Hollister Ranch Coastal Access Program Engagement Summary for 2025

1 INTRODUCTION

The Hollister Ranch Coastal Access Program engagement summary presents public input focused on evaluating six Access Program Options. The engagement was designed to gather perspectives on public access, feasibility, safety, environmental and cultural resource protection, and implementation considerations associated with potential access approaches.

Engagement activities included the following:

- **In-person workshop (Buellton):** Held on November 12 at Oak Valley Elementary School from 5:00–8:00 PM, with approximately 60 participants.
- **In-person workshop (Goleta):** Held on November 13 at the Goleta Community Center from 5:00–8:00 PM, with approximately 80 participants.
- **Virtual workshop:** Held on November 17 via Zoom from 6:00–8:00 PM, with approximately 100 participants, and covering the same content as the in-person workshops.
- **Online public survey:** Open from November 14 through December 19 for individuals unable to attend a workshop or who wished to provide additional input; the survey received 215 responses.

The in-person workshops were primarily attended by Hollister Ranch and local property owners. The virtual workshop and survey responses included both local residents and participants from across California. All input collected through these engagement activities was reviewed and consolidated into the summary presented below. Individual input from all engagement activities is provided in Appendix A, "Public Comments for the HRCAP."

1.1 HOW TO READ THIS SUMMARY

This document synthesizes input across all engagement formats and is organized to support interpretation of participant input on the Access Program Options and related tradeoffs. The summary includes:

- **Key themes** that were consistent across workshop discussions and survey responses;
- **Input consolidated across in-person workshops, virtual workshop, and online survey responses** related to the six Access Program Options, including which elements participants identified as most important and which elements indicated a willingness to forgo or trade off;
- **General comments** captured through in-person comment cards and open-ended survey responses;
- **An overview of the prioritization and budgeting exercises**, designed to provide additional context on how participants prioritized access, feasibility, and resource protection considerations under constrained scenarios.

All information presented is intended to inform refinement and evaluation of the Access Program Options for the Hollister Ranch Coastal Access Program and will be considered alongside technical and environmental analyses as the planning process continues to advance.

2 COMMENTS ON THE ACCESS PROGRAM OPTIONS

2.1 RECURRING THEMES ACROSS ALL ACCESS PROGRAM OPTIONS

Across in-person workshops, virtual workshops, and survey responses, several overall themes emerge related to public access at Hollister Ranch. These themes reflect reoccurring considerations related to environmental protection, safety, feasibility, and implementation, regardless of the specific access program option. They include the following:

Protection of Natural and Cultural Resources

- Environmental protection, including sensitive habitats, wildlife, and coastal processes, is a foundational consideration in evaluating access.
- Avoid beaches associated with known or potential Chumash cultural sites, recognizing that Native American cultural resources and landscapes are highly sensitive and may be unsuitable for managed access.
- Concerns are raised that increased visitation may result in permanent or irreversible impacts to sensitive environment and cultural resources.

Safety, Emergency Response, and Risk Management

- Wildfire risk, evacuation constraints, and ignition sources are factors influencing access safety.
- Emergency response limitations include limited cell service, delayed response times, and reliance on air evacuation.
- Physical hazards include eroding bluffs, disappearing beaches at high tide, strong surf, rail activity, wildlife encounters, and absence of lifeguards.
- Questions and concerns about increased responsibility for emergency response, evacuation, visitor safety, enforcement, and liability.

Supervision, Control, and Accountability

- Managed, guided, or escorted access can address safety, behavior, and resource protection concerns.
- Preferences for guided shuttles and limited private individual vehicle access.
- Clear rules, enforcement authority, and accountability mechanisms are necessary components of any access program.
- Manage visitor numbers and frequency through limited access, small-group use, and reservation-based or event-based systems.
- Questions focus on who operates access programs, who enforces rules, and how compliance is ensured.

Feasibility, Cost, and State Capacity

- Funding availability, staffing, litigation, cost estimates, and long-term operational capacity are identified as key factors affecting feasibility.

Infrastructure and Development Constraints

- New roads, parking areas, staging areas, restrooms, utilities, or permanent infrastructure within the Ranch are identified as concerns.
- Water supply, sanitation, trash management, and long-term maintenance responsibilities are unresolved issues.

- Use of existing State Park lands for staging or facilities is identified as an alternative to new development within the Ranch.
- Preference for shuttles with onboard restrooms to reduce need for permanent infrastructure.

Geographic Scope and Beach Selection

- Limiting access to fewer beaches can minimize impacts and complexity.
- Eastern beaches are preferred due to their proximity to the entrance, shorter distances from existing access points, and fewer safety, emergency response, and logistical challenges.
- Western and more remote beaches have greater sensitivity, safety concerns, and management challenges.
- Questions regarding how beaches are selected and whether consistent criteria are applied.

Access Volume and Scale

- Visitor access, frequency, duration, and group size are identified as a primary factor influencing environmental, cultural, safety, and operational impacts.
- Unrestricted or high-volume access is identified as a concern.
- Pilot, phased, or adaptive approaches are identified as ways to evaluate impacts prior to expansion.
- Opposition to multi-use trails due to erosion, habitat disturbance, maintenance burden, and wildfire risk.

Private Property and Legal Considerations

- Issues related to privately owned ranch property and roads include liability, trespass, enforcement authority, and eminent domain.
- Concerns are raised about visitors traveling beyond designated areas without clear controls.

Relationship to Existing Access and Alternatives

- There are existing informal access methods, such as walking at low tide or boating.
- Existing Ranch-managed programs are already functioning access models.
- Investment in existing State Parks, trails, and coastal infrastructure is an alternative to new access locations.
- Alternatives such as pier repair, boat-based access, and education-focused programs should be considered.

Education, Stewardship, and Purpose of Access

- Access tied to education, stewardship, scientific research, or cultural interpretation aligns with protection goals.
- Docent-led or Indigenous-led models help integrate access and stewardship.
- Recreational access without an educational or stewardship element is a concern.

Opposition to New Access

- No new public access should be created.
- This position is framed around protection of environmental, cultural, safety, and private property considerations.
- Existing access conditions are appropriate within this perspective.

2.2 ACCESS PROGRAM OPTION 1 – PROVIDE GUIDED TOUR ACCESS

Access Program Option 1 focuses on providing access to beaches exclusively through guided tours. This approach emphasizes control, safety, and resource protection, resulting in a highly feasible option with limited visitor access.

Question (1): Which elements of this option are most important?

Cross-cutting themes as they apply to Option 1

- Protection-first framing: Guided-only access limits environmental disturbance, protects cultural resources, and reduces safety risks associated with a remote coastline.
- Control and accountability: Emphasis is placed on guides as the primary mechanism for managing visitor behavior, enforcing boundaries, and ensuring compliance.
- Feasibility and trust: Views are shaped by whether a guided program can be realistically staffed, funded, and enforced over time.
- Access versus meaningful use: Guided tours are described as appropriate for education and stewardship, while also raising questions about whether they provide sufficient public benefit.
- Existing conditions matter: Current informal access and Ranch-managed programs influence perceptions of whether guided tours add value or duplicate existing opportunities.

Role of guided access in safety and risk management

- Supervision and guided-only access are described as particularly important given limited cell service and delayed emergency response times.
- Consider canceling or restricting tours during red-flag fire days, extreme tides, or hazardous weather.

Environmental and cultural resource considerations

- Guided tours help avoid sensitive habitat areas and minimize wildlife disturbance.
- Consult with the Chumash and include Indigenous-led or Indigenous-informed interpretation.

Program scale, operations, and geographic focus

- Small group sizes, limited frequency, and clearly defined tour parameters are described as essential features.
- Clarify how guided tours would differ from or build upon existing Ranch-led programs.

Education and equity considerations

- Guided access is an opportunity for structured education focused on ecology, wildlife, and cultural history.
- Consider access for underserved communities and accommodation for people with disabilities.

Support for this option

- Support because guided access manages and limits visitation while allowing some public presence.
- Structure aligns with existing managed access models that have operated without observed environmental harm.

Opposition and critiques of this option

- Guided-only access is too restrictive to constitute meaningful public access.
- Duplicative of existing Ranch-led programs or as postponing broader access decisions rather than resolving them.

Question (2): What elements are participants willing to forgo or trade off to increase feasibility?

Cross-cutting trade-off themes as they apply to Option 1

- Reducing scope to improve feasibility: Trade-offs focus on narrowing locations, group size, frequency, and duration rather than expanding access.
- Accepting limitations in exchange for protection: Reduced access options limits environmental, cultural, and safety impacts.
- Incremental implementation: Pilot or phased approaches can help test outcomes before expansion.
- Reallocation of effort and funding: Redirect attention toward existing access infrastructure rather than creating new access routes.

Beach inclusion and geographic limits

- Reduce the number of beaches and focus on closer or eastern beaches.
- Interest in visual-only or drive-through interpretation at some locations rather than on-the-ground access.

Tour frequency, group size, and duration

- Reduce the number of tours or visitors per day.
- Support for small groups and reservation-based access.
- Acceptance of infrequent or periodic access models (monthly limits).

Seasonal, tidal, and conditional limits

- Limit access during wildfire risk, extreme tides, surf conditions, weather events, or nesting periods.
- Support for tying access decisions to environmental conditions rather than fixed schedules.

Activity limitations within guided tours

- Limit activities to educational or observational uses.
- Restrict recreation types to reduce impacts.
- Support for strict supervision of permitted activities.

Infrastructure and transportation trade-offs specific to guided tours

- Preference to minimize or eliminate permanent infrastructure such as restrooms, parking, or new roads.
- Support for shuttle-based tours with onboard restrooms rather than on-site facilities.
- Forgo private vehicle access in favor of guided shuttles, walking, or boating.

Cost, management, and funding considerations

- Guided access should not proceed if long-term costs remain undefined.

Relationship to existing access

- Prioritize improvements to existing public access infrastructure instead of creating new guided routes.

General Trade-off positions

- No elements should be forgone because guided access is already viewed as too limited to meet access goals.

2.3 ACCESS PROGRAM OPTION 2 – PRIORITIZE FEASIBILITY AND EARLY ACCESS

Access Program Option 2 emphasizes early implementation through access methods viewed as most feasible, including guided tours and managed group access, with potential expansion over time. This option offers a lower level of visitor access while prioritizing near-term feasibility and adaptability.

Question (1): Which elements of this option are most important?

Cross-cutting themes as they apply to Option 2

- Feasibility-first framing: Early access should be limited in scope and designed around operational constraints.
- Supervision over independence: Managed or guided access is described as more workable than unaccompanied access in early phases.
- Incremental implementation: Starting small and adapting over time is essential to avoid environmental, safety, and operational failures.
- Risk management: Safety, wildfire risk, emergency response limitations, and liability considerations should shape how early access is evaluated.

Managed, guided, and supervised access

- Managed or guided access is the most workable way to initiate public access quickly while maintaining oversight.
- Guided access is linked to visitor accountability, fire prevention, wildlife protection, and cultural resource stewardship.
- Managed access is the only realistic approach given narrow roads, roaming livestock, lack of cell service, and limited emergency response capacity.

Phased and adaptive implementation

- Adaptive management is described as necessary to evaluate visitor behavior, environmental impacts, and safety outcomes before adding new elements.

Pedestrian and bicycle access considerations

- Pedestrian and bicycle access are discussed as lower-cost ways to enable early access, particularly for eastern beaches.
- Walking access is tied to the California Coastal Trail vision and self-powered access.
- Equity considerations arise in both support for self-powered access and concern that terrain and safety limit accessibility.

Geographic scope and beach selection

- Extending access to farther western beaches increases safety risks and operational complexity.
- Questions about whether beaches with different conditions and sensitivities should be treated uniformly.

Cost, funding, and State capacity

- Concerns that cost estimates underestimate construction, staffing, insurance, litigation, and long-term maintenance.

- Prioritize improvements to existing public access assets before expanding access through the Ranch.

Support for this option

- The focus on feasibility and limited managed access reduces risk relative to higher-intensity options.

Opposition and critiques of this option

- This option is too limited to provide meaningful public access.
- Early access without long-term commitments will delay broader access decisions.

Question (2): What elements are participants willing to forgo or trade off to increase feasibility?

Cross-cutting trade-off themes as they apply to Option 2

- Reduce scope to enable early access: Trade-offs focus on reducing beach location options, access methods, and visitor numbers.
- Controlled access over independence: Supervised access is prioritized over unaccompanied use.
- Sequencing before buildout: Infrastructure-heavy elements are considered inappropriate until early access demonstrates manageable impacts.

Pedestrian trail access

- Eliminate pedestrian trails due to erosion risk, railroad conflicts, wildfire danger, liability exposure, and monitoring challenges.
- Limit pedestrian access to short segments, eastern beaches, or beach-level walking at low tide.
- Only allow pedestrian access with permits, daily caps, check-in/check-out systems, docent presence, or seasonal closures.

Beach access limitations

- Limit early access to one or two eastern beaches.
- Exclude beaches with highly sensitive biological or cultural resources.

Transportation and access methods

- Use guided or managed shuttle access, sometimes limited to a single beach.
- Provide shuttles with onboard restrooms to avoid permanent facilities and water use.

Activity and use restrictions

- Limit recreational activities in favor of educational, cultural, or scientific access.
- Accept that not all user types or activities can be accommodated in early phases.

Infrastructure and cost trade-offs

- Remove new trails, parking areas, staging areas, and restrooms from early phases.

General trade-off positions

- Accept fewer beaches or slower implementation only if remaining access is independent and meaningful rather than guided.

2.4 ACCESS PROGRAM OPTION 3 – PRIORITIZE ACCESS TO LARGEST BEACHES

Access Program Option 3 concentrates public access on the largest beaches, with access methods tailored to site-specific conditions and sensitivities. The option seeks to balance recreation opportunities with resource protection, resulting in a moderate level of access and feasibility.

Question (1): Which elements of this option are most important?

Cross-cutting themes as they apply to Option 3

- Beach size as a planning factor: Larger beaches are discussed as potentially more capable of accommodating access, though this assumption is questioned.
- Concentration versus distribution of impacts: Focusing access on fewer beaches is framed as both a protection strategy and a potential risk.
- Supervision and enforceability: Clear boundaries, oversight, and enforceable rules are central to evaluating feasibility.
- Safety and emergency realism: Road conditions, response times, and ocean hazards shape views on where access is appropriate.

Use of larger beaches as access focal points

- Some feedback describes larger beach size as providing more physical space for visitor movement, circulation, and dispersal, which is viewed as reducing crowding and local impacts.
- Others note that beach width fluctuates with tides, erosion, and storms, limiting the reliability of size as a planning criterion.
- Concerns are raised that larger beaches still contain sensitive habitats, cultural resources, or wildlife corridors.

Safety and emergency considerations

- Narrow, windy ranch roads without guardrails are a constraint.
- Limited or nonexistent cell service is a barrier to safer independent access.
- Ocean hazards include rip currents, wave exposure, changing tides, and lack of lifeguards.

Environmental and cultural resource considerations

- Sensitive habitats, wildlife corridors, and coastal ecosystems are present across beaches regardless of size.

Infrastructure, services, and water constraints

- Recognition that existing Ranch infrastructure would not be available for public use.

User type considerations, including surfing

- Beaches with established surf use have different access expectations since surfers already access these locations under limited conditions and are familiar with ocean hazards.
- Distinctions made between experienced ocean users (such as surfers or divers) and the general public when discussing safety and rescue needs.

Support for this option

- Focus on limiting access to a subset of beaches rather than the entire coastline.

Opposition and critiques of this option

- Concern that prioritizing larger beaches could concentrate impacts rather than reduce them.
- View that the option overemphasizes recreation relative to conservation and stewardship.
- Perception that costs, complexity, and implementation timelines are underestimated.

Question (2): Which elements are participants willing to forgo or trade off to increase feasibility?

Cross-cutting trade-off themes as they apply to Option 3

- Reduced scope over full coverage: Trade-offs focus on fewer beaches rather than coastline-wide access.
- Supervision over independence: Escorted, guided, or docent led is favored over unaccompanied use.
- Safety over convenience: Access is constrained to reduce liability and emergency response risks.
- Conservation over recreation: Limit recreational flexibility to protect sensitive resources.

Access methods to remove or limit

- Remove unescorted or unsupervised access of any kind.
- Eliminate independent shuttle access without clear oversight, while retaining interest in guided shuttles.

Beach inclusion trade-offs

- Exclude remote beaches requiring extended travel time or emergency response.

Level and frequency of access

- Avoid year-round access regardless of seasonal conditions.
- Limit recreational access lacking an educational or stewardship component.

Infrastructure and staging trade-offs

- Remove large staging areas, parking facilities, or permanent infrastructure.
- Avoid improvements that would permanently alter beach character.

Critiques framed as trade-offs

- Position that any expansion risks altering the character of the coastline.

2.5 ACCESS PROGRAM OPTION 4 – EMPHASIZE NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION

Access Program Option 4 centers access decisions on protecting natural and cultural resources, limiting or excluding access at the most sensitive beaches. While this option allows access to select locations using varied methods, feasibility challenges remain due to operational and enforcement considerations.

Question (1): Which elements of this option are most important?

Cross-cutting themes as they apply to Option 4

- Protection-first framing: Treat natural and cultural resource protection as a defining purpose, rather than a constraint to balance against access.
- Control as protection: Managed, guided, and accompanied access is described as inseparable from protection goals.
- Exclusion as a tool: Limiting or excluding access to certain beaches is an intentional protection strategy rather than a failure to provide access.
- Beach exclusions to support protection: Keeping Bulito and Drakes out of routine public access is a defining feature of this option, used to reduce ecological disturbance, cultural risk, and cumulative visitation pressure.

Natural and cultural resource protection

- Cultural sensitivity applies to all beaches, not only those explicitly designated as sensitive.
- San Augustine and Sacate require clearer cultural safeguards and stronger protection framing than currently described.
- Even limited visitation can disrupt wildlife use of beaches that currently function as low-disturbance habitat.

Beach exclusions as a protection strategy

- Keep Bulito and Drakes out of routine public access.
- Including more remote beaches conflicts with the stated protection emphasis unless access is extremely limited and enforceable.

Managed and guided access structures

- Support for educational, scientific, or stewardship-focused access rather than general recreation.
- Chumash-led or Indigenous-led access and interpretation is a model that aligns cultural respect with stewardship.

Opposition to private individual vehicle access

- Concerns include narrow roads, livestock, rail-related hazards, trespass risk, litter, human waste, camping, and off-route travel.
- Vehicle access leads to expanded operational burdens, including enforcement staffing and emergency coordination.

Pedestrian trail and trail design considerations

- Support for pedestrian access is framed around the California Coastal Trail vision and self-powered access, primarily for eastern beaches.

Safety, emergency response, and liability considerations

- Hazards include wildfire risk, rockfall, tides that eliminate beach area, rail activity, and lack of lifeguards.

Existing programs and alternative access models

- Permit-based systems, daily caps, and guided hikes are models that support both access and protection.

Support for this option

- This option prioritizes protection and excludes Bulito and Drakes from routine access.

- Preference for access structures with clear limits, supervision, and a defined educational or stewardship purpose.

Opposition and critiques of this option

- Critiques that the option includes access elements (such as vehicle or trail components) that conflict with its protection-centered intent.
- This option is operationally unrealistic due to enforcement demands, staffing needs, emergency response limitations, and cost constraints.

Question (2): Which elements are participants willing to forgo or trade off to increase feasibility?

Cross-cutting trade-off themes as they apply to Option 4

- Reduced scope over full coverage: Trade-offs center on limiting access to fewer beaches rather than enabling coastline-wide access.
- Supervision over independence: Escorted, guided, or docent-led access is favored over unaccompanied or self-directed use.
- Safety over convenience: Access is constrained to reduce liability, evacuation challenges, and emergency response risks.
- Conservation over recreation: Recreational flexibility is limited to favoring the prioritization of sensitive natural and cultural resources.

Private individual vehicle and independent shuttle access

- Limit travel on ranch roads to supervised, infrequent, and clearly managed use only.

Level and intensity of public access

- Limit access to infrequent, small-group programs focused on education, science, or stewardship.
- Feasibility is described as improving only if access is extremely limited or not expanded.

Pedestrian and multi-use trail access

- Delay trail development until limited access programs are tested and evaluated.
- Allow pedestrian access only in short segments, eastern areas, or with permits, caps, and supervision.

Beach selection and geographic scope

- Exclude San Augustine and Sacate to reduce travel distance, safety risk, and operational complexity.

Cultural resource protection

- Do not compromise cultural resource protection under any scenario.
- Distinguish between Indigenous cultural access and general public access.

Infrastructure, safety, and emergency response

- Forgo permanent infrastructure such as restrooms, parking, utilities, and staging areas.
- Use shuttle-based facilities rather than on-site sanitation.
- Limit access to avoid placing emergency response burdens on the Ranch.

Cost, feasibility, and State capacity

- Forgo access elements requiring eminent domain, easements, or litigation.
- Remove elements with unclear funding or long-term staffing requirements.
- Redirect funding toward maintaining existing State Parks and public access infrastructure.

General trade-off positions

- Reduce access only if remaining access is fully supervised and protection centered.

2.6 ACCESS PROGRAM OPTION 5 – PRIORITIZE ACCESS TO EASTERN BEACHES

Access Program Option 5 focuses access to beaches closer to the Hollister Ranch entrance to reduce safety, operational, and logistical challenges associated with more remote locations. This option provides a moderate level of public access while still presenting notable feasibility constraints.

Question (1): Which elements of this option are most important?

Cross-cutting themes as they apply to Option 5

- Proximity-based feasibility: Eastern beaches are more manageable due to shorter distances from existing public access points and reduced operational complexity.
- Containment of impacts: Limiting access to the eastern portion of the Ranch minimizes environmental, cultural, safety, and management impacts.
- Managed access as a prerequisite: Structured, guided, or coordinated access is necessary for this option to function.
- Relationship to existing access: Existing walking and boating access shapes how additional access is evaluated and justified.

Eastern beach focus and geographic scope

- Clarify which beaches are included under this option and whether San Augustine is excluded or deferred.
- Eastern beaches are closer to emergency services and existing access points, reducing travel time and response constraints.
- Concerns that limiting access to eastern beaches does not fully resolve broader public access expectations for the entire coastline.

Existing Program

- Existing Hollister Ranch programs and Island Packers-style access models are referenced as functional examples.

Pedestrian and walking access considerations

- Walking access from Gaviota State Park to eastern beaches is described as occurring during many tidal conditions.
- Requests for clear information on walking distances, travel times, tide constraints, and round-trip feasibility.
- Questions are raised about whether pedestrian access would be managed through permits, reservations, or check-in systems.

Environmental and cultural resource considerations

- Eastern beaches still contain sensitive habitat, wildlife presence, and culturally significant areas requiring protection.
- Concerns that beach size descriptions can be misleading given access is limited to areas below the mean high tide line.

Safety and emergency response constraints

- Narrow roads, lack of lifeguards, strong surf, and wildlife presence are raised as risks for visitors unfamiliar with conditions.
- Emergency response coordination and responsibility remain unresolved implementation questions.

Infrastructure, maintenance, and State capacity

- Questions focus on the absence of water, restrooms, trash service, and staging areas on eastern beaches.

Support for this option

- Limiting access to eastern beaches is more feasible than broader access models.
- Managed access structures are compatible with safety and protection goals.

Opposition and critiques of this option

- Option is environmentally risky due to the sensitivity of all Hollister Ranch beaches.
- Option is fiscally unjustified relative to improvements at existing State Parks.
- Limiting access to eastern beaches may not fully respond to coastal access requirements applied to the broader Hollister Ranch coastline.

Question (2): Which elements are participants willing to forgo or trade off to increase feasibility?

Cross-cutting trade-off themes as they apply to Option 5

- Reduced scope over expanded reach: Trade-offs focus on limiting access to fewer beaches rather than extending access westward.
- Managed access over independent use: Guided or coordinated access is favored over self-directed entry.
- Safety and protection over convenience: Access methods are constrained to reduce emergencies, fire, and enforcement risks.
- Avoidance of new infrastructure: Trade-offs remove elements that increase cost, liability, and long-term maintenance needs.

Pedestrian and trail access

- Limit pedestrian access to existing beach walking routes where feasible.
- Condition pedestrian access on permits, tide awareness, supervision, or seasonal restrictions.

Western and remote beach access

- Exclude western beaches from this option to limit distance, risk, and operational complexity and concentrate access on eastern beaches only.

Visitor numbers and scale

- Use caps, reservations, or infrequent access to avoid high-volume or unrestricted visitation.

Shuttle access

- Allow guided shuttle access only under controlled conditions, sometimes with onboard restrooms to avoid on-site facilities.

Infrastructure and facilities

- Forgo new parking areas, staging areas, restrooms, utilities, or permanent facilities within the Ranch.
- Favor staging on existing State Park lands where possible.

Cost, funding, and State capacity

- Remove elements requiring major capital investment or long-term staffing commitments.

Fundamental trade-off positions

- Eliminate most access elements except limited managed access.

2.7 ACCESS PROGRAM OPTION 6 – MAXIMIZE SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC ACCESS

Access Program Option 6 proposes the highest level of public access across all beaches, with an emphasis on sustainability through infrastructure, management, and monitoring. This option offers the greatest access but faces substantial feasibility challenges due to cost, complexity, and long-term operational demands.

Question (1): Which elements of this option are most important?

Cross-cutting themes as they apply to Option 6

- Scale and intensity as defining factors: Volume, frequency, and geographic coverage directly affect environmental, cultural, safety, and feasibility outcomes.
- Sustainability as an operational question: Concerns that "sustainable" access is discussed in terms of the ability to provide water, sanitation, staffing, enforcement, funding, and ongoing maintenance, rather than as a conceptual goal alone.
- Management structure over access type: Who manages access, how visitors are supervised, and how compliance is enforced shape views of viability.
- Phasing versus full buildout: A gradual approach is recommended as the only conceivable pathway to test impacts before expansion.
- Trade-offs between breadth and protection: Coastline-wide access contrasts with the need to protect sensitive western beaches and intact ecosystems.

Overall characterization of the option

- The option is described as the most expansive and complex, with concerns that it introduces cumulative impacts across roads, beaches, trails, and operations.
- Framing is aspirational but disconnected from on-the-ground constraints related to funding, staffing, and environmental sensitivity.

- A conceptual "upper bound" for access, useful for comparison even if not fully implementable.

Managed and guided access within a high-access framework

- Questions arise about whether managed access can realistically coexist with the volume implied by maximizing access.

Private vehicles and traffic

- Concerns are raised about traffic congestion, delays, and safety conflicts if shuttles stop at multiple beaches along the ranch.

Pedestrian, bicycle, and trail access

- Walking and biking are discussed as lower-impact access modes relative to new roads, but concerns remain about erosion, wildlife disturbance, fire risk, and enforcement.
- Some feedback supports a minimally improved coastal trail over time, while others reject any new trail construction due to cumulative impacts.

Environmental and cultural resource considerations

- Maximizing access is described as conflicting with protection of wildlife corridors, tidepools, endangered species, and culturally significant sites.
- Western beaches, including Drakes and Bulito, are especially sensitive under a high-access model.
- Questions about monitoring impacts, enforcing boundaries between beaches, and preventing off-route travel.

Safety and emergency response

- Nighttime or low-visibility access is raised as particularly risky given fire conditions and limited emergency response.
- Questions focus on who would be responsible for medical response, evacuation, and visitor accountability across a large access area.

Infrastructure, cost, and State capacity

- The option is described as infrastructure-heavy, requiring water, sanitation, trash service, enforcement, and maintenance across multiple locations.

Alternative priorities and comparisons

- Suggestions include prioritizing improvements to Gaviota, Refugio, and El Capitan State Parks instead of creating a new large-scale access program.

Support for this option

- Support for broad public access to the coastline.
- A long-term vision that could evolve through phased implementation and strict management.
- Interest in access opportunities for surfing, hiking, and shoreline recreation if impacts can be controlled.

Opposition and critiques of this option

- The option is described as operationally unmanageable at the scale implied.
- Concerns about irreversible impacts to intact coastal ecosystems and cultural resources.
- The option is incompatible with current State capacity, emergency response limitations, and funding realities.

Question (2): Which elements are participants willing to forgo or trade off to increase feasibility

Cross-cutting trade-off themes as they apply to Option 6

- Reducing access intensity to support sustainability: Trade-offs focus on narrowing access types, locations, and timing to avoid overwhelming sensitive systems.
- Supervision over independence: Managed, guided, or escorted access is favored over unaccompanied use as a feasibility condition.
- Operational sustainability over conceptual goals: Access elements should be assessed on whether they can be realistically staffed, funded, enforced, and maintained long term.
- Avoiding infrastructure-heavy commitments: Elements that require permanent facilities, utilities, or major construction are identified as barriers to feasibility.

Private individual vehicle access

- Remove independent driving due to safety risks, fire ignition concerns, enforcement challenges, and road conditions.
- Avoid access models that rely on visitor self-navigation across private or narrow roads.

Multi-use trails and independent pedestrian or bicycle access

- Limit pedestrian access to existing beach-walking routes or short, controlled segments if included at all.

High-volume and unrestricted access

- Remove unrestricted daily access across multiple beaches to avoid visitor volumes that exceed safe monitoring, management, or evacuation capacity.
- Exclude approaches that prioritize maximizing visitor numbers over resource protection.

Western and sensitive beach access

- Limit or remove access to western beaches such as Drakes and Bulito under this option.
- Restrict access to sensitive beaches to rare, guided, or research-oriented visits only.

Shuttle access

- Avoid shuttle systems that require frequent service, large fleets, or extensive staging infrastructure.

Nighttime and low-visibility access

- Eliminate nighttime or moonlight access due to fire risk, navigation hazards, and emergency response limitations.
- Restrict access to daylight hours with clear operational controls.

Cost, funding, and State capacity

- Remove elements requiring large capital investments or long-term staffing commitments without identified funding.
- Exclude components dependent on land acquisition, eminent domain, or prolonged legal processes.

General trade-off positions

- Exclude elements that expand access beyond what can be safely managed and sustainably maintained.

2.8 GENERAL COMMENTS FROM IN-PERSON WORKSHOPS AND SURVEY

In-person workshops included opportunities for participants to share additional thoughts through comment cards. The survey also included an open-ended comment section, allowing respondents to provide input that may not have been captured within the six access program options presented. Participants in the virtual workshop were encouraged to complete the survey if they wished to share additional feedback. The summary below highlights key themes and synthesizes input from the comment cards and survey comments to ensure that perspectives beyond the presented access program options were captured.

- Existing access and current conditions: Participants noted that public access to Hollister Ranch already occurs through informal, historic, and programmatic means, and emphasized that these conditions should be clearly documented when evaluating additional access.
- Environmental and ecological protection: Input emphasized the ecological sensitivity of the Hollister Ranch coastline and raised concerns about irreversible impacts from expanded or unmanaged access.
- Cultural and tribal resources: Participants highlighted the presence of significant Chumash cultural resources and emphasized identification, protection, consultation, and respect in any access approach. Managed or guided access was sometimes viewed as a way to support education while reducing inadvertent impacts (e.g., interpretive guidance, restricted movement in sensitive areas).
- Management, enforcement, and property considerations: Input raised practical questions about how public access would be managed, enforced, and sustained over time, particularly in a private land context.
- Feasibility, costs, and funding priorities: Comments noted a lack of clarity around capital, operational, maintenance, and long-term funding costs (e.g., staffing, vehicles, insurance, road upkeep). Requests were made for transparent, comparative cost information, including scenarios that do not introduce additional access.
- Relationship with existing state parks and infrastructure: Deferred maintenance, closures, and limited services at Gaviota, Refugio, and El Capitan were raised as concerns (e.g., pier condition, campground closures). The condition of the Gaviota Pier and boat hoist was frequently cited as a barrier to existing water-based access. Questions were raised about coordination with railroads, highways, and transportation agencies (e.g., rail safety approvals, Highway 101 access).
- Access models and transportation approaches: Input reflected a wide range of perspectives on how access might be structured, including managed, guided, independent, or phased approaches. Comments distinguished among access models based on perceived differences in environmental impact, safety, manageability, and visitor behavior, rather than on access alone.
- Equity, public benefit, and process transparency: Educational, scientific, and youth-focused access was described as providing perceived public benefit (e.g., school field trips, research partnerships). Comments reflected differing views on prioritizing local residents, underserved communities, or the broader public. There were calls for clearer communication, inclusion of additional alternatives, and documentation of public input and decision making.

3 ACCESS PROGRAM OPTION PRIORITIZATION AND BUDGETING SURVEY

3.1 ACCESS PROGRAM OPTION PRIORITIZATION EXERCISE

The survey included a question asking respondents to rank the six Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred. Respondents were not required to rank all six options and could choose to rank any number of options, including all, some, or none. Skipping the question may indicate uncertainty, a lower level of preference, or a decision not to prioritize any of the access options.

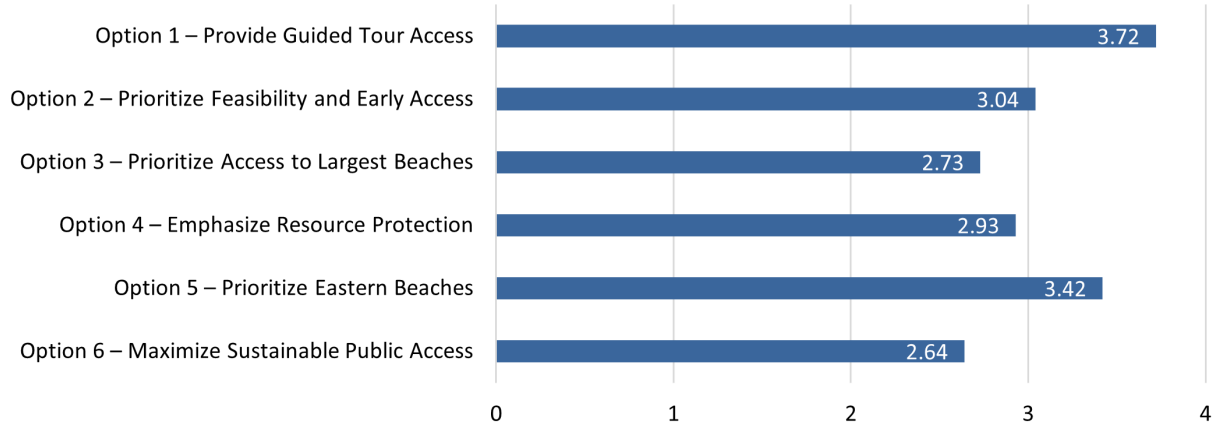
The results below present an overview and synthesis of the ranking responses using the following metrics:

- **Average Rank:** The average position an option received among respondents who ranked it, where lower values indicate higher relative preference.
- **Weighted Average:** A ranking measure that gives greater influence to higher placements, emphasizing options ranked nearer the top.
- **Score:** A composite metric that reflects both how often an option was ranked and how highly it was ranked, allowing for comparison across options when respondents ranked different numbers of options.

Table 1 – Access Program Option Ranking Exercise Results

Name	Average Rank	Weighted Average	Score
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access	2.96	4.04	3.72
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access	3.34	3.66	3.04
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beaches	3.67	3.33	2.73
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection	3.47	3.53	2.93
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches	3.07	3.93	3.42
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access	3.89	3.11	2.64

Figure 1 – Access Program Option Scores



Overall, the ranking results suggest distinctions in how respondents positioned the access options relative to one another when they chose to engage with the exercise. Options emphasizing guided, coordinated, or geographically focused access tended to perform more strongly across the composite metrics, while options associated with broader or more expansive access were generally placed lower when ranked.

Option 1 (Provide Guided Tour Access) received the highest overall score and the strongest weighted average, indicating that when respondents ranked this option, it was frequently placed nearer the top of their rankings. Option 5 (Prioritize Eastern Beaches) also reflected higher placement and weighting among respondents who engaged with that option.

Options 2 (Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access) and Option 4 (Emphasize Resource Protection) clustered in the middle of the results. Their scores suggest moderate prioritization, with respondents placing these options neither consistently at the top nor at the bottom when they were ranked.

Option 3 (Prioritize Access to Largest Beaches) and Option 6 (Maximize Sustainable Public Access) received lower overall scores and higher average rank values, indicating that when these options were ranked, they were more often placed lower relative to the other options. Option 6 had the highest average rank value (i.e., least favored), suggesting it was generally positioned lower among respondents who chose to include it in their rankings.

Taken together, these results reflect how respondents interacted with the prioritization exercise rather than a uniform comparison across all participants. The findings are best interpreted alongside workshop input, open-ended comments, and broader engagement themes, particularly given the variation in how respondents chose to rank or skip the question.

3.2 BUDGETING EXERCISE

Two additional prioritization exercises were shared using the budget exercise tool of the app Social Pinpoint to capture additional context related to the Hollister Ranch Coastal Access Program. These exercises were designed as supplemental input methods and were intended to be reviewed alongside all other input collected during this engagement period, rather than interpreted as standalone findings.

