

# MORE MESA PRESERVATION COALITION



## MMPC e-Update

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### What's Happening About Potential Development On More Mesa?

*There is no news of any development being proposed, but rest assured that we continue to closely monitor the County's permit application reports.*

### Ask The President

**Q: Why are there gas pipes on the northern side of More Mesa?**

**A: More Mesa was one of the myriad sites selected for drilling during Santa Barbara's 1920s oil boom.** While wells at Ellwood and Carpinteria proved prolific and profitable, drilling at More Mesa delivered only natural gas. That disappointing and limited field was pumped out and sold soon after its discovery.

However, a few decades later, our current gas supplier, Socal, hit upon an approach to make good use of the underground "storage space" that had housed the original natural gas. Recognizing that both demand and price for natural gas are low in summer, Socal pumps gas up from the south in summer and stores it underground on the west side of More Mesa and adjacent areas, in this existing natural gas aquifer. Come winter, when demand for heating is high, the gas is pumped out, thereby handily servicing gas company customers in the Goleta Valley and environs.



Pipes on North Side of More Mesa

**This Month on More Mesa ... A Cautionary Tale**



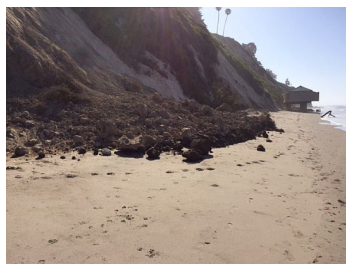
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Thanks so much

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

In our [2014 Fall e-News](#) we talked about the distinct difference between the cliffs of More Mesa on the east side and those of the west side. We strongly emphasized the danger involved in the steep, unstable and unpredictable west side cliffs, those consisting of the Santa Barbara Formation. By way of contrast we described the eastern cliffs, composed of Monterey Shale, as a very old clay formation that erodes slowly and has a gentler sloping grade. However, soon after that report we recorded a sizable rock fall ... this time on the eastern side!



*Rockfall Below Hope Ranch  
(Photo by Glenn Avolio)*

And just a few weeks ago, another slide (estimated to be 30 feet by 50 feet and about 4 feet high) came tumbling down from the eastern cliffs below Hope Ranch. The photographer who captured the image of this landslide estimated that the fall contained at least a million pounds of rock.

**Moral of the Story:** While the west cliffs may be younger and more treacherous than the east cliffs, do not discount the eastern cliffs. They are also extremely dangerous!

**The Past - This Was the Real Wild West!**

T. Wallace More's brutal demise in 1877 shocked all of California. His son-in-law C. A. Storke, vowed to send the murderous band of squatters who did the deed to the gallows. And although Storke tried for many years to see that justice was served, a series of hung juries exonerated all the ambush participants except their leader, F. A. Sprague. He served a mere ten years for the vicious and premeditated murder of one of most influential and important pioneers of the Goleta Valley.



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