sake of the people of California, that is a fight worth continuing.

COASTAL TRAIL – SEA RANCH



An aerial photograph of the Gaviota Coast in California. The image shows a dramatic landscape with steep, green mountains in the background, rolling green hills in the middle ground, and a coastal area with a highway and a small town in the foreground. The ocean is visible on the right side of the frame.

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