The exercises included:

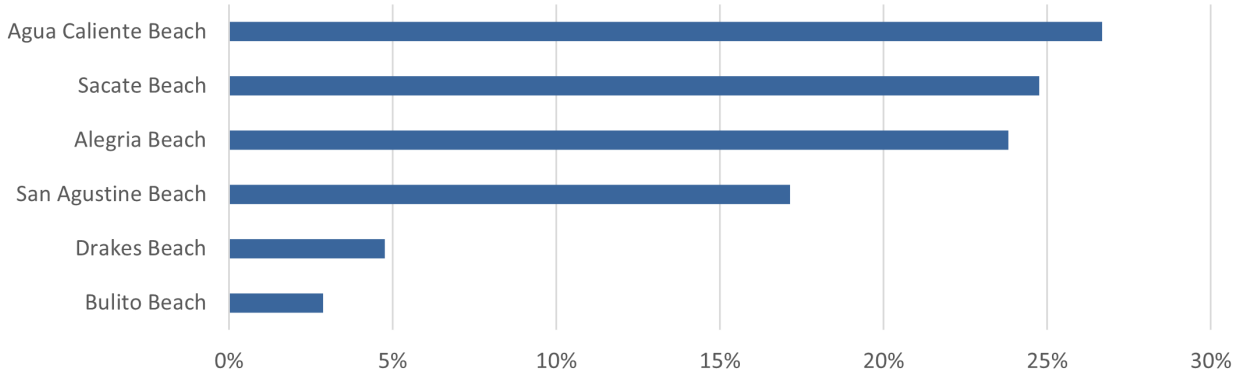
- Public Beach Access Constraints Prioritization Exercise: A supplemental activity that used a simulated budget to ask respondents to prioritize access by beach. Each beach was presented with different constraints, resource sensitivities, and implementation considerations, requiring respondents to make tradeoffs within a fixed budget.
- Access Methods Prioritization Exercise: A second supplemental activity that also used a simulated budget and asked respondents to prioritize access program options based on relative costs, timelines, and implementation complexity.

Both exercises were intentionally designed to be relative rather than representative of actual costs or funding levels. Their purpose was to place respondents in a planning context and encourage decision-making that reflected tradeoffs among access, feasibility, and resource protection. Point values were used to structure the exercises and support this process, rather than to represent real-world budgets, cost estimates, or implementation feasibility.

Public Beach Access Constraints Exercise

Participants were provided with a budget of 20 points and asked to allocate points toward individual beaches based on the relative constraints and sensitivities presented. Responses reflected a range of allocation patterns, with participants selecting different combinations of beaches and, in many cases, allocating fewer than the total available points. Contributions typically included funding for a limited number of beaches rather than distributing points across all options. There was a total of 98 contributions to the exercise. Figure 2 presents the results of this exercise.

Figure 2 – Public Beach Access Constraints Exercise



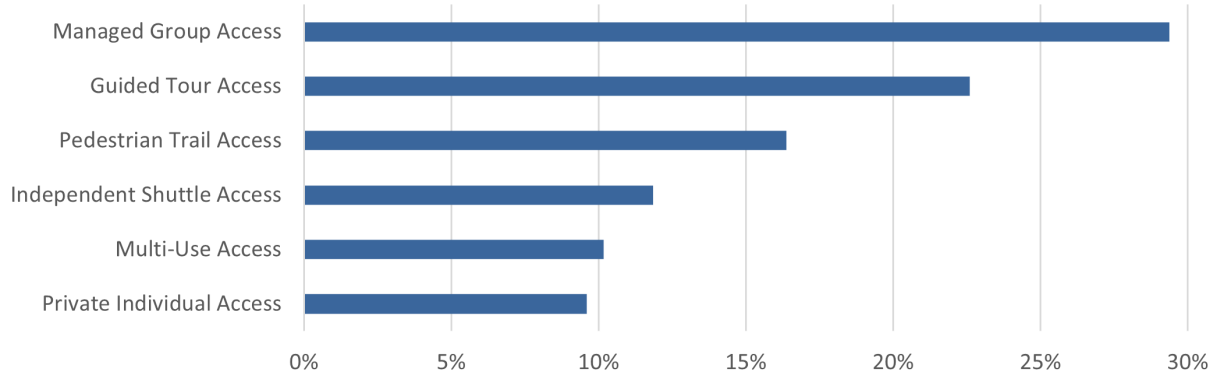
Across responses, **Agua Caliente Beach, Sacate Beach, and Alegria Beach** received the highest number of point allocations and were more frequently included in participants' selections within the simulated budget. As presented in the exercise, these beaches were characterized by lower relative access constraints and lower to moderate environmental and cultural resource sensitivity, which shaped how respondents allocated limited points across options.

In contrast, **San Augustine Beach, Drakes Beach, and Bulito Beach** received fewer point allocations overall and were selected less frequently when respondents made prioritization decisions within the available budget. These beaches were presented as having higher relative costs, more complex access challenges, or greater environmental and cultural sensitivities within the exercise framework.

Access Methods Prioritization and Budgeting Exercise

Participants were provided with a budget of 18 points and asked to allocate points toward access methods based on the relative costs and timelines presented. Responses reflected a range of allocation patterns, with participants selecting different combinations of access methods and, in many cases, allocating fewer than the total available points. Contributions typically included funding for one or two access methods rather than distributing points across all options. A total of 109 contributions to the exercise. Figure 3 presents the results of this exercise.

Figure 3- Access Methods Exercise Results



Across responses, **Managed Group Access** and **Guided Tour Access** received the highest number of point allocations and were more frequently included in participants' selections within the simulated budget. As presented in the exercise, these methods were characterized by lower relative implementation and operational costs and shorter timeframes, which shaped how respondents allocated limited points across options.

In contrast, **Independent Shuttle Access**, **Multi-use Trail Access**, and **Private Individual Access** received fewer point allocations overall and were selected less frequently when respondents made prioritization decisions within the available budget. These access methods were presented as requiring higher relative costs, longer implementation timelines, or greater operational complexity within the exercise framework.

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NOVEMBER 12, 2025 BUELLTON IN-PERSON WORKSHOP COMMENTS

The following comments were received at the Buellton in-person workshop on November 12, 2025. Attendees were asked to provide feedback on the elements they prioritize and would forgo each Access Program Option.

ACCESS PROGRAM OPTION 1: PROVIDE GUIDED TOUR ACCESS

Which elements of this option are most important?

Look to existing programs for examples – HR programs of Arroyo Hondo are good examples

Most important: protect baseline environmental resources and wildlife

Respect of private property, protection of natural resources, protection of cultural resources, least cost

Of all the plans this seems the safest and low impact, and could work with the ranch on the programs for access that are already in place

Small groups preferred. Protect biological and culturally sensitive areas

Guided managed access would protect environmental resources and provide educational opportunities

No managing unity. CA state parks are a mess do not ruin HR with underfunded management and unregulated access

Create a high quality interpretive program as one of the options for public use and access. Best if managed by state agencies/parks and integrates local Chumash

Am for this option (+2+3) as more feasible, less complicated (important due to funding)

It appears that the provided options do not protect the cultural sites and wildlife

Tours should be educational. Baseline study of litter, tidepools. Keep an eye on people so they don't run amok. Gives good access

I like the level of guided access to protect natural resources

Hollister Ranch has not burned with a wildfire since 1955. Hasty retreat could cause closure of the narrow roads and all escaping public would be killed in 50 mph wind driven flames

I think just getting past the Rocky point to Gaviota to caliente or alegria with a guided tour gets to guests to beach access where they can walk the length of the coastline this would limit the need to have impacts to have more [illegible] and use less dangerous road limit facilities needed for one location

Access must be equitable – how do we balance access; [illegible] with protecting the environment?

Very concerned we will irreparably harm the most virgin beaches in all of CA. The beach is already public, my family walks to them all the time. I'm not in favor of harming the beach with more overload access

Requires clarification of # of people and cars and frequency (daily, monthly?)

Guided access. Too much wildlife. No dogs. Required watching film [illegible]

State parks lack funding. How to fund this new program. Seems best to protect natural resources.

State park does not have resources. Guides should come from Hollister Ranch

Isn't this already being done?

Being done currently and well!

Guided Tours in managed groups, protect the resources and wildlife. Preserve the wild coastline. This limited option is the best option.

Managed and guided to preserve natural resources

The Ranch is a very special place. None of these options will protect it for posterity. Too dangerous! Too precious!

I boat or hike into the Ranch. It is a spiritual experience. I wish I had the money to buy into the ranch, but having the ability to already access the ranch is precious just the way it is

Please no access to the last (West most) beaches. Too much traffic.

The State should implement a [illegible] access program, integrating existing HR Public Access programs. [Illegible] analyze use data, safety data, budgets, etc. BEFORE any [illegible].

This is the best option for safety, feasibility, and keeping the natural environment pristine.

I like the guided tour option. This is what Hollister Ranch has been doing for years with groups like Audubon Society and numerous school groups, veterans, disabled folks, and others.

I think the current beach access by walking is the simplest and most feasible

Guided tours are overall best. Less taxpayer and most sensitive to private property guided tours need to be themed birding, tidepool, etc.

Scores of surfers already walk into surf during a swell at low tide. Boating is not the only means of access. Fixing Gaviota Pier would greatly enhance that

Educational guided tours. Least cost. Limited numbers. Least infrastructure needed to be developed. Safety and health concerns could more easily be implemented

Managed group access has worked – it's provided equitable access without harming the environment. Follow what works!

Start small

Constant supervision. Nobody wandering around where they shouldn't be or disturbing sensitive habitats, reduces littering

If your current State Parks lack funding to keep them operational, how can you fund this program? What is wrong with the current and historical beach walking or boating access?

Best option if numbers are limited to ensure so many things. Educational tours have priority. Easter beaches are more feasible

Guided tours, I feel, would be the best option for access to Hollister Ranch and provide the safest avenue all around.

Not a ranch owner but very concerned we will irreparably harm the natural resources that are so unique to this region. Keep it how it is

Guided tour only. 2 buses per month maximum. Tour guide should explain how important this area is to the Native people.

The guides can provide an education for the folks on the tour

Guided access is the best option to maintain the natural and cultural resources as well as the public safety issues.

Which element would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?

That the tours visit all beaches. That makes no sense. Pick one.

Limit range of recreation activities

no need for all beaches - only 1-2 east beaches

Have to avoid beaches at certain times of the year and under certain conditions. Example (1) crumbling cliffs, (2) extreme high tides, and (3) cultural and ecologically sensitive areas

Unprecedented institutionally in entire state! And picking one of the most dangerous to start

Access to all the beaches, one beach is enough

This option is too restrictive! Managed access to whom? Supervised access to this degree does not provide the public with a realized public recreational experience

Eliminate Access for the farthest beaches. They can still be accessed on the sand at low tide. Also provide tide information for good experience

It is only feasible if access is limited due to tides, surf, weather, and environment. Access in rainy season should not happen. Must be strictly controlled and supervised

Not feasible

The state is in debt; how can it afford to pay a guide?

Controlled access look at seasons that limit access to certain beaches and take into consideration HRSP

Keep access strictly controlled

Why are we not talking about the pier as an option?

ACCESS PROGRAM OPTION 2: PRIORITIZE FEASIBILITY AND EARLY ACCESS

Which elements of this option are most important?

Managed access by non-profit groups who prioritize underserved communities. Build on existing access programs which provide an excellent model. Keep number small, carefully control which beaches are accessed to protect ecosystems

State already had access to Sacate (with settlement in 2018) but that has been rejected

Managed Group Access only

Early access is not important as a good plan which protects resources and private property rights

Managed group access only

Sounds like best way to get feet on the ground before the next 15 years go by

Phase 2 trail is very important and should be only access

managed group access only

Trail on the beach solely provides feasible access at low tide

Consider rebuilding the piece at Gaviota for increased ease of water access! Potential water access concession

Perhaps god put the headlands and impassable points at the ranch for a reason?

Would the trails be "improved"? Dirt or paved? What about equestrian trails?

What is the benefit of early access/please prioritize conservation and transfer of these values before access is widened/is the environmental protection plan ready for early access

I only see managed group access for small groups as well as guided tour access in small groups. Many of the beaches are not safe at certain times of the year with cliffs giving away and lack of beach.

Fast implementation

Focus on ease of implementation

Focus on walk in access on beach - packing, signage, education on tides, etc.

Gaviota pier repair

Managed group!

Fix the pier!

This option is the best

There already is organized public access provided the HROA

Why isn't the pier fixed? Is there a place of confidence building a trail? Fix the pier, purchase 300 kayaks and let people experience the ranch

Special focus groups can access smaller beaches as appropriate (e.g., Audubon's, tide pool schools)

Early access is not as critical as having a comprehensive plan for conservation

Pedestrian/bicycle dirt path along the entire east–west area parallel to the beach. The path could be designed to protect the environment and the Indian burial grounds, with even less impact due to existing railroad rights-of-way. By allowing full east–west access, the public could maximize the use of the allocated beach.

Which element would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?

Prefer independent shuttle (for profit) only to Agua Caliente

The pedestrian trail even if you found a route to put it in, it still seems that there are still inherent dangers that would have to be monitored. It would need to be fenced possibly, Who would respond to emergencies?

pedestrian trail is not feasible

The Coastal Commission should be giving the Hollister Ranch an award for their educational, scientific and recreational access

The pedestrian trail is not feasible due to terrain challenges. No need to provide access to all beaches.

One beach maybe. All beaches are impossible. Safety requires careful supervision and State liability

What about the pier

The Trail it’s too hard to implement

Why are we not talking about the pier as an option?

Put the trail on the beach to minimize environmental damage

Fix the state parks ran areas that are in bad shape (e.g., pier)

Drakes has very sensitive biota. Limited managed access.

Focus on Eastern beaches public trail from state park

Not feasible at all three state parks are falling apart

Limited number of beach with safety of visit and avoidance of sensitive habitats for general public

Trail not feasible

None of these are feasible - Richard Avery

Who is going to be liable for danger?

A pedestrian trail is not feasible. It's dangerous and cost prohibitive

ACCESS PROGRAM OPTION 3: PRIORITIZE ACCESS TO LARGEST BEACHES

Which elements of this option are most important?

This access will cost hundreds of millions. If what is wanted is access, why not a small shuttle with sign ups

No need to provide access to all beaches. Better option; manage accompanied access to appropriate beaches based on conditions (e.g., wildlife habitat, crumbling bluffs, tides etc.)

Why not use these funds to improve access to Gaviota state park

Fix the pier and the park. Management of existing infrastructure should take priority - where will visitors park outside of the gate?

Only beach hikes west of alegria

The road bead is too narrow to accommodate a trail

I am concerned about individual driving cars on ranch roads. There are no guard rails and in Pismo Shell beach the government was sued when individuals drove over the cliff and were injured. Will the state be reinforcing the road to make it safer?

Managed access only. People will explore; roads are dangerous. Private access to beaches with guides only!

Why are we not talking about the pier as an option?

Private individual access outside of an organized managed group access is not desirable. Creates risk to environment and cultural resources and route safety concerns (e.g., fire)

Which element would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?

Managed group!

fix the pier!

Liability for injuries!! How to protect to ensure safety?

Don't prioritize western beaches

Managed access only

Who takes liability for individuals? Over the cliffs? The road has no extensive guard rails. Dangerous for cars

Fire evac

What about a less invasive trail at lower cost. Walk the beach and only a trail to Agua caliente

Too much impact on natural resources and too large impact on private property rights, against this plan

stay close to the gate

Independent access! What's stopping drivers from going up the anyone. We've received close call rollovers and offroad problems. Had a tree fall on our car.

Some beaches are not safe on land at certain times of the year. It seems like access to some beaches should be limited to a few months. Sand is taken away in winter and usually comes back in spring. Cliffs are not stable

Shuttle access or managed group access are the best/safest options, as well as guided tours (seasonally). Parking would be an issue. Where will people park and catch these shuttle/vans? Emergency services will take hours to respond.

Agree with the cliff safety almost got buried missed by a food. Lost two surfboards. Safety and fire are a concern

Bluff risk is huge on these beaches. Particularly as storm surges which reduces beach width and safety

No individual autos - only managed access

Challenges are significant for private independent access. Major acquisition costs and costs for roads.

Consider fire safety! Lots of outsiders coming in makes an evacuation so dangerous for them and residents.

Significant infrastructure impacts

Only Drakes - but even that needs to be guided managed access

Individual autos don't work. Professional Drive vans are needed.

smaller shuttles or guided tours could go to a few additional beaches needing fewer amenities

Even HR owners must accompany guests to the beach, and the number of guests is strictly limited. Because the beaches provide wildlife habitats, including habitat for protected species—access must be limited and controlled to protect the environment.

It’s important to limit reserved individual auto options to fewer beaches to control impacts (trash, restrooms, and environment)

Guided tour is best

ACCESS PROGRAM OPTION 4: EMPHASIZE NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION

Which elements of this option are most important?

Fix the pier

NEPA is a must! Federal permits

Managed group!

Super culturally sensitive/fear and awareness of exploitation

Managed group access only to alegria and Agua caliente

Concern was with conflicts among multi-use trail user groups, such as motor bikes vs bicycles

Public would degrade environment severely

Too much access and too much risk of natural resources

I feel like the cultural resources are not being given sufficient consideration and protection

Managed access only

I agree w Chumash attendees that there are no such thing as less culturally significant resources. They are all significant.

Railroad crossings with private vehicles of non-frequent visitors will become serious safety issues

Managed/accompanied access is only way to protect the last undeveloped coast. Protect what has been preserved so you don't have to restore it after damages

Water resource requirements

The HROA is already funding public access and avoiding cultural and biological resources

Protect the resources from general public but allow groups focused on nature or history to come in car caravans or buses

This option should be removed if any new paving is required. Conservation is priority

Managed access only

San Agustine has significant cultural resources

Resource protection is most important so managed group

Only Chumash guided, managed, limited access

San Agustine should not be open to the public because of culturally sensitive resources

The only way the resources will remain intact is to have only guided van tours with no private autos

Which element would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?

I would not forgo cultural protection

Maximizing recreation is not consistent with good stewardship

Kiss the wildlife goodbye

Prefer option to only eastern beaches and only by public trail

There is no potable water at any of the beaches. Sanitation is a concern. Emergency services take hours. Very limited cell services on the ranch for assistance. How will the ranch not be put in a position to be first responders

Why go through all the trouble when you can improve adjacent state parks at a fraction of a cost

Concerned with potential damage from cyclists on trails going offroad and damaging surrounding

High level of access should not be the priority because it is completely incompatible with protecting and conserving cultural and natural resources

The process is not designed to promote or prioritize conservation of natural and cultural resources. Only careful guided small group programs can accomplish protection. Less is more

Why are we not talking about the pier as an option?

ACCESS PROGRAM OPTION 5: PRIORITIZE ACCESS TO EASTERN BEACHES

Which elements of this option are most important?

Fund Gaviota state park asphalt and roads, improve parks

Shuttles are okay only for approved groups that prioritize underserved communities and groups should be accompanied for safety (even owners must accompany guests at the beach)

None of this is feasible, a huge waste of taxpayer dollars

Managed group only for eastern beaches

Why is managed group not an option or guided tours? Like eastern beaches best.

Focus on Gaviota state park and enhance HROA-funded access programs

This only works and protects resources with professional van tours. Private autos don't work.

Best eastern beaches (and highest priority should be given to Gaviota state park since it's the same coastline

Shuttle Agua caliente/Trail build to a couple more beaches

Unfeasible, too sensitive, all HR beaches have wildlife that would be adversely impacted

Managed, guided, limited access, bathroom? Water?

Access is already there for me by boat I would rather boat in

I don't want animals to be impacted by humans (bears on the beach, lions, and hawks)

All access should be managed and reserved with population caps - start small, monitor and see what works before expanding

Managed access only

Why isn't Gaviota state park enough

Managed group

Fix the pier!

Shuttle and individual access do not add benefit

Which element would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?

Where would the multi-use trail go? There is no shoulder on the road

Why not Bixby! Easier Access

Why are we not talking about the pier as an option?

Willing to forgo private individual access. All access should be managed

Private individual drivers are too costly for liability. One person going over the edge will sue just like in pismo beach

No private individual access. Multi-use trail is not feasible due to terrain, and damage to environment would result from construction

Fix Gaviota State Park for guide HR Access on the east side

On road access guided tours only

Inland of the road is private property

ACCESS PROGRAM OPTION 6: MAXIMIZE SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC ACCESS

Which elements of this option are most important?

What about Gaviota pier for access? Build a better trail to the Gaviota State Park

Max-sustainable access is misleading infeasible oxymoron. Delete "sustainable"

This is overkill and would be expensive, maintenance heavy and most quickly trash these pristine beaches

No private autos. Only professional guided van tours

Cost would be impossible to sustain

Fire evacuation issues. Fire department says this

Least feasible, excessive, too much impact, and too expensive

Paved path (for all or part) down to San Augustine for biking and walking

(like path around Devereaux Slough)

Minimize access

A tangle of private property rights, acquisition costs, security, safety and remediation planning costs would make this a 15-year project

Pedestrians and cyclists could have access initially, phase in other access models later

What justification for spending this amount of budget

Fund improvements to other coastal access to other parks on the Gaviota coast, not Hollister

What is sustainable public access? Water? Money? Bathrooms? Safety?

Managed Group Access only

Funds are limited and this option is too expensive. Repair boat launch

What is being done around evacuation and residents exiting

fix the pier!

Managed group. What are the inputs from the scientific community

Prefer managed access which maximizes protection of cultural resources, ecosystems, and wildlife

Need to replace pier with more access. Managed group access is best.

Which element would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?

Why are we not talking about the pier as an option

Paved trail would cause massive adverse impacts

Any access to western or more sensitive beach areas should be limited to small, infrequently targeted, responsible groups

Maximizing public access should NOT be a priority because it is not compatible with protecting the shoreline ecosystems which are highly sensitive

At this point prior to the EIR, I would not limit this higher use/option alternative. Let the EIR inform what elements managed to be reduced

November 13, 2025 Goleta
In-Person Workshop Comments

NOVEMBER 13, 2025 GOLETA IN-PERSON WORKSHOP COMMENTS

The following comments were received at the Goleta in-person workshop on November 13, 2025. Attendees were asked to provide feedback on the elements they prioritize and would forgo each Access Program Option.

ACCESS PROGRAM OPTION 1: PROVIDE GUIDED TOUR ACCESS

Which elements of this option are most important?

Look to existing Hollister Ranch program for examples

Most important: Protect baseline environmental Resources and wildlife

Access must be equitable - how do we balance access and protect the environment?

Managed group access has worked - it provided equitable access without harming the environment. Follow what works!

Start small

Constant supervision nobody wandering around where they shouldn't be or disrupt sensitive habitats, resources, littering

Manages access is only viable for cost, education, conservation, etc. and it already exists

Guided tours in managed groups, protect the resources and wildlife. Preserve the wild coastline. This limited option is the best option

Create a high-quality interpretative program as one of the options for public use and access. Best if managed by state agencies/parks and integrate local churches

Respect for private property rights. Protection of natural resources. Protection of cultural resources. Least cost

I am for this (and option 2 & 3) more feasible, less complicated (important due to limited funding)

If your current State Parks lack funding to upkeep operations. How can you fund this program? What is wrong with the current and historical beach walking or boating access?

This is the best option for safety, feasibility, and keeping the natural environment pristine

Very concerned we will harm these beaches. The beach is already public, my family walks to them all the time. I'm not in favor of harming beaches with more overland access

It appears that the provided options do not protect the cultural sites and wildlife

Of all the plans this seems most low impact and could work with the ranch programs already in place

Require clarification on number of people and cars and frequency (daily, monthly?)

managed and guided to preserve resources

I like the guided tour option. This is what Hollister Ranch has been doing for years with groups like the Audubon Society, numerous school groups, veterans, disabled folks, and others. It provides safety for visitors. It minimizes chances for mischief

Best option if numbers are limited. Ensure educational tours have priority. Eastern beaches are more feasible

Guided tours I feel would be the best option for access to Hollister ranch and provide the safest avenue all around

small groups preferred, biological protect culturally sensitive areas

Tours should be educational, including a baseline study of litter, tidepools. Keep an eye on people so they don't run amok. Gives good access.

Guided access. There is too much wildlife, no dogs, require watching field before entering. Note there are very high cliffs

The Ranch is a very special place. Noe of these options will protect it. Too dangerous and too precious

I think the current beach access by walking is the simplest and most feasible

Not a ranch owner but very concerned we will irreparably harm the natural resources that are so unique to this region. Keep it how it is

Guided tour only. 2 buses per month max. Tour guide should explain how important this area is to native people

Guided tours are the best overall. Less taxpayers and most sensitive to private property guided tours need to be themed (Birding, tidepool, etc.)

Guided managed access would protect enviro resources and provide educational opportunities

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State parks lack funding now. How are we funding? Seems best to protect natural resources

The guides can provide an education to the folks on the tour

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Scores of surfers already walk into surf during a swell at low tide. Boating is not the only means of access. Fixing the Gaviota Pier would greatly enhance that.

Educational guided tours. Least cost. Limited numbers. Least infrastructure needed to be developed. Safety and health concerns could be more easily managed.

Please no access to the last most western beaches. Too much traffic.

I regularly boat or hike into the Ranch. It is a spiritual experience. I wish I had the money to buy in to the ranch but having the ability to already access the ranch is precious just the way it is

State Parks do not have resources. Guides should come from Hollister Ranch

Isn't this already being done?

Being done currently and well!

Hollister ranch has not burned with a wildfire since the 1955's. Hasty retreat could cause closer of the narrow roads, and all escaping public would be killed in 50 MPH wind driven flames

No managing entity. CA State Parks are a mess and do not run H with underfunded managed and unguided access

I think just getting past the rock point at Gaviota to Caliente or alegria with a guided tour provides beach access.

Which element would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?

The issue with this plan is the number of tours that would have access. If the number were small, it would be the most feasible plan

Leave It as is...without number of people

Model access after Arroyo Honda: (1) 2 x a month (2) pre sign up, (3) Environment is a priority, (4) treat as preserve, (5) check-in and out, (7) education emphasis

Fix Gaviota Pier, which is an important means of access for fishermen and surfers

if the guided access buses have bathrooms, it can solve some issues

Guided shuttles should have bathroom facilities on board, limiting infrastructure which only costs more and needs maintenance. Reduce impacts on sensitive habitat and water use

Limited numbers and visitors each day, keep shuttles to eastern beaches to keep closer to emergency services and limit dangerous road access

Costs? Insurance, road upgrades, upkeep, lawsuits, etc.

The number of people per group will need to be kept small to maintain experience. Best to keep it limited to Sacate beach and aqua caliente. Keeps the danger level lower

Managed access is only feasible if locations and numbers are limited to reduce impacts

More trails for e-bikes and off roading

forgo all the beaches west of alegria to limit need for facilities and road use.

It's important to engage and protect environment and Chumash heritage sites

Surfers and higher regularly walk in even as far as Drakes beach and they have a great experience. Saying there is no access is misleading to the public

The proposed plans destroy the experiences the state is trying to provide

The option is probably the only workable solution - a professional driver can keep the road safety, and a docent can keep the resources intact. The fact that people will need to make reservations will keep a level of respect and improve experience for visitors

How will you regulate people from trespassing? All options seem to have major implications for operating cattle ranch.

Are these sufficient facilities that won't harm natural environment? What is the practical effect of the facilities needed on the environment?

ACCESS PROGRAM OPTION 2: PRIORITIZE FEASIBILITY AND EARLY ACCESS

Which elements of this option are most important?

How will the public access the beach at high tide?

When will the state fix the Gaviota pier for boat/beach access?

How is the state going to guard the RR crossing

Need to maintain ability to extend coastal trail through Hollister

Pedestrian trail is not feasible, no consideration to health and safety concerns. Managed access is more feasible

How is the state guarding against cliff accidents? The cliffs are very unstable

Pedestrian trail access would be subject to major erosion, which is a constant problem

Current beach access via boat or walking is very easy if you want to enjoy the beaches then just walk up from Gaviota which is very possible

Going to be expensive to maintain the path that already exists along Gaviota is already falling off the bluffs. Tragedy of the commons

Trail is far too disruptive to resources and private property. Beaches already provide access like any other beach. There is no managing entity for pedestrians

The trail is good, bikes, ok?

Schools, public health, climate change initiatives, existing parks all need more money not in state budget. Why is Hollister ranch access more important?

Why is managed access considered less optimal?

How would groups/individuals be selected to lead managed guided groups to ensure protection of natural resources

Property owners have to have a permit to enter. The ped trail and bike path don't require permits or reservation. Why would they have more lenient access than property owners?

Not a ranch owner, but very concerned that access will lead to irreparable harm to the land. I walk into the ranch all the time, please don't change it. I don't want trash on the beach.

Most important is protecting habitat and wildlife, how is that realistic with this plan? Why Hollister Ranch? Why not a sequence of private beaches? Each with support systems, road, parking to spread the impact.

The conditions of the trail from El Cap Ranch Rd - which was supposed to go to Refugio Beach as a bike and hiking trail is in awful condition and 1/2 way. I have complained too many times that nothing is done. The trail tracks are going to be involved in the near future. hopefully they are keeping a watchful eye on that! If that is the way the State keeps up their trails, not to mention the closing of the State Parks and highway rest stops, I have zero confidence in the States' ability to take on even more!

Funded shuttle instead of pedestrian trail or individual shuttle

Walking to alegria would have to be on road due to tide issues. Waves can be dangerous, Might not be work liability

If your current State Parks lack funding to upkeep operations. How can you fund this program? What is wrong with the current and historical beach walking or boating access?

biking on the bluff trail!

The pedestrian trail is terrifying. Unsupervised public ped. present a very real fire risk. The ranch is a high fire risk area especially on windy days

My biggest concern with impact is the number of people. Managed access would be the only feasible option

This plan seems the most feasible with managed access. Access should cause the least impact with the least safety hazards for EMS and fire risk. The pedestrian trail is completely infeasible

All these options seem highly unfeasible, fixing the boat hoist and maintaining beach access from state lands should be your priority

I actually went to a tidepool school when I was a kid. The managed access groups are rad!

Pedestrian Trail is not feasible; beach is walkable from Gaviota at low tide

I believe better options need to be constructed to better protect natural resources and cultural sites

Reducing impacts on water use, these canyons do not have water for bathrooms and facilities. Guided tour access is better than managed group access.

Respecting private property and fire risks with controlled access w/ ped trail

I prefer rustic hiking path, to complete the CA Coastal Trail. I include entire coastlines and require permits to control numbers and protect sensitive habitat

I like the level of managed guided programs

Managed access because people will be guided which is important for safety and to keep habitat pristine

All of the provided options do not seem feasible nor protect the natural habitat or resources

What about high tide and big sur and no cell reception?

Respect for private property rights. Cost of implementation. Protection of natural and cultural resources. Proposed location of trail.

early implementation is very important and self-powered access with sperate vehicular opportunities

No access to the western beaches. Too much traffic. No pedestrian trail EVER! Would create unsupervised trespassing, litter and sensitive habitat degradation.

A pedestrian trail is not equitable - what about people with disabilities or mobility impairments

What about ocean access? How do we improve existing access point from Gaviota?

Which element would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?

This option seems like a good middle of those presented

These options feel forced

Drop the walking path. Limit the group access to 2x a month with reservations. This would allow for docents

leave access as it

Group hike rather than individual access would be more feasible

Hollister Ranch is private property! Private roads etc. If this is not protected how can Hope Ranch have private beach? This is a Pandora's Box. Beware.

Individual cars

Forgo pedestrian trail

Pedestrian access on western end where there is more land sound of the RR would be great

Best option is managed access with priority for educational tours. Limit numbers to limit damaging impacts

Forgo pedestrian trail. The terrain and fare risk makes it impossible and too high risk

Pedestrian trail is too risky and not feasible

The hiking trail over this high cliff terrain seems ill advised. Fire danger! Hikers could go into hills as well.

There is no evidence of any study of resource sensitivity at San Augustine year it is listed as "low."

Limited numbers and managed access. To protect environment cultural sites, limit fire danger does not ruin wild spaces. Pedestrian trail is not feasible. Note fires, trespassing and dangerous roads

Guided shuttle could have bathrooms facilities on board limiting infrastructure and maintenance and impacts on sensitive habitats and reduce any water use.

Acknowledge existing public access and programs at HR

Hollister Ranch has so many wonderful programs and are expanding them all the time

With climate change the cliffs are crumbling and the beaches are disappearing generally

Forgo the trail unless it has check-in and check-out times like Diablo Canyon and limit number of hikers to 20 per day to limit impacts. How would it be patrolled? Seems expensive

Forgo any type of pedestrian path. Too disruptive to resources and cannot limit access to proper carrying capacity of beaches

ACCESS PROGRAM OPTION 3: PRIORITIZE ACCESS TO LARGEST BEACHES

Which elements of this option are most important?

Supervision! This is the best option. No trails! Less traffic, nuts not to drakes or Bulito. No private vehicle access

Minimize number of people is the best way to reduce impact

Minimize number of people in groups. Do not go to Drakes or Bulito because of natural and cultural resources. Consider costs tom implement

I believe new options that better protect the environment and public safety

Respect the environment and good stewardship over the decades. The is too much uncontrolled potential for environmental vandalism

These areas, which are former Chumash village sites, are too culturally sensitive to allow access. Don't let this happen

Use should be seasonal and limited so as not to impact environment and Chumash cultural resources

Public vehicle access is not a good idea. Cannot vet what individuals would do on the property

If your current State Parks lack funding to upkeep operations. How can you fund this program? What is wrong with the current and historical beach walking or boating access.

Emergency services are not available. Fire is a huge danger

How will you ensure safety on roads and collaborate with cattle operations to protect their livestock

State Beach Parks' development is crumbling due to no money for maintenance. How does the State plan to maintain its development on someone else's property?

Best option is managed access with priority for educational tours. Limit numbers to limit impacts.

Not a ranch owner, but very concerned about the harm that more people will have on this land

Allow family gatherings

Private access vehicles are not good

Private vehicle access is too expensive. A guided tour is best

Parking areas and bathrooms will need constant labor. Lifeguards are expensive. Fire risks are high

The shuttle seems easier to maintain and less costly

I understand the wish to make the coastline beaches available to more people. How can it be done and protect the existing habitat and wildlife, start from that viewpoint

CA State Parks barely have functional amenities how can they suggest this through private property

The public safety of personal vehicles is a real concern - the roads are not ready for this.

Controlling the number and frequency of visitors to protect property and resources

People need education on dangers of cliffs. Guided access is preferred

Private and shuttle access means bathroom use - infrastructure, miniatous, water, and sewage are a problem - a guided shuttle could have bathrooms on the bus.

Which element would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?

My concern is that increased use will result in increased degradation

Having private access through private property and workers cattle ranch with livestock on the road is unfeasible

Forgo any option going to Drakes or Bultito - natural and cultural resources are significant

Shuttles are too risky with cattle and too many people not considerate of the environment

Fix Gaviota boat access first

The staging areas should be on the State Park land

Leave It as is...without number of people I cannot comment in an informed way

The State can't keep a rest stop open for more than a month, a few days at a time. What are you thinking?!

Cars and windy roads and traffic concerns. No car access

I would forgo independent shuttle and private individual access as there is no way to make sure that resources are impacted negatively. Guided, encourage education.

Important to keep to scale - large facilities may be problematic

Stating areas should be after Gaviota Beach Area. Eliminate the private individual access - no parking spaces. Note risky roads

Has union pacific RR ok'ed crossing on their tracks? Answer is no.

Public vehicle access is dangerous considering conditions of roads. How would shuttle work if weather conditions change and the schedule has to be modified

These beaches have zero visitors on most days. It is a location where mountain lions hunt and their habitat will be impacted. Such a shame

ACCESS PROGRAM OPTION 4: EMPHASIZE NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION

Which elements of this option are most important?

Protect the environment! Guests must currently be with owners. Visitors should be accompanied as they may not be aware of dangers and sensitive habitat

Managed group access is the best option to limit environmental impacts and sensitive cultural resources

These options do not favor protection of the wildlife and cultural site

Hollister has been coordinating access to Bulito and other areas through Dune's center mailing list recipients. They already fund transportation and guides

Pedestrian trails access along entire coast possibly requiring a permit to pass complete the CA coastal trail

Eastern access is better. Pedestrian trail seems cool and simple

The option of individual vehicles should not be considered

Absolutely not! No private individual access! Littering, trespassing into hills, habitat invitation, urination/defecation, all a bad idea

Private individual access is too dangerous in this culturally and environmentally sensitive area. The public at large is just too unpredictable - the ranch, for has already had 2 arson fires

Resource protection is most important

Educating the public of these sensitive areas

This plan does not appear to actively protect resources at Sacate or S. Augustine. Provide updated plans for those beaches

The private car access creates too many troubles. The roads are not ready and parking is not sufficient. The destruction is too great to justify

Not a ranch owner, but very concerned with harm this will cause

The roads and parking do not support this intense use. The magic of the experience would be eliminated. An escorted access program would allow for the untouched feeling to have a change to remain

Restore Gaviota State Park boat launch first!

Ensuring Resources are not impacted. By reducing locations and doing guided tours. No private individual or independent shuttle access. Needs education.

Rocks fall due to train vibration. Union pacific won't like liability

It's essential to emphasize and protect environmental and cultural resources

Integrate resource issues in any decision, nut must have both vehicle access - for some - and pedestrian trails

Paved path is the most intrusive plan for sensitive areas. Bad for wildlife and would not limit number of people.

Which element would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?

Emergency services are not available. Forgo independent car and independent shuttle in favor of limited number of guided tours

The long shuttle to the west beaches

The access program that Hollister has now is a compromise and seems to be working at minimal expense. Why take on more/

Access should be modeled after the Aroyo Honda: 2x a month, pre-registration required, docent led hikes, respect the environment

Any increase of public access would impact the preciousness of the sensitive area.

