CHAPTER 5

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Hollister Ranch Area
to
City of Carpinteria

In Santa Barbara County, a total of 4 vertical accessways have been recorded pursuant to Coastal Commission actions since 1973. Of those 4 accessways, 2 (or 50%) have been constructed and opened for public use; and 2 (50%) remain yet to be opened.

Accessways that are open and available to the public are shown in green; accessways closed or not yet opened are shown in red. For other notes on how to read graphics, see pg 6 of the Introduction.

Sailing off Santa Barbara Point, Santa Barbara County.
Santa Barbara County Map from the Commission’s regional coastal access guide, Experience the California Coast: Beaches and Parks from Monterey to Ventura (pg 182). (Note: Maps used on the following pages to show the location of vertical accessways in Santa Barbara County are from this same regional guide, and are thus marked MVRG with the page number on which the map can be found in the guidebook.)
The Coastal Act specifically calls for the provision of public access at the Hollister Ranch, a private, gated 14,400-acre 135-lot subdivision, spanning 8.2 miles of coastline along Santa Barbara’s remote western coast. CA Section 30610.8 directs the State Coastal Conservancy and the State Public Works Board to implement the Coastal Act’s public access policies “as expeditiously as possible” at the Hollister Ranch. The Coastal Commission and the Conservancy approved a public access program for Hollister Ranch in 1981. However, the plan has yet to be implemented and the Ranch remains closed to public access.
SB #2 - Beach Access Pathway and Parking Lot, 8301 Hollister Avenue, City of Goleta. OTD recorded 1997. Permit #4-85-343 for 400-room resort hotel.

(MVRG pg 206)
SB # 3 - Future Beach Access Pathway, 3443 Padaro Lane, Santa Claus Lane area of Santa Barbara County. OTD recorded 1987. Permit # 141-19 for a 4-SFD subdivision.

SB # 4 - Blufftop Pathway, Bailard Avenue, City of Carpinteria. OTD recorded 1980. Permit # 205-27 for expansion of oil processing facility.
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