

MORE MESA PRESERVATION COALITION



MMPC e-Update

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You Can Help

There are three ways, right now, that you can

Help Save More Mesa ...
Forever:

1. If you have heard anything about the developers' plans, please send the information to us to pursue;
2. If you have friends or acquaintances who would like to be involved in saving More Mesa, please send us their names and contact information and we will invite them to get involved; and,
3. Send MMPC a "Save More Mesa" contribution of \$25, \$50, \$100 ... or more if you can afford it. (Use the address at the bottom of this page, or the "Donate" button on the home page of our [web site](#).)

If we succeed in stopping the development we will

What's Happening With Potential Development?

We know that the developer intends, at least at this point, to try to build on More Mesa. We are just awaiting his application, at which point we will respond. We have begun to raise a "Save More Mesa" Campaign Fund for that eventuality. (See "You Can Help")

Ask The President

Q: What's the new section on the Web site about?

A: ECOLOGY ... You will notice that there is a new section in the menu of our home page titled "Ecology". It has two sub-sections; "[Habitats](#)" and "[Climate and Weather](#)". "Habitats" contains a feature on Vernal Pools (previously hosted elsewhere on the site) and information on Coastal Sage Scrub and Shoreline/Beach habitats as well.



*Already green ...
only 4 days after
first storm!*

Inclusion of the "Climate and Weather" feature was prompted by the intense drought/flood cycle we are currently experiencing, with its accompanying, recently-arrived El Niño. The "Climate/Weather" feature contains material to help understand the El Niño phenomena, as well as up-to-date information and additional sources of recent data.

With this new addition, we are once again indebted to Lynn Watson who has managed and updated our web site for the last twelve years. Moreover, ever since those early years she has worked tirelessly keeping the site timely, fresh and up-to-date with new technology, new features and her marvelous photographs. We are extremely grateful! **THANKS LYNN!**

then try to raise the funds to buy More Mesa ... and lock it up for generations to come. Thanks so much!

Valerie Olson
President, MMPC



Puddles Galore!

It is the mission of the More Mesa Preservation Coalition, to preserve More Mesa, in its entirety, for all times. We've been at it since 2000.

[This Month on More Mesa](#)

Beautiful More Mesa looks bleak indeed! Happily, the long awaited 2016 El Niño pattern shift has finally happened, and seems to be delivering our much-needed rain.

Moreover recent predictions based on anomalous elevated equatorial sea surface temperatures in the Pacific Ocean, continue to predict an extremely strong El Niño, perhaps the strongest we have ever experienced. These same predictions tell us that strong El Niño events tend to begin at the start of winter, and continue into the spring. NOAA's latest three-month prediction can be found at our "[Climate and Weather](#)" feature.



More Mesa during rain in early January

[The Past - Conclusion of the Kellogg Farm Saga](#)

You may remember from previous issues that John More was enraged by the presence of the small (60 acre) Kellogg farm within his domain. Originally the farm had been sold to Franklin Erwin Kellogg, who presented it to his son Frank E. Kellogg in 1877. Both Kelloggs had been consistently besieged by More to sell. He wanted "his" land back. Finally after thirty years of being badgered by More, the beleaguered Frank Kellogg, in an effort to rid himself of More's offers, remarked jokingly, "If you want it for \$1,000 an acre, the ranch is yours." While agricultural land was indeed increasing in value, Kellogg felt very safe with his playful, off-hand offer.

However, the very next day More showed up with a \$60,000 bank draft and a deed for Kellogg to sign. Kellogg, being a man of his word, felt he had no choice but to honor the offer and give up the farm he loved dearly and had built so painstakingly through the years. John More, being a different sort of man, immediately leveled all the buildings and obliterated all traces of the alien presence that had existed in his "kingdom".

This devious trick of More's, did not deter Frank E. Kellogg from all the other activities he engaged in as a prominent and active member of his Goleta community. Indeed he made so many [civic contributions](#) to our area that a portion of the California Aqueduct was named after him.

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