All of these programs are not feasible, managed access, as long as the numbers take into account environmental and cultural impacts, seem the most feasible

The pedestrian trail is not feasible given the terrain and creates many opportunities for fire risk

The cost of access with private vehicles and pedestrian trails or multiuse trails seems insane when the State can't even maintain the hiking trail from Refugio to El Cap

The three state parks in the area are in disarray. They are closed a lot, not enough water. How can they take on the HR project

Where is the cost of eminent domain shown?

Best practice of a similar coastal situation would be helpful data. First protect the habitat and wildlife. Limit number of guests shuttled in but how is that possible?

without #s I cannot know impacts. Leave the animals and land as is. No access in cultural areas while also recognizing that local natives need access to that area

Guided shuttle could have bathroom facilities on board limiting infrastructure and impacts on water use

What about something like an "adventure pass" that included education of the area and its fragility, etc.

Make the option more feasible if you do none of it!

Best option manages access with priority for education tours limit numbers to limit impact.

unsafe for the public collapsing cliffs, high tides, wildfire, rattle snakes, wild boards, bears, mountain lion, coyotes, all found on beaches

Having private access through private property that is also a working cattle ranch is not feasible

Limiting the number of guests to small groups with guide. Limiting travel on ranch road due to open cattle ranch. Figure out how to pay for all of it. Respect private property rights

ACCESS PROGRAM OPTION 5: PRIORITIZE ACCESS TO EASTERN BEACHES

Which elements of this option are most important?

This honestly seems the most feasible. The further the access, the higher the cost

Would not support a staging area or trail that would require extensive development

Limit access as much as possible to cultural resources and sites

These options prioritizing beaches that are more readily accessible seem largely implausible though

Hollister Ranch funds transportation and guides through partnerships with agencies with a range of contacts. Their coordinated access is essential for safe, equitable public access.

The train drops rocks as it goes by - these beaches are more dangerous than they look

This may be a way to limit impacts in a responsible way. It's essential to protect the environment and cultural resources

This is a dangerous road area. Private car access is too risky. This is an area that is already available

The coastal trail between El Capitano and Refugio or use the money to fix the Gaviota park or create parking along the Gaviota coast

No pedestrian or bike trails ever! It leads to trespassing, habitat invasion, littering, and bad activities.

Terrain and emergency services make access to western beaches challenging. Limit faculties by using guided shuttle.

Private vehicle access not needed. Guided tours are sufficient.

Train crossings are huge hazard with unguided access

This is unhinged access that compromises safety of not only property owners and environmental and cultural resources but also the people

Who maintains? Is Hollister ranch to look like Gaviota Park...a disaster

Insufficient to share the Hollister experience

open trail only to closet beaches, then let public walk to minimize eco impact

Most important to the owners is to restrict access to the better beaches

There is no way to regulate individual access and actions once in the ranch. Guide needed!

I understand there is a law that should be honored - but it may not be the best decision. Once Hollister ecosystem is damaged it is not an easy fix

Beach sizes are misleading. Public beach is below the mean high tide line. Beach relaxation on wet sand only

Which element would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?

Without the numbers of people, one cannot know impact.

The access road into the state park is dangerous. It is too narrow. If there was a fire, trucks are going in and cards coming would have a problem

Guided shuttles could have bathrooms on board to limit infrastructure and impacts on habitat and water use.

Pedestrian access from Gaviota state beach makes sense for beach. Walking from there, they have lots of parking

Eliminate the three western beaches

If the State took care of the trails that already exist, I might have more confidence in their ability to follow through

Private individual access - would take too long to implement and is not feasible

Supporting HRs with current coordinated access would meet access objectives and make expanded, coordinated access feasible

All these options are number dependent. Last meeting I attended suggested a 500/ people day start and 1000/ people per day the next year. That would ruin the coast

Individual vehicles should not be an option

pedestrian access is preferable to "multi-use trails"

This is worst of all worlds - not much access and all too loose

Individual cars seem the most difficult to manage (example: railroads)

Protection of the Significant cultural and natural resources. This option fails to recognize that there are endangered specific living in alegria/Agua caliente estuaries. The eastern beaches have no infrastructure

Eliminate the three western beaches to begin with. Limit impact and numbers overall managed access exist now

Private individual access creates too many risks - the road is privately maintained and is a cattle ranch, and creates risk for fires and Ems response

The pedestrian trail through private property with steep and suggest terrain is not feasible

ACCESS PROGRAM OPTION 6: MAXIMIZE SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC ACCESS

Which elements of this option are most important?

These roads are unsafe for people to drive without experience, it would be problematic to have individual cars

Number of people dictates impact. Reduce the proposed options to reduce impacts

Toilets? Trash? How will these types of resources be managed

Protecting natural resources and keeping people safe there is not readily available cell reception and emergency services

This does not create an experience of magic that pristine environment can provide. It is too risky to all resources.

I support bike and pedestrian access

No pedestrian or bike trails ever! It leads to trespassing, habitat invasion, littering, and bad activities.

Ignore Hollister's obstacles!

This is too environmentally insensitive! It is likely to result in damage to wildlife and Chumash cultural sites. Don't do this option

Value of existing private property will definitely be lowered. Cost of main road will be pushed through the roof due to government laws

No public vehicles! Minimize guided tour only

There are many state-run parks that need improvement. El Cap, Refugio, & Gaviota. Why can't they be improved?

This is asking the State to create a new state park for an underfunded organization with ignored needs of other parks on the Gaviota Coast. That is asking for failure.

Most important element: Natural resources protection

Staging should be on state park property

Repair Gaviota pier for access, fishing, diving, surfing, sightseeing in state owned waters.

Who is liable for injury? You guys, right? Promoting surfing and all

I would prefer managed/guided options for all areas to protect natural resources such as tidepools

Not a ranch owner, but very concerned additional people/vehicles' access will irreparably harm the most virgin and unspoiled part of the coast. Keep it wild, don't destroy it. It is the last one we have left that is untouched. Decent-led or no tour

Train Tracks and public access "help!" insurance, safety

Docent led tour, no surfing. Small vans

How are you all funding? California had a 73,000,000,000-dollar deficient last year

Recreation! I want to surf in Hollister Ranch

^Tragedy of the commons

I would like to see a coastal trail - rustic, minimally improved across the whole ranch to allow through hiking, eventually

I do not think these options are safe for public or wildlife

Guided tour access

Guided access must be coordinated for safety, road preservation ecosystem conservation and to continue the impacts on youth stewardship above and beyond education

Which element would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?

How will the state provide water, septic, and bathroom facilities for visitors?

This seems the most likely to impact natural and cultural resources

No water, more septic and pollution

Individual access seems tricky. Parking is hard

would want to forgo the multiuse trail through private property

Guides and shuttle access are already coordinated and funded by Hollister Ranch Tidepool School for public and students

Forgo independent access and multi-use. Too great of risk on environmental damage. Plus, no EMS services if people need it

All of these options are not feasible

Put money into rebuilding Gaviota Pier. Where will all the money come from? No good options

How will you fund this? Your track record shows that all these options will be poorly managed, lacking funding

Fix the boat hoist and maintain the state park/state lands trail to the beach. Seems much more feasible. We don't want our sacred lands to become another one of your poorly managed underfunded forgotten state parks.

COST

Where have you ever seen a sensitive and pristine environment kept that way with public access. No discussion about health and welfare contingencies

Guided shuttle with bathrooms facilities on board would be preferred to limit impacts of facilities on water use

Feasibility means resources protection and this is a bad answer. Park visitors tend to not respect land. Resources destruction would be too great in this option

The State run Gaviota Park is regularly closed for extended times. We are not able to adequality manage this level of proposed use

Most of the plans have a large cost to taxpayers. Isn't it more important to fund children and families who can't afford food

This is an absurd option - should we build Santa Monica Beach on the Gaviota Coast? What is the cost to purchase the necessary private land rights? Who will build and maintain?

There is no such thing as "safe public access" there would have to be ancillary series such as lifeguards, etc.! This is not the time for expensive projects.

Cost?? How will you fund this? What is keeping this plan from becoming another poorly managed state park?

November 17, 2025 Virtual Workshop Comments

NOVEMBER 17, 2025 VIRTUAL WORKSHOP COMMENTS

The following comments and notes from verbal comments were received at the November 17, 2025 virtual workshop. Attendees were sorted into seven breakout rooms where project facilitators sought feedback on the Access Program Options. Comments were provided in the Zoom chat and recorded by breakout room notetakers.

BREAKOUT ROOM 1

Access Program Option 1: Provide Guided Tour Access

COMMENTER NOTES

Hard time understanding concept with guided tour – what would access to the actual sand be in a guided tour? The details have not been worked out yet; in a shuttle with a guide and stay with that guide for the entire time You would get out of the van with a guide

The safest bet and also ensures the sensitivity to the natural landscape and allows the public to provide educational interaction with the beaches. There is a larger educational experience that this option would provide

Support prior response; at the beginning of access to the ranch; want the population that are coming to get the best education about the ranch as a whole; love being guided and having an educated person tell them the history and people visiting would benefit the most from this option; people can access the beaches and also protects the resources and those visiting and is a great option. The gate to San Augustine is a fair distance from the road. Think about options for how many beaches could be feasibility accessed in a day

What is the feasibility of surfing with each of the options? Grew up in Solvang and have been denied access for their entire life and would like to know if they can go surfing. This is the only thing they are interested in

Feasibility included financial resourcing. Where is the capital for this resourcing? What is the scale based on

CHAT

"Options for Public Access" should begin with the already adopted beach access routes. No one is looking at the price of acquisitions, and no one is looking at comparing the efficiencies of short-route beach access acquisitions.

The financial cost of public access across the many short distances available between the Coast Highway and the many unused beach areas between Goleta and Gaviota provide much more public access for many more members of the public to many more beaches that are far more accessible to the public than spending many millions more trying to access the far more remote areas of the HR.

Protection of natural and cultural resources are most important to me. For Option #1 and "Guided Tour Access" who would manage and administrate such a program, and how would we be assured they can insure protection of resources?

What are the trade-offs for Guided tour access?

Important for everyone to appreciate that HR is like other parts of the CA coast - you can access the beaches by simply walking up the beach to go surfing. No need to wait 40 years… you can surf tomorrow by walking up the beach just like the Lost Coast, Malibu and many other places.

My vote is for open access rather than limited tours.

Access Program Option 2: Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access

COMMENTER NOTES

Comments/chat box – people that are asking for access, there is a substantial difference in costing between the access option; how many people are level 2 accessibility? How many people for each APO? If the beach is sensitive; would rather the beach be protected rather than have people accessing the beach

A staged approach is the smartest approach. Silly to jump into one option before understanding and learning from any access option. The far west beaches extend safety concerns and other issues. A slow phased approach is best before making any larger financial investment

Early access is important just to be able to see what works and is popular and feasible. Everyone would benefit from coordinating with HR on all programming and access on programs that are ongoing and currently available. Can benefit from working into the existing programs that are going. Adaptive management along the way – there are thing that would need to be analyzed in advance of that, namely the existing baseline of humans and number of resources on the beaches and the impacts that would occur with additional recreational development. More of – how many people can we comfortable fit within the existing baseline without adversely affecting natural resources and habitat

CHAT

Like Option #1, my priority for Option #2 is protection of natural and cultural resources

A daily visitor limit option.

The public is able to walk onto the Hollister Ranch Beaches from the State Park beach

That is incorrect. The first beach can be accessed only on low tide by walking for approximately 2 miles.

Resource protection -both cultural and natural -must be prioritized

Access Program Option 3: Prioritize Access to Largest Beaches

COMMENTER NOTES

This option provides highest potential for human impact and risk options. Extremely remote access points and huge safety concerns riptides, furthest removed and most remote, there needs to be some type of risk management to help in emergencies is going to be a major problem

Hamala beach is a dangerous beach, and most surfers can help themselves. Beginning surfers likely would not like Hollister Ranch. Experienced surfers do not need guides or handlers. Can do it on their own

Induvial access – the road is very narrow w/ no guard rails. Would the state bring it up to safety standards? There are also lifeguards at all state beaches and can help if a situation arises and can help get people off beach if a situation arises

Most people swim, not surf. Narrowing to just a surfer's view is a limited view of the potential risks

CHAT

The first beach can be accessed only on low tide by walking for approximately 2 miles.

Like Option #1 & #2, for Option #3 I prioritize protection of natural and cultural resources.

Allow access to all the beaches. People take responsibility for their own safety, just like other beaches

There are no lifeguards at all beaches - like Ocean beach

We have surfing and swimming beach designations up and down the coast. Couldn't there be a surfing beach, and designated swimming beaches?

Access Program Option 4: Emphasize Natural and Cultural Resource Protection

COMMENTER NOTES

Agree with this option that cultural resources need to be protected and leave it up to the native American trip to educate the public or do ceremony and respect their cultural sanctity.

Wish there could be a swimming beach and a surfing beach. Maybe surfers want to be farther away, and swimmers want to be closer

Applies to all programs – feasibility has to address costs of acquisition. Back in 1982, coastal commission did surveys at the ranch for acquisition costs, but results were never released. Could go through whole CEQA process over the next 5 years and costs could change dramatically between now and then. Each one of these options should have a feasibility price tag before a decision is made. There is a subgroup that enjoys HR by boating and hiking and using natural means of access without any of the programs. They love it the way it is, and think it should remain it is

Understand when they originally went into survey in 1982 and was denied access to the gate and said it was illegal. HR said they cannot trespass on private property and that is why the surveys were never done. Chicken and egg issue. Can't determine the costs without a plan and can't choose a plan without knowing costs. Commenter believes there is $30M in a fund that could go to this process. Original development fees were $5k per development permit and have been raised since then to $30k per development permit. Folks are frustrated from being denied public access to beaches

There are currently right now existing managed access and public access programs at the ranch that are very protective of natural and cultural resources that are very well received by the public. Some of these options are similar to what is ready ongoing and have been trying to work with the state on programs

There is a choke point on walking on to the beach from Gaviota. Anything outside a low tide makes it unsafe. What if the Ranch provide access to the headland like Alegria that is past any issue about walking on the beach. Would this be enough access and does that satisfy the access need?

CHAT

Like Options 1,2 & 3, for Option #4 I prioritize natural and cultural resource protection. However your title "emphasize natural & cultural resource protection" isn't tethered to any apparent date or research. Why would you only protect Drakes and Bulito?? There are endangered plants and animals at the other beaches. I don't understand how you arrived at this alternative

As a surfer, managed group access is an unrealistic option

My family votes for trails - pedestrian and bike access

access matters, but it has to be done smartly. We need to protect the natural habitat, keep visitors safe, and take a phased approach so we can learn before making big decisions that might impact the environment or cultural areas. A lot of this can't really be solved until we understand the true capital requirements and how the whole thing would be funded.

how much should CA taxpayers endure to make access happen?

I am concerned that this discussion is about what the public wants in terms of access for all of these options but does not discuss the existing programs that provide for public access. These existing programs address many of the constraints and are very well received by the public. They also protect the cultural and natural resources. They are also supported by the Hollister Ranch owners

All of these beaches are accessible from state lands with proper tidal planning via walking the beach. Many beaches with really great surfing have limited access due to tides across Santa Barbara County and beyond. Additionally, boat access is easily attainable as well with proper ocean knowledge. Though the state has failed to maintain the boat hoist at Gaviota State Park, forcing non beach launch-able larger boats to come from farther away.

Property owners will pay for easements through development permit fees, as dictated by the original county subdivision agreement

Access Program Option 5: Prioritize Access to Eastern Beaches

COMMENTER NOTES

Wondering which of the eastern beaches is this limited to?

Where is little drake's beach on the map?

This would provide access to the eastern beaches around the rock outcrop. Cheapest, accessible by foot, the biggest bang for the little buck. Will allow surfers to walk the beaches

Is this the least amount of petroleum roadway? Anything that is done, seems like it would add asphalt this close to the ocean, and they are against paving more roadways.

Would a footrail to San Augustine be provided?

Elaborate on the foot trail – where is it located and how does it work?

Feel that public access, not just for surfers, should be for regular people to come and be able to serve access to this part of the coastline. Commenters like this idea, gets people in far enough into ranch to get to beaches but also recognizes private property and protecting property rights of owners

CHAT

Like Options 1, 2, 3 & 4, I prioritize protection of natural and cultural resources for Option #5

This would basically allow walking access to all beaches on most tides

The boat hoist at Gaviota State Park was sabotaged by someone by pouring resin onto the winch. We won't be bullied another 40 years

That is incorrect Beth

8 years ago, a storm destroyed the hoist, why has CA not repaired it?

Does it help to point out that the Sacate involves crossing the RxR, has no services, cell, Wi-Fi, water or restrooms, and is quickly eroding? Probably best to access Agua Caliente and Alegria only

That is incorrect "": We have a public legal right to access all the beaches, without walking for miles"

How will the State fund this? State Parks lacks funding and management. The bike path between El Cap and Refugio on state land has been abandoned.

The Hollister Ranch does an incredible job as stewards of such an environmentally & culturally sensitive place. Looking at the states track record, any of these access options would have grave impacts on this highly preserved area

I will not negotiate away the public's legal right to beach access. That is what we are doing here. From my perspective, nothing short of SHUTTLE ACCESS to all beaches is acceptable

Not to quibble Lynn, but like everywhere in CA the public owns the wet sand. You can walk the beach like anywhere. A shuttle or other driving would occur on private property. Not sure why you think that is a public right

Access Program Option 6: Maximize Sustainable Public Access

COMMENTER NOTES

Don't see why someone would need private individual access, it seems like a shuttle from Gaviota (could be occasionally every 30 to 60 minutes) stopping at all beaches would be enough access for the public. If you try to provide individual car access would just delay the program. Would like to see another option that is just shuttle access to all beaches only

Elaborate on why this access program has the lowest feasibility rating.

Wonder as a taxpayer with access to El Cap, Refugio, Gaviota, Hamala – where does the state come up with the funds to build the trail and the road…does not seem feasible. Hard to understand how the state funds this when it cannot fund state parks. It is also an active cattle ranch with multiple railroad crossings. Commenter agrees with low feasibility rating

CHAT

Yes, ACCESS PROGRAM #6 is the best option as a phased approach to public access to all beaches eventually.

Like Option 1, 2 ,3, 4 & 5, I prioritize natural and cultural resource protection for Option #6. "Maximize Sustainable Public Access" is an oxymoron. Please just call this "Maximize Public Access" since you can't do anything "sustainably" by maximizing anything else. Thank you for protecting this unique coastal habitat.

It is very hard to evaluate access without knowing the volume of visitors and without knowing the cost for each public program.

Shuttle Access to the main beaches would be a much better OPTION. It would provide high level of access for higher feasibility.

Lynn, every good wave up and down the coast takes a bit of effort to get to. These beaches are sitting there waiting for you to make the effort… they've been waiting 40 years for you apparently!

We vote for the most Public Access for all the beaches - pedestrian and bike paths are a lot cheaper than streets for cars.

BREAKOUT ROOM 2

Access Program Option 1: Provide Guided Tour Access

COMMENTER NOTES

Any access should be as managed as possible

So many sensitive environmental concerns at the Ranch

Different seasons birds that lay eggs on the beach where walking should be prohibited

Important for as much control for public to access

Cliffs constantly erode

Dangerous along the beach where cliffs fall

Somebody who doesn't know what to look for could be in danger

Extreme risk of fire

Very dry for most of the year

Guided access would need to ensure no fires, smoking, ignition sources

Access as strenuously managed as possible to protect cultural and environmental resources

Safety of general public

Managed by State Parks system? Or County Park?

Hasn't been determined. Will be determined based on program adopted

The way Channel islands access island packers could be exemplary protocol

Allows a lot of freedom with boat access

Refugio is right by with same falling bluffs and shorebirds without causing adversity

How much would it cost for tours to be operated?

Best for protecting environment, but expensive unless volunteer based

Only available to people who have money

Government funded? Would it be cheap enough?

Different options for how guided tours could be funded

Who are the guides? How are they trained? How do you get permission to bring in groups?

How many reservations per day? How many people per reservation?

Existing managed access program at the Ranch now, works well

Limited basis with guided tours and educational

Is this continuation of existing program? With cooperation of HOA or expansion?

Not really either, but similar in nature to types of things the ranch has done

CHAT

Any type of access needs to be as managed as possible. There are so many environmental resources that need to be protected and so many dangerous hazards around the ranch that don't appear to be considered

Just to clarify, there is an existing Managed Access Program with the HR now. Would this option be a continuation of this existing program or an expansion?

Who trains the guides? How many reservations per day?

Where are the funds coming from to do any improvements as to access?

Any type of managed access would need to be better managed than the state park system. The state parks have not been well managed.

Who is going to pay to manage the roads? The entry system? The cleanup of the areas? Where is the public going to be able to use a bathroom? Perhaps you should consider a system where on occasion tours are run for various purposes. For example, a guided bird viewing tour with a trained naturalist.

Access Program Option 2: Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access

COMMENTER NOTES

Have we done evaluation about trails going to first three beaches?

Doesn't lend itself to ped trail along bluff

Not necessarily near the bluff – more likely near the road?

Intending to build new separate road than current road?

Would state take over management and cost of maintaining road – currently privately maintained

In order to have land-based access, it would require having rights to use the road. Shared maintenance costs

Any cost analysis done? Will be as we move forward with more refined programs

Cost estimates substantially lower than real world costs? How to get information for cost estimates.

Previously never had land rights costs included.

Will there be costs associated with easements or taking of land?

Would there be parking lot for hikers before the entrance? Or hike from Gaviota State Park?

Where would they start?

Road to Agua Caliente hardly any shoulder on beach side.

Often no beach with tides at Agua Caliente

Not much space with small parking lot

What kind of services are there once they get there if they hike?

Not a safe trail with narrow road and lack of shoulder

Doesn't seem like greatest access feasibility

If somebody gets hurt, difficult to get people out due to road and access

If injury at San Augustine, may need helicopter to get them

Driving on own or guided shuttle seems risky

Channel Islands on own and far away.

Things are going to happen

Focus on feasible, least disturbing access

Panero Lane (sp?) has new coastal access

Issues raised occur at any beach. Use common sense, sign waiver, people get injured.

Channel islands are more remote. You know you're going far and remote.

Ranch seems like another beach, but in reality, significant challenges like Channel Island. General Public will have a hard time understanding because of how easy it is to access it.

If boats drop off, more apples-apples comparison

What about Jalama?

CHAT

How does a guide manage a rogue visitor, they are not a cop, what happens when a visitor wanders or runs off? How will that be managed? How do you propose to build trails on eroding cliffs?

The road is very dangerous. A trail near the road would be very dangerous

Costs of all of these ideas will need to be prevailing wage I assume, am I correct? All these different access ideas all have a cost associated with them. Won't that be the determining factor on what is approved?

Any trailhead would need to be outside of the Ranch gates the road to the Ranch is narrow and the best place would be inside of Gaviota state park

Access Program Option 3: Prioritize Access to Largest Beaches

COMMENTER NOTES

With private individual access only to Sacate and San Augustine

More challenging to ensure cars go where they're permitted is why costs and feasibility are higher

You haven't asked the community about coming up with the ideas

20 miles of undeveloped coast left

8.5 miles of undeveloped that is most important

Bears forage, mountain lions come down, deer come down to ocean

King snakes that Kestrals prey on

Respect for private property owners and ranch who have protected coast

Looks like eminent domain

State has failed on other parks

Not in favor of any options

For access to proposed beaches – how many have services? Bathrooms, showers, septic, trash

Would there be addition of services to any or all of the beaches?

Services currently belong to the Ranch and are not part of access program

For larger options, envision bathrooms – options for no-water restrooms

Not envision showers or water

Details will be spelled out in Final Access Program

Arroyo Hondo – like the way it's run

Reservations, guided tour, limited, get to enjoy, then gone

Have a purpose for why going

CHAT

Independent drive in access will not work. The roads and entry will not allow for it.

The distance that people need to drive into the Ranch is far. There is only one road, there is no place to park, there is no policing within the Ranch, and this is problematic when people can drive where they think they can go

How and who is going to account for the people who go into the Ranch? What happens when people do not listen to the "guides"

There is no other environmental area that compares to the Gaviota coast

The public would be much better served if the state would take the money earmarked for to improve the current parks. They are in disrepair, understaffed and often closed because they are not well run or well maintained

Has anyone considered running tours on boats to be able to view the coastline?

When is the earliest timeframe for any of these options?

Access Program Option 4: Emphasize Natural and Cultural Resource Protection

COMMENTER NOTES

Would like to see Guided Tour access added to four beaches (Trish)

Independent driving in is not a great option. Not feasible due to narrow road, cattle ranching, private property.

Guided Tours and Shuttle are way more controlled than independent vehicles

Independent cars would not protect natural and cultural resources

What is the difference between guided tours and managed group access?

Continuum - Guided tours are more trained guides, Managed group would involve training a group leader ahead, but broader range of leaders

Could be a range of activities. Not just education, could be recreation

Is there an example where there is managed group access?

What happens when someone goes rogue?

Not trained to manage people and ensure they don't wander off

Do they call police?

Security is far from these locations

We can get examples

Managed access is very common. Obtaining permits and getting training

More restrictive to groups and not just individuals

What if someone runs off? Can't go chase people down

Presents dangers to homeowners and property owners

Very rural area where emergency services would have difficult access

Need to have cultural monitor from federally recognized tribes

Dangermond's managing access well

Private vehicles don't make sense.

Prioritize shuttles provides best protection of natural resources and providing access

CHAT

The idea about specialized tours is a good one… a bird tour, a cultural tour a driving tour to look at the ranch. All run from a nature center

Independent driving is not a feasible plan. Cows graze and are on the roads all the time

It is very important that the emergency services element be strongly considered here… The ranch is very remote. It seems close, but it is far from everything

Access Program Option 5: Prioritize Access to Eastern Beaches

COMMENTER NOTES

Not thinking about bikes on the road

Would there be off-road multi-use trail adjacent to the road as much as possible

Concern about independent vehicles and parking lots constructed

Doesn't help preserve environmental quality of the ranch

Guided tours or shuttles are the safest way for people to visit with least amount of damage to the area and to the wildlife

Shouldn't be individual access in vehicles

Outside of environmental concerns, would be logistically challenging

Concerned about safety and security of everyone

What does concessionaire mean? What umbrella would that consist of?

Group leader with a permit. Could be for-profit business that runs it. Van that brings people in. e.g., surfing expedition

Island Packers (Channel Islands) is the concessionaire that manages access

Are we considering Island Packers? Not that far along

Concessionaire is possible option. How would this protect wildlife?

CHAT

Option 5 seems more manageable however what is not manageable is private cars. Any kind of access needs to be done via shuttle

I think you need to give a real hard look at any kind of trail that runs along the road.

Independent cars coming into the Ranch will ruin the environment.

A shuttle with a guided tour is the only way

The staging area needs to be before or at Gaviota State park

It cannot be anywhere along the road that heads up from Gaviota State park. It cannot support the general public. It can barely support the limited traffic that traverses it now

Is the state going to run this or will it be a private entity

Any of the access plans must also always address the worst-case scenario. A visitor is severely injured. A group of visitors vandalize or rob a private home. A fire has started. Before any access plan is started, these other additional services must be in place.

It seems like the "dangers" have not really been significantly thought through. Fire is a serious concern

Access Program Option 6: Maximize Sustainable Public Access

COMMENTER NOTES

Why do we need a trail if there are shuttles? Extra added expenses

Ranch already manages the land in a beautiful way

The state could never do as good a job

Work with the ranchers to come up with something that best serves the public

Don't want it to impact wildlife

Trail – brings trash and people making fires

E bikes have too much impact on wildlife

Shuttles – don't know how many people. Too many people impact wildlife

Respect private property owners

CHAT

6 seems like an impossibility… The cost associated with this is not supported by the possible use

Were all these options figured out through other sessions?

I'm going to add my feedback here as general comments that may not specifically address each of the 6 options presented. I would recommend the access be managed by a party/parties that are dedicated to protecting the environmental sensitivity of this unique area, it is not open to the public to drive on the ranch in their private cars, and that there would not be required policing to ensure that visitors only go to the designated areas. This would lead to nothing but problems, conflict and bloated bureaucracy that nobody wants more of in CA. I would vote for a program that is as similar to the current Managed Access Program that is governed by the HROA. If current law requires more access by the general public than currently exists, then a limited open application process that could

be governed between the HROA and the CCC or other governmental agency to be jointly managed to balance the interests of both sides.

Again, why has no one suggested boat tours to view the land from the sea?

As you drive up the 101 highway to Hollister Ranch, there are miles and miles of beautiful beach where you never see anyone. These beaches are next to the 101 highway, which would allow easy access. Why not start this program by developing access programs to these beaches?

Andy has a very good point above. You should work with the Ranch and coordinate a managed access program similar to the one in existence

Can you put idea 1 and 2 back up? Where can we see an overview of these proposals?

BREAKOUT ROOM 3

Access Program Option 1: Provide Guided Tour Access

COMMENTER NOTES

Director of national coast trail association. Is this were the only option it doesn't provide access to the entire coast, which the organization wants to see. Ideally this option would be combined with other options, so this isn't the only option.

Guided tours seem more feasible than unguided

You can walk along the beach once accessed from one point to the speaker

SB native, lifelong visitor to ranch, longtime boater. Hope that the work will take costs into account; current resources (Gaviota SP pier, campsites) are underfunded. Everyone wants to have a great experience. Prefer to take care of the things we have well before expanding facilities/access further. Clearly what's feasible is based on distance and cost (land cost). Alegria Canyon has been working with environmental education activities. Short distances would allow broader use with good control. Do a piece of it right before expanding access to San Augustine. Fire hazard and fire insurance need to be highlighted in the planning work and is very high risk.

There are some comparisons to the Channel Islands. What is the wildlife there and how would you ensure people don't feed wildlife? Would there be staff on site during primary use hours?

CHAT

Can distances between entry points/beaches be shared for reference?

Did I hear correctly that the full range of recreational activities would be allowed after the tour concludes, and if so, how would arrival/departure be handled?

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Access Program Option 2: Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access

COMMENTER NOTES

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Environmental protections need to be prioritized.

I imagine a pedestrian trail to San Aug. would not get used since there is no overnight option. It's a very up and down as well so it's slow going up and down canyons

This is not Disneyland.

Cultural resource protections, which also include biological resources, should also be prioritized with any access; there are very rare plants at some locations.

Will take a hiker about 5 hours to go from one end of ranch to another. Usually, it's not like that. Vancouver island wonda feuga marine trail is coastal trail with a trail and road with shuttle service so people can shuttle the hike. A longer trail would be combined with a shuttle service.

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HR already hosts many public access programs. Please take this into consideration for the entire public access

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Access Program Option 3: Prioritize Access to Largest Beaches

COMMENTER NOTES

People not familiar with tides and dangerous eroding cliffs that are constantly collapsing that could be dangerous

Agree. Continue with current HR sponsored education access programs

Would this option be more feasible if there was more managed access?

The beach is the only public property so other experiences are on private property so that should not even be considered

For this option 3 seems like longer distances along the dangerous road are less desirable than the closer distances on the eastern side

All of the six access programs are not feasible. Tides come to cliffs, all the sand shown in the video disappears in the winter months Summer months pack the beaches with piles of dead kelp.

CHAT

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Agree. The road is private property. A shuttle trail option is not feasible. A lot of talk about people's experiences and not enough about resource protection.

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Access Program Option 4: Emphasize Natural and Cultural Resource Protection

COMMENTER NOTES

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Some of these beaches regularly have no humans at them during a week and are used as a wildlife corridor to go hunt on the beach like mountain lions, if there is one person at a location is no longer used by these animals so we need to take that into account

Almost each of the beaches has some type of cultural resources-especially Drakes and Bulito; but each location would need levels of protection at them.

Still need to protect the experience of the place without overwhelming the place with people.

trail development, conservation, and trail education are three pillars of the trail organization. Desire to protect the wildness of the experience. Vancouver Island West Coast Trail example – Parks Canada. Olympic Coastal Strip example too. Could limit how many people enter each day so it's more managed. How can we make access happen because there will indeed be access.

Emphasizing natural and cultural resource protection should be the guiding light across the board - opening up any of these access options would seem to jeopardize that protection

How much traffic can the ranch roads handle? Can it handle bikes and walking humans with surfboards and dogs? How many accidents will happen? Will the homeowners be put at excessive risk?

The most responsible way to provide access is to continue with current Hollister Ranch sponsored education and recreational access programs.

I totally appreciate the resources and cultural concerns. But what about the dangers to the general public? Hollister Ranch cliffs are constantly eroding with large chunks falling on the beach. Ongoing rail traffic as well. Where do the public go when the high tides are up to the cliffs? Retreat to private property?

California's recreational use statute is primarily Civil Code § 846, which generally protects property owners from liability for injuries to people using their land for recreational purposes. It does this by stating the owner owes no duty to keep the premises safe or to warn them of hazards for those engaging in recreational activities on their land

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What happens at high tide when the beach disappears? Do the visitors go on private property?

Access Program Option 5: Prioritize Access to Eastern Beaches

COMMENTER NOTES

So homeowners are not liable for a bike accident on an HR road or beach?

With guided shuttles they could have bathrooms on board to limit water use or impacts of building or maintaining facilities and cost and limit to close to the entrance would be cheaper

None of the options make any common sense

High tide happens every 6 hours where most of the beach of the beaches disappear and pushes you up against eroding cliffs, a large safety issue

It seems the Hollister Ranch itself is most suited to be the managing entity.

CHAT

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Access Program Option 6: Maximize Sustainable Public Access

COMMENTER NOTES

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No priority to maximize, limit the impacts is priority

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Gaviota Coast is over 60 miles with only 2 to 3 miles are accessible.

Start slowly and cautiously as opposed to maximizing access. Learn from mistakes.

Evaluate safety of eroding cliffs at high tide when beach disappears, we don't want to have people not familiar with the crumbling cliffs of this area get crushed when they sit at the toe of the bluff, education and guidance is needed

Challenges of budgets, safety, operations. State Parks needs the money and the power to operate and provide access on the 30 miles of land it already owns.

Maximizing access would be irreparably harmful and disruptive. Minimizing any impact on natural resources and private property owners is paramount. The HR itself is best suited to manage access

Leave HR wild

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BREAKOUT ROOM 4

Access Program Option 1: Provide Guided Tour Access

COMMENTER NOTES

Retired fire battalion chief and Hollister Firewise coordinator. Safety concerns. Hollister Ranch is a Firewise community certified through CALFIRE. About 6 fires in the last 10 years. Need someone to study wildfire problems in Hollister, two fires were caused by people. Four components to look at for safety: 1) evac concerns and carrying capacity. Commission should look at management zones. 2) State Park system has evac concerns through Gaviota State Park 3) Good idea to have escort and rangers or lifeguards available. Make sure the evac routes have fuel reduction. 4) issues and concerns with flooding of Gaviota Creek, it's impassible in the winter. 5) Red flag days would be high fire days and may want to restrict access on these days.

Don't anticipate that the guides will be with State Parks.

Be mindful of tides for guided access. Bluffs give way/fail by the surf. Even if it is guided there is a safety issue.

CHAT

What is the cost of this access compared to other options?

Would the trained guides be state park employees? Would the state parks department oversee the overall program of public access? If so, given the immense state park maintenance backlog and no guarantee of budget increase from Proposition 4 funding how will oversight be funded?

We think it is extremely important that all visitors are accompanied by a guide due to safety issues of high wildfire risk, natural habitats, bluff collapsing dangers, winding dangerous single road in and out, non-life guarded beaches often with large surf, high winds, etc. The safety risks increase if you go deeper into the ranch to the western beaches. So for safety reasons only the closer beaches should be accessible. The property owners have an obvious interest in being fire wise and attention to safety. Visitors will not have this interest and we know that often people are not mindful and there is a known issue with arsonists in CA.

I think the County Parks Dept could be the 3rd party manager!

Access Program Option 2: Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access

COMMENTER NOTES

All comments in chat

CHAT

Option 2 with trail access that is most unescorted could be unsafe in that we may well not be able to readily find the persons

It's hard to comment regarding how to expedite access without any knowledge of who would oversee that access. Regardless of the option access chosen, has the railroad been contacted or commented on the numerous passive crossings to the beaches. There is minimal to nonexistent warning time for drivers.

Early access does not seem like an important priority. More important for the access to be safe and appropriate. Willing to Forgo access to further beaches like Augustin, Bulito, Drakes

Have the ""high resource constraints"" been defined? What would be the educational priorities and set by what group?

Access Program Option 3: Prioritize Access to Largest Beaches

COMMENTER NOTES

Concerns regarding illegal campfires. The further the beaches from the entrance the higher potential for incidents to occur. Further west is the potential for increased fire and hazards.

CHAT

We do not support any kind of access that is not supervised. The further into the ranch people can access the more chances of catastrophic events.

Limiting access to first two beaches minimizes safety risks, fires safety concerns, environmental risks, road safety concerns

Evacuation safety is important where to evacuate and safety zones are important.

Supervised access is a priority in order to protect natural and cultural resources and safety

I assume there are no bathroom facilities on any of these beaches

Access Program Option 4: Emphasize Natural and Cultural Resource Protection

COMMENTER NOTES

All comments in chat

CHAT

Option 4 is the least safe due to little supervision and no real way to evacuation or put people in a timely manner to a safety zone to protect them

Trails access without a supervisor provides a dangerous potential for people to access the private properties

Self-insurance for medical evacuations and damages to private property should be mandatory for visitors in case

Again this would have increased safety issues as the unsupervised access would be very difficult with regard to evacuation and also medical emergencies.

