

MORE MESA PRESERVATION COALITION



Monthly e-Update

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What's Happening About Potential Development On More Mesa?

... At the moment, nothing.



You Can Help ... Spread the Word:

We currently have more than 1100 supporters. While these are impressive numbers, we need to get the word out that saving More Mesa is *really* important. If only a third of us could convince one additional person to join us, we would easily pass the 1500 mark.

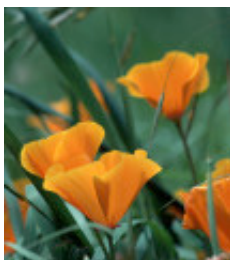
To join the list of people who care about More Mesa, visit www.moremesa.org and click on the "Sign Up To Be A Supporter" button.

Here's what we know

... More Mesa was sold in mid-December 2012. The price was \$25 million. The buyer is Khalid S. Al. Shobily, a Saudi real estate investor and developer, who paid cash for it. Most recently, his company has been developing a \$1.6 billion project occupying prime real estate adjacent to the causeway connecting Saudi Arabia to Bahrain.

And what we don't

... Thus far, we have not heard of any plans Mr. Shobily might have for More Mesa. He has not filed documents with any local agency.



Ask the President:

Q. Why didn't the More Mesa Preservation Coalition and its partners buy



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.

More Mesa?

A.

Up to the surprise sale to Mr. Shobily, our representatives were told the asking price was \$35 Million. Further, the previous owner was not interested in selling to the community, because he believed that we could not raise the money quickly. As noted above, the property went for \$10 Million less than the price we were quoted.

This Month on More Mesa: With our cold and dry winter, spring has come late to More Mesa. But it is finally here with a wealth of lovely wild flowers. Take a walk on More Mesa and look closely.

The Past: Chumash people lived on More Mesa as early as 6,000 years ago. In fact, it was reported in the 1500s, that the area of the Goleta Slough and west More Mesa was the most heavily populated region in all of Alta and Baja California.



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