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Supervisor Doreen Farr  
Chair, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
105 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CLERK OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Re: Las Varas Ranch Project Trails, Hearing Date April 17, 2012

Dear Supervisor Farr:

Please include this letter in the record for the Board of Supervisors' Las Varas Ranch project hearing on April 17, 2012, and please distribute copies of this letter to the other Supervisors.

My name is Brandon Doheny. Timothy Doheny was my grandfather. He was an extremely kind and generous man and allowed me the privilege to enjoy Las Varas Ranch and Edwards Point. My parents were living in Las Varas Canyon when I was born and I began surfing Edwards Point with my father at approximately age 10. I have spent countless hours with my parents and sister camping and enjoying the property and we continue to do so now with my wife and daughter.

My father and I have met and become friends with the small group who surf at Edwards Point. My grandfather graciously allowed them to enjoy Edwards Point to surf as long as they respect the land, cattle and fencing and demonstrate proper regard for my family's private property rights.

My grandfather was a generous man who tolerated a small group of surfer's desire to enter the west end of the ranch for surfing because they are friends of ours and many are nearby neighbors. He always made it very clear to everyone that if his ranch personnel caught anyone damaging or disrespecting the property, he would have them removed from the property. His permission to use the property always was subject to revocation. Upon my grandfather's passing, it remains that the privilege that he extended could still be revoked at any time.

Sincerely,

  
Brandon Doheny