Access Program Option 5: Prioritize Access to Eastern Beaches

COMMENTER NOTES

All comments in chat

CHAT

Unsupervised access is a recipe for trouble. Too many bad actors

Access Program Option 6: Maximize Sustainable Public Access

COMMENTER NOTES

All comments in chat

CHAT

This would also be very unsafe but also the most hazardous with the most number of people having the highest potential for a wildfire

How about we consider some initial access that is supervised, and see how that works for a few years. Is there pressure for more individual access?

Supervised access is the most safe again!!

Americans with Disabilities Act will play in to access methods?

Who pays for property damage that is caused by visitors? For instance if someone starts a fire?

BREAKOUT ROOM 5

Access Program Option 1: Provide Guided Tour Access

COMMENTER NOTES

There are so many layers to this, it's hard to understand each aspect comprehensively. San Augustine was referenced as having 19 acres of sand, but it has less than 1 acre at high tide or winter. How flexible will the plans be re changing conditions of the beaches?

Concerned with the entire process. The state has come into our community and hired people not from our community to ask people who are not from our community what they want to do in our community. This is a precious, sacred coastline, it's only 8 miles of coastline out of the whole state. This is the last stretch left for wildlife, the resources are sensitive, it's challenging to embrace the concept. This came as a complete shock to our community. I find it offensive to say the public doesn't have access. The public has lots of access. We think the state is elitist in this approach. Why are you attacking the lands we hold sacred? I'm upset.

8.5 miles of wild coastline, also contiguous w Dangermond Preserve and Vandenberg are close by. There is no access to those properties either. Access is dependent on weather and tides. Beaches are not there ½ the year. Feasibility is limited because of this. Good idea to have managed access. HR has implemented its own access since the 1980s. Ability for ranch to entertain public is better because its free, HROA already has access/easements to get over tracks, this proposal is overkill even tho it is least expensive and most feasible.

The Most important thing is to preserve natural state w least intrusion. Dangemond has good model—guided access. He has signed up for guided access in small groups. It works. Anything Beyond that hurts the property. Not an owner but has been to the Ranch.

CHAT

I understand there would likely be designated beaches the public could access through one of 6 methods, but what's to stop individuals wandering along the beach at low tide from designated to non-designated beaches?

What's "feasibility" costs? Permitting? Maintenance?

Access Program Option 2: Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access

COMMENTER NOTES

Two things that rise to the top—Managed Access should be provided by HR because no EmDom is needed, and they have access across the RR Tracks. Account for Existing access where you can walk in from Gaviota. They walked all the way to Sacate from Gaviota SP, but had to drive out. Maybe there could be a walk in and drive out option? Walk in/walk out already exists, but you'd need signage and maybe guided tours to teach people about the tides, etc. It hasn't been addressed yet in the options, but it already exists overland that you may want to develop further.

Still confusing. Please explain. (Lewis explained further). Says shuttle access is not a good idea because we don't know numbers of people or the impact on private ranchers. Any decision needs to be bipartisan and respectful to landowners. There are already too much government and too much control. Private Property owners should be able to…HROA already has a program. Now the state come in here and wants to bulldoze over existing agreement

because of one decision by 1 judge…overbearing and too much…defacto EmDom…has been there 5 times, don't ever need to go back because she knows Ranch is doing a good job. Selfish to not give wildlife a chance. These ideas don't come from our community.

CHAT

(None)

Access Program Option 3: Prioritize Access to Largest Beaches

COMMENTER NOTES

Distance involved to San Augustine makes in infeasible—the roads are very difficult, cattle on the roads, herds moved in and out of pastures, accidents where cattle have been killed, amount of traffic is a concern. The way it's been working for HROA program, they have limited access to 1 or 2 beaches, or small groups (thinks it was Bulito) some are physically hard to get to. Parking is a problem, sewage and trash, where do you get the water? The state has no water. It's a working cattle ranch—one of the pillars of Coastal Act is to support agriculture. A limited amt of access is more likely to be consistent w sustainable agriculture.

CHAT

(None)

Access Program Option 4: Emphasize Natural and Cultural Resource Protection

COMMENTER NOTES

Wonders why this option have a low feasibility rating? Would love to see more options that also preserve natural and cultural resources. Supports public access, but wants to protect resources as well.

Tight controls for public access. Guided day hikes at Sedgewick is a good model. We could and should put together our own program.

Agrees that community should put together their own program. This whole process looks like what developers do, hire a consultant from SF, etc. Public access should be limited to federal public lands on Gaviota. She's an activist that has stopped golf courses. This is Chumash land, there are no Chumash here.

CHAT

(None)

Access Program Option 5: Prioritize Access to Eastern Beaches

COMMENTER NOTES

Any sort of access is an illegal taking. Quoted case (Cedar Point v. Seed?). State access to HR doesn't give anything useful to the public. Several miles of beach parks that are usually empty. Private cars are unworkable, people could trespass, fire danger, evacuation is hard, hundreds of lives at risk from a single cigarette, cattle on the roads are

dangerous. Good surfers can already access HR, opening it up will overcrowd the break like every other surf break in So Cal and ruin it for everyone. Pouring $ into this is a massive mistake when the state has so many other problems.

Are there HR landowners on this call? (yes) If so, that would really change the dynamic. Could it be years before a decision is made? (yes)

CHAT

(None)

Access Program Option 6: Maximize Sustainable Public Access

COMMENTER NOTES

This one is the most expensive, would take the longest? (yes)

Fire risk is not being emphasized enough. If there were a fire on HR, there would be loss of property and 100s of lives if you could not get off the ranch.

This option has the highest cost. As a citizen, having a dollar amount would be helpful. Would we be giving up $ for education or access to make this happen. This is an important tradeoff to evaluate.

CHAT

This "public outreach" should be a waaaay more broad cross section of the community than what is represented here with unrushed time for discussion.

This is illegal

Thank you! The Hollister Ranch gives to our community by allowing us to hike on the tide line

BREAKOUT ROOM 6

Access Program Option 1: Provide Guided Tour Access

COMMENTER NOTES

This option is so limited, why bother? Reservation systems drive up costs.

How many people would this accommodate?

What would the reservation system look like?

Chris Yount asked to describe property owner rights and how disturbance would be minimized.

CHAT

Access option 1 - Trained guides are defined as what? Who trains them? Who decides they are qualified? Would these be State Park personnel?

Are we anticipating a lottery or first come first serve basis for the tours?

Would option 1 support handicap individuals, as well as docents ?

Why wouldn't we improve handicap access on current state parks?

What about vehicle with handicap placard

Is there a number of tours per beach? Will there be separate tour transportation for each beach (e.g. 6). Is there hours of operation?

Access Program Option 2: Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access

COMMENTER NOTES

Raised concerns about impacts to sensitive species and wants them addressed in the CEQA doc.

Confirmed that pedestrian access could happen sooner than others. Asked if there was a pedestrian only option? Would like to see that as "the lightest touch". Adam asked which beaches. suggested only to Sacate.

CHAT

""Is there a number of tours per beach? Will there ...": Is there an estimate? For example: 1 tour per hour per beach (round trip), so 2 transportations x 6 = 12 per/hr.; x 8hrs = 96. Based off this there would be 96 tours going up\down the private access road?

Unaccompanied access seems less likely to enforce protection of natural resources

The feasibility of a pedestrian trail needs to be more fully evaluated. There are a number of constraints, especially if the trail is to be placed along the shoulder of the road. There is no shoulder in some areas. A trail that extends further than Sacate is also a very long hike to do in one day

Who is responsible when one of these guests starts trespassing or starts a fire?

How long is hike in and out to vacate? (no camping)

Do any of these plans contemplate lifeguards or other ways to keep the public safe?

How much tax payer money has the coastal commission spend on this project ?

Access Program Option 3: Prioritize Access to Largest Beaches

COMMENTER NOTES

Concerns about winding roads, do not think that they are safe for private individual drivers.

What the CCC is proposing goes against their mission statement to protect the coastal zone, and he is opposed to this project.

CHAT

The most important elements of this option are the number of vehicles and the number of visitors. Private unescorted vehicle access is an element that should be deleted

Access Program Option 4: Emphasize Natural and Cultural Resource Protection

COMMENTER NOTES

Do you take a shuttle and get dropped off, and have no guide? Adam: 2 options, shuttle or drive in with a reservation to a specific beach. Candice has concerns about unaccompanied visitors, asked if there will be staff monitoring and managing these visitors, and wouldn't that add to cost? Adam: yes, it would

CHAT

High volume of unsupervised visitors will be environmentally disastrous

Does option 4 include policing the public?

Private individual vehicle access should be deleted from this Option 4. Independent shuttle access still needs a guide or docent

Are there limits to the time of day?

Can provisions be made with individual vehicles with state park access pass?

How are bathrooms and trash to be handled as it spills over into the environment

Access Program Option 5: Prioritize Access to Eastern Beaches

COMMENTER NOTES

Would pedestrian access be unlimited and unmonitored? Adam: yes, on the trail, but beach access would be managed. Bruce: I think that there should be a reservation system for the pedestrian trail or checking in at the gate house. There are bears and mountain lions on the property, especially at Razers (?) and Sacate.

Docent/guide on shuttle and onsite management are important

CHAT

Is there going to be a chance in this meeting to make general info comments not related to the methods of access being discussed?

Option 5 - docent/guide on shuttle and onsite management

The feasibility and cost of a paved multi-use trail, which is a new road (narrower than the existing) need to be evaluated

My opinion on number 5 is eliminate shuttles and private vehicles. Keep the pedestrian access only

This option at least allows more individual access to the east end beaches

Can you tell the public the round-trip distances from the beginning of the trail to each beach?

State parks is in a 2 billion dollar deficit for deferred maintenance

Access to fewer beaches is better because it will have lower impact

Access Program Option 6: Maximize Sustainable Public Access

COMMENTER NOTES

Yosemite does a good job regulating hiking through their reservation system. Suggest that it be used as a model.

Wants to know whether eminent domain will be used and if not, have sellers been identified yet? Adam: we are not there yet.

Why can no one give me an answer on how much taxpayer money has been spent on this project so far? He has asked for an answer. I have said that I will work with the group to provide him an answer, even if it is an estimate for a specific phase of the project.

Is there a lawsuit or legislation driving this project? What can we do to satisfy it? Is there a public demand for access? Adam explained the public access requirement.

HR already has access programs, more than the CCC provides elsewhere. And people can already walk in, boat in. Adam cited the legislation for equitable safe access.

CHAT

Highest level of access equals most destructive to the environment

Wouldn't more beaches allow less limited amount of visitors?

Suggest something like option 5 as phase 1, then move into phase 6. If not cost prohibitive, or of no demand towards western beaches.

All of these suggestions have a large impact on these beaches ecology which goes against the mission statement of the coastal commission- they also put public safety in danger, constitutional land rights, cattle operations and have huge fire risk

I am from the public and I don’t want this

Has there been any study or thought about using the UPRR area as a pedestrian trail?

Were there any geologic land slide concerns/history in this stretch

Geologic hazards are severe in many areas affecting the existing road, not to mention new trails or multiuse paths. I am a licensed engineering geologist with decades of experience in the area.

BREAKOUT ROOM 7

Access Program Option 1: Provide Guided Tour Access

COMMENTER NOTES

Spoke in favor of Option 1, citing its minimal environmental impact and the educational value it offers.

Supported the option for its ability to restrict access during sensitive periods, helping to preserve wildlife.

Expressed concerns that Option 1 lacks flexibility for spontaneous or nighttime access. He also noted it may be the most likely to be shut down during adverse weather conditions.

Pointed out that a guided tour option already exists at Hollister Ranch and believes it does not negatively impact natural resources or property rights.

CHAT

Is there a limit to the number of people per guided tour?

I feel that this access plan has the highest likelihood to preserve that natural resources of the ranch and have the lowest environmental impact of the proposed plans.

Agreed. This feels like the most feasible option to preserve the environment and wildness of existing beaches.

In general, in the introduction it was stated that there was no access to any beaches besides boat access. However, currently people access Agua caliente and Algeria beach by walking from Gaviota state beach to surf and enjoy the beach below the high tide line and also surf.

Access Program Option 2: Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access

COMMENTER NOTES

Clarified questions regarding early access and trial possibilities.

Responded to Bill's question about trail extension, noting that it pertains to a different option.

Reminded participants that all options are still being refined and will be further detailed in future reports.

CHAT

Is it feasible, or unfeasible, at some time in the future to extend the walking path to the easternmost beaches?

How is it felt that "early access" would work?

Would the walking trail be on the side of the current road and if so, how would fire potential issues be controlled?

Very important to consider what happens if there is a fire. Who is responsible for evacuating these people?

What if they get in trouble at the beach? Medical emergency, rattle snake bite, drowning etc.

Exactly, what seems to be unclear in these programs is how remote these beaches truly are

Echoing the concerns above - or what happens in a major rain that might make roads impassable or dangerous? Is the goal for access limited to day use?

Access Program Option 3: Prioritize Access to Largest Beaches

COMMENTER NOTES

Facilitator clarified that infrastructure details are still under development. Acknowledged concerns about water availability and the potential for shuttle-only access. Confirmed that environmental studies are ongoing and will continue throughout the process.

CHAT

What kinds of infrastructure (parking, water, toilets) would be needed at these beaches? Who pays for it? Existing facilities would NOT be available for the public.

water is always an issue on the ranch. With larger numbers going to larger beaches, what is the consideration for higher level of water use?

Could there be consideration of shuttle, only, and no private vehicle access?

Who is going to manage this infrastructure? Who is paying for it? The state park at Gaviota has a pier with a hoist that made it much easier for people

To access Hollister and the further west coastline by small boat or Pwc. This hoist was broken years ago in a storm. The state never fixed this. Why has this not been fixed or maintained to proved easier access?

Would the shuttle service have a fare?

Also has anyone done a study of the extreme fluctuation in beach area- periodic high tides, general wildness-seaweed clumps-periodic beach erosion??

Access Program Option 4: Emphasize Natural and Cultural Resource Protection

COMMENTER NOTES

Facilitator provided clarification on the factors contributing to the feasibility of this option.

CHAT

I think public safety should be considered. State beaches have lifeguards etc. which would increase the environmental impact. Once you open access these risks will increase and so I am wondering where liability risks will fall?

If you are taking Bulito and Drakes out of the mix, it makes little sense to include Augustine's, as it is a lot longer distance away. This alternative should stop at Sacate.

What factors render feasibility low?

Access Program Option 5: Prioritize Access to Eastern Beaches

COMMENTER NOTES

Clarified that Saint Augustine Beach is not currently included in this option. Suggested considering a walking path to Saint Augustine Beach, noting that public interest will persist regardless of formal access. He warned that future access could become more difficult if not addressed now.

CHAT

There is low possibility of increasing parking, providing water, providing toilets at these places. Sacate requires a railroad crossing.

has consideration been given to make sure all drivers are licensed and have insurance

With walking paths and individual vehicles, how to prevent wanderers?

From Sacate, no trail is needed, as you can walk the whole way west at all but the highest tides on the beach.

Access Program Option 6: Maximize Sustainable Public Access

COMMENTER NOTES

Facilitator acknowledged that many previously raised comments also apply to this option. Clarified that sustainability considerations are not limited to infrastructure alone.

Emphasized the uniqueness of the location, stating that access should respect its special character. Advocated for the inclusion of trails for nighttime walks.

Voiced concerns about the risks of night access, particularly the potential for fire. Stated he is willing to sacrifice personal enjoyment for the sake of environmental protection.

Asked why all access options are not being reviewed under CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act).

CHAT

I'm not sure I understand the context of "sustainable" here. Is it sustained public access? If environmental sustainability, how would the "sustainable" level be determined, measured, monitored?

I like the idea of maximizing access but I don't think the environmental cost is worth it. From my experience doing research on birds and bats on at the Dangermond Preserve, just north of Hollister large access would have a significant impact on an environmentally sensitive area.

Since I live here, my number one concern is fire. I just wish to emphasize this. Moonlight walks breed fire potential!

If you're trying to protect the natural resources at drakes & Bulleto beach, what is preventing guests from walking from Sacate or other beaches to those sensitive areas? Who would regulate this?

in the photo you can see one problem, the cliffs occasional fall onto the beach

In-Person
Comment Cards

IN-PERSON COMMENT CARDS

The following general comments were received at the in-person workshops in Buellton on November 12, 2025 and in Goleta on November 13, 2025.

NOVEMBER 12, 2025 BUELLTON WORKSHOP COMMENT CARDS

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93427

None of this makes sense to me. Why would we spend taxpayer money on lawsuits with a private cattle ranch? People already access this area. State parks are in a 2-billion-dollar deficit for deferred maintenance. The Hollister Ranch should receive an award from the coastal commission for their planned managed access programs. The educational, scientific and recreational programs of the Hollister Ranch date back for decades. How many programs does the coastal commission have? How much money has the coastal commission already spent on this? Representatives could not give me a definitive answer. People who are on the coastal commission are not voted to be there by the people of California; therefore, it is corrupt. Being in a lawsuit for more people to trash the coast goes against the mission of the coastal commission to protect the environment. Who is liable for the damage done from a fire that is created by someone who would be brought in by one of these proposed access programs by the coastal commission?

Not given

Please share the comments verbatim. Prioritize feasibility.

[redacted]

93460

Point system and methodology as alternatives are not designed to comply with coastal acts and conserve natural and cultural resources. Only small group-managed access programs can deliver (?) protection of pristine resources and significant Chumash cultural resources @ HR. *It is commendable that cultural resources are noted at Bulito & Drakes, but Augustine's is also a significant cultural resources area. *More study needed.* Sacate (?) has no infrastructure to support public access. Has R&R been consulted? Caltrans is missing link. What are the improvements proposed for Hwy 101--the most dangerous freeway intersection in coastal California?

[redacted]

90049

The point system on this card is confusing and does not provide a meaningful way to provide feedback on the options. It should be possible to provide accompanied/guided/managed access that also protects the shoreline ecosystem that has been carefully conserved to date. Priority should be given to underserved groups (e.g. Guadalupe Dunes) and educational opportunities (like Tide Pool School) and scientific studies. The goal should not be to maximize public access because that would result in the degradation of the environment that has been carefully protected to date. Any access must prioritize the protection of the environment. Existing access programs at HR can serve as a model around which a successful public access program can be built.

Not given

90049

The scoring method seems designed to make respondents look like they endorse any option for which they assign a value. We should be allowed to deduct points in recognition of constraints, costs, environmental damage and remediation and the taking of private property or property rights.

[redacted]

93109

Preferred method: #1 Managed Group; #2 Guided Tour Access; #3 Independent Shuttle (least of 3). Absolutely not: private individual-insurance and safety problems; pedestrian-fire safety; multi-use trail insurance and safety problems. Fix the pier!!

Not given

93109

I am concerned that the options are set up as a preconceived conclusion. Not really for open input. When managed group access is most logical.

Not given

Access how is very misguided and possibly illegal. Hollister Ranch is very inclement, weather-wise...extremely dangerous...many rescues. The state already has problems with existing state parks in need of repair and underfunded. Many other beaches in the area would be much easier to implement access. Do Pueblos Ranch area would be much easier to access and has greater tradition of accessing people. Bixby Ranch-why no access?

[redacted]

93427

The state should work on fixing the state parks, El Cap, Refugio. Gaviota are all in bad shape. Used to be beautiful, now they are a total mess. Maybe fix those first and show us that first.

[redacted]

93427

I think it is important to balance public access with property owners' concerns, safety, and a focus on educating people on caring for the environment and learning about cultural resources. I have been fortunate to be able to visit with focused small groups such as Nature Track, Audubon, the SYU Natural History Society, and the Cal NAM Museum for a Tidepool School. Access for hiking groups, nature journalese, painters, etc., could be limited groups by bus or carpools with times reserved. I am concerned that if it is too wide open for buses and individual cars that the impacts would be extreme, maintenance costs unaffordable, and safety compromised (e.g., wildfire!) There must be adequate parking, bathrooms, and trash removal for any of this to work. Hiking trails and equestrian trails with improved natural materials makes more sense than pavement-but I would be concerned with eBikes and offroad bikes. Start with phasing in access to the larger, more accessible beaches and limit visits to more vulnerable areas.

[redacted]

93117

As a docent for 4th grade field trips at Arroyo Hondo, I strongly support managed access to our amazing Gaviola resources. I have participated in the Hollister low-tide school access program, and it was a well-informed, professional access hike. This is an example of a well-run managed access route. Understanding the reality of both protecting private property and public access, then managed access is the only way to compromise. Safety, communication, funding, private rights, cultural sensitivities, and most importantly, sensitive habitats for natural resources all have to be considered.

Not given

The opening and repair of the pier is essential to surfing access to Hollister Ranch beaches. It should be funded and part of the access plan.

[redacted]

9344

Misguided and huge waste of money...impossible to implement...other beaches in the area (Dos Pueblos) could be much more sensible. Why not Bixby...very dangerous also...rescues and low enforcement issues for sure.

[redacted]

93463

I'm extremely concerned about the several substantial acquisition costs that have not been calculated while planning and feasibility studies are already being made. Hundreds of "1/12 parcel" owners will need to be paid market value for their investments, which would be rendered valueless if significant public access is granted. Of course, the other more important factor is that the coastline's conservancy would be ruined by significant public access. There are dozens, even hundreds, of beaches or coastlines that don't have trails, parking or guided shuttle tours. I'm not sure how any taxpayer will support the 9–10-digit acquisition cost of public access when public access could be made with no acquisition cost in Preserve Land Trust, or other currently inaccessible coastline. Please put the horse in front of the cart and complete a real cost study before wasting time and money for the next years on "feasibility."

[redacted]

93117

First, I believe that access should be limited. The access with the least issue is the Managed Group Access guided tour. The accesses are controlled. To allow people to go to specific beaches is challenging. What is to say someone who has uncontrolled access would just go into the designated areas? If we are concerned about people's safety, then the managed or guided access would be the better option. Also, if people want to deviate from the designated areas, it would be controlled by a person who can manage and guide. I would also note that the hours of access be included for access. As we head into fall/winter, the days are shorter. HR does not have lights, should someone be delayed in leaving. This also impacts access. The cost of individuals lost should also be considered. Who is going to pay for the maintenance of the access? The impact cost for emergency support-Station 38 Emergency flights in for personal injured. I'm sure this will also need to be included in the EIR.

[redacted]

93117

It's hard for me to understand why people feel the need to have access to private property. I have spoken to people who walk in, boat in, be a guest or even work @ the ranch, and no one would agree that any kind of access would be good for the environment, or the landscape. No one said "access" needs to be easy. I think what the state should focus on is preserving what hasn't been destroyed by humans. It cannot take care of our neighboring state parks. It does not take a scientist to see the ranch cannot handle the infrastructure needed for public access. No access. Yes, to property rights. Yes, to protecting the beaches + environment/wildlife. Yes, to current access, i.e. boat, walk, make a friend, managed access programs.

[redacted]

93117

No access. Yes, to property rights. Yes, to preserving the ranch.

NOVEMBER 13, 2025 GOLETA WORKSHOP COMMENT CARDS

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93105

The train is so unsafe, I have had a (one) near accident (at Bulito) when the train was speeding + did not blow the whistle. The 2-D visual boards are well done, yet do not show the hills where the train is hidden until very close to the crossings. I can't imagine how an EIR report can show a safe environment @ HR for the public. They absolutely love

to photograph themselves on the train tracks (especially wedding photos) for social media. Will safety come first for the CCC?

[redacted]

93023

These proposed ideas seem to be only in the earliest stages of thought. It seems like no one has thought about who will manage any of these proposed ideas once enacted. It seems like there's not enough details + specifics to agree with any of these. There already is public access to the Ranch through boats + walking in.

[redacted]

93109

Not a ranch owner, but I live in Santa Barbara, and I often walk up to enjoy these beautiful virgin beaches. I'm concerned that additional overland access will irreparably harm sensitive areas that can never be replaced or recovered. Every beach we can drive to in California has trash, graffiti, and is not unspoiled. Let's not ruin another beach. The beach is already public, let's keep it how it is. If we cannot keep it how it is, then make the experience akin to a museum docent guided tour where the smallest number of people possible enter on a guided bus tour and they simply drive in and out without unloading onto the beach. We cannot afford to ruin the last virgin stretch of coast in CA. Thank you for listening. I love this place and don't want to wreck it.

[redacted]

93455

This is an addendum to another comment card. I want to share some first-hand experiences & reiterate my main focus point. *Coordinated access by Hollister Ranch is essential to long-term public access, safety & life-changing commitments by visitors to be stewards of our coastal areas.* With communication and collaboration with the HR Tidepool School coordinator, we are scheduling more and more family & community trips to HR's beaches. These trips are free time for families to recreate, boogie board, hike, swim & explore. Invitations are sent to parents from 12 school districts as well as all people who receive Dunes Center newsletters, AND on Instagram! Visitors have been moved to tears by the once-in-a-lifetime experiences of holding octopuses, seeing live abalone, and living baby sharks, still in their eggs. Uncoordinated public access would result in loss of marine & tidal life. Let's increase public access with coordinated scheduling through Hollister Ranch.

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93434 & 93455

My name is [redacted] and I support equitable access to all CA coastal areas. Hollister Ranch is unique and impactful for reasons that go beyond its pristine tidepools and geology. It also presents safety risks related to extreme weather and sea-level rise. Coordinated access by Hollister Ranch & its Tidepool School programs are essential to long-term public access to this area. 1) They collaborate with transportation providers to ensure use of lighter-weight vehicles that reduce road damage - and they fund transportation to HR beaches. 2) They provide public information about tides and ensure that visitors are there when it is safe to be between the bluffs and tidepools/ocean. These acts are critical because extreme weather erodes the roads & sea-level rise limits the walkable part of the beach between hazardous, crumbling bluffs & tidal surges. The impacts that set Hollister Ranch apart from public beaches are evident in the student and teacher evaluations following tidepool schools. After public coastal area field trips, students comment on what they've seen and learned about. After HR trips, their comments reflect actions they will take to protect & preserve coastal areas-creating a life-long change. Over the past year, HR has expanded its programs to include families & community members. Invitations for these trips go out to all Dunes Center contacts. Lastly, HR's tidepool program coordinator has reached out with all dates/times that are "safe" and has been partnering with community agencies to coordinate equitable access to the beaches. Please feel free to call me for 1st-hand examples of this outreach & coordinated, expanded access.

[redacted]

93117

With massive cuts to education & health care, it's sinful that these millions of taxpayers $ is going to degrade a pristine seashore to the disastrous level of Gaviola & Refugio (?) Beach parks. Unless there is substantial condemnation, there is no place for a trail. Crossing each parcel will cost a fortune. There is more access than just by boat. Surfers already walk in by scores at low tide...the only legal time to use the beach where state tide lands (?) only include beach below the mean high-tide line (?)...the wet sand. Not just surfers, but fishermen, divers, sightseers, etc. Once I enjoyed the state tidelands...now out of commission for over a decade. Public be damned!

[redacted]

93101

These programs lack feasibility. Your own state parks & state lands are poorly managed & lack funding. Your track record shows that public access managed by the state would be disastrous for environmental & cultural resources. How will you fund & manage this? We don't want our sacred private land taken by the state so that it can be vandalized & poorly managed. Your plans present grave impacts to a fully operating cattle ranch, its environments, its cultural significance & to the landowners that call it home. You are undercutting the true costs & feasibility for all of the proposed options. Why can't you maintain the state parks & coastal access along the Gaviota Coast? How would any of these proposed options be any different? All options have severe impacts on private property & land value. How will you regulate trespass? Litter? Waste? Will each beach have lifeguards? COST? Environmental impact? How does this benefit the general public? It seems unnecessary & unwanted.

Not given

Supervised access only! No individuals driving. No bike pedestrians. These will result in trespassing, littering, habitat degradation, fires, unauthorized activities like camping and sleeping over (can't make out the rest of the word). Options 1 & 3 are best! Not 4, 5 or 6!

[redacted]

93103

I am against the opening of Hollister Ranch. My concerns revolve around how everything will be managed. Looking at the state-run parks on the Gaviota coastline. They are falling apart. Why not improve those parks? Gaviota Pier needs to be fixed, Refugio could've used help protecting the palm trees from erosion. Surely, these parks would benefit from improvements. It's concerning the state that they are in and makes me wonder if this is an example of what's to come with HR.

[redacted]

After reviewing all proposed options, I don't see why we aren't addressing all of the other public state parks which are in a rough condition. Before pouring money into another endeavor, maybe those funds should be allocated for existing public coastline. Any option besides guided tours open this land to major risk. How would management of these beaches be enforced? In terms of guided tours, I'd like to know numbers-how many tours per week? Weekdays? Weekends? Both? Are tour guides appointed by Hollister?

[redacted]

93023

The primary issue is managing the individuals with access. The natural environment needs to be the highest concern so building a path is a horrible idea. The beach already provides walking at low tide, and many people utilize this today. More people are more trash, more pollution and more problems. Needless to say, there would be no managing entity for any access plan that allows for unguided access. There is no way to ensure individuals to not trespass on private land, take protected resources from the beach and sea and respect cultural sites. Look at state

parks; they barely function and are riddled with trash and septic problems. Minimize guided access and prevent any individual access trail or cars.

Not given

Can you provide the public with more transparency and specifics on which natural/cultural resources are being protected with each plan? Specific development of trails, roads & facilities with each plan; specific ranges of estimated costs associated with each plan.

[redacted]

93108

I think that the current access by boat or walking is more than acceptable, if people want to enjoy the beaches. then just walk/paddle up from Gaviota State Park. Also where is this funding coming from? Gaviota State Park is lacking funding as it is. With more people comes more trash, more pollution, and noise for environment. With no managing entity, this plan will fail miserably and the environment and thus the public will suffer the most.

[redacted]

93105

Managed (i.e., docent led) access is really the only feasible option for Hollister Ranch access. Managed access has the advantage of 1) Providing education and insight into a Hollister Ranch visit 2) Providing accountability and safety for visitors and Ranch residents, as well as wildlife 3) Provides for a way that Chumash heritage sites can be respected and 4) Allows for visitors to take advantage of what Hollister Ranch has already been doing for decades. The uncontrolled private car drive-in option is horrible. The road is windy, narrow and hazardous-full of cattle and wildlife. People too easily litter, start fires, and get into trouble. The Ranch has already had 2 fires started by arson in the last several years. Fortunately, after several days the fires were contained-but with a strong wind event, they could have easily ended in disaster. We don't want to see Hollister Ranch be like Pacific Palisades.

[redacted]

93101

For future generations it's important to protect the wild Gaviota Coast. There are not many wild places left. The Hollister Ranch has a long-standing conservation program. Keep it as how human impact zone for my grandchildren and children and generations to come. -No public services. -No cell phone service. -No lifeguards, police, fire or rescue. -It's wild. Keep it that way. P.S. Open the Gaviota State Park boat launch!

Not given

93105

Wrote down name and zip code but didn't leave any comments.

[redacted]

93117

I am concerned with the options presented do not protect the cultural sites nor the wildlife. I do not understand how the state anticipates to pay for and maintain the infrastructure when the state can't properly maintain its own state park and public roadways. The Hollister Ranch is pristine because the parcel owners are excellent stewards of the land. The public cannot be trusted to not trash the environment. Due to its large waves and gusty winds, the ranch is inherently more dangerous than the beaches in Goleta. I am against any public access to the Hollister Ranch.

Not given

How are you accounting for the current public access via the HR Public Access program & the walk & boat in access? Have you captured that information to guide ideas for additional access programs?

Not given

I have worked for the H.R. Tidepool School program for 15+ years and as a marine science educator can attest to the wonderful job they do and care in which they treat the intertidal area. I would hope that any plan that includes Alegria would work with them to continue to protect one of the healthiest and most diverse local intertidal areas.

[redacted]

93111

I value protecting resources + feel managed group access + guided tour access would provide protection of natural resources + would be more feasible + happen sooner. As there are probably not ongoing resources to pay for trail maintenance, trail access is not a good option. Also, independent shuttle access is OK with me. Some priority for local residents should be given. Private indiv. access is not good as really limits access + I don't want property character to change with large parking lots + noise. Multiuse trail access is good, as I want a trail to go along the coast to traverse CALIFORNIA-however, don't want dedicated path to be built with no funds to maintain it. (Live like path between Refugio + Captain beaches).

[redacted]

93111

The Hollister Ranch in its current state is fostering biodiversity, open space for wildlife, sequestering carbon, and any new access would lead to increased impacts on these resources. That being said, the four state agencies are tasked with providing access to the coast. These public lands are currently very difficult to access but not impossible. In order to provide access and fulfill the obligations of each agency, these irreplaceable coastal resources must be safeguarded at all costs. Allowing private cars to drive onto the ranch will lead to infrastructure failure and increased maintenance costs, traffic on an already terrifying road, and increased conflicts at beaches. The unregulated access of these vehicles would be infeasible to manage. Providing a regulated pedestrian/multiuse path to Drakes Beach would allow for the public to access the ranch. This should be the alternative you go with because it provides access while minimizing traffic, regulating who can access and how many can access, and ultimately safeguards our natural resources for generations to come. I highly recommend that the State fix the bike path between Refugio and El Cap, as well as providing access to the beaches north of the Bacara before it moves forward with an even larger project.

[redacted]

93109

I'm very concerned about impacts to sensitive plants + animals + Chumash cultural resources. Please prioritize & keep this in mind.

Hollister Ranch Coastal Access Program Online Survey

HOLLISTER RANCH COASTAL ACCESS PROGRAM ONLINE SURVEY

Participants in the November 17, 2025 virtual workshop open were encouraged to complete the survey if they wished to share additional feedback that may not have been captured within the six access program options presented.

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Response No: 1

Contribution ID: 4146
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 20, 2025, 01:47 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Not much; overall access is too limited

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Early access; multiple options for accessing

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Guided access is not a great option

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Not a fan of limiting access to selected beaches, consequently, this option isn't necessarily going to serve a broad part of the public

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private individual vehicle access

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Why should the general public be limited in accessing beaches based on sensitive resources, but HR owners have unrestricted access--doesn't make sense.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Not a fan due to lack of access beyond Sacate. What's the justification? Again, it results in limited public access, but HR owners have unrestricted access.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Multi-use trail; a natural pedestrian only trail would be more feasible and private individual vehicle; rather see shuttle service.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I think this should be a long-term goal, but is not the best way to gain early access, which is my highest priority.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text 93110

Response No: 2

Contribution ID: 4143
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 20, 2025, 08:14 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The most important aspect of all options to me are maintaining the last stretch of more natural southern California coastline while maintaining property rights.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I think continuing with the current access program is fine. School groups as well as tours for veterans, etc. Also anyone can access the beach at low tide. I have done it and it is a very nice walk.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

My concerns here are who is going to implement this walkway, who is going to maintain it, and who is going to make sure the general public is being safe and respecting the neighbors? The State Park system is unable to maintain Gaviota State Beach or the current bike path between Refugio and El Capitan. The access provided by the boat launch has been broken for years. How is this plan not going to just fall into dangerous disrepair as well? Gaviota State Beach was gifted from the Hollister Family and look how it has been treated.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option is highly undesirable. The tide pool communities at these beaches are nearly untouched and should remain that way. Again, the rangers of the state parks can't even arrive to an emergency at Gaviota in a timely way. How will they possibly respond even further away? I worked for the state parks at Gaviota, El Capitan, and Refugio. I know it is understaffed.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Who is going to maintain the roads, which are private, if so many more cars are driving on them? How will those roads be taken from the people who own them? What type of precedent will that set for private property rights if land is able to be seized for recreation purposes? This idea is unconstitutional.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

My concerns here are the volume of trash that is left behind in locations with public access. Why can't there be a section of California flora and fauna that doesn't have to suffer trash being left behind and being damaged by so many people? If public access to all beaches is so critical why is Surf beach closed half the year? Why can't we explore Vandenberg SFB?

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

These plans are unfeasible due to a host of problems. The State Park system does not want to manage this area. They are unable to manage the areas they are supposed to be managing! Due to the way the coast is shaped there is no way to access it without trespassing on private land. Taking private land for recreation purposes sets a terrible example for the future of American property rights.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is a terrible idea. The state has no money. This is going to cost a lot of money.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Please allow the environment of these amazing areas to remain intact so limited amounts of scientists, researchers, and school children can see a true living California coastal environment.

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Response No: 3

Contribution ID: 4141
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 19, 2025, 09:10 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Here are the elements that are most important to me:
1. Who will the guides be? Will they be state park employees or will any individual be able to become a guide? This is very important as the Ranch is a very sensitive place, but also very rural and largely private property, so an overarching concern is that visitors might leave a tour or have access to other parts of the Ranch or peoples' property that is hard to monitor.
2. How many people will be able to go on a guided tour?
3. What activities will be permitted during a guided tour (e.g., surfing, etc.)?
4. How often will tours take place? Said a different way, how many people will be on tours at any given time or on any given day? Will it be a 24/7/365 thing?

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The further beaches require a lot of driving and all have very limited infrastructure so I would prefer to forgo San Augustine, Bulito, and Drakes beaches.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The way the Ranch is currently organized and its lack of infrastructure make aiming for quick / early access of great concern. Nothing should be rushed with public access to the Hollister Ranch, as it is a very special and sensitive place. Rapidly granting access without adequately understanding the potential risks, negative consequences, and impact to residents, the community, environment, and wildlife is shortsighted and all options must be bulletproof in protecting all stakeholders.

