

Opposition to South-of-Highway Trail Alignment – Las Varas Project

**County of Santa Barbara
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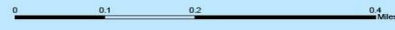
LEGEND

- Coastal Trail Alignment
- Coastal Trail Alternative 1
- Coastal Trail Alternative 2
- Developer Proposed Alignment
- Railroad Crossing
- State Coastal Zone Boundary
- Coastal PRT
- Parcel Map Boundaries



Coastal Trail Alignment

Map Designed by Santa Barbara Trails Council



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Reasons Against a South-of-Highway Trail Alignment

- Compromises the Neighbor's Privacy and Encourages Trespass;
- Threatens Sensitive Biological Habitat;
- Threatens a Significant Chumash Archeological Site;
- Public Safety Risks; and
- Trail Would be Extremely Difficult to Construct, Delaying Opening It to the Public.

View from Trail



Threatens Sensitive Habitat



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Las Llagas Creek Culvert (North Entrance – Caltrans)



Las Llagas Creek Culvert (South Entrance – Briarcliff), Sensitive Habitat



Public Safety Risk



At-Grade Crossing Unsafe, Infeasible



Steep Slope/Wetland with Sensitive Habitat



Caltrans Staging Area, No Merge Lane



Route to El Capitan Ranch Road



Dangerous Gate to Briarcliff Trust Property Often Mistaken as a Public Access Point



Blind Railroad Bend



Prior Accidents (One Fatal)

