

# Visualize a Bluff-top Coastal Trail



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# EIR Inadequate on Many Levels

The inadequacy of the Las Varas Ranch Project EIR has been documented by

- Santa Barbara County Planning Commission
- County Riding and Hiking Advisory Committee
- More than a dozen community organizations



# Fact vs. Opinion

A high quality EIR is in the best interest of all, but this one comes up short

- LCP Policies are watered down...*shall* is ignored and *should* is characterized as wishful thinking
- Unsubstantiated opinion of developer consultants is *unquestioned*
- Fact supported reports are *dismissed* as mere opinion

The EIR lacks the caliber of research, analysis, and data provided in reports such as our

- Grazing and Trails Report
- Las Varas Ranch Lateral Access and Tides Report
- Public Access at Edwards Point



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# We Recommend the Following

- Support the Planning Commission's recommendation to not certify the Environmental impact Report and require further environmental review
- Provide strong clear direction to County staff to address community concerns including:
  - Major inconsistencies with adopted County and State Policy
  - Fully explore alternatives capable of reducing environmental impacts
  - Follow through on a long standing public policy objective to acquire Edwards Point and a near shore California Coastal Trail
- Or, deny the proposed project.



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# A Legacy Decision for Future Generations

- Las Varas Ranch development involves recreational issue of countywide and statewide concern
- Diverse outdoor recreation is key to our local quality of life and a growth industry in Santa Barbara County
- Today we are determining the recreation and open space legacy for our children's children. **Make the right decision**



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