On Managed Group Access I am very concerned about the following:
1. How big will groups be?
2. How will they access the Ranch? Will they drive their own private vehicles? The Ranch is super windy and has no guardrails, not to mention there are cows on the road, etc. so having inexperienced drivers speeding or driving thoughtlessly through the Ranch is dangerous.
3. How often will they be able to access the Ranch? Is it a permit system and costs money or can anyone come in whenever they want to?
4. How will we deal with the costs and burden of building additional infrastucture for an influx of guests like restrooms, road infrastructure, parking, signage, etc.?
5. How can we ensure the guests as part of this program only access the public areas to which they are permitted and use those areas in an acceptable, respectable manner? What is to stop people from driving up a canyon and camping or living on someone's property? Ranch parcels are large and rural and it is hard to monitor them, not to mention the potential risk of wildfire to people accessing areas by car / recreating where they are not supposed to.
6. When will this access start?

On the Pedestrian Trail, I have similar concerns / areas of importance, specifically:
1. Will the trail be open 24/7?
2. How will people access it and can they walk, ride bikes, horses? Will e-bikes be permitted (I hope not as those are motorized vehicles)
3. How will those who use the path be monitored / owners ensure that visitors only access those areas to which they are permitted and don't access private property?
4. Who will pay for the cost of this infrastructure? There is definitely limited space to add such a trail next to existing roads without potentially having to take private property or utilize Union Pacific right-of-ways
5. Which beaches will get this access? Seems better that this is a short trail and only go to Alegria and Agua Caliente beaches.

I have stated my concerns on Guided Access in the previous question.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would forgo the Managed Group Access as this seems like opening a can of worms and just lets in huge groups who won't have any oversight that they are going where they are supposed to go and utilizing the Ranch and it's resources in the manner in which they should. Infrastructure costs will be too high for the bike trail too, not to mention for all the people that will be visiting facilities.

I would also forgo access to the further beaches like Drakes, Augustines, and Bulito. They are too far for unsupervised groups and having access to southern beaches ensures a good mix of public access to part of the Ranch without totally overrunning it completely.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I am most concerned about Private Individual Access.
1. How will individuals access the beaches?
2. What new road infrastructure will be required?
3. How many private individuals will be allowed to enter the Ranch on any given day? Unlimited? That sounds like a recipe for disaster.
4. Will there be a cost involved for individuals to access the Ranch?
5. What equipment are they allowed to bring and how will that be monitored (e.g., barbeques, sound systems, tents, etc.)?
6. How will you ensure they don't access private property and overstay their time limit?

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

If anything I think some of the surfing beaches should not have public access to provide for a balance between the status quo and giving public access. Providing public access to all of the Ranch's best beaches is worrisome as the areas are very unique and pristine and having too many people will overrun infrastructure of the Ranch and create an environment that is not inviting, crowded, prone to trash overflowing, parking where people shouldn't park, accessing private property illegally, overstaying, etc.

At least one of Augustines, Drakes, Sacate, and Bulito should have no public access, not Agua Caliente or Alegria as those are beaches that can handle more individuals as they are not currently crowded.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is interesting to me and I like this option somewhat more than the others, but again have many concerns about private individual access. That feels like opening a can of worms and unless properly managed with specific restrictions, quotas, monitoring, etc., it seems that can get out of hand.

But I do agree that some beaches/areas should be prioritized as no public access beaches and am in agreement that Drakes and Bulito should be on that list. I would also add Sacate beach as that beach has limited parking and no infrastructure for visitors, not to mention it is very close to Drakes beach so nothing would stop visitors from walking to Drakes beach.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would forgo access to Sacate beach. It is too close to Drakes beach and has basically no infrastructure or parking. I also do not like the idea of private individual access as it seems to broad and too difficult to manage without negative impacts to owners, property, and the environment from unsupervised guests.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Again, this is definitely more compelling as it strikes a decent balance between public and no public access to Ranch beaches and common areas. I am definitely a srong proponent of limiting public access to only certain beaches and not all beaches in order to strike a balance. I also thinking giving access to Sacate but not Drakes is kind of moot as they are walking distance to one another so Sacate should not get access either if Drakes is to be protected due to its sensitive habitat.

Again, however, I have concerns about private individual access. Additionally, I have questions and concerns about the shuttle:
1. How will that work? How many times a day? How many people? Ability to bring recreational equipment like surfboards, umbrellas, tents, etc.?
2. What if there is an emergency? Who is responsible and how will someone be helped?
3. Will there be days when shuttles do not run?
4. Will there be an monitoring or vetting of individuals while/before they enter the Ranch to ensure they access the beaches as stated and don't enter private property?

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would forgo access to Drakes Beach and private individual access.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I am not a proponent of this access plan. The Ranch is largely private property (not the beaches obviously) and whatever plan that gets implemented needs to strike a balance between maintaining some of that privacy/wildness of the Ranch and providing public access. I prefer the options where some beaches receive public access and others do not, rather than trying to maximize public access. It will be a very big challenge to manage all of these different forms of access to all the beaches, not to mention this plan would bring in by far the most visitors so would require the most infrastructure, time, and money and create dangerous driving conditions, potential risk for access to private property, overstaying on private property, misusing common areas, littering, fires, etc.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private vehicle access and all public access to the western beaches from Sacate onward. The other options are ok.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Even with all of these options there is still no perfect fit. My preferred plan would be as follows:

Guided Access (run by state park employees or other state employee, not any random individual; group sizes limited and days/times also limited; personal parking to be off-Ranch)
1. Agua Caliente
2. Alegria
3. San Augustine

I am open to a shuttle, but only to those beaches or a handful of beaches, not all of them.
I am open to the path as long as it is only to a couple eastern beaches (Agua Caliente and Alegria)
I am not supportive at all of private vehicle access or group managed access. I don't trust those systems will be adequately or properly managed or overseen to ensure visitors are only going to the areas they are supposed to. Such systems could allow for too many visitors, too much traffic, risk of access to private property / staying on the Ranch beyond permitted time, and potentially other risks (fires from barbeques, falling off cliffs, etc.)

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Response No: 4

Contribution ID: 4140
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Please ask the Chumash. This is their ancestral land. We heard they would suggest a Chumash docent lead shuttle bus once a month.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Chumash docent lead bus once a month.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Any kind of trail is a big problem.
The Hollister Ranch along with the Dangermond property to the West is Southern California's last vestige of the way California used to be.
Human access will only degrade an environment.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Chumash docent lead shuttle bus once a month is best otpion

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Fire danger is a huge problem. The Hollister Ranch is prone to high winds especially in the evening. The winds tend to be West or NW winds which will head directly towards Goleta and Santa Barbara. Almost all California fires are human caused
Any unmanaged public access is too risky.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Chumash docent shuttle bus every month is best option.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Any increased human activity will be an issue to flora and fauna. Extensive environmental studies should be conducted before any increase of human activity should be allowed

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

A Chumash docent shuttle bus every month is best option.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Any increased public access to even the Eastern Beaches is not an option.
The 3/4 mile section between Gaviota State Park is a case study. There is litter everywhere, trampled native flora, illegal fishing.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

A Chumash docent shuttle bus once a month is least expensive option, educational, rational and environmentally the right thing to do

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Option 6 is the most problematic option of them all. It is affects California's last vestige of peace and solitude. Humans tend to destroy and place and Option 6 will be just that. Another treasure ruined.
There will be constant issues with the public misbehaving and just not thinking clearly, there will be human set fires, deaths by falling off cliffs, or killed by falling cliffs, mountain lion attacks, rattlesnakes bites , drowning in large surf, vehicle crashes, hitting cattle, driving over wild life, and destruction of culturally sensitive areas.
Treat the Hollister Ranch as a museum. Recognize the Chumash and ask them what is best for them.
Chumash docent lead bus once a month may be their hope.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Chumash docent lead shuttle bus once a month

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Response No: 5

Contribution ID: 4139
Member ID:
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The Hollister Ranch is a unique environment that best be left untouched. Strict managed access if access must be granted is the only option.
I suggest the State and all of us ask the Chumush (the real entity that should be considered) on what THEY want.
Perhaps a Chumash docent shuttle twice a month may be best.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Strict Chumash docent shuttle bus twice a month.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The Hollister Ranch is a unique environment that must be left as intact as possible. Humans ruin a place.
Best to have the original docents of the land, the Chumash, have a shuttle twice a month.
Any kind of trail is a recipe for problems. Trampled flora, traumatized fauna, fire danger, trash.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Strict managed Chumash led shuttle bus twice a month

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Strict managed access only... Chumash lead shuttle bus twice a month.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None...strict Chumash lead shuttel bus twice a month is best option

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Please discuss with the Chumash. This seems to be a recipe for constant problems.
All of these beaches have environmentally sensitive areas. Increased human presence will only degrade the area.
This option is a very poor option.
Fire danger is a huge issue. The Hollister Ranch is prone to strong West and NW winds. Fires tend to travel West...directly towards Goleta and Santa Barbara.
Humans are the source of most California fire disasters.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

A Chumash docent run bus twice a month is best option

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Humans tend to ruin a place. Look at the stretch of road from Gaviota State Park to the Hollister Ranch gate.
It is a mess with trash, trodden flora, free campers in cars and vans, mountain lion warnings. Fire is the biggest concern with this Option.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Chumash docent bus twice a month is best option.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Option 6 is by far the least desirable option. There will be way too many problems if this plan is adopted.
The environment will suffer, fire danger will be off the charts, there will be deaths due to falls off cliffs, vehicle crashes and collapsing cliffs.
Cell service is very limited. This is an absolute no.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Chumash docent led bus every two weeks.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Opening up the Hollister Ranch to the general public is a serious mistake.
Take the time and ask the Chumash their opinions.

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Response No: 6

Contribution ID: 4137
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The guided tour will ensure that individuals visiting respect the beaches and private property. the beauty of the coastline is because there is such spare availability to it. guided tours will ensure that the amount of people will be controlled and limited. recreational activity should be kept to minimum to preserve the habitat abd ecology. only guides with qualified credentials can be allowed to show people the landscape. trash and bathrooms need to be considered to minimize waste. the state has proven that bathrooms are a serious problem and the state should not be allowed to use any Hollister ranch ammenties but porto potties will diminish the landscape. the most important factor is to minimize impact.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

minimizing the uncontrolled pedestrian access. by building a path, trash can be prevelent and private property can be trespassed upon. minimizing the uncronlled access is the most important factor. how can one control the environment when there is no one to hold any individual accountable for litter and affecting wild life. mainiting the ecosystem that is there needs to be considered. making sure that those who enter are respectful and managed.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

the main issue to make sure those that are present stay within the bounds of the coast. this type of access poses serious issues about uncontrolled access and accountability. guided access with accountability is the most import issue.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

minimizing uncontrolled access. the path would infringe on private land and provide a path for people to decimate the environmental assets that are so important to the area. no path because of lack of control

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Private vehicles present a problem for lack of accountability and trash and fire issues. there would be no access to bathroom and the environment would suffer

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Unrestricted private vehicle access to these areas poses serious problems of accountability, environmental damage, and land management. Individual drivers are difficult to regulate, and the state lacks practical means to monitor compliance or prevent violations once damage occurs.
Private car access accelerates habitat degradation through erosion, pollution, noise, and disturbance to sensitive species, undermining ongoing conservation and restoration efforts. It also increases the risk of trespassing onto adjacent private or protected lands, creating enforcement challenges and conflicts.
Because unrestricted access to fragile coastal ecosystems has historically led to long-term degradation, private vehicle access is incompatible with preservation goals. Any public access should rely on controlled, managed systems—not unrestricted private car use.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

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Date Submitted: Dec 19, 2025, 07:05 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text None, this project is a terrible idea. Knowing how much work needs to be done at the state parks which we already have- I couldn't imagine spending any money trying to bypass constitutional rights of cattle ranchers to import people to ruin the integrity of the last in tact coastal ecosystems of Southern California.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None, this project is a terrible idea. Knowing how much work needs to be done at the state parks which we already have- I couldn't imagine spending any money trying to bypass constitutional rights of cattle ranchers to import people to ruin the integrity of the last in tact coastal ecosystems of Southern California.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text None, this project is a terrible idea. Knowing how much work needs to be done at the state parks which we already have- I couldn't imagine spending any money trying to bypass constitutional rights of cattle ranchers to import people to ruin the integrity of the last in tact coastal ecosystems of Southern California.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None, this project is a terrible idea. Knowing how much work needs to be done at the state parks which we already have- I couldn't imagine spending any money trying to bypass constitutional rights of cattle ranchers to import people to ruin the integrity of the last in tact coastal ecosystems of Southern California.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text None, this project is a terrible idea. Knowing how much work needs to be done at the state parks which we already have- I couldn't imagine spending any money trying to bypass constitutional rights of cattle ranchers to import people to ruin the integrity of the last in tact coastal ecosystems of Southern California.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None, this project is a terrible idea. Knowing how much work needs to be done at the state parks which we already have- I couldn't imagine spending any money trying to bypass constitutional rights of cattle ranchers to import people to ruin the integrity of the last in tact coastal ecosystems of Southern California.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text None, this project is a terrible idea. Knowing how much work needs to be done at the state parks which we already have- I couldn't imagine spending any money trying to bypass constitutional rights of cattle ranchers to import people to ruin the integrity of the last in tact coastal ecosystems of Southern California.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None, this project is a terrible idea. Knowing how much work needs to be done at the state parks which we already have- I couldn't imagine spending any money trying to bypass constitutional rights of cattle ranchers to import people to ruin the integrity of the last in tact coastal ecosystems of Southern California.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text None, this project is a terrible idea. Knowing how much work needs to be done at the state parks which we already have- I couldn't imagine spending any money trying to bypass constitutional rights of cattle ranchers to import people to ruin the integrity of the last in tact coastal ecosystems of Southern California.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None, this project is a terrible idea. Knowing how much work needs to be done at the state parks which we already have- I couldn't imagine spending any money trying to bypass constitutional rights of cattle ranchers to import people to ruin the integrity of the last in tact coastal ecosystems of Southern California.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text None, this project is a terrible idea. Knowing how much work needs to be done at the state parks which we already have- I couldn't imagine spending any money trying to bypass constitutional rights of cattle ranchers to import

people to ruin the integrity of the last in tact coastal ecosystems of Southern California.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None, this project is a terrible idea. Knowing how much work needs to be done at the state parks which we already have- I couldn't imagine spending any money trying to bypass constitutional rights of cattle ranchers to import people to ruin the integrity of the last in tact coastal ecosystems of Southern California.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

This project lacks common sense. The coastal commission should be giving The Hollister Ranch an award for their planned managed access programs and how they have kept their land in such great shape. I wish the coastal commission could take notes from The Hollister Ranch and learn from them on how to properly manage land and educated people.

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Response No: 8

Contribution ID: 4133
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

That the entrance by the public is guided and therefore better controlled. There are many disserted and remote roads, that the public can get lost on. But, mostly a guided tour will likely safeguard sensitive biodiversity along the Hollister Ranch Shoreline Preserve. Black abalone is found in these tidal pools, burrowing owls have nests in the dunes, and plovers, black bear, and puma frequent the shoreline.

The impacts of outdoor recreation on wildlife are an emerging new branch of science called recreation ecology. While there is still much to learn about these impacts, the EIR must evaluate the Options in light of the current state of knowledge. Introduction of humans into wild areas by trails and other recreational development displaces sensitive wildlife and disrupts their life patterns, often forcing them to become nocturnal to avoid humans. Artificial light and nighttime human noise further negatively impact this shift to nocturnal habits. Many of the access options proposed by the HRCAP would likely fragment wildlife habitat by reducing connectivity. For example, research has shown how important access to the intertidal zone is for certain species of wildlife. A coastal trail would impact this important connection. Trails have been shown to displace wildlife up to a half mile in each direction. This footprint needs to be considered in measuring impacts. Whether dogs or e-bikes will be allowed on trails is a big issue. Both dramatically increase trail impacts on wildlife. Unless there is enforcement, any limitations will be useless. Displacement of sensitive species, such as mountain lions and bears, by introducing humans into wild areas has top down negative effects since these species are important regulators of ecological integrity. For example, mountain lions help control meso-carnivores like skunks and raccoons. This prevents what is called a trophic cascade that can reduce populations of things like frogs that are preyed upon by skunks and raccoons.

The Gaviota Coast was once home to a large population of Chumash who had many villages. Virtually every creek mouth had at one time or another, Chumash residents. As a result there are numerous cultural relics scattered across these locations. Bluff top trails will make these relics more visible and accessible and result in their plunder and loss. We have already seen this happen when wildfires burned off chaparral, exposing relics on State Park property that then disappeared. Again, there is no feasible way to police this. Parks is aware of this issue and has in the past declined to allow a coastal trail to be built east of Gaviota State Park for just this reason. Guided tours are essential if the public is accessing ecologically or culturally sensitive areas.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided access. Per option 1 comments. In addtion, it is essential to differentiate nature-based tourism and recreation from ecotourism and recreation. The former is simply tourism and recreation centered within a natural landscape and environment where ecotourism has an emphasis on environmental conservation and responsible practices, actively supporting local wildlife and welfare of local communities. The Gaviota Coast, a crown jewel of Coastal California biodiversity and heritage, and one of the last stretches wild coastline along the Golden Coast, spanning 76 miles. Balancing recreation and environmental needs in along the coast and in the HRCAP is essential for a Wild Gaviota Coast and that very ethos of wildness to persist for generations to come. The Option should align with sustainable recreation, which does not jeopardize our local biodiversity, sensitive landscapes and ecosystem processes, while uplifting our local and impacted communities. While recreation in nature is the attraction in both instances, ecotourism imbeds conservation and biodiversity in the management of facilities, support 30x30 targets and climate resiliency but also the open space heritage that makes Santa Barbara County a desirable place to live and recreate. Prioritizing biodiversity resilience is what makes access sustainable.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The pedestrian trail, unless it has docent led access and/or suitable environmental assessment of the impacts to biodiversity.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Limiting impacts to sensitive and listed species known to inhabit the smaller beaches. Like black abalone in the tidal pools, burrowing owls in the dunes, and coastal access for bear and mountain lions. Guided tours would be preferable to managed group access (preferably by lotto - similar to Santa Monica Mountains backbone trail, and Yosemite's wilderness backpacking). But if managed group access and independent shuttle access was pursued, docents or staff should be on site at the beaches to ensure the public is staying in designated areas. Furthermore, passive recreation such as hiking, birding, and general quietude in nature must not be forgotten nor understated. Many seek out connection and quietude in nature, over other activities. These recreational users and uses are uniquely undeveloped and too have their place in managed beach access. There are other beaches in Santa Barbara which offer a volleyball, high traffic, experiences.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private Individual access. Again, aside from the biodiversity concerns, there are safety concerns with the general public getting lost and stuck on undesignated roads while exploring the ranch.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Natural and Cultural resource protection - as per comments already stated under options one through three.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private individual access. Potentially the pedestrian trail, should the environmental analysis confirm its unmitigated impacts, especially as it is costly. Or phase it only after a 5 year period of access and use, to see if the investment of funds it justified.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Managed group access and guided tours are preferred access methods to eastern beaches for public safety and biodiversity concerns already stated. The scientific record shows that recreation results in persistent adverse impacts to natural resources that the HRCAP must address adequately. This scientific record must be incorporated in the final EIR for the Access Option adopted to be consistent with the best available science, and State 30x30 goals. The objective is not only to protect place, but also how biodiversity thrives in place. The Gaviota Coast is one of the rare places in California where that remains true. The Plan should not weaken biodiversity resilience and must ensure access, but only if sustainably and equitably managed to reflect the needs and interests of the local communities.

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Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private individual access. Multi-Use trails. See referenced scientific articles as to why a multi-use trail may be problematic at this location.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

That staff manage the beach locations after a shuttle access drop off. Lifeguards may be warranted at these remote locations. Biodiversity conservation, for the reasons already stated.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private individual access and multi-use trail.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Response No: 9

Contribution ID: 4132
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 19, 2025, 06:03 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Option 1 - Guided Tour Access - Optimal elements to consider

1. All guests should enter Hollister Ranch through the main gate. A completed liability form should be required for all guests. No more than 10 to 12 visitors should be allowed in any group, and must include at least one responsible individual leader familiar with the Ranch and directly accountable to the Ranch and the State for safety, liability, and oversight. Each group should follow a caravan pattern of ingress or egress while on the Ranch by adhering to a predetermined time schedule to assure accountability and safety.

2. Guided Access tour dates should be predetermined annually using a local tide calendar On specified days the tide is low enough to access the sandy beaches exposed below the cliff. Many surfers, hikers, runners, walkers, bird watchers, and fishermen use this process to access the Ranch.

3. All land above the mean high tide is private property and the road system traverses the land of many different private property owners. The main road is not safe for general public use.

4. Continued protections afforded natural and cultural resources are important elements of Option 1.

5. Beach safety, all HR beaches are not the same. Weather, tidal changes, wind, and surf are all critical factors to assess throughout every day on Hollister Ranch. There is no lifeguard service and, an emergency rescue team is not on hand.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

1. Hollister Ranch owners adhere to the criteria stated above. Each parcel is limited to no more than 12 guests per day.
2. Owners pay use fees per car, and beach guests.
3. All beach guests must be escorted by the sponsoring owner.
4. These HOA restrictions are assimilated into the HROA Cc&R's, By-Laws, and HR Rules.
5. The HRCAP plan should expressly prioritize resource preservation, over incorporation of new ways for the public to access
Hollister Ranch.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Option 2 elements of importance to me:

The entire set of alternatives presented in the Workshops presumed the necessity of more, indeed for most of the alternatives presented - much more, public access into the Hollister Ranch than currently occurs. Why? There is no point in putting forth a plan that is infeasible - practically, economically or environmentally.

It is not necessary to use all six beaches for public access. Phase 1, Guided Tour Access and Managed Group Access is currently in place on Hollister Ranch. The pilot programs are scheduled to reinforce the conclusion that the Hollister Ranch is home to unique ecological and cultural resources, and any access program must prioritize preservation of those resources.

The Phase 2 Pedestrian Trail should not be on Hollister Ranch. Pedestrian access exists along the Gaviota coastline, on the beaches, at low tide. Using a local tide book, one can designate a series of planned events that, overtime - would provide a pedestrian trail.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

It is difficult to respond to these HRCAP cues. This content simply misses the point.
There is truly an incredible abundance of natural organisms that exist along the Gaviota Coast.
Preservation, conservation, scientific, and educational opportunities should be the norm.
Hollister Ranch is a wild, windy, sometimes harsh place. It is rugged. People should be escorted in minimal numbers.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Option 3 is unreasonable, infeasible, and costly. Delete.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None. Option 3 is unreasonable, infeasible, and costly. Delete.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Option 4 reveals an inability for some to understand that the Gaviota coastline is interconnected.
It is an integrated, contiguous stretch of land containing precious resources, and wildlife in all forms.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Sigh

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text The eastern beaches are narrow and subject to minimal access by humans.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text There is not enough scientific information or educational content regarding all five of these options.
Thank you for this opportunity.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Disagree with this proposal completely.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Response No: 10

Contribution ID: 4130
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 19, 2025, 05:07 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided, managed access, limited visitor access, prioritize environmental protection of habitat.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

All beaches west of Agua Caliente are unfeasible and should be omitted from Option 1.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided tours are the most feasible and likely for early access. The first beach at Agua Caliente is the most feasible beach.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

All other beaches are unfeasible, group access is unfeasible, trail is unfeasible.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Nothing in this Option is desirable to me.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

This Option should be omitted entirely.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

No public access to Bultio and Drakes Beaches is the most important element in Option 4.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Increasing visitor access will degrade the environmental and cultural resources as well as the visitor experience. This Option should be omitted entirely.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

No access to Western Beaches is the most relevant and important element to this Option, besides this it holds no feasibility and does not address any environmental or fiscal concerns.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

This Option should be omitted entirely.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This Option holds no merit.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

This Option should be omitted entirely.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

The Options presented are too limited in scope, propose to increase rather than limit visitor access, and would result in damage to the delicate environmental and cultural resources present at the Hollister Ranch. The Options do not adequately address the significant physical and fiscal constraints; seasonal tides, wind conditions, weather, emergency access, the cattle operation, dangerous curves, lack of a shoulder or turnoff from the highway, lack of a bridge over Gaviota Creek, ungated Railroad crossings, and the fact that the road is privately owned, thus ignoring

the feasibility of achieving any access at all. In fact, the two most feasible and quickest options were not presented at all. These are:
1. Allocate State funds to adequately repair, staff, and maintain the existing Gaviota State Park located immediately adjacent to the Hollister Ranch. The pier and boat hoist is currently inoperable and in need of repair. The Gaviota State Park beaches, picnic areas, and campgrounds are often closed due to a lack of State funding. This is the Number 1 option to feasibly provide maximum public access to the Hollister Ranch beaches and is the State's most obvious and feasible option for the earliest public access not requiring overlanding over private property or increased infrastructure.
2. Include the Option for guided/monitored access via guided group tours that prioritize environmental protection to special locations upon request to the Hollister Ranch Preserve Owners Association as the managing entity providing access for educational, cultural, social, or scientific purposes.
No shuttles, no independent access, just overland guided group access by reservation and permission of the landowner and Hollister Ranch Owner Association.

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Response No: 11

Contribution ID: 4129
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 19, 2025, 04:38 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Wildlife habitat conservation is most important to me. When I read that the "full range of recreational activities could be provided through guided access," I feel concerned that yet again human recreation is prioritized over wildlife survivability. I live in Santa Barbara, where there are already too many ebikes, dogs, and people on the beaches, and not enough great blue herons, egrets, snowy plovers, least terns, and other shore birds. Please do not claim the few remaining "wild" beaches left for more human recreation.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I am willing to forgo access for the sake of preserving endangered coastal habitat for birds and other wildlife.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Same as my comments for Option 1

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Same as my comments for Option 1

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Same as my comments for Option 1

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Same as my comments for Option 1

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Same as my comments for Option 1

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Same as my comments for Option 1

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Same as my comments for Option 1

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Same as my comments for Option 1

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Please don't.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No access is better than max access.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Response No: 12

Contribution ID: 4125
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 19, 2025, 03:05 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text This form of access makes the most sense. How will the trash and bathrooms be managed?

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Access to less beaches

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Trash, bathrooms etc. Whose job is it to manage the people that are on the ranch? What is stopping people from going off the proposed trail and onto private property?

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I think only guided access should be allowed

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Again who is managing the people who have private individual access? How do they know where they are going? What safety protocols are there Incase an emergency?

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Guided access to the south east part of the ranch only

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Same questions as previously mentioned

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Response No: 13

Contribution ID: 4122
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 19, 2025, 02:29 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None. After reviewing the Hollister Ranch website, this seems to be essentially what they are already providing in terms of public access, which as noted in this option, has a low level of visitor access. It's apparent that simply continuing this level of access simply does not meet the apparent need for a higher level of public access.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Given my response to the first question for option 1, answering this question does not apply.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

My response here is complex, so bear with me. First, providing guided tours or managed group access, again, as you so note for this option 2, only provides low visitor access, essentially not much more than option 1, so that's a no-go for me. Now comes the complexity regarding a "pedestrian trail" . . . which given what you are saying, I would think, "public beach access trail" would be a more accurate description. And sure, such public beach access trails are obviously a great idea, how else can one access the beaches whithout, right? But, I envision a west-east pedestrian . . . or hiking trail . . . along the entire 8.5 miles paralelling the coast, however it could best be placed given specific sections constraints relative to terrain, and minimizing natural and cultural resource impacts. In essence, I see such a "coastal trail" -- which could be hiked in one day from west to east -- from the western boundary of Hollister Ranch lands to the eastern entrance and Gaviota State Park -- as developing a link in the envisioned continuous California Coastal Trail vision. My research based on satellite imagery is that there appears to be the potential connect, at the very least, inland and upland on existing roads and pathways from Point Conception to the western boundary, and so California Coastal Trail hikers could then continue their journey to Gaviota State Park by walking this 8.5 mile plus pedestrian trail, with opportunities to access beaches along the way that would be available for public access. For people who wanted, say, to hike from the eastern gate to the western boundary . . . AND continue west hiking to find overnight camping NOT on Hollister Ranch lands, could also do so, starting from Gaviota State Park in the morning and leaving westward from Hollister Ranch lands before sunset. Also, for people who simply wanted to walk the trail, an 8.5-mile plus coastal trail as a simple day-hike, then an independent shuttle service could take hikers from Gaviota State Park to the western boundary such that they could be dropped off in the morning to arrive back to Gaviota State Park by sunset. Indeed, such a shuttle or shuttles early in the morning and then late in the afternoon, could take hikers from either end and back. For example, the shuttle would leave Gaviota State Park in the early morning, say at 8AM for the western boundary, and if need be, would repeat the trip to get other hikers from Gaviota State Park to the western boundary, cut off time, perhaps being 10AM, and then later in the day, say 6PM the shuttle would head to the western boundary to pick up people who had hiked west from the State Park in the morning, or even pick up hikers who show up and simply want to camp at Gaviota State Park for the night, and get shuttled back the NEXT morning to the western boundary . . . so they could then continue their hike to end up again at Gaviota State Park that evening. Maybe the last shuttle from the western end could be at 8PM. All that said, I would propose, in the short-term, to provide immediate public access via such a coastal trail . . . would be to simply let hikers walk the road . . . and to ensure safety, not allow motorized access other than the shuttle system, beyond a certain point along the road. In perhaps the best case scenario, not allowing vehicle access towards the western end other than shuttles, which would only operate from 8-10AM and then from 6-8PM . . . would mean that western most section of road would not have ANY vehicles from 10AM to 6PM on it, essentially giving hikers the road alone . . . and further, if one could allow hikers to use the entire length of the road -- where it is safe to do so -- and again, in the best case scenario, where there are potential safefy issues related to using the road . . . IF an off-road pedestrian pathway or trail could be developed for that area, then we could have the best of both worlds, some sort of vehicle access halfway along the entire road, say to the eastern gate with pedestrian access both along the safe portions of the road combined with pedestrian pathways to avoid unsafe sections of road way. Relative to issues, along coastal and beach areas of the west coast, of which I have hiked every inch from the NW tip of Washington to the Mexican border . . . and in my work as executive director over 30 years, for the National Coast Trail Association, the issues seem to arise where private vehicle access happens, whether allowed or not . . . and so really restricting, controlling and managing private vehicle access I think will be the key to mitigating any potential issues. In a sense, if people really want access that badly, make them "work" for it, let them hike and walk and potentially bike it . . . versus letting them get there by private vehicle. Now, again, this is where perhaps a shuttle service could work to transport people who want to surf, or visit beaches, or are physically challenged, such that they too can have reasonable access in an equitable way.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Well, given your question, really your question is a moot question, as the only way to increase feasibility is to forgo the pedestrian trails, and just allow guided tours and managed group access which as I have already noted, is simply a no-go for me. So, this question seems . . . inappropriate at best.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

First, given what I noted relative to Option 2, private individual access, especially at the very least, towards the further western boundary is NOT wanted, as it would potentially be inconsistent with what I had noted in Option 2,

especially for hiker safey, and potentially cyclists using the road for recreational purposes. That said, shuttle service MIGHT be acceptable, and by shuttle, I mean some sort of indepedent contractor who has been contracted with to provide shuttle services to hikers from 8-10AM and 6-8PM daily at least during the summer season, and say from 10AM to 6PM daily for taking people back and forth to Gaviota to various beaches during the day time, thereby making such a contracted shuttle system potentially economically viable, also allowing the operator to charge for the shuttle service. Such an operator would be trained and aware of potentially encountering hikers and cyclists, too, whereas, as we are also aware, Americans do not seem to drive at posted speed limits in general, and drive to fast where pedestrians or cyclists are sharing the road.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Get rid of private individual access, not only to increase feasibility, but also increase safety along the road for non-motorized use, plus to eliminate high infrastructure expenses for parking areas that would be needed to park the cars themselves.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text The protection of natural and cultural resources is of high value to our organization, and so this option is consistent with our values. The beaches chosen and NOT chosen are apparently consistent with these values, and so we are good to go with its recommendations.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Again, as a recurring theme for my input here, GET RID of the Private Vehicle Access, for reasons and input already stated in previous options.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Not having access along the entire 8.5 miles is absolutely NOT Acceptable to us, again, for reasons already noted in pervious option input. Given the apparent mandate for providing public access to the public shoreline, just letting people have access to the eastern most beaches, would also seem inconsistent with this mandate and the task at hand.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Again and again, get rid of the individual private access by car . . . use a shuttle system, or develop a hiking trail from Gaviota State Park such that people could simply walk to eastern most beaches, or ride the road by bicycle. Just having to develop a hiking pathway, versus a multi-use path to include bikes can decrease the costs to make it more feasible, too.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text This option is obviously inconsistent with our values regarding impacts to natural and cultural reasources by having access to ALL the beaches. In a word, "OUCH!" This option is clearly maximizing access, along with minimizing feasibility . . . so in some ways, I have to question why it's actually being considered. I can only think, though, the reason may be to honor the mandate of public access along the entire shoreline . . . which appears rational and consistent with that mandate, HOWEVER, access could simply be, too, access along its entire length, at least visually from above the beach and not necessarily down upon ALL beaches, but at least one towards the westernmost end and others towards the eastern gate. So, this is a no-go for me . . . also, again, the shuttle continues to rise to the top as a YES!

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text As noted ad nauseum in other options, no to private independent vehicle access. Guided tour access, maybe that could work. Finally, just to clarify, what I mean by shuttle access is a contracted provider for the daily shuttle service, not just anyone shuttling a group of people, say, who show up in a private van, the rationale being, they could potentially through unsafe and unaware driving injure or even kill hikers or bikes using the road.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Options 3, 6, 5 and 1 really should not even appear in my ranking (they were listed last) . . . getting access west-east with pedestrian use of the road and/or along pedestrian pathways ASAP, with no public access to the two beaches noted in Option 4, along with the use of a contracted shuttle service . . . those are key points, and especially not only to provide a coastal trail system along the entire 8.5-mile coastline, with access to the other 4 beaches, but also towards filling in another gap in the envisioned California Coasstal Trail.

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Short Text 97405

Response No: 14

Contribution ID: 4121
Member ID:
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text Restricting access to guided tours is far too restrictive for what is essentially a recreational activity. I do not support this option.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Restrict the number of beaches accessed.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Early access and a pedestrian trail

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Pedestrian trail, especially a paved one.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Individual access seems the most feasible in that one would not have to hire a shuttle bus. The high relative cost of this option seems rather high to me. Shuttle buses and guided tours sound like pretty terrible ideas for beach access. In terms of public access the two largest beaches seem to stand out as the biggest value for public access and use. The two most westerly beaches are very small and would not accommodate very many people. The most westerly beach sounds great but it really is pretty far into the Ranch. It's also important to consider what uses are most likely. For example, surfers and divers are likely to have minimal impact on on-shore resources. For those who just want to sit at the beach or walk on the beach there are numerous alternate locations that are easier to access.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Limit individual access to avoid overcrowding.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Ready access to the beaches.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Limiting the number of beaches seems reasonable but it not at all clear what resources we are trying to protect, especially the unnamed cultural resources. This option is not at all clear what it's trying to accomplish.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Feasible and relatively cost-effective beach access. Least amount of driving in the neighborhood. Individual access. I think this is a good option to get started with and would be useful to see how it goes. I feel rather strongly, however, that surfers and divers should be allowed to access additional beaches. Also, I think we need to work toward public access to Sacate Beach. The first two are just too small and are likely to be heavily impacted by crowds.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Delay the trail.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Public access to the beaches with the least amount of fanfare.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I could see continued restricted access to one or more of the beaches but not to all of them. If we have to create a whole new bureaucratic agency or program just to allow access it will defeat much of the purpose and be expensive. It's not a national park; it's a beach.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Response No: 15

Contribution ID: 4119
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 19, 2025, 11:37 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I like keeping access to the eastern beaches, but I do not want access to sacate beach

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Response No: 16

Contribution ID: 4118
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 19, 2025, 10:56 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The only one offered

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Access to the farthest beaches

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Managed group access

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Pedestrian access

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Independent shuttle and guided tours

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private individual

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Protecting resources by not accessing Bulito and Drakes

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private independent access and San Augustine Beach

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Independent shuttle and multi-use trail

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private individual access

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Independent shuttle access and guided tour access

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

San Augustine Beach, private individual access and multi-use trail

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

The implementation challenges are immense, but there are pockets of advocates and detractors for each and every option. You can never make everyone happy. The "half a loaf" criterion will be the most pragmatic. More access is more access. Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good. Be realistic about which options are most likely to cause the program to stumble, fall or be unsustainable.

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Response No: 17

Contribution ID: 4117
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 19, 2025, 10:41 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Managed access by trained guides.
Respects the private property of the Hollister Ranch landowners.
Manages cultural resources and the sea bird wildlife along the shore.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Don't want this option

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Only option 1 is fair and feasible.
Only option 1 can protect the Chumash cultural resources, the sea and coastal wildlife resources, the land resources.
Keep the coast along the Hollister Ranch a Nature Preserve

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Short Text 93103

Response No: 18

Contribution ID: 4111
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 19, 2025, 09:50 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Having open access to the eastern beach is preferable.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text 95003

Response No: 19

Contribution ID: 4110
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 19, 2025, 09:49 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Currently you can access the beach by walking at medium to low tides. Why was this not mentioned? I spent quite a bit of time making comments and then it disappeared.
There is roughly twenty miles of mostly beautiful undisturbed coastline between the Bacara and Gaviota with much easier, safer, less expensive less impact on natural and cultural resources. Why not provide more access there and why are you fixated on the Hollister Ranch.
Gaviota Park appears to be mismanaged since it is closed many days of the year. Why do you think you can manage the Hollister Ranch better?
Why has the boat hoist on the Gaviota Pier not been fixed. For years it provided access to the Hollister .

