MORE MESA PRESERVATION COALITION



MMPC e-Update

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You Can Help ... Attend the Symposium

- * Look in your "in-box" or your "trash"
- * Still have your invite?
- * If not, click here
- * Register
- * Forward your invite to others
- * Encourage them to attend
- * Hear the morning session
- * Go on the afternoon walk
- * Enjoy More Mesa!
- * Volunteer to help

Thanks so much and hope to see you there!

It is the mission of the More Mesa

Ask the President

Q. Why is MMPC having a Symposium about More Mesa?

A. It has been almost eleven years since the first More Mesa Symposium was held at UCSB in 2003. A lot has happened since that time. The primary goal of the Symposium is to help attendees "get" why we should care about preserving More Mesa. And, among the many specific goals for the Symposium, we want to provide an understanding of:

- * How does More Mesa fit in with the other preserved coastal lands in our area and what makes More Mesa unique among them?
- * What were the results presented in the Draft Updated Biological Resources Report?
- * Do these results change the ecological importance of More Mesa?
- * What legal development is currently allowed?
- * What environmental laws govern More Mesa?

The More Mesa Symposium: The Symposium will be held on March 15th, at Bren Hall, UCSB. However, space is relatively limited ... so early registration is strongly advised.

- Morning will feature a series of papers discussing ecology, raptors, legal aspects, development potential and the history of More Mesa.
 - These papers will be presented by a group of More Mesa experts whose knowledge of More Mesa is both broad, and spans many decades of effort to preserve this important remaining open space. Indeed, these prestigious speakers, taken as a group, have almost 120 years of experience studying and working on More Mesa.
- This session will end with a panel discussion and Q&A.
- An afternoon walk will be guided by Wayne Ferren, whose knowledge of More Mesa is legend in our



Preservation
Coalition to
preserve More
Mesa, in its
entirety, for all
time. We've been at
it since 2000.

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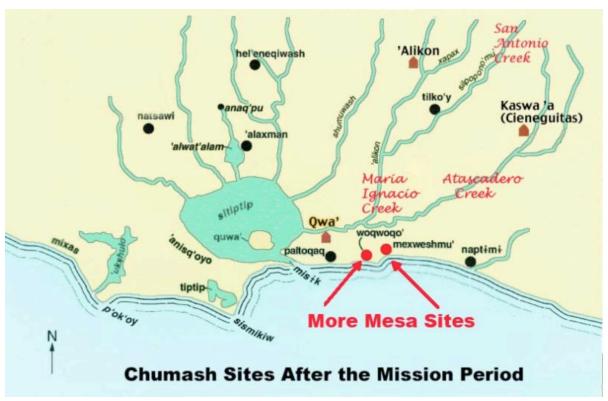
Wayne Leads Walk in 2003 Photo by Robert Bernstein

What does the Symposium cost? Nothing ... it is free and open to all who register.

NO NEWS ABOUT POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Past - Chumash Villages on More Mesa

We talked about the Chumash in the very first issue of these monthly updates published last May. At that time we reported the large population of Chumash settlements near More Mesa; in the area that is now the Goleta Slough. However, during research and preparation of the "History of More Mesa" paper to be presented at the upcoming Symposium, we came upon a map created by John Johnson of the Museum of Natural History. This map, based on his recent research regarding Chumash place names in the Goleta Valley, shows three Chumash community enclaves that were inhabited after the Mission Period; at least two of which located on what is now known as More Mesa.



Map by John Johnson of Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

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