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Response No: 20

Contribution ID: 4108
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 19, 2025, 08:50 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Natural protection

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This sound like the best option to balance public and private access

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text

Response No: 21

Contribution ID: 4107
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 19, 2025, 08:29 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Q16 Enter your 5-digit Zipcode

Short Text

Response No: 22

Contribution ID: 4101
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 19, 2025, 08:09 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text This has the lowest impact on the environmental and cultural resources on the ranch. It is the only option that should be considered

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Limit to agua cliente, Algeria and Bulito beaches

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Option 1 is the only option that should be considered. Unguided access is unsafe and risks harm to environmental and cultural resources

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text The pedestrian path should be eliminated

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text This option should not be considered.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Only guided access should be considered

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text This option should not be considered

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Only guided access should be considered. All other parts of this option should be eliminated

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Only guided access should be permitted. All other aspects of this option should not be considered

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All but guided access

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text This option should not be considered

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text This option should not be considered

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

The Hollister Ranch is a one of a kind resource precisely because access has been constrained. Any material level of access would destroy this last unspoiled stretch of California coastline. It should be left alone.

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Short Text 90254

Response No: 23

Contribution ID: 4097
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 19, 2025, 07:05 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Response No: 24

Contribution ID: 4093
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 19, 2025, 05:04 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The most important element of Option 1 to me is the low access level. The Hollister Ranch is a delicate place naturally and geologically. Even a minimal increase in human traffic will affect it greatly in a negative way. While I support the Coastal Act and the Commission, in this case, the coastline should be preserved in its current state, and any public access plan should prioritize that over access.

The idea of guided access is good. I don't trust the general public to manage access well with respect to the land, private property, wildlife, etc.

I also appreciate the low cost of Option 1. The State of California has many higher-priority challenges I would rather see my tax money lend support to. The feasibility of Option 1 is also attractive because a protracted plan including development of infrastructure, hiring personnel, etc. doesn't benefit either the public or property owners.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would be willing to forgo access to the beaches farthest to the west (San Augustine, Bulito and Drakes, as that would require more infrastructure redevelopment. Provide guided public access to Alegria and Agua Caliente Beaches. Sacate Beach can only be accessed through a family's private property (through their yard, in reality), and isn't feasible for that reason.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Phase I of Option 2 is identical to Option 1. See comments above for that.

I believe Phase II is the best, fastest way to provide public access to Hollister Ranch and should be the only access provided. It is the lowest-cost, lowest-impact, lowest infrastructure plan. Has my vote as the best way to accomplish public access.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Phase I

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I don't believe any elements of Option 3 are feasible. The cost is too high. It will take too long to implement (roads have to be built on private land which may have to be purchased, vehicles purchased, personnel hired, etc.). Option 3 would bring higher numbers of visitors in which I don't support, and to the western beaches. Access to the eastern beaches (Alegria and Caliente) is the only plan that seems feasible to me.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Access to the western beaches.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The lack of access to Drakes and Bulito beaches is most important to me here.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would forego access to San Augustine and Sacate Beaches.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I support this Option most, with the exception of access to Sacate Beach. It's unfortunate, but access there means driving through a family's yard. I would support 100% a managed access plan to the other eastern beaches.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Access to Sacate Beach.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text I don't support Option 6 at all. Too costly, too unsustainable, too much impact to the delicate coastline and property owners, with too little benefit to the public.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I don't support Option 6.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text Overall, I don't support public access to the Hollister Ranch. While I appreciate the State trying to preserve recreational resources for me, not allowing them to be dominated by wealthier people, I know enough about this place to see the folly in this venture. Logistically, public access is a nightmare and will cost taxpayers and the State too much to accomplish. However, if access is limited and focuses on the eastern beaches, it can be done and I would support it.

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Response No: 25

Contribution ID: 4090
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The least number of visitors with the greatest ability to control what happens during the tour/visit. Things such as length of time on the tour, respecting tide pool life, wildlife, cattle and plant life. Also, protecting the privacy of the landowners.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Keeping the tours to a short, controlled time frame. Making sure all trash is taken off the property with them. Their are no restroom facilities on the beaches so that needs to be considered.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The "managed" tour visits, depending on who and how the tours/visits are managed. Protecting natural resources, including the privacy of the landowners is very important.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

none

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

none, the beaches and tide pools are pristine because the property owners are careful to protect them Even with guided tours an increase in human and possibly pet foot traffic on the beaches and vehicles on the roadways will cause damage.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

none

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

No public access to Bulito and Drakes beaches

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None, opening beaches using shuttle busses and private cars on the narrow roads is a terrible idea.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The first two beaches have delicate tide pools and open public access will destroy them, as the tide pools at Gaviota indicate.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

none

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is a terrible option. The Hollister Ranch roads are not designed for high volumes of traffic. The beaches will be damaged by high numbers of visitors. Their aren't adequate restroom facilities.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

none

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches

Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

The Hollister family donated what is now Gaviota State Beach for the public to enjoy. The State of California has not kept that campground/day use beach open on a regular basis for years. The pier has not been repaired since it was damaged many years ago. It had a boat launch hoist utilized by fisherman and surfers for decades. The pier also provided fishing for decades. The pier boat launch provided boaters access to not only the Hollister Ranch but the entire Gaviota coast. The State of California has not been a good steward of the gift of the Gaviota State Beach. Managing a project as big as public access to the Hollister Ranch does not seem feasible, financially or environmentally sound. Public access to the Hollister Ranch has always been available by walking in along the coast at low tide or by watercraft.

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Short Text 93460

Response No: 26

Contribution ID: 4087
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 18, 2025, 09:11 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Respect private property and the environment

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forego everything to protect private property and the environment

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forgo everything to protect private property and the environment

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Protect private property and the environment

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forgo everything to save the environment that the hollister ranch has worked to protect

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Protect private property

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forgo it all, respect private property

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Protect private property and the environment

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Protect private property and the environment

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

The hollister family donated the entire Gaviota state park for public use.
The state cannot keep the pier operable.
The park is often closed

Now you suggest stealing private property to access more beaches that have always been accessible to the adventurous by boat or on foot.
How can the state manage that when they cannot even manage the park.
There is no way you can protect private property if you allow unfettered access on private roads thru private property.
Hollister ranch has worked hard to protect the environment, you will destroy those efforts

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Short Text

Response No: 27

Contribution ID: 4080
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 18, 2025, 06:37 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text I like limited disruption to terrain.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Guided tours only is unrealistic for many reasons.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text I like that focus of most individual cars stays near the access point. I like that no need to fully develop entire coastway nor improve the coastway the same.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I do not understand why pedestrian access implementation costs $$$?

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text No need to provide full access for all types of vehicles through entire length of coastway.
Parking lot at the farthest point does not make sense.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Why do much car road, though very limited pedestrian path?

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Would be great to have bike path with cars. Reduce car road length if necessary to save money. Though need realistic/feasible for average person distance to bike from a parking lot.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Given bulk of population lives towards the eastern side, makes sense to prioritize access on the eastern end.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Would be great to have bike path with cars. Reduce car road length if necessary to save money. Though need realistic/feasible for average person distance to bike from a parking lot.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Bad plan because no pedestrian path.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Who does the committee think will be participating in guided tours?

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
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Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Set up and questions in this survey do not really help clarify responders' priorities and preferences.
Unsure if Scenario names match the color pathways; for example #4.

Overall: I would like some land left for nature without a road. 'Public access' does not mean that cars/shuttle needs to drive everywhere. Need to respect nature, wildlife and enjoy it in harmony.

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Short Text 90292

Response No: 28

Contribution ID: 4079
Member ID:
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I want small group guided tours only that are led by informed tour guides and individuals who are familiar with the Hollister Ranch. No dogs. No mountain bikes. Keep it wild. Keep it pristine.

Any guided group would also need to have safety items such as a whistle or something in case they run into wild pigs (there are a lot), bears (they are there) and/or mountain lions (they are there too). Someone could get really hurt.

I want everyone who enters the Gaviota area to have watched (before entering) an educational video that explains how special the area is and why it's so pristine. They offer this in the National Park system. It actually teachers the visitors something and makes the visit more memorable. This is a must, in my opinion.

Has anyone considered boat tours? The Gaviota Pier would be an ideal place to originate boat tours and most of the infrastructure is already in place.

I definitely want to know the cost the proposed options. Are there any cost projections yet? The website does not list any costs associated with the proposals. As a tax payer, cost is really important. Once developed, I want the Gaviota project to remain a "fixed cost" in the state budget so the money will always be there.

I was a commercial fisherman for many years and I know few realize how much diverse wildlife there is on the Hollister Ranch. The most important item is preserving this unique ecosystem and the wildness of the area. The area is in currently in pristine shape, as is the Bixby Ranch, which is now a preserve. This is what I want for the Hollister Ranch area - we must keep it wild, pristine, beautiful, and preserved for many generations to come.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

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Long Text

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Response No: 29

Contribution ID: 4074
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 18, 2025, 01:35 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text That visitors are always guided while on the Ranch.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Limiting guided visits to only a few beaches.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Any form of unguided access to the Ranch outside of Agua Caliente and Alegria Beaches is not feasible.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Managed group access and pedestrian trail access.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Any form of unguided access to the Ranch outside of Agua Caliente and Alegria Beaches is not feasible.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Independent shuttle access and private individual access.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Any form of unguided access to the Ranch outside of Agua Caliente and Alegria Beaches is not feasible.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All access methods in this option are not feasible.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Any form of unguided access to the Ranch outside of Agua Caliente and Alegria Beaches is not feasible.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All access methods in this option are not feasible.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Any form of unguided access to the Ranch outside of Agua Caliente and Alegria Beaches is not feasible.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Independent shuttle access, private individual access, multi-use trail.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text No

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 92120

Response No: 30

Contribution ID: 4072
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 18, 2025, 01:15 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is private property. The public has no right to access the coast via land, they have plenty of opportunities by water.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forgo feasibility. Stay off the land.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is dumb. Keep the public off the private land. Hollister Ranch is not an amusement park.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Keep the public off these people's land.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Non starter again. Increasing public access on a private ranch road with running cattle is not feasible.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Keep the public out.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Natural and cultural resource protection are of course the most important things here, and the only way to do that is to keep the public out. It's simple, do not allow public access the private land.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Keep the public off private property.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Prioritizing keeping the public off private property. The public can walk the beach in or take a boat.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Keep the public out.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I assume "sustainable" is being used sarcastically here. The only sustainable thing for a private ranch to do is keep the public off their land.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Keep the public out.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

None are preferred. This is not a comprise. Forcing a private ranch to accept the public in is as un-American as it gets.

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Short Text

Response No: 31

Contribution ID: 4068
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 18, 2025, 12:10 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

See comment

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

See comment

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

See comment

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

See comment

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

See comment

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

See comment

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

See comment

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

See comment

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text 94109

Response No: 32

Contribution ID: 4063
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 18, 2025, 10:47 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I like the access part the beach should be for all people.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Get rid of the guided tour part this would decrease cost and increase feasibility

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Early access

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Let’s forgo the limited access part. Just open up the road it would be easiest and cheapest

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

All these options suck and you’re still trying to cut out the common person with limited access making it harder for us. Will these people ever respect public access

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Short Text

Response No: 33

Contribution ID: 4061
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 18, 2025, 10:13 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

See comment section

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

See comment section

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

See comment section

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

See comment section

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

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Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

See comment section

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

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Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

See comment section

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Long Text

See comment section

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

See comment section

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

See comment section

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

See comment section

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Ranking

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Short Text

Response No: 34

Contribution ID: 4046
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 17, 2025, 06:19 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None are important. It provides very limited and controlled access. If I remember correctly it is not much different from the access exists now.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I do not support this option.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I totally support access via a pedestrian trail. I would like to see the trail the whole length of the coastline of the Ranch and for the trail to become part of the California Coastal Trail. I was just visiting at Pacific Grove where there is part of the Coastal Trail. Hikers were respectful of the upscale properties by the trail and there was no trash or other types of problems - just friendly walkers and birders. I am also sure locals would volunteer to walk the trail and possibly act as docents.
Also I there is a concern from Ranch residents about safety if there is a wildfire. If wildfire is such a year round life threatening possible disaster we should close all our hiking trails in Gaviota, Goleta, and Santa Barbara. In fact a Hollister Ranch trail with only one entry point has advantages over other trails where it could be closed during red flag warnings for safety.
I have lived in Goleta for over 40 years and once traveled through the Ranch on a train. The area is so beautiful and should be open to more nature loving hikers than just the wealthy who can afford the high cost of buy in on property on which building a house is not even possible. It seems that the underlying motivation of limiting access by Ranch property owners is if to control surf breaks at the Ranch. I feel it is my right as a Californian to have coastal access which is not so limited as to guided tours and the Ranch coastline is a wonderful area to become part of the California Coastal Trail.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The Coastal Trail could be extended in length over a few years to include the whole Ranch coast to offset coast in any one year. The first goal maybe the trail to Alegria Beach.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I feel this option along with a Coastal Trail would be a good option to provide access for people who are not able to hike in but want to experience the beauty of the area and also provide some access to surfers and beachcombers. Again I feel the underlying motivation of keeping access to a minimum is to control the surf breaks at the Ranch.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

A shuttle the California Coastal trail along the same length is a good idea but not sure how a shuttle would work for transporting people to access points and may be difficult to bring surfboards. Since the pedestrian trail is allowed in the most sensitive areas it seems that the trial should be allowed along the whole length.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I do not understand why a pedestrian trail is not compatible with options 2 - 5 since it has been mentioned that the trial is allowed in the more sensitive areas of the coast.
I understand why the Ranch property owners do not want additional cars on the Ranch roads. Perhaps the best option of all of these is a pedestrian trail along side a multi-use trail the length of the coast. A short section at the beginning of the trail could be ADA.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private individual access.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Multi-use trail along with a pedestrian/hiking trail.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text private individual access

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

The most appropriate option would be a Pedestrian trail to be included in the California Coastal Trail along the whole length of the coast along side of a multi-use trail.
This is my #1 option

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93117

Response No: 35

Contribution ID: 4039
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 17, 2025, 04:08 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

see comment at end. Thanks

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

See comments at end

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

see comments at end

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

see comments at end

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

see comments at end

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

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Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 92651

Response No: 36

Contribution ID: 4033
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 17, 2025, 11:48 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The only element of importance is that access not be increased beyond the HROA programs already in place where impacts to the natural environment are understood following decades of experience.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Guided tour access is not the lowest level of visitor access regardless of the limited options suggested. None of the state elements are acceptable.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None are acceptable

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None are acceptable

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None are acceptable

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None are acceptable

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None are acceptable

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None are acceptable

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Long Text

None are acceptable

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Long Text

None are acceptable

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Long Text

None are acceptable

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Long Text

None are acceptable

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The above "rankings" make no sense whatsoever. None have any real world prudence.

The Hollister Ranch Owners' Association already has a public access program that has been curated to allow the public to access, use and understand the fragile nature of the Hollister Ranch Shoreline Preserve without degradation to the nature environment found along the beaches.

In addition to addressing the terrible conditions of Gaviota State Park, repair of the pier would restore the access the public enjoyed for decades. It is the state that is preventing public access to the state-owned tidelands that reach up to, and are limited by, the mean high tide line.

It ought to now be clear that, by observing how the state maintains its own property for the benefit of the public at locations such as next door Gaviota Park, any property owner would be more than hesitant to allow the state to impact their private property for any reason.

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Short Text 93117

Response No: 37

Contribution ID: 4027
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

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The financial cost of public access across the many short distances available between the Coast Highway and the many unused beach areas between Goleta and Gaviota provide much more public access for many more members of the public to many more beaches that are far more accessible to the public than spending many millions more trying to access the far more remote areas of the HR.

(B) The NO PLAN Option:

The public must be clearly and adequately informed of the acquisition costs, the development costs, the maintenance costs, as well as the lesser cost of the alternative plans for public access. The public must be clearly and adequately informed of the “NO PLAN” option in light of such costs and such alternatives.

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Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

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Short Text 92024

Response No: 38

Contribution ID: 4000
Member ID:
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text I think this should absolutely start right away. I don't like that it has such limited visitor access.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None. Further reducing visitor access is unacceptable.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Having immediate access is the most critical element to me. Guided tours and managed group access should start right away. There is no reason why this shouldn't already be happening.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None. I don't like that this is such a low level of visitor access.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text This is an okay option. Having access through private and shuttle is more important to me, but it still creates barriers and limitations that are unfair and overly burdensome.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None. With access to only four beaches, I don't believe there is anything else that should be foregone to increase feasibility. These options feel very feasible and reasonable to start right away.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Private individual access is by far the most important to me. However, only pedestrian trails are unreasonably limiting.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text I think this is an unfair option. The state of California's coastline should not be limited by private property owners. This is a pay-to-play model that unfairly limits access to a shared resource.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text This option is by far the most important to me. With the state allocating $20 million to increase access under Senator Limon's leadership, there should be considerable steps taken to maximize sustainable public access.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None. This is fair and reasonable.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text 93436

Response No: 39

Contribution ID: 3991
Member ID:
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I like that it restricts access, however I believe it's important if not vital that local Chumash community have unrestricted access to locations.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I do not like Option 2

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is the option I prefer the most, I like that access is limited to a certain number of vehicles, or shuttles.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is a very good option as it protects resources all around, including important Chumash resources; it allows public access to areas that are the least sensitive.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I think it's important to understand how these beaches are accessed (by shuttle/private cars) these are the furthest locations at HR.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

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Long Text

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Short Text 93436

Response No: 40

Contribution ID: 3981
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 16, 2025, 01:15 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Restricted public access.
Preference for managed access to Sacate Beach only

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Eliminate all beach access to the public, except Sacate Beach only.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Limited access to Bulito and Drakes Beaches.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Pedestrian trail
Remote public access to San Augustine Beach

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

No access to Agua Caliente and Alegria Beaches
Limited access to Bulito and Drake's Beaches

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Any access to San Augustine Beach

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

No access to Bulito and Drake's Beaches
Limited access to Agua Caliente and Alegria Beaches.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Pedestrian trail
Access to San Augustine Beach

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

No access to Drakes, Bulito and San Augustine Beaches.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Access to Agua Caliente and Alegria Beaches.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Restricted access to Drakes and Bulito Beaches.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Access to San Augustine, Agua Caliente, and Alegria Beaches.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

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Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Public access to the outlying western beaches, specifically San Augustine Beach, has safety and private property concerns regarding the roadway's remote accessibility.
The environmentally sensitive areas include Bulito, Drakes, Agua Caliente and Alegria Beaches, and should be

restricted based on environmental protections.
Reasonably managed public access to Sacate Beach is the best option available.
No development of multi-use trails, parking lots, or public buildings (ie restrooms) should be allowed to disrupt natural landscapes and habitat.

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Short Text 93111

Response No: 41

Contribution ID: 3961
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Because it would provide all of the public access to the ranch that we the public want to have, (use the beach, surf the waves, explore the reefs, and at the lowest taxpayer & environmental cost.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The pedestrian trail sounds like a good idea, but it is hard to tell how much impact this would have if its use was unlimited.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This sounds like the option that turns the ranch into every other public, trash strewn, wildlife depleted beach in southern California. Can we please keep one, accessible, pristine beach?

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The private car access is the needless aspect of this option that offers no meaningful, incremental public access, but a lot more public cost, and public destruction of this pristine place.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This sounds like a disaster. The end of any chance to preserve this special place.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Also a disaster. Massive impact on the eastern beaches, and for no more meaningful public access than we get from the first options

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

All CA beaches are "designed to minimize environmental impact" but none of them achieve it: They are all strewn with trash, and they all have a tiny fraction of the wildlife they used to support, (and which the ranch still does). Implementing this option would be a decision to destroy one of the very last pristine stretches of coast in all of CA, along with all of the wildlife that depends on it. The public wants access to this special place, not access to yet another dead beach like every other in southern CA.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

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Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I have heard that CA Parks is against all of the heavier access options, because of the cost to implement and maintain them, and how that spending will drain what they have available to address more pressing needs at CA beaches that have higher projected usage. If that is true, then why do we not know that? Don't we, the public deserve to hear from our own experts about the wisdom of spending huge sums on this, before we do that?

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Response No: 42

Contribution ID: 3940
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I have had access to the Hollister Ranch my whole life. Currently anyone in the State has access to Hollister Ranch beaches. As a surfer I would boat in from Gaviota State Beach. Many of my friends with kayaks and small boats would cruise up the coast and enjoy one of the last vestiges of unspoiled California coastline.

We launched larger boats from the Gaviota pier before it was damaged in 2014. Wow that was over 10 years ago and the State has done nothing to fix it? Gaviota State beach has got to be one of the least maintained camp sites in California. The road and bridge to the campsite are poorly maintained. It closes for long periods of time in the winter due to flooding or staffing issues.

The State cannot even maintain or fix what they already have. I now understand there is a State budget deficit of 20 Billion which probably means 30 Billion. So one of the most important and pressing issues that the State has on it's plate is to Force public access across Hollister Ranch Private Property?

As a full time resident since 2006 my wife and I formally oppose any effort—legislative, regulatory, or administrative—to mandate public access across our private property, whether under the California Coastal Act, AB 1680, or any related initiative.
Hollister Ranch is private land, lawfully owned, responsibly stewarded, and protected by both the California and United States Constitutions. Any attempt to compel public access across this land constitutes a taking of private property without just compensation, in violation of fundamental constitutional protections. It would be a staggering amount of money for compensation.
For decades, Hollister Ranch residents have demonstrated good faith and civic responsibility by voluntarily allowing limited, controlled access for public benefit. These include: Guided tours with managed access, environmental education and the tide pool program as well as charitable events including surfing programs for wounded vets and cancer survivors.
Ranch owners have a commitment to environmental preservation, public education, and community service, all while maintaining safety, privacy, and ecological integrity. Importantly, these programs exist without coercion. We have been doing this voluntarily which demonstrates that forced access is neither necessary nor justified.
OK... back to the Gaviota pier. The continued closure of the Gaviota Pier, which has been damaged since 2014 and remains unrepaired, underscores a critical point: The State has not maintained existing public access infrastructure, yet now seeks to shift the burden of access onto private landowners? This is such a basic concept that the State can't seem to grasp.
Before pursuing new access routes across private property, the State should first address its responsibility to repair and maintain existing public assets. Creating access across Hollister Ranch would expose landowners to significant liability, safety risks, and environmental degradation, particularly in the absence of adequate emergency services and infrastructure.
Hollister Ranch remains pristine and contains exceptionally sensitive coastal and inland ecosystems. It's been preserved because access is limited and managed. Increased public access would inevitably lead to Habitat destruction. The greatest risk is of course wildfires. One match at the wrong time of year could cause immeasurable damage. We have limited emergency service and most of us have signed up for emergency helicopter evacuation in case of injury. Without the insurance it is 40K for a flight to the hospital.
We also have archaeological and cultural resources that would be degraded with increased public access. Members of the Chumash Indian tribe continue to use the Ranch for their cultural ceremonies. I find it ironic that policies intended to protect the coast risk doing the opposite by undermining one of the most successfully preserved stretches of California coastline.
The State appears to be overreaching. AB 1680 and related Coastal Commission actions represent a troubling expansion of state authority that disregards property rights, due process, and decades of settled expectations. These efforts appear less about working together and more about forced compulsion. This action by the State is setting a dangerous precedent for private landowners throughout California.
The Coastal Act was never intended to serve as a mechanism for uncompensated "takings" or to punish responsible land stewardship. I don't think that the Hollister Ranch home owners are going to simply roll over on this one. It's been a continuous fight for decades. Continued pursuit of this agenda will only result in prolonged litigation, wasted public resources, and further erosion of trust between citizens and the State. At this point there is no trust. The State can't even manage what it already has. How's that bullet train going? What happened to all the Billions earmarked for the homeless problem?
This is the wrong battle for the State to fight. Nothings broken so perhaps the State should not try to fix it. Hollister Ranch residents are not opposed to the public, nor to access in principle. We are opposed to forced access, unconstitutional takings, and policies that ignore safety, environmental realities, and the rule of law.
The State needs to respect property rights and focus public resources on repairing and maintaining existing public coastal infrastructure.
Steve and Margaret Cegelski HR 53

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Managed access is the only option. We have programs already in place.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text option 1 is the only viable option

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Get a boat and explore the ranch

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Again the compensation cost to the State across private property would be staggering

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text this is the worst idea

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

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Short Text 93117

Response No: 43

Contribution ID: 3939
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I am not a Hollister ranch owner, but I am a very concerned local resident. I'm very worried we will wreck the unspoiled cultural and environmental resources along this coastline with too many people. I am only in favor of a one time per day "docent- guided" bus tour that simply drives in and then immediately back out with no beach access. This way, we can be educated on the immense Chumash cultural resources of this land and enjoy the views during our drive, but at the same time we will not litter or spoil the untouched beaches.

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Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I am not a Hollister ranch owner, but I am a very concerned local resident. I'm very worried we will wreck the unspoiled cultural and environmental resources along this coastline with too many people. I am only in favor of a one time per day "docent- guided" bus tour that simply drives in and then immediately back out with no beach access. This way, we can be educated on the immense Chumash cultural resources of this land and enjoy the views during our drive, but at the same time we will not litter or spoil the untouched beaches.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I believe the guided tour should be driving only with no beach access. Simply a once per day docent guided bus tour with no beach access. This is the most feasible and lowest impact to the cultural and natural resources at play.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I am not a Hollister ranch owner, but I am a very concerned local resident. I'm very worried we will wreck the unspoiled cultural and environmental resources along this coastline with too many people. I am only in favor of a one time per day "docent- guided" bus tour that simply drives in and then immediately back out with no beach access. This way, we can be educated on the immense Chumash cultural resources of this land and enjoy the views during our drive, but at the same time we will not litter or spoil the untouched beaches.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

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Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Response No: 44

Contribution ID: 3934
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 16, 2025, 09:13 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Concerned about this program affecting the beaches and wildlife with human footprint

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Don’t want any public coming to beaches

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Don’t want any access

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Don’t want any public access

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Don’t want any public access

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Don’t want any public access

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Don’t want any public access

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Don’t want any public access

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Don’t want any public access

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Don’t want any public access

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Don’t want any public access

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Don’t want any public access

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Please do not make the beaches public it will ruin the wildlife

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Response No: 45

Contribution ID: 3931
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 16, 2025, 09:07 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text Protecting unspoiled coastline and this precious environment.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Why not leave some of the beaches unspoiled? Does the guided tour have to go to every beach? Seems like they could experience just one beach, and then tour the rest visually in order to preserve this treasure.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Guided tours only to assure maintaining this beautiful coastline as pristine.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Managed group access. Access to all but Alegria and Agua.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Managed group access.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Private individual access and shuttles would not only destroy this pristine environment but be dangerous and difficult.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text emphasize natural and cultural resource protection

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Private and independent shuttle access to beaches.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Preserves some beaches as pristine

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text private individual access

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text None

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Not feasible

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
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Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Who will police these beaches for safety and protection of both the environment and visitors?

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Response No: 46

Contribution ID: 3809
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 15, 2025, 10:11 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided tours are too restrictive.
Severely limit public use and enjoyment.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The smaller beaches should perhaps be off limits to public use.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided tours are unacceptable. Limited public use.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The pedestrian trail presents its own problems. Hikers going off trail and causing erosion of sandy soils and killing of sensitive vegetation. This problem is widespread among many beach state parks. Suggest that the trail be fenced with signs warning not to leave the trail. Volunteer trail ambassadors would be necessary. This trail should be open to the public only Fri-Sunday with exception for holiday weekends.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I agree with option 3 .

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private individual access.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I would prefer shuttle access to the beaches. While making access possible it would limit uncontrollable crowds. The shuttle access could be paid for by charging visitors perhaps to park

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Rather than answer questions I would like to share my personal opinions for access to the Hollister Ranch beaches. First and foremost the state should PURCHASE a strip of land approximately 1/2 mile inland from the mean high tide level, and an access road right of way from Highway 101 to provide accessibility to the land and beaches. This road

would be closed from dusk to dawn and an entrance kiosk would be placed at the entrance to the access road to collect fees. The paved access road could be used for shuttles or limited private automobile use.

Hiking trails in soft and easily erodible sandy soil should have some sort of a fence to keep visitors from wandering into sensitive lands or kill vegetation in order to get that perfect photo. Signs must be placed everywhere so hikers will have no reason to cross the fences and create a braided trail system. I urge that volunteer trail ambassadors be used to patrol trails.

Portable restrooms and and picnic benches are necessary. Beach access from the cliffs should be by well designed trails with an erode-proof tread and fenced to keep visitors from again wandering.

Sustainable management means establishing a "carrying capacity", so that beach use will not congested and the resource overwhelmed or damaged. That will require permitting a daily allowance of vehicles or people in shuttles to access the beaches. Others will, unfortunately, have to be turned away or asked to come back later in the day to see if room is available. Like any other scarce resource beach visitation must be rationed.

With either a shuttle system or limited private vehicle access, parking will be necessary at the entrance to the access road and at the roads end near the beaches..

At times, with all of the options, I think that the Hollister Ranch Coastal Access Program is overthinking the issues, possible problems and solutions..

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Response No: 47

Contribution ID: 3767
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Date Submitted: Dec 15, 2025, 08:44 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I'm not a ranch owner, but a very concerned santa barbara resident. I'm concerned we will wreck the unspoiled cultural and environmental resources along this coastline with too many people. I am only in favor of a one time per day "docent- guided" bus tour that simply drives in and then immediately back out with no beach access. This way, we can be educated on the immense Chumash cultural resources of this land and enjoy the views during our drive, but at the same time we will not litter or spoil the untouched beaches.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

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Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

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Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

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Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

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Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I believe the guided tour should be driving only with no beach access. Simply a once per day docent guided bus tour with no beach access. This is the most feasible and lowest impact to the cultural and natural resources at play.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

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Response No: 48

Contribution ID: 3632
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Date Submitted: Dec 15, 2025, 06:08 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The word "access."

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The shuttle and the tour.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Public Access, and the pedestrian trail.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The pedestrian trail.
Save money by utilizing existing Hollister Ranch roads and parking and improve them as needed.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Individual access.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Guided tours.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

private individual access. Use existing roads, parking and bathrooms and upgrade.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Shuttles and guides.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Public access of roads and trial.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Parking by the gate.
The public has the right to access the the beach during daylight hours, and not under the control of the Ranch.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Public access.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Guided tours and new roads, use existing roads.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Any roads, parking lots and bathrooms could be upgraded, if needed, with eminent domain. Charging to park is fine.
Repair the boat launch at Gaviota State Beach.

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Response No: 49

Contribution ID: 3530
Member ID:
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

That any public access be managed in order to minimize any adverse effects on cultural or natural resources. As such, Option 1 appears to provide the right prioritization of those objectives. However, the automatic inclusion of every beach in the Ranch as available for even this option seems unrealistic. Ideally, each of the managed programs will be best located at one of the beaches depending upon the interests of the group, the size of the group, the weather and time of year, etc. While all beaches might, theoretically be candidates, some are much more suitable for managed access than others. Drakes, for example, is a very rich location with respect to natural and cultural resources and therefore will likely be ruled out for most managed access groups. Bulito, similarly, has significant cultural and natural resources and will be suitable for only certain groups. Alegria, has almost no beach for sitting or sunning at high tide during winter spring and fall months, plus can have high surf and lateral currents and will, therefore, be unsuitable for many group events.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

As noted, this options should forego regular access to Drakes, Bulito, and Alegria.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The fact that different forms of access are now recognized as appropriate, or inappropriate for certain Beaches. But, again, this option oversimplifies the feasibility and propriety of access to all Ranch beaches. Plus, while it suggests that a pedestrian trail is part of the option, there is almost no detail on where that trail would go, nor how it would be implemented across private land. The Ranch has had extensive discussions with the Coastal Commission staff, the Conservancy staff, the Gaviota Coast Conservancy, and State Parks about whether a pedestrian trail is feasible - physically, legally, or financially. And, generally, the parties have always concluded that it is not a practical solution. With no detail offered here as to (1) where it would start, (2) where it would end, (3) how much it would cost to acquire the private property rights, (4) how much it would cost to construct it, maintain it, and operate it - it seems unhelpful to suggest it is a real option.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

As noted in No. 1, the program should forego Bulito and Drakes except for special events that can be managed in accordance with the sensitive natural and cultural resources at those beaches. San Augustine is some 40 minutes from the Gate and therefor requires a much longer time in the Ranch given the transportation challenge. Sacate, Alegria and Agua Caliente are much closer to Gate and therefore more practical destinations, so long as natural and cultural resources are protected. There are no bathroom facilities at Alegria Agua Caliente or Sacate (save perhaps a single porta-potty). There is no fresh water at any of those beaches and no place to prepare a meal or clean up after one. It isn't spelled out what infrastructure the State is contemplating to support any additional access at those beaches. Parking is also limited and the beaches are often non-existent at high tide or when there is high surf.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Most of Option 3 is completely unrealistic, and ignores the significant physical, feasibility, and cost limitations of access into the Ranch. It contemplates individual, unguided, drive-in access to the Ranch beaches, but offers no explanation as to how individuals unfamiliar with the Ranch are supposed to know where to go, how to navigate blind curves with cattle on the road, nor the railroad crossings that do not meet public highway safety requirements. There is no explanation as to how access is going to be obtained on the private Ranch roads, built and maintained by Ranch owners. There is no explanation as to how unguided, or unmanaged, drivers will know how to avoid significant adverse impacts on the many natural and cultural resources they will encounter in the Ranch shoreline area. There is no explanation of the additional infrastructure necessary to service such visitors, nor how utilities like fresh water, will be supplied. There is no suggestion of any safety precautions, such as the need for lifeguards, if visitors want to recreate in the ocean.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Again, the focus should be on small groups, managed by a leader or responsible NGO, with a specific purpose in mind and a specific beach in mind. In addition, the drive in should be by caravan of a small number of cars (3 to 5) or by shuttle. In conversations with Coastal Commission staff Ranch owners have been told that Coastal Commission staff does not believe shuttles are a solution, so I am not sure why this option considers them. I believe Ranch owners would support a shuttle approach, so long as costs are borne by the State or those making use of it and the other natural and cultural resource protections discussed above are implemented.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The recognition that Bulito and Drakes should not be part of a regular public access program. See notes above. Also the fact that access would all be guided, using shuttles or caravans lead by a leader or NGO.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text See discussion above regarding the other options.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text As noted above, individual access, is simply infeasible - the costs, timeframe, and safety risks, not to mention the high cost of acquiring private land, building infrastructure, and the threat to significant native and cultural resources make it impossible to conceive as a realistic alternative that deserves consideration. See my notes above regarding trail access - it has been routinely disregarded by the State agencies and outside public interest groups as infeasible, impractical and extremely expensive given the private land constraints.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text See my notes above. Small groups, guided, to select beaches only.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text None. This is an unrealistic proposal that ignores the preservation of cultural and natural resources, costs to acquire massive amounts of private land, costs to build infrastructure that will by necessity encroach on cultural and natural resources, and completely avoids the safety issues associated with recreating in the Ranch due to road hazards including cattle, landslides, overflown creeks, wind and high surf. It misleadingly suggests that it is a viable alternative when, in fact, it is not.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All of Option 6 should be rejected.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text 90210

Response No: 50

Contribution ID: 3509
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 15, 2025, 03:15 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None, the option for only guided tours should be a non-starter, too much of a hassle, not really access.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This plan is only slightly better than Option 1, and is too restrictive.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Again, slightly better than the first 2 options, but still way too restrictive.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is the first of the plans that is an attempt at real access, but I consider it to be also too restrictive.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Real access to 3 beaches is good, but half of the stretch is off limits? No one will go for that.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Now we're talking. I can get behind this plan which truly opens up the stretch to access. I presume the guided access only at the two beaches is due to topography, which is a compromise I could support.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

These questions are confusing. I wouldn't give up anything from this plan, it is the only real option IMHO.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I am concerned by the number of options without real access. Option 6 is the only one, and I worry that the decision is therefore weighted toward some middle ground, like options 3-4, that will be a "split the baby" solution. The entire endeavor is to provide access, and without true, free access the effort will fall short. I could support full or nearly full access like in option 6 with a limited number of visitors at a time, or even reservations, but without allowing free access I would not support the plan.

If my choices didn't go through, I prefer in order Options 6-5-4-3-2-1

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Response No: 51

Contribution ID: 3506
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Date Submitted: Dec 14, 2025, 04:54 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided tour access to the Hollister Ranch beaches with a trained guide, arranged in advance by reservation, is very important to me. This will allow access to the public in a managed way, which is essential, I believe, to protect the valuable natural resources, and wildlife conservation at the beaches. It will also help keep the visiting public safe from the hazards at the Ranch, such as crossing the railroad tracks, cows in the road, and cliff erosion on the beach.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I think guided access to the first two beaches on Hollister Ranch, with a reservation, is feasible. Alegria Beach has the best tide pools for tide pooling groups and educational purposes. There is beach for walking and enjoying. There is surfing. Agua Caliente is close to the entrance. Also good for beach walks and general beach enjoyment. A good way to begin the access program would be guided, managed access by reservation to these two beaches only. By keeping the numbers of public beachgoers down, especially initially, it would allow for time to "get all the kinks out " as the program is slowly implemented.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I do not support managed group access to any of the beaches unless there is a reservation system. I prefer guided tours to protect the Ranch wildlife and resources, and protect public safety. A "trained" group leader? What does that mean? Someone who watches a video is considered "trained?" Then, any public persons can enter the Ranch and be considered able to maintain the conservation of the Hollister Ranch Preserve? How will that be evaluated and enforced?

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I really feel strongly that it is a privilege to visit the beaches of Hollister Ranch. To keep the Ranch preserve protected, guided access with a guide by reservation is necessary. It wouldn't cost the state much money to do this, because Hollister Ranch has been allowing guided educational groups and UCSB Marine Researchers into the Ranch for years for many worth while purposes. I myself have brought many of my elementary classes to the Ranch over the years for tidepooling fieldtrips. I would hate to see those tidepools destroyed by having unrestricted open access to the public. I'm not willing to forgo a managed access, guided program with trained guides.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Most important: Guided tour access to the first two beaches, Alegria and Agua Caliente. Keep the managed access by reservation for protection and safety. A Shuttle driving system could work nicely with the guided tour by reservation option. We see a shuttle system with guides being used at the Devil's Postpile National Monument and the program is working nicely there and is protecting the resources.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I believe San Augustine Beach is just too far in from the entrance gate to be feasible. Bulito and Drakes are too habitat sensitive, and too far "in" from the entrance gate. Sacate Beach should be considered only for Guided Tours by reservation, perhaps with Shuttle Access. But not with private individual access.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

It doesn't make sense to disallow public access to Bulito Beach and Drakes Beach, but then allow shuttles and private vehicles to use San Augustine Beach....what would be done to keep the public passersby on the curvy Ranch road from driving themselves down to Bulito and Drakes as they drive toward San Augustine.? How would the limits be enforced (and paid for)? Protection for Sacate, Alegria, and Agua Caliente should be provided by using guided tour access, a reservation system, and the use of shuttle or managed trained tour guide only group access.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I could see allowing a pedestrian only trail to access Agua Caliente Beach. The diehard surfers have been walking by beach from Gaviota for decades to surf Hollister Ranch, and would no doubt love to have a pedestrian trail to use to make it easier.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The idea of keeping public access to the Eastern beaches makes good sense....closer to the entrance, keeps traffic down, especially in those areas of the Ranch where agricultural concerns (such as cattle) and winding road safety is an issue.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I feel access to any eastern beaches should be by a reservation system, managed, ideally by shuttle, never in private vehicles, and in guided groups. A hiking trail might be another option to consider, however, again, used with a reservation system. Bikes can't really be considered, as Hollister Ranch owners themselves aren't allowed to use E bikes of any kind on the beach itself. How would the public be allowed to use E bikes if private Ranch owners themselves aren't allowed to do so? A multiuse trail would cause problems for enforcement of ebikes on the beach. But a pedestrain trail to the Eastern beaches with reservations might work.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Managed group access with a guide, and a reservation system are most important to me in order to protect Hollister Ranch resources. Shuttle only by reservation with guides. Never private vehicle access. No multi use trails. Pedestrian trail only. (E bikes could destroy the beaches of Hollister Ranch, that's why the Ranch owners themselves are subject to strict rules and are not allowed to use E bikes on the beaches.)

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I propose guided, managed with reservation only access to only the first two beaches, Agua Caliente or Alegria. Shuttle only. No private vehicles. Limited numbers. Pedestrian only trail allowed to the first two eastern beaches only.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I've been to Hollister Ranch many times....UCSB researchers are doing many studies in the tidepools near Alegria. I've seen their study areas. How can we protect their ongoing work once the public is allowed to use the beach? Let's make sure the public isn't allowed to do things that private Ranch owners themselves aren't allowed to do, such as use E bikes on the beach. Owners are assessed fees every year to maintain the road from the entrance gate through the Ranch...how do they get reimbursed for road maintenance costs by the state once public access happens? Will they be reimbursed for the loss of their property values once the public is allowed access? How will the good work of the Hollister Ranch Conservancy and Preserve to protect the natural resources be maintained as a priority when allowing public access? Reservations, and guided group access is essential for this, in my opinion.

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text

Response No: 52

Contribution ID: 3505
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 14, 2025, 04:00 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

All visitation should be strongly guided to protect the pristine environment.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This Option allows too much uncontrolled access and presents a serious risk to the cultural and eological assets.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

This Option provides too much uncontrolled access which presents a serious risk to cultural and ecological assets.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

This method does not provide protection for the cultural and ecological resources and should not be employed.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Individual uncontrolled access presents a serious risk to the cultural and ecological resources and should not be allowed.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

This option would be a disaster for the cultural and ecological resources and shouild not be implemented.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Why is there a "No Project Option" as normally required by CEQUA

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93110

Response No: 53

Contribution ID: 3502
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 14, 2025, 01:32 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text I don't like option 1 at all. Having guided tours is not even close to having the type of broad public access that California citizens deserve. The Ranch people have enjoyed their own private beach playground for far too long!

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text We need broad public access to these beaches. Build the infrastrucure needed to allow individual cars to drive up and enjoy the coast line. It is our right as California citizens and tax payers.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text We can already walk in along the beach at low tide. Having a permanent trial sounds fine but it does not improve things that much.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Why do we need to forgo anything? Rich Ranch property owners have restricted access to this entire coast for way too long. It is time to open this coast up to public access.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Allergia (Razors) and Drakes have the best surf. You need more parking at each of these spots.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text We need to figure out how to implement public access with reservations, etc ... The Ranch people will push back but we need to aim for as most access as possible now that the door is open.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text No shuttle access. No guided tours. Cultural sensitivity ... you have got to be kidding me?! I surfed up there for years a long time ago. The Ranch people drove their trucks all over the beaches.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All of these beaches should be open to public access.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text I actually kind of like this plan, especially as a first phase.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text N/A

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Yes, this is the best plan. It will not be easy and will not be cheap but it is the right course to take.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Don't bother with guided tours or shuttles. Use those funds to build out the required infrastructure.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Thanks for all the time, effort and energy which is going into this project. I understand the scope and complexity. It is importan for future generations of Californians to have meaningful access to this incredible coastline.

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Short Text 93023

Response No: 54

Contribution ID: 3500
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 14, 2025, 09:54 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Stop wasting the taxpayers money on this ; use my taxes for public safety , education and healthcare improvements . Properly support and maintain Gaviota and Jalama Beach Parks .

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text

Response No: 55

Contribution ID: 3499
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 14, 2025, 07:15 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Access

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Reduced number of beaches

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Pedestrian access

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Phased implementation approach

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Bus fine. Could skip cars.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Phase in

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Access is the most important part.

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Short Text 93105

Response No: 56

Contribution ID: 3497
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 13, 2025, 03:18 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text None of them.The only reason I want to visit this place is to surf.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Access to the surf

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Access.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Access to surf breaks to surf.Not interested in hanging out on the beach.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Shuttle

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Access to surf breaks.The only reason I would visit this place

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text All of them. I just want to surf and have minimal impact on the land

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I am a surfer and the only reason I would visit this place is to surf. I understand tourist would have the most impact on this place by bringing food and leaving trash that would attract birds and animals. I believe surfers have the least amount of impact to this place

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Short Text 93483

Response No: 57

Contribution ID: 3496
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 13, 2025, 01:31 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Tour Guide to educate and preserve delicate environment. To watch for intrusion into private land areas.
But, where will the guests be able to " go to the bathroom"?

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The number of guest or number of days available

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The premise of this Survey is flawed. The Public already has access to the HR. Last week I saw an Electric Quad from Gaviota on Agua Caliente Beach. I often see Surfers walking to Razorblades Surfing beach at Alegria. Also Surfers OFTEN access the entire HR by Boat. Stand up Paddle Surfers OFTEN Paddle to HR Beaches. Just because it takes some effort, doesn't mean there is not Access already for the Public.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The trail

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Too many guests. Too few restroom facilities

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The number of beaches

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Limit access to the beaches the public can already walk too!
Charge road use and trash pick up

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I'm an owner on Parcel # 122 (Agua Caliente beach access. The Beach section East of the Tressel has frequent land slides and sensitive Sea life. The Public can easily walk to these beaches with a bit of planning and effort

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

There are NO restrooms there

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Too Many people
To much potential environmental destruction.
To much private property rights Violation

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I could forgo the entire option

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

How would the Property owners be compensated for property value loss

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Short Text

Response No: 58

Contribution ID: 3493
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 13, 2025, 09:14 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None of these options are viable. By granting public access to pristine beaches and woodlands you are creating an environmental disaster. The end users and state employees/programs will not treat the land/waters as the current owners of the area do. The trash/pollution and lack of respect for the land/waters is just not there. Just take a look at what happened to Trestles (State Park in Northern San Diego). The Trestle beaches were turned into a State beach in the early 1970's. The beaches and surrounding lands have become overcrowded, trash is everywhere, electric bikes (in the 100's on a daily basis) have all destroyed the once pristine coastline. The State cannot keep up with trash removal. Outhouses get turned over constantly, people throw trash onto the beaches (right next to trash cans), people walk through pristine environmental areas crushing native vegetation. Let's be realistic, all of these options are a terrible idea for the land and water.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

All options are bad. The public already has access to all water activities, access by boat only.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Same as option #1

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Boat only

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Same as #1

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No access

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Same as #1

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No Access

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Same as #1

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No Access

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Same as #1

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No Access

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

All options are terrible and will only destroy the current pristine coastline. There are numerous private areas with pristine coastlines in Santa Barbara with much easier access than the Hollister Ranch. I don't understand the need to provide access to this particular zone. There is no possible way that the State will be able to protect and keep the zone safe and pristine. On a safety front you do not understand how remote and harsh this zone can be. If for some reason a guest is hurt or injured in someway or needs help/assistance, that help is at a minimum 1 hour away. The surf along this stretch of coast can get very big, the water is cold 10 months a year, the wind blows hard. People do get hurt there, they know how to handle the situation and usually have to do it on their own. I have been fortunate enough to have had access to this zone since the 1970's, either by boat or through a friend who owns property there. I have seen other parts of our coast get destroyed by opening up private or closed beaches to the public. Trestles is the perfect example. Beaches destroyed, tide pools stripped clean of native species of wildlife, beach access trails created through native landscapes by people walking where ever they want, trash left everywhere, etc. If the State wants to safe our environment, leave this stretch of coastline alone. The current stewards of the land/water are doing an excellent job maintaining the area.

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Short Text 92672

Response No: 59

Contribution ID: 3487
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 12, 2025, 04:08 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

First and Foremost the Hollister Ranch and their Roads are private and cross Private Property. The idea of you all sitting in an office claiming and planning taking over our private property that I spent every penny I ever made to be able to be an owner here is ridiculous. There is public access that people have used for many years. You can walk in at low to medium tides, you can boat in, you can also be part of all the field trips that come in with Wounded Veterans, or Children on field trips, or students studying the Chumash Indians and this Sacred Land " The Gateway Of The Souls" as they call it is the most sacred place on the Planet. It's not all owned by Billionaires. I bought in in 1985 and had to buy it 3 more times when Partners died and I had " First Right Of Refusal". So e Rey penny I ever made I saved and became an Owner. If you think you all are gonna just drive right in you might need to rethink your greed. If you want in, purchase a property and come in, but as far as all these ridiculous hypothetical dreams you have won't be met with open arms. This has gone on long enough. You want in , do what we all had to do as owners, Buy it.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

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Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

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Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

First and Foremost the Hollister Ranch and their Roads are private and cross Private Property. The idea of you all sitting in an office claiming and planning taking over our private property that I spent every penny I ever made to be able to be an owner here is ridiculous. There is public access that people have used for many years. You can walk in at low to medium tides, you can boat in, you can also be part of all the field trips that come in with Wounded Veterans, or Children on field trips, or students studying the Chumash Indians and this Sacred Land " The Gateway Of The Souls" as they call it is the most sacred place on the Planet. It's not all owned by Billionaires. I bought in in 1985 and had to buy it 3 more times when Partners died and I had " First Right Of Refusal". So e Rey penny I ever made I saved and became an Owner. If you think you all are gonna just drive right in you might need to rethink your greed. If you want in, purchase a property and come in, but as far as all these ridiculous hypothetical dreams you have won't be met with open arms. This has gone on long enough. You want in , do what we all had to do as owners, Buy it.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

First and Foremost the Hollister Ranch and their Roads are private and cross Private Property. The idea of you all sitting in an office claiming and planning taking over our private property that I spent every penny I ever made to be able to be an owner here is ridiculous. There is public access that people have used for many years. You can walk in at low to medium tides, you can boat in, you can also be part of all the field trips that come in with Wounded Veterans, or Children on field trips, or students studying the Chumash Indians and this Sacred Land " The Gateway Of The Souls" as they call it is the most sacred place on the Planet. It's not all owned by Billionaires. I bought in in 1985 and had to buy it 3 more times when Partners died and I had " First Right Of Refusal". So e Rey penny I ever made I saved and became an Owner. If you think you all are gonna just drive right in you might need to rethink your greed. If you want in, purchase a property and come in, but as far as all these ridiculous hypothetical dreams you

have won't be met with open arms. This has gone on long enough. You want in , do what we all had to do as owners, Buy it.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text First and Foremost the Hollister Ranch and their Roads are private and cross Private Property. The idea of you all sitting in an office claiming and planning taking over our private property that I spent every penny I ever made to be able to be an owner here is ridiculous. There is public access that people have used for many years. You can walk in at low to medium tides, you can boat in, you can also be part of all the field trips that come in with Wounded Veterans, or Children on field trips, or students studying the Chumash Indians and this Sacred Land " The Gateway Of The Souls" as they call it is the most sacred place on the Planet. It's not all owned by Billionaires. I bought in in 1985 and had to buy it 3 more times when Partners died and I had " First Right Of Refusal". So e Rey penny I ever made I saved and became an Owner. If you think you all are gonna just drive right in you might need to rethink your greed. If you want in, purchase a property and come in, but as far as all these ridiculous hypothetical dreams you have won't be met with open arms. This has gone on long enough. You want in , do what we all had to do as owners, Buy it.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text First and Foremost the Hollister Ranch and their Roads are private and cross Private Property. The idea of you all sitting in an office claiming and planning taking over our private property that I spent every penny I ever made to be able to be an owner here is ridiculous. There is public access that people have used for many years. You can walk in at low to medium tides, you can boat in, you can also be part of all the field trips that come in with Wounded Veterans, or Children on field trips, or students studying the Chumash Indians and this Sacred Land " The Gateway Of The Souls" as they call it is the most sacred place on the Planet. It's not all owned by Billionaires. I bought in in 1985 and had to buy it 3 more times when Partners died and I had " First Right Of Refusal". So e Rey penny I ever made I saved and became an Owner. If you think you all are gonna just drive right in you might need to rethink your greed. If you want in, purchase a property and come in, but as far as all these ridiculous hypothetical dreams you have won't be met with open arms. This has gone on long enough. You want in , do what we all had to do as owners, Buy it.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text First and Foremost the Hollister Ranch and their Roads are private and cross Private Property. The idea of you all sitting in an office claiming and planning taking over our private property that I spent every penny I ever made to be able to be an owner here is ridiculous. There is public access that people have used for many years. You can walk in at low to medium tides, you can boat in, you can also be part of all the field trips that come in with Wounded Veterans, or Children on field trips, or students studying the Chumash Indians and this Sacred Land " The Gateway Of The Souls" as they call it is the most sacred place on the Planet. It's not all owned by Billionaires. I bought in in 1985 and had to buy it 3 more times when Partners died and I had " First Right Of Refusal". So e Rey penny I ever made I saved and became an Owner. If you think you all are gonna just drive right in you might need to rethink your greed. If you want in, purchase a property and come in, but as far as all these ridiculous hypothetical dreams you have won't be met with open arms. This has gone on long enough. You want in , do what we all had to do as owners, Buy it.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text First and Foremost the Hollister Ranch and their Roads are private and cross Private Property. The idea of you all sitting in an office claiming and planning taking over our private property that I spent every penny I ever made to be able to be an owner here is ridiculous. There is public access that people have used for many years. You can walk in at low to medium tides, you can boat in, you can also be part of all the field trips that come in with Wounded Veterans, or Children on field trips, or students studying the Chumash Indians and this Sacred Land " The Gateway Of The Souls" as they call it is the most sacred place on the Planet. It's not all owned by Billionaires. I bought in in 1985 and had to buy it 3 more times when Partners died and I had " First Right Of Refusal". So e Rey penny I ever made I saved and became an Owner. If you think you all are gonna just drive right in you might need to rethink your greed. If you want in, purchase a property and come in, but as far as all these ridiculous hypothetical dreams you have won't be met with open arms. This has gone on long enough. You want in , do what we all had to do as owners, Buy it.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text First and Foremost the Hollister Ranch and their Roads are private and cross Private Property. The idea of you all sitting in an office claiming and planning taking over our private property that I spent every penny I ever made to be able to be an owner here is ridiculous. There is public access that people have used for many years. You can walk in at low to medium tides, you can boat in, you can also be part of all the field trips that come in with Wounded Veterans, or Children on field trips, or students studying the Chumash Indians and this Sacred Land " The Gateway Of The Souls" as they call it is the most sacred place on the Planet. It's not all owned by Billionaires. I bought in in 1985 and had to buy it 3 more times when Partners died and I had " First Right Of Refusal". So e Rey penny I ever made I saved and became an Owner. If you think you all are gonna just drive right in you might need to rethink your greed. If you want in, purchase a property and come in, but as far as all these ridiculous hypothetical dreams you have won't be met with open arms. This has gone on long enough. You want in , do what we all had to do as owners, Buy it.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

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Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

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Response No: 60

Contribution ID: 3486
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Long Text

1. Guided is essential and agrees with current practices at Hollister Ranch.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

1. "Managed" access without guided access is uncontrollable.
2. Pedestrian trail is dangerous and unfeasible.
3. Public access already exists.
4. Natural resources must be protected.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

1. Public access already exists
2. Private individual access is dangerous, bad for natural resources.
3. Plan contains no provision for state liability for accidents, etc.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

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1. Pedestrian trail dangerous, costly and without provisions for liability. Where would visitors park to access the trail?
2. Large scale access to few beaches impose too much human traffic problems.
3. Natural and cultural resources must be protected more carefully.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

1. No explanation of the high costs. What's being hidden here?
2. Protecting western beaches is one benefit, but pressure on eastern areas would degrade environmental and cultural resources.
3. Trail is dangerous and state must be willing to assume building, maintenance and liability costs.

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Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

1. This option ignores environmental and cultural degradation that big crowds inevitably bring. Consult environmental scientists.
2. Private vehicular access means untrained motorists wander without restraint.
3. Access must be guided and groups must be small to continue the protection that Hollister Ranch has fostered for the past 50 years.

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All options ignore several key factors.
1. Public access already exists.
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5. Above the mean high tide zone, the rights of private property owners are being ignored.

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Long Text

forgo access to all beaches except San Augustine and Bulito- and forgo providing all recreational activities. Limit to sitting on beach and reading a book.

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Long Text

pedestrian trail

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willing to forgo access to Drakes and secate. Limit recreation at Drakes and Secate.

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Long Text

Q13 Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.

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Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?

Long Text

All of the options are terrible.

I write to express strong opposition to opening Hollister Ranch to unrestricted public access and to the implementation of Assembly Bill 1680. For legal, public-safety, environmental, and fiscal reasons, this proposal is deeply flawed and poses serious and foreseeable risks that far outweigh any purported benefit.

I. AB 1680 Is Unconstitutional Under Settled Supreme Court Precedent

AB 1680 effects a per se physical taking of private property in violation of the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution. The statute authorizes the State to compel private landowners to allow continuous public access across privately owned ranch roads and lands without providing just compensation.

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III. Serious Medical and Emergency-Response Risks

The nearest hospital is more than 1.5 hours away, and there is little to no reliable cell service throughout the ranch. In the event of a medical emergency—such as a heart attack, severe injury, or allergic reaction—emergency

response would be delayed significantly, with potentially fatal consequences.

Opening the ranch to public access would knowingly place members of the public in an environment where emergency medical care is difficult to access, difficult to locate, and slow to reach. That risk is obvious, foreseeable, and unacceptable.

IV. Extreme Fire Risk and Catastrophic Evacuation Concerns

Hollister Ranch lies in a high fire-hazard zone with dense vegetation and limited ingress and egress. There is effectively only one primary exit route. Evacuation under emergency conditions would be extremely difficult, particularly if members of the public are unfamiliar with the terrain and road system.

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Short Text 92024

Response No: 63

Contribution ID: 3480
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 12, 2025, 12:35 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Low impact to existing users. Users include owners, boat access users, shoreline walk-in users. Guided tours could be customized for specific groups, birders, tidepool explorers, surfers, hikers.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Anyone who has dealt with surveys and polls knows you can get the results you want by asking the right questions. This survey is the living proof of that.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I totally question the low operational cost of managed tours. Who will organize the tours? Who will lead the tours? Who will clean up after the tours? Volunteers? You will get what you pay for. And Implementation Costs are low? I would like to see that penciled out.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Delete all the managed tours or guided tours. Just a pedestrian trail using the horizontal beach access as much as possible with vertical access only where the beach access is impossible.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Oh, right The shuttles would just appear, they would cost anything. And of course there wouldn't be any infrastructure needs, people could use the shuttle as a bathroom. You guys are on drugs!

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

All the above

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

WTF? Emphasize Resource Protection, is in conflict with medium high levels of visitor access. I would submit this as proof that the HRCAP is committed to maximum access and not resource protection.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

So this is the surfing option, Who will subsidize the surfers ability to get to the two best breaks in The Ranch, which is what we are talking about here. California tax payers in Fresno will be asked to pay for a shuttle so surfers can ride to a break they can access by boat or by foot as they do now. I can see the campaign slogan now, "Help the white surfers". Shouldn't the cost of the access fall on those who use that access? The non owner surfers now pay, with the cost of their boat or the effort of their walk to surf an semi uncrowded wave. The access plan would shift that cost to non surfers and would degrade the very thing that makes the resource valuable.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

make the walk easier, safer, and call it a day.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

this is the HRCAP wet dream

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

all the above

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

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Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

During the first public workshop, back pre Covid, after the sessions with participants in goups, Sam George , a surf influencer noted that the majority of the participants were surfers and his take was that the majority of surfers were against an 500 person a day access program that would kill the very thing that makes Hollister Ranch special. I have not seen from the HRCAP an acknowledgement that an uncrowded surfing experience is a recourse worth preserving, or even, that it's loss would be a cost.

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93067

Response No: 64

Contribution ID: 3479
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 12, 2025, 12:28 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text I believe that HR should be open to the public but with controlled access. The beauty of the coastline has been preserved and is the last bit of undeveloped coastline in Southern California. The wildlife roams freely throughout the HR. Controlled access is the only way to continue to preserve and keep the Gaviota Coast Wild.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I am not willing to forego anything . Controlled access would allow visitation to all the beaches. Someone needs to be responsible for the people visiting the ranch to protect residence both animal and human, from fire, theft, and disturbance of the Nature Preserve.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text This is not an option. No walking trail, high fire danger and no control over the people walking the trail. Who is going to watch and be sure that the visitors stay on the trail. Prevent them from camping. Smoking, or bothering the cattle or wildlife. Is the park service going to be sure the people leave? If they are insured who is responsible for them. Also the park service has not maintained the trails already made along the coast . Why not put the money into opening up those. Gaviota pier should be reopened.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text No on this access
please go to Hollisterranch.org and you will see why nothing works but controlled access .Also look at what the ranch is already doing to provide access and why not expand thru the methods already in place.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Controlled access only

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text No no no controlled access only
Again go to Hollisterranch.org you can see what is being protected at all the beaches. Also private cars on the road is a definite no. Who is going to be sure they don't wander on private property. Build fires or camp? The ranch monitors all visitors and the owner who leaves their name at the gate is responsible for them. If they go to the beach areas an owner has to be with them. Is the Park Service going to monitor each visitor?

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Again go to Hollisterranch.org and see what is being protected on each beach

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Controlled access only!

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Controlled access only

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Why must you ruin the last piece of coastline that's wild in Southern California. Keep Gaviota Wild!!

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Keep Gaviota Wild!!

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
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Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

You need to do an Environmental Impact study to see how you can provide access without destroying the natural habitats. Keep Gaviota Wild.
You should look at what's already being done to provide access by the HR Preserve and see how you could build on those programs.
Provide more access by opening the Gaviota Pier.
The Park service is already under staffed. Use the money put toward access to the HR and fix the trail between El Cap and Refugio Parks.
Keep Gaviota Wild!!

Controlled access would reduce liabilities example: a surf tour would be sure that the surfers are able to handle the surf at the ranch and have someone there watching in case a surfers in trouble. Also if you opened the pier, surfers would have access to the waves and all the beaches.

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text

93117

Response No: 65

Contribution ID: 3477
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 12, 2025, 11:10 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text: disabled beach access and use 3 rd option sunrise to 2 hours after sundown

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: supervision 6th ok

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text: disabled

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: no need for supervision

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text: same

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: none

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text: same

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: none

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text: same

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: full use

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text: same

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: full use

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text: open main areas litter control sand access

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 92651

Response No: 66

Contribution ID: 3476
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 12, 2025, 09:00 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text: Access. But more than just guided tours.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: None

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text: Access.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: None

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text: Access

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: None

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text: Access

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: None

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text: Access

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: None

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text: High public free access.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: None

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Open the beaches to the public like they should have been when I was a teenager (I am now 71 years old). Get on with it. Beaches should not be owned by the rich, which is what this is really all about.

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Q16 Enter your 5-digit Zipcode

Short Text

Response No: 67

Contribution ID: 3473
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 10:39 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Security -- I have a hard time trusting the public with abiding by and respecting the rules to protect nature and not harm the environment.

I am also concerned about increased traffic with guided tours. I appreciate the boundaries the guided tours provide, but I wonder how often these tours would take place. Perhaps each beach could rotate monthly.

I personally don't believe beaches past Sacate should be included due to cultural sensitivity, traffic/road safety, wildlife, and cattle safety.

A guided tour or managed group is the most favorable proposition due to someone or a team being responsible for managing authorized groups.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I believe ONLY Alegria and Agua Caliente Beach should be accessed. Anything further feels problematic due to the reasons I wrote prior.

I don't think there should be any unattended access at all.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Option 3 should not be considered at all. There are too many adverse considerations:
I have a hard time trusting the public to abide by and respect the rules to protect nature and not harm the environment.

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Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I disagree with this option. There should not be private individual access, especially to the farthest beach. The roads are just not safe, especially at night.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Disagree with this option. I am more in favor of GUIDED AND MANAGED groups to ENSURE the public does not do harm to the land, wildlife, cattle, or property.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Disagree with this option. Too costly, too hard to manage the public.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I think the only feasible compromise will be managed groups or guided tours to the first beaches. The roads and land cannot sustain anything further.

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93105

Response No: 68

Contribution ID: 3472
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 10:34 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Protecting the natural environment from pollution, litter, misuse, and abuse.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Unregulated public access.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided tour access, low cost

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Unregulated public access, but do not add a trail, it will become a target for misuse, and encampments if not maintained. Maintenance of such a trail would prove to be expensive and would anger private property owners.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided Tour access.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This would approach would prove very difficult to maintain, would cost a lot, and could easily spiral out of control.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Eastern beaches are very dangerous, and are a public health hazard especially when individuals inevitably mix alcohol and drugs with recreation.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private individual access.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The high levels of public access would unfortunately destroy a pristine natural environment.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private individual access, multi-use trail.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text

Response No: 69

Contribution ID: 3471
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 10:18 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text: Access. Being able to fish and surf. This option seems unfeasable though.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: None

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text: Faster access vs option 1. Trail access would be awesome. Wife and I would enjoy visiting on foot. Trail access is limited though. It should stretch to San Agustine Beach.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: None

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text: None. Don't like the idea of cars and shuttles. Would prefer a trail for walking and/or biking.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: Car access and shuttles

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text: None. Limited trail and no access to Drakes and Bulito. Bad Options. Trail should extend through entire ranch.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: Driving and shuttles

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text: Multi use trail.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: Car and shuttle

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text: Multi use trail access

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: Car and shuttle access

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

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Long Text:

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93117

Response No: 70

Contribution ID: 3470
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 09:22 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text I think it's critical to balance access with environmental and cultural resource protection. This Option seems to strike an appropriate balance, as well as recognize the feasibility and prudence of allowing for a managed number of people to use the property given the limited access and egress routes available in an emergency.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I'm not sure it's critical that all beaches be accessible. I don't get the sense there is a huge outcry from the public for access, so maintaining the right balance of access to impacts avoidance might be achieved without needing all beaches to be available.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text The question is whether unguided access makes sense for such a pristine site? I'm inclined to want to limit it to guided access, recognizing the mischief unguided access can allow.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text The environmental impacts of building a trail also concern me. I'd rather have more guided access than build a trail.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text I think this option rightly recognizes that access to all the beaches is not necessary, but I don't necessarily think you need to provide more access to a couple of beaches in order to make up for not accessing others. That just puts more environmental impacts on the accessed beaches. The goal should be managed access that minimizes environmental impacts. That seems to be to be best served by having guided visits--the guides might decide where it makes sense to visit based on the season, weather, etc. to help best preserve sensitive habitats, etc.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I don't think you need more access to a couple of beaches to make up for not granting access to others. Instead I would adopt a managed access program with guided visits, and the locations can be chosen based on the interest of the tour participants and the guide and ranches expertise as to where to go when to avoid habitat impacts, per above.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text This doesn't seem like a very realistic approach. Given the limited access and egress how would allowing private access under this proposal accommodate evacuation in a wildfire or flood for example. How could emergency vehicles navigate with unguided public access? We have very few unspoiled places in California. I'd rather see an emphasis on additional access for researchers, and other programs to help inform how we manage other public resources.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Most of them -- the key here is to be realistic about what's possible from an environmental protection and maintaining the public health and welfare of visitors. A guide ensures rangers know where people are at all times and can avoid sacred sites, sensitive nesting habitats at certain times of year, etc. I don't think more degradation of certain areas and less at others is a great solution.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text I get the idea, but I still like the idea of limited public access with tour guides the best. The beaches accessed could change depending on the circumstances to best balance environmental protection and public access.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text same as above

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text This seems entirely unfeasible just from a public safety standpoint -- it's a narrow road so access and egress, particularly from the farthest beaches, seems untenable. I'm also not convinced the public desire has been

demonstrated to warrant the kinds of improvements this would require. Has there been any kind of a survey or work done to demonstrate how many people are seriously worried about public access? The park closest to the entrance is closed much of the year and in need of repairs -- that tells me that the impacts of unfettered access, even to part of the ranch, is not warranted.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

see above.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Response No: 71

Contribution ID: 3469
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 08:50 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This does not really seem like an opening of the beaches to the public, anymore than opening a museum for tours only means that the museum is open. I don't really understand how this is an option. This seems like the landowners thought this up in order to keep the area closed. This is not a good plan at all.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Open California beaches to the people of California, period.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Open a pedestrian trail and let all Californians enjoy California beaches.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Beach and biking to the westernmost beaches.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Open all the beaches.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

By far the best option that you have proposed. Let the people get to all the beaches. Period. Shuttles and planned tours are just invented by the ranch owners to prevent people from coming in, under the pretense that they are making "sensitive" areas protected. Every beach in CA has sensative needs. Why does the Ranch deserve special protection except that owners are seeking to make access more difficult.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
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Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text

Response No: 72

Contribution ID: 3468
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 08:23 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text "High level" of public access at all beaches at Hollister

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would sacrifice quick implentation to achieve the widest access and to ensure permanent resources for long-term operational costs

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text High priority to fund pedestrian trails. Guided group tours are NOT adequate

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Quick implementation is not crucial

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text I reject the shrinking of access to beaches. All beaches must be accessible, and the majority must be accessible for individual users. The use of shuttles exists only to protect the legal privacy of property owners. Diminishing legal access in any will establish new regressive precedents that could be applied up and down the coast.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would be willing to combine access to two (only) beaches for both group and individual visitations.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text I reject completely the refusal of access to two beaches. This action would defy the laws and goals of the CCC. No backsliding on traditional guidelines and goals.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text As I mentioned in the previous level of implementation, I would allow a mixture of group and individual visitation to two of the beaches, permitting individual be visits at all other beaches

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text My highest priorities are high individual access and the crestion of a multi-use trail.Why should we backtrack on types of historical usage permitted and required by California. We are fighting private landowners who would see limited access to beaches or trails as a VICTORY over historical. We, the public, should not be bullied by private interests or resources.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I'm willing to forego quick completion of access and full implementation of new trails.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text This option is the one that most fully reflects historical precedent of full access to beaches established over decades by CCC and California law. Why should we allow the Hollister Ranch settlement to weaken these precedents—-potentially allowing property owners across the State to revisit and revise earlier precedents and rulings? Stand firm!

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text See my previous comment

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Option 6 is my #1 priority. Option 5 is #2 priority. Option 4 is my #3 priority. Option 2 is my #4 priority.

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Short Text 90291

Response No: 73

Contribution ID: 3467
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 07:59 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text The pedestrian trail

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Managed group access and guided tour access

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Private individual access

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Guided tour access

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Private individual access and Pedestrian access.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Managed group access

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Private individual access and multi use trail accesss

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Independent shuttle access

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Private Individual access and Multi use trail access

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Guided Tour Access

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text 93001

Response No: 74

Contribution ID: 3465
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 07:57 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text: Nothing it is more of the same--just an attempt to deny costal access

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: nothing is worth adopting from this plan

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text: still another attempt to deny access

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: build some parking lots near the beach and potable toilets

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text: nothing

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: make the beaches accessible

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text: no

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: no

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text: the worst of all

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: nothing

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text: better

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: just make parking

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking:
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text: no this is just an attempt to continue the same lack of access

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Short Text

Response No: 75

Contribution ID: 3460
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 07:34 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I do not approve of any of these options. This commercial approach to environmentalism brings unintended consequences. While i greatly appreciate education and exposure to wild areas, programs like these bring concentrated focus when advertised in this manner. There is plentiful and appropriate access to these beaches for those willing to put in the time and energy.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Please see answer to #1

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Please see #1

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Please see #1

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Please see #1

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Please see #1

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text 93109

Response No: 76

Contribution ID: 3459
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 07:14 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text Allows access to the large beaches furthest out (San Augustine & Sacate).

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Drop access to those beaches that are the most sensitive (Bulito & Drakes).

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Trail access, but I would like a dirt trail that goes all the way to Sacate beach (or further) that allows for hiking and biking access.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Drop access to the sensitive Bulito & Drakes beaches.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Access to San Augustine & Sacate beaches.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Drop the shuttle and individual vehicle access & use managed groups and guided tours. Add a dirt trail to Sacate beach that hikers and bicyclists can use & allow access to Sacate, Algeria & Agra Caliente beaches from the trail.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Trail access, but I would like a dirt trail that goes all the way to Sacate beach (or further) that allows for hiking and biking access.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Drop the individual vehicle and shuttle access and use managed group &/or guided tours to San Augustine & Sacate beaches, trail access to Sacate, Algeria & Agua Clientele beaches.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Trail access. Make the trail dirt and allow hikers & bikes to reduce cost.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Drop individual vehicle and shuttle access. Use managed groups and guided tours along with the multi use DIRT trail to reduce cost.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Multi use trail access to Sacate beach. This trail does not need to be paved and thus should not be that expensive to build or maintain. Pismo Preserve is a good example of an 11 mile system of heavily used dirt multi use trails that allow hiking, running, Mtn biking and horseback riding; all of which are compatible. The entire system was built over a 4 month period by volunteers and donations from equestrian groups. It is maintained by volunteers.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Make the trail dirt instead of paved. Eliminate the shuttle and private individual access to all but the first two beaches. Uses guided tours & managed groups to access the other beaches.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

i can’t figure out how to rank them. My highest priority is a multi use dirt trail that goes as far as possible, but at least to Sacate Beach.
If you want individual vehicle access, make it to the first one or two beaches (Algeria & Agua Caliente). Allow no access or guided tours only to the two most sensitive beaches (Bulito & Drakes beaches). Allow guided tours or managed groups to San Augustine & Sacate.

I would like to see equestrian use allowed on the multi use trail.

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Short Text 93420

Response No: 77

Contribution ID: 3458
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 07:12 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text Access to all the beach areas

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Very opposed to this option in its entirety

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Trails available to the public

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Like Option 1, I'm opposed to this limited access

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Access to more of the beaches than in Options 1&2

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Private individual access

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Access to beaches while protecting important areas

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Private individual access

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Again, access

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Private individual access

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text High visitor access

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Multi use trail access

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Only comment is that this long private area should be made available to the public ASAP. Preserving sensitive areas is also important. If access needs to be phased in do to budget considerations, then proceed in that manner.

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Short Text 91311

Response No: 78

Contribution ID: 3456
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 06:48 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text This would be the best way for people to visit then they can tell their friends all about and they can tell them it's just a beach like all the others and not have a chance to pollute or destroy any habitat but overall I don't want any of the public entering private property, spend the money fixing the 3 beach parks on the way to the ranch first all of them need it and fix Gaviota pier and hoist for boat access

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Fix Gaviota pier and the hoist the state just fixed San Simeon's pier and it's beautiful do the same with Gaviota and open the stores at all 3 parks like they used to be. Trespassing on private property because the state won't even fix what they already have, you guys are looking the wrong direction. I have boated there since 1975 and drove in many times, it's not some fantasy beach that the owners are hiding from the public it's well taken care of and zero trash

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text I don't want any access unless guided only fix the other 3 parks along the way and the pier and hoist at Gaviota

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text A boat launch at Gaviota pier is the best access to see the ranch and not impact owners and the roads they paid for it's private property

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Fix the 3 beach parks on the way to the ranch and Gaviota pier and hoist

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Fix the pier and hoist only

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Anyone who knows these beaches are no different than off hope ranch and Goleta there's nothing special besides no trash and crowds it's private property

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text It's private property and only guided tours only and zero surfers for anyone accessing the ranch and a trial run for 3 months only and do 10 years of studies

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Big no for all this to access the ranch fix Gaviota pier

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Big no the road is private property and the state can fix its 3 parks along the way

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Everything that the state touches turns to crap and they can't take care of or maintain what beach parks they already have

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Absolutely no public access it's private property

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

This is private property and the best access is the pier at Gaviota with the hoist working trespassing on someone's property I'm all against it, I see what the public does to beaches and bathrooms I'm not seeing the state even manage it they can't keep a simple rest stop open anywhere in the state

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Short Text 93465

Response No: 79

Contribution ID: 3453
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 05:59 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text THERE SHOULD BE NO PUBLIC ACCESS PERIOD. AND I SAY THIS AS A PERSON WHO DOESN'T HAVE ACCESS INSIDE HOLLISTER RANCH. STOP THE THEFT AND KEEP THIS AREA UNSPOILED.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text THERE SHOULD BE NO PUBLIC ACCESS PERIOD. AND I SAY THIS AS A PERSON WHO DOESN'T HAVE ACCESS INSIDE HOLLISTER RANCH. STOP THE THEFT AND KEEP THIS AREA UNSPOILED.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text THERE SHOULD BE NO PUBLIC ACCESS PERIOD. AND I SAY THIS AS A PERSON WHO DOESN'T HAVE ACCESS INSIDE HOLLISTER RANCH. STOP THE THEFT AND KEEP THIS AREA UNSPOILED.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text THERE SHOULD BE NO PUBLIC ACCESS PERIOD. AND I SAY THIS AS A PERSON WHO DOESN'T HAVE ACCESS INSIDE HOLLISTER RANCH. STOP THE THEFT AND KEEP THIS AREA UNSPOILED.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text THERE SHOULD BE NO PUBLIC ACCESS PERIOD. AND I SAY THIS AS A PERSON WHO DOESN'T HAVE ACCESS INSIDE HOLLISTER RANCH. STOP THE THEFT AND KEEP THIS AREA UNSPOILED.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text THERE SHOULD BE NO PUBLIC ACCESS PERIOD. AND I SAY THIS AS A PERSON WHO DOESN'T HAVE ACCESS INSIDE HOLLISTER RANCH. STOP THE THEFT AND KEEP THIS AREA UNSPOILED.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text THERE SHOULD BE NO PUBLIC ACCESS PERIOD. AND I SAY THIS AS A PERSON WHO DOESN'T HAVE ACCESS INSIDE HOLLISTER RANCH. STOP THE THEFT AND KEEP THIS AREA UNSPOILED.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text THERE SHOULD BE NO PUBLIC ACCESS PERIOD. AND I SAY THIS AS A PERSON WHO DOESN'T HAVE ACCESS INSIDE HOLLISTER RANCH. STOP THE THEFT AND KEEP THIS AREA UNSPOILED.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text THERE SHOULD BE NO PUBLIC ACCESS PERIOD. AND I SAY THIS AS A PERSON WHO DOESN'T HAVE ACCESS INSIDE HOLLISTER RANCH. STOP THE THEFT AND KEEP THIS AREA UNSPOILED.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text THERE SHOULD BE NO PUBLIC ACCESS PERIOD. AND I SAY THIS AS A PERSON WHO DOESN'T HAVE ACCESS INSIDE HOLLISTER RANCH. STOP THE THEFT AND KEEP THIS AREA UNSPOILED.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text THERE SHOULD BE NO PUBLIC ACCESS PERIOD. AND I SAY THIS AS A PERSON WHO DOESN'T HAVE ACCESS INSIDE HOLLISTER RANCH. STOP THE THEFT AND KEEP THIS AREA UNSPOILED.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text THERE SHOULD BE NO PUBLIC ACCESS PERIOD. AND I SAY THIS AS A PERSON WHO DOESN'T HAVE ACCESS INSIDE HOLLISTER RANCH. STOP THE THEFT AND KEEP THIS AREA UNSPOILED.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

THERE SHOULD BE NO PUBLIC ACCESS PERIOD. AND I SAY THIS AS A PERSON WHO DOESN'T HAVE ACCESS INSIDE HOLLISTER RANCH. STOP THE THEFT AND KEEP THIS AREA UNSPOILED.

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Short Text 93422

Response No: 80

Contribution ID: 3452
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 05:44 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Option 1 makes the most sense because the tour will have a trained guide.
The Hollister Ranch is basically a huge nature preserve and in my opinion, should stay that way.
There are many, many beaches to the east of HR that are available for public access.
This rare property should be preserved in its present condition to keep it unspoiled as much as possible by human access.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I prefer only Option 1
A pedestrian trail is a bad idea as it opens the Hollister Ranch to unsupervised public access and could be a disaster for preserving wildlife, both on shore and in the foothills.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I prefer only Option 1.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Do not consider this option. It will destroy the natural preserve that Hollister Ranch now offers!

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The public will spread out all over the Hollister Ranch and destroy its current status as a nature preserve. Do not consider this option.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Do not even think of using this Option for the reasons I have previously mentioned.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

As I previously mentioned, this remote Ranch has offered a nature preserve to on shore and land based wildlife that must be preserved in its present condition.
The public has access to many less remote beaches to the east of the Hollister Ranch.
The State of CA should work on improving access to some of those beaches and only offer an occasional guided tour of HR which would be authorized by the HR homeowners association.

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Short Text

Response No: 81

Contribution ID: 3449
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 05:28 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I think option 1 is excellent as we would be guided, keeping the beaches clean and safe. could we also spend a long time at each beach, to swim, or just enjoy?

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

this is not expensive, but I think the other method options should be added on as time goes by

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Option 2 is also good,, I am not clear on the difference between managed group tour and guided group tours.
Adding a trail is nice for hikers and seems safe.
or will surfers come in hords?

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I think this is where it will end up, but I can go slower with Option 1 and 2, with less committments and time see how things work out
But I love this to be the eventual option 6

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

it gives up two beached, that is enough

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 90405

Response No: 82

Contribution ID: 3448
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 05:26 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided tours make the most sense. This is a sensitive habitat and community that is a working cattle ranch. It would be a huge benefit to the public to have access to these areas

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

that is hard to decide as the current state of the infrastructure would not be able to accommodate extra visitors.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

These managed groups need to be defined. How big is the group? What is their intention?

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Private individual access would regrettably tarnish what makes a beautiful and sensitive area . We look at the many beaches and parks that are not respected, by the visitors and perhaps the folks hired to take care. There are so many beautiful areas in the nearby coastline that need help , adding this to the list of potentially watered down experiences is not a plan I support

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

It is hard to look the other way at any of it. There are too many details left unchecked at this point.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

this mixed use would be hard to patrol and clearly people will take advantage of the resources. Again further compromising the area and threatening th beauty of the area.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

really hard to see how this would work .I cant see this as a good option

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The idea of the eastern beaches seems to trample those areas unnecessarily. The community imbalance is short sighted and unwelcome to the people that might live and work there. Again... Hard to manage and potentially blight on the beauty of the area.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

It is impossible for the individual groups to be trusted

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

It would be important that this vision never happens. Very sorry, but it is a community and preserve.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Please understand that the State of California has so much coastline, so much of it magical and accessible. Certainly there are huge stretches of beach that are not accessible to anyone due to other private access or government restrictions. Why is it necessary to open this area and all that it is trying to protect? Resources and energy to do this is not money well spent. It feels better if the resources had a better vision to fix and protect the areas that are already made available. Tax dollars to help maintain what we have rather than legal fees and dismantling a community to make another beat up area. The magic of what people hope to see will not last. It doesn't feel like a good idea to add more people, traffic, bathrooms, security, paperwork, construction and heart ache. Thank you for your time.

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Email [redacted]

Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 94115

Response No: 83

Contribution ID: 3447
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 05:24 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

maximum public beach access for every Californian

Q15 **Enter your email if you'd like to join the mailing list.**

Email

Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 92110

Response No: 84

Contribution ID: 3444
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 05:18 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text Minimizing the number of visitors and making sure that visitors are guided and supervised. This is one of the last pieces of the California coast that has been protected from development and overuse, and it is essential that protection of this unique natural resource take precedence over public recreation.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would be willing to forgo all access methods except access for legitimate scientific and historic/cultural research, in particular all of the beaches from Sácate westward.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text See option one.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Eliminate the hiking trail.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text This option completely ignores the Coastal Act's primary purpose of protecting the natural environment of the California coast in favor of recreational uses, which already exist along many miles of the coast.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text There should be no option for independent access - the public has shown repeatedly that they cannot be trusted to treat our coastal environment with the care that is necessary to preserve it for the future.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text This is NOT an option that protects natural and cultural resources and it is misleading to label it as such. The amount of private and independent access being proposed, including the hiking trail, would spell devastation for the natural and cultural resources. Drakes and Bulito would still be easily accessible.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would forgo all except limited managed group access.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text No option that allows independent or private individual access is acceptable. No private vehicles including e-bikes.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text See option 4 answer.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Totally unacceptable and not feasible.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All of it.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I did not rank the other 5 option as I do not consider any of them to be acceptable.

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93105

Response No: 85

Contribution ID: 3443
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 05:09 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Least impact on wildlife and native fauna.
Honors the Chumash grave sites.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Nothing to forgo with option one,it represents a balanced and thoughtful outcome.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Higher impact on wildlife and fauna would detrimental to the preserve's ecosystem.
Probability of Chumash gravesites being desecrated .

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Option One better.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Higher impact,wildlife and fauna definitely would be degraded.
Chumash burial grounds would certainly be desecrated.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Not realistic.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

San Augustine is part of Chumash western gate this is highly sensitive and should be protected at all costs.
Wildlife and fauna no less so as it is linked to the Dangermond preserve.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Not feasible.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Indeed safety is paramount.If a fire severed the narrow road out a tragedy could well occur. God forbid.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Any loss of life would be on the State and Coastal Commission.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This would destroy what is supposedly a priority to protect and uphold.Gaviota coast is sacred for many reasons.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Unacceptable.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Q15 **Enter your email if you'd like to join the mailing list.**

Email [redacted]

Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93463

Response No: 86

Contribution ID: 3442
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 05:07 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text None

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Keep the Ranch private

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text No access

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text None

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Buy property

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Buy property. No liberal freeloaders

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text None

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Leave the Ranch alone

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Leave the Ranch alone

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text Please stay away from the Ranch.

Q15 **Enter your email if you'd like to join the mailing list.**

Email [redacted]

Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93111

Response No: 87

Contribution ID: 3441
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 05:02 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text How much will tour access cost?

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text You have been unable to maintain the pedestrian trail between Refugio and El Capitan. Why would you add an additional trail before fixing the existing trail?

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text None. Allowing the general public access to these pristine beaches is a bad idea. Especially considering the condition of the already existing public access points at El Capitan, Refugio and Gaviota.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text None. I reiterate, you are unable to maintain in good condition the already existing coastal access points at Gaviota, Refugio and El Capitan.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text None

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text None. Terrible idea.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Q15 **Enter your email if you'd like to join the mailing list.**

Email [redacted]

Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93401

Response No: 88

Contribution ID: 3440
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 05:00 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Minimal visitors
Guides

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Access to western beaches
Fewer days available
Smaller range of recreational activity

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided access

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Access to all beaches especially western beaches.

Pedestrian trail

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Shuttle
Less beach access

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No individual cars
Remove western beaches

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Shuttle
Cultural protections

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Access to Augustine beach
Private cars

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Prioritizing eastern beaches
Minimizing numbers of visitors
Access to emergency services

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private car access
Trail

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

That this does not happen. This is too much

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Multi use trail
No private cars

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

The only access needs to be shuttles w guides. There seems to be a complete lack of understanding of the remoteness of the beach and the dangers that exist. There is no cell phone coverage. There is no close medical or fire. The only thing that makes sense is guided tours.

Q15 **Enter your email if you'd like to join the mailing list.**

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 92663

Response No: 89

Contribution ID: 3437
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 04:53 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None. The state of commiefornia and its programs will destroy these pristine beaches

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

consider saving money by removing any type of access

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

please do not destroy these pristine beaches by allowing a bunch of tourists to ruin them

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

save money, no access to anyone aside from residents and their guests. kind of like what they do in Laguna Beach at Monarch Beach and Emerald Bay.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

no access, just like they do at Monarch Beach and Emerald Bay in Laguna Beach. you are going to allow tourists to destroy our land

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

stay out go away.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

stay out stop trying to allow for the destruction of pristine beaches

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

go away, take your programs and save money by stopping this nonsense

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

keeping as many beaches out of tourists reach as possible.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

make it just agua caliente and Alegria beaches. too easy to walk from sacate to drakes.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

no access

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

no access

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Q15 **Enter your email if you'd like to join the mailing list.**

Email

Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text

Response No: 90

Contribution ID: 3436
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 04:48 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Q15 **Enter your email if you'd like to join the mailing list.**

Email [redacted]

Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 89410

Response No: 91

Contribution ID: 3435
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 04:43 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Environmental Protection at opening

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Total access

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Highest level of public access with environmental protection.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Auto access.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Resource and cultural protection.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Less access for protection of environment.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Totally opposed to protecting homeowners by restricting beach and road access. Public beaches are a California right.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Protection of cultural and ecological resources.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text I totally support this approach!

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Only protection of all resources

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text Thank you for all the effort.

Q15 **Enter your email if you'd like to join the mailing list.**

Email

Q16 Enter your 5-digit Zipcode

Short Text

Response No: 92

Contribution ID: 3433
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 04:28 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Well...I think we should do a study on the study.
Then...release the results in 2030. Then...do another study. Then...come up with more ideas and strategies.
Then...maybe have public access to these beaches by the time our great great grandchildren are born.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Well...I think we should do a study on the study.
Then...release the results in 2030. Then...do another study. Then...come up with more ideas and strategies.
Then...maybe have public access to these beaches by the time our great great grandchildren are born.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Well...I think we should do a study on the study.
Then...release the results in 2030. Then...do another study. Then...come up with more ideas and strategies.
Then...maybe have public access to these beaches by the time our great great grandchildren are born.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Well...I think we should do a study on the study.
Then...release the results in 2030. Then...do another study. Then...come up with more ideas and strategies.
Then...maybe have public access to these beaches by the time our great great grandchildren are born.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Well...I think we should do a study on the study.
Then...release the results in 2030. Then...do another study. Then...come up with more ideas and strategies.
Then...maybe have public access to these beaches by the time our great great grandchildren are born.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Well...I think we should do a study on the study.
Then...release the results in 2030. Then...do another study. Then...come up with more ideas and strategies.
Then...maybe have public access to these beaches by the time our great great grandchildren are born.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Well...I think we should do a study on the study.
Then...release the results in 2030. Then...do another study. Then...come up with more ideas and strategies.
Then...maybe have public access to these beaches by the time our great great grandchildren are born.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Well...I think we should do a study on the study.
Then...release the results in 2030. Then...do another study. Then...come up with more ideas and strategies.
Then...maybe have public access to these beaches by the time our great great grandchildren are born.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Well...I think we should do a study on the study.
Then...release the results in 2030. Then...do another study. Then...come up with more ideas and strategies.
Then...maybe have public access to these beaches by the time our great great grandchildren are born.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Well...I think we should do a study on the study.
Then...release the results in 2030. Then...do another study. Then...come up with more ideas and strategies.
Then...maybe have public access to these beaches by the time our great great grandchildren are born.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Well...I think we should do a study on the study.
Then...release the results in 2030. Then...do another study. Then...come up with more ideas and strategies.

Then...maybe have public access to these beaches by the time our great great grandchildren are born.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Well...I think we should do a study on the study.
Then...release the results in 2030. Then...do another study. Then...come up with more ideas and strategies.
Then...maybe have public access to these beaches by the time our great great grandchildren are born.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Well...I think we should do a study on the study.
Then...release the results in 2030. Then...do another study. Then...come up with more ideas and strategies.
Then...maybe have public access to these beaches by the time our great great grandchildren are born.

Q15 **Enter your email if you'd like to join the mailing list.**

Email

Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text

Response No: 93

Contribution ID: 3431
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 04:23 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text I think it is a pity to open anything to the public

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I do not believe anything should be open to the public.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Please don't open to the public

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Please preserve the Ranch for perpetuity.
I do not believe it should be opened

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text No public access please

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text No public access please

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Protect everything

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Protect everything

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text No public access

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text No public access

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Do not open to the public

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Do not open to the public

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text Do not allow access

Q15 **Enter your email if you'd like to join the mailing list.**

Email [redacted]

Q16 Enter your 5-digit Zipcode

Short Text

Response No: 94

Contribution ID: 3429
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 04:18 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Just like any other land in California. Open it up for everyone. That is the law. What is all this other stuff. C'mon

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Make our coasts available to everyone

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

make the coast available to everyone.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

make the coast available to everyone. always, at all times. You cannot lock off the coast.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

make the coast available to everyone. always, at all times. You cannot lock off the coast.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

make the coast available to everyone. always, at all times. You cannot lock off the coast.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Better

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Better

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

you can't limit coastal access

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

you can't limit coastal access

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

good

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Good

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Q15 **Enter your email if you'd like to join the mailing list.**

Email

Q16 Enter your 5-digit Zipcode

Short Text

Response No: 95

Contribution ID: 3428
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 04:17 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

i love that it would ensure that sensitive ecosystems like tidepools are protected while also ensuring education happens!

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

i think offering it frequently and with various beaches would be key.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

i think this could also be a good option. It still provides some areas of coast that are protected for wildlife and keeps those under monitored access, while also allowing more recreatio!

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I am concerned about private individual access. I think these are fragile ecosystems and allowing unfettered access to beaches on far side of preserve will lead to degredation of these ecosystems. I also am concerned how access would be limited to these beaches. Increased driving also poses many additional risks - fire risk is increased with more vehicles, and risks to wildlife from vehicles increases. I am not supportive of htis option.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I really do not support this, or. higher access options,

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I do support keeping some beaches, particularly with tidepools as access only with guided tours. I am concerned about all access options that provide unfettered public access, particularly to the further beaches - as i think it will be difficult to control access and limit negative consequences.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Keeping further beaches as no access (or guided access only) reduces some negative conseqwuences, but I still think it is better to keep access more guided/supervised

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I believe this provides too much access to fragile ecosystems, too many difficulties with enforcement, and too many negative consequences with visitors driving all the way across the preserve.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches

Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Q15 **Enter your email if you'd like to join the mailing list.**

Email [redacted]

Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93108

Response No: 96

Contribution ID: 3427
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 11, 2025, 01:19 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The UC Reserve System's Sedgwick Preserve model is a good example of what an 'open-ended' HRCAP program could provide. The Hollister Ranch currently hosts numerous 'wild coast' experiences thru various groups, with no charge to the public. Their approach is should be adopted. A recent Sedgwick email:

"Second Saturday Public Access Day. Saturday, December 13th, 2025, 9:00 AM. Ends between 11:00 and 12:30 depending on the selection. See individual descriptions for details.

Join us for our December Public Access Day! Hike the mesas and valleys around the field station, explore prescribed fire recovery in the southwest corner, experience the impacts of wildfire firsthand with our fire ecology hike, or opt out of hiking entirely to enjoy independent creative time under the oaks!

Docent-led, interpretive hikes allow you to get some miles under your feet, but they do move at a naturalist's pace. You will learn about flora, fauna, geology, history, and more as you immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of this beautiful landscape. We offer multiple hike levels to accommodate a diversity of abilities. In the event of rain, hikes will be cancelled via e-mail by the day before. Kids 12 and under are free. Advanced registration is required. Spaces fill up quickly. Purchase tickets here.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

All methods in Option 1 are unfruitful and difficult at best to implement, other than the Sedwick and Hollister Ranch examples above.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

First of all the elephant in the room, for all 6 options, is the cost of acquisition, which means condemnation and litigation, not to mention the time it would take to resolution.

Secondly, 'early access' is already provided, the other methods are unnecessary. As with all the options there are no provisions for services, including water and bathrooms This option also ignores, as with all the options, the 'cost' that would accrue with the damage inflicted on the flora, fauna, and cultural resources.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The most meaningful and no cost in this option is the pedestrian trail at lower tides along the entire shoreline. It's used by the public who regularly access the trail on the beach that's shared by the Hollister Ranch and Gaviota State Park.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Only guided 'meaningful' access should be provided. Only during certain years and times do those beaches become 'large'.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Skip the shuttle. Carpool instead for VERY limited number of participants in guided groups, ie the UC Sedgwick Preserve and The Santa Barbara. Land Trust Arroyo Hondo Preserve.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Protection and preservation can only be accomplished by low numbers of visitors in small groups with specific educational and/or scientific goals.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forgo "medium high levels" of visitor access.
No shuttles.
No private individual access. No trail.
Also, private individual access would be a disaster for resource protection. Just the increased amount of vehicular traffic along the main road would disrupt the cattle operation, not to mention the wildlife population.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This just makes the access issue worse with more concentrated impacts.

Alegria is a highly sensitive coastal marine habitat. For 30 years the tide pools there have been, and continue to be, a living laboratory for local school children guided by the Hollister Ranch.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No trail. No individual access. No shuttle.

By the way, along with all the other Options the indicated "Hollister Ranch Staging Area" hasn't been mapped out and/or explained. It seems Gaviota Park land along the access road to the Hollister Ranch gate has considerably more room to work with if such a facility was to be constructed.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is totally off the charts. No.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Not feasible.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

None of the Options are preferred.
What do we want this wild coastline to look like in 50 or 100 years along with the few others places like it that remain ?
Do we want what we all hoped the Coastal Act would accomplish? That the wild places be left wild enough that we, and those who follow us, could drink in the sights, sounds, and smells of the land, learn from them, and hear them speak to us about what's important?
This thin line of land / sea interface adjacent to the Hollister Ranch has been, and continues to be, privately preserved and protected. It is a wet line of geographically isolated rock, sand, and headlands that are accessible in a limited way to the public (contrary to the State's claim otherwise).

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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

"visitors to be limited, the timing of visitation to be controlled, and adaptive management to make adjustments over time. The guide would share information on appropriate uses, resource protection, and public safety to promote responsible access."

Cost. The chart does not include purchasing land or easements, or condemning the land to get access. Avoiding discussing this major step misleads the public. This significantly increases the cost and time required. Taxpayers money is desperately needed in other areas of California (like keeping up State Parks).

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Give up the full range of recreational activities. Visitors to be with guide at all times.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Cost. The chart does not include purchasing land or easements, or condemning the land to get access. Avoiding discussing this major step misleads the public. This significantly increases the cost and time required. Taxpayers money is desperately needed in other areas of California (like keeping up State Parks).

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Limit number of beaches. The entire wild coastline has significant cultural and environmental resources. Drop pedestrian trail on road or bluff. Only pedestrian trail on beach from Gaviota.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Cost. The chart does not include purchasing land or easements, or condemning the land to get access. Avoiding discussing this major step misleads the public. This significantly increases the cost and time required. Taxpayers money is desperately needed in other areas of California (like keeping up State Parks).
Private individual access is not feasible as there is no way to control behavior (as demonstrated at the State Parks ~ looting cultural resources, trash, damaging natural resources, fire safety, protection of agriculture, etc.)
You assume there are no significant cultural resources at San Augustine and Sacate, because there has been no major development there and therefore no published studies on these sites. Chumash artifacts have been found on these beaches. The natural features of these areas would have been conductive to Chumash habitation. Both have significant freshwater streams, access to a variety of food sources, and a variety of areas providing protection from the elements. Sacate Canyon was a well know pathway from the Santa Barbara Mission to La Purisima Mission.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Eliminate private individual access. Eliminate the "Hollister Ranch Staging Area" ~ what is this? There are significant environmental, cultural and social impacts to a staging area there.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

No access to Bulito and Drakes. Thank you.
Pedestrian trail from the HR Gate to Agua Caliente is not safe or feasible.
Cost. The chart does not include purchasing land or easements, or condemning the land to get access. Avoiding discussing this major step misleads the public. This significantly increases the cost and time required. Taxpayers money is desperately needed in other areas of California (like keeping up State Parks).
Private individual access is not feasible as there is no way to control behavior (as demonstrated at the State Parks ~ looting cultural resources, trash, damaging natural resources, fire safety, protection of agriculture, etc.)
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Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Eliminate individual vehicle access and provide shuttles only with a knowledgeable, responsible guide who is with the visitor at all times.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Clustering individual vehicle access to the first three beaches will not reduce traffic concerns or problems exiting the ranch in a major emergency ~ like fire. The narrow, dangerous ranch roads could contribute to additional problems with unaware drivers (accidents) during an emergency. Limiting access to the first three beaches will not protect against misbehavior by unsupervised individuals who are unfamiliar with cattle ranching, wildlife, fire danger, looting, poaching, damaging natural and cultural resources.
A multi-use trail is not feasible because of the multiple individual properties that would have to be traversed and therefore individually purchased from each property owner (some with multiple owners). The hills are steep and a long distance from the HR Gate and the beaches. A multi-use trail along the main road is not feasible due to the terrain, the narrow width, sharp turns, the use of the road for cattle movement, and the wild animals that could be encountered.
The cost and time to obtain access rights are not considered and are substantial. Taxpayers are not willing to pay for this and are not willing to wait for what some State representatives think would be the best plan. Work with the HROA to provide access in conjunction with the HROA.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

This plan is not feasible due to incompatibility with agriculture, private property, and natural and cultural resource protection (as required by the Coastal Act). This plan does not "balance" these elements.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This plan is not realistic nor feasible.
The unique quality of Hollister Ranch is that it is relatively untouched and wild. This is the experience that is special and is worth sharing in a responsible manner. If you develop access plans like the ones you are suggesting, you will destroy that which you hope to share.

Remember, Gaviota Park was once part of the Hollister ranches. It too had the special natural and cultural resources that are found on today's Hollister Ranch. Unless Hollister Ranch is carefully managed, as it has been over the past 200 years, it too will be damaged like Gaviota Park. Don't destroy that which you are trying to embrace.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

All of the above.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

The State has not provided an “on the beach” option. This would provide meaningful overland access and be as close to the sights, sounds and smells of the ocean as directed by the Coastal Commission in past communications. An “on the beach” option provides a unique wild coast experience with first hand education about the ocean, the tides, the beach, the coastal geological features, possible cultural artifacts, as well as the flora and fauna found along this coast. It is a sublime experience and the State already owns it.

Parking for the “on the beach” option would be provided at Gaviota State Park, where there are existing bathroom and trash facilities. The State could improve the parking and signage, and provide guided, docent lead, walking tours along the beach. The beach is self-regulating and self-cleaning.

There would be no capital costs to purchase access on private property, no challenges to obtain access across railroad land, no delays due to litigation, no third parties to negotiate with (other than State Parks and an organization to provide docents), and no extended time delays for the startup. Capital costs for parking, signage and other expenses, as well as maintenance expenses, would be going to State Parks to improve the Park for all visitors.

This option should be free (with free Park access and parking) with an on-line registration, and walk-up participation if there was room on the guided tour. An advantage of this docent lead program would be that once a participant experienced the “on the beach” option, they could take advantage of the “on the beach” access at any time on their own, conditions permitting.

An additional version of the “on the beach” access would be to provide a docent lead walk “on the beach” to a predetermined point on Hollister Ranch, with a prearranged shuttle to drive hikers out of the Hollister Ranch back to their parked vehicles at Gaviota Park. This would require coordination with the Hollister Ranch Owners’ Association for hikers to cross onto Hollister Ranch private property and cross the railroad tracks, which would entail additional costs and time.

Another version of “on the beach” access would be for the State to build a bridge over the railroad tracks between two bluffs on Gaviota State Park for pedestrian access to the ocean side of the bluff, with a staircase at an

appropriate place to the beach. This would entail providing public parking, as well as bathroom and trash facilities along the side of the access road. All of these infrastructure improvements may not be feasible due to environmental and cultural resource constraints, and would involve considerable capital outlay and time delays.

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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text None

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Trade off some beach access for no guide requirement

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text None

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Early access with guides doesn't solve the issue of general public access

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Public access

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Worst so far, but all 6 options should be presented simultaneously

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Not bad if phased to implement access to all beaches

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text This is best but appears to be classic over analysis. One option to discourage bad behaviour is to install video cameras in parking lots and/or access points. Cell based, solar powered, cheap and easy.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text need to provide cost estimates for options. Also, is there a 501C3 for this area?

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Response No: 99

Contribution ID: 3409
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

A guided tour is the only way this is going to work. And it should be run by the Hollister Ranch. Hollister Ranch already has a managed access program. This program is working. It's critical to have the least amount of people possible on these beaches at any one time.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

NONE... I am highly opposed to any more public access at Hollister Ranch. The Hollister Ranch already has a managed access program. California should not be spending time and money on this project. There are already 4 state parks around Hollister Ranch that have beach access but need additional funding and improvements. Taking on another project like trying to get increased public access into Hollister Ranch is not right. The money and energy should be spent on other, more pressing California issues.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

There is no rush to get this done quickly. Most of these options will not work. A Hollister Ranch guided tour by the HR is the only option. The Hollister Ranch already has a managed access program so let's focus on that.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

none

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Not an option

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Overall, I am highly opposed to increasing public access into Hollister Ranch. The Hollister Ranch already has a managed access program that is working so let's build on that. There are too many challenges with trying to open up Hollister Ranch to the public. It will not work and it will ruin the Hollister Ranch. Plus, it will be very expensive and the State should not be spending money on projects like this. What about the 4 state parks that are next to the Hollister Ranch (Refugio, El Capitan, Gaviota and Jalama). Lets focus on spending our tax dollars on upgrading those parks. Is there really a dire need for more beach access in this area? California has major issues right now so let's focus on the areas of greatest need and stop fighting with the Hollister Ranch for more public access. It's a waste of time and money.

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Response No: 100

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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Respect for private property is mentioned as one of the key considerations during the introduction, but is not mentioned as a variable when discussing the actual options. This option makes sense to me as it respects private property while prioritizing access for people with genuine interest in the ecology and history of the ranch. This also mimics what I've seen with other points of interest located on private property. For example, tours of famous private estates (castles, etc.) People can't just come in and do whatever they want on the grounds or in the buildings, they are guided both as a benefit to the visitor and to ensure preservation and respect for the location.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I think there is a (mostly) unspoken factor in this entire discussion which revolves around surfing. This one activity, which shouldn't be the highest priority for public access, is probably the most important factor for ranch owners. If you took surfing off the table, I think it would be vastly easier to have willing participants in a public access program at the ranch. If the primary stated objective is to provide broad public access, especially for underserved groups, it shouldn't be a big sacrifice to prohibit surfboards on guided tours. Yet, that small gesture would eliminate significant consternation not to mention improve feasibility by conserving space on shuttles and improving the visitor experience for the majority of people who are non-surfers. If I'm interested in seeing rare bird species at the ranch, I wouldn't want to be on a shuttle with a bunch of bros lugging big board bags.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided tours remain the most sensible option in my mind. This could prioritize underserved communities and people with genuine interest in the ecology and history of the ranch. I think it would be a shame to do go through all of this work and spend all of this money just so a few other affluent surfers have an easier, state funded way to get to a few more surf spots.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The Phase 2 pedestrian trail seems entirely unnecessary. People already can and do walk along the coast (especially at low tide) to Alegria Beach. Building an additional trail would be a huge investment in resources, would sacrifice the natural environment, would create safety risk factors, and would have to trample on private property rights. All of this for what upside?

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I'm extremely concerned with adding private vehicle access. I don't see how that's possible without creating a host of issues. You'd have to add parking which would be ecologically disruptive. Who's responsible for maintaining the roads? What happens if/when there's a car accident? Who's managing where these private vehicles are going?

Also, there already is public access to Alegria and Agua Caliente beaches. I've seen people walk there with my own eyes, so I don't think the baseline for this plan is accurate.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private vehicle access should be a non-starter. It has by far the worst possible ramifications with no clear benefit.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option could simply build on the existing public access programs the ranch already offers. There is already a process for groups to request access to the ranch which are nearly universally approved and supported. These programs focus on underserved communities and could be scheduled and managed thoughtfully.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

This option seems excessively complex which is more prone to foreseen and unforeseen issues. As stated earlier, I don't believe allowing public vehicle access should be a part of any program. It would have the largest negative impact for no clear gain over other more thoughtful offerings. I also don't understand the need for a trail to Alegria beach. People can and do already walk there so saying there isn't public access to these areas is factually incorrect.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is the only option that acknowledges the issues of private property, traffic, and public safety. However, I don't see how adding private vehicles and a whole new path is in any way feasible while respecting the natural landscape and existing property rights.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I don't think private vehicles should be a part of this plan. It adds a ton of overhead and complications with no marginal gain. I also don't see how a new trail is possible while preserving the natural landscape and without buying private property or negotiating easements from landowners. Obviously, adding pedestrians to the existing narrow and winding roads is a recipe for disaster. The probabilities of a fatal accident would have to be near 100% in the span of a few years.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I don't see how this is option is feasible, ethical, or in the best interest of the community at large. It would trample the natural environment, violate private property rights, and be a massive investment for who's gain? This creates a huge burden on our natural and financial resources that would need to be maintained into the future. As with almost any plan when doing something new, it is better to start small and learn along the way, then trying to do everything all at once. This option seems like a recipe for a case study in failure.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

When trying something new and complicated, it's always better to start small and iterate. Let's start with piggy backing off of the ranch's existing public access programs. Educate the public that there is a way to apply for visits to the Hollister ranch through the ranch's website. Encourage people to do this and see if there's even that much interest before we go about spending millions now and into the future for something that we're not even sure what the demand looks like.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

1. There are already public access options at Hollister Ranch. The HROA offers a way for the public to request a visit and works with these groups to experience Hollister Ranch. This program has been successful in prioritizing underserved communities and could be built on. It seems the best option would be to publicize this program vs spending a bunch of time and money on something new and unproven.
2. It's a bad idea to pursue ambitious plans without gauging interest first. AB1680 was passed without a popular vote. Any program that's implemented should start small to see what kind of demand there is before devoting large amounts of resources and doing highly disruptive things that are hard to unwind.
3. Respect for private property is mentioned in the introduction, but doesn't seem to be a consideration in any of the options. When considering feasibility, this needs to be an important variable as it has implications for legality, cost, and ongoing sustainability.
4. There already is public access to Agua Caliente and Alegria beaches. People walk there all the time. Why isn't this considered public access today?

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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text Guided tour, protecting sensitive natural resources

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Sacate & Drake's Beach

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Early access, pedestrian trail

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Pedestrian access

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Independent Shuttle Access, Guided tour access

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Private Individual Access

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Managed Group Access, Independent Shuttle Access, protecting sensitive natural resources

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Private Individual Access

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Independent Shuttle Access

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Multi-Use Trail Access, Private Individual Access

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Independent Shuttle Access, Access to every beach through multiple options

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Private Individual Access, Multi-Use Trail Access

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Response No: 102

Contribution ID: 3365
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This strikes me as the most viable plan. After learning about the ranch in the workshop and hearing how difficult access development will be (cost, legal issues, etc) I think the state should focus on this plan and the Eastern beach. I'm concerned that development of the roads, adding bathrooms and parking lots, etc isnt economically viable and that this project will just be stuck in legal battles forever.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would forgo access beyond the eastern beach. Its too long a drive and too much road to improve.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I like the lower cost of this plan and the earlier access. I think the pedestrian path is unrealistic due to development costs, state parks liability, private land issues, and then the ongoing costs of monitoring pedestrians for safety.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I think the pedestrian path is unrealistic due to development costs, state parks liability, private land issues, and then the ongoing costs of monitoring pedestrians for safety.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Access to the eastern beaches. No one will want to drive all the way to the western beaches.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would forgo the private individual access. It is costly, damages the natural resources, and is legally unrealistic.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

After learning how well protected this environment is I feel far less interested in infrastructure intervention and increased vehicle traffic. The landscape is too sensitive and well preserved. I would focus on the easternmost beaches and use as light of a touch to the other areas as possible.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This makes more sense to me because I would not want to drive to the western beaches anyway so why spend the money and take the time

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This plan feels like it is classic overbuilding and overdevelopment of pristince natural environments and then ongoing damage from vehicles and humans. I strongly oppose this philosophy.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Response No: 103

Contribution ID: 3364
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 02, 2025, 10:48 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Low Level of impact and guided tours to provide safety for participants. Very similar to what is available now

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I do not think the trail is a feasible option - would the state be purchasing the land for the trail?

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I do not think this is a feasible option

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I would need to know more details of the access-how many people, how are they guided, what safety protocols are provided for them.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Management of the sensitive portions of each beach location is very important.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The shuttle option would be good, but the trail does not seem feasible on this option

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option would be quite expensive, and safety and protection of the cultural and environmental resources would not be considered.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Is there an option that has no access and just expands the existing access to the Gaviota State Park which is only open about 1/2 of the time?

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Response No: 104

Contribution ID: 3361
Member ID:
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

A carefully planned, limited, and well-controlled version of Option 1 would best protect natural resources, habitat, wildlife, and cultural heritage of the Chumash.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I suggest forgoing most beaches, and focus on Agua Caliente because it has easy access for public visitors and does not cross a train track.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

i do not support this approach, which sounds haphazard and poorly planned.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

All; the last thing the State needs is another poorly planned and under-funded program.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None; this is the wrong approach for the wildlife, cultural heritage, and public safety.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

See above, this is a bad direction.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Minimizing effects on sensitive natural or cultural resources should be priority one; however, the details of the access in this option sound far too wide. Small guided tours to selected sites could work, but other access is contradictory to the title of this option.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Eliminate trail, shuttle, and especially individual access

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

At least this approach takes into account the impractical nature of access on the Western beaches. However, the access is still too broad and will be difficult to implement, pay for, and manage.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forego shuttle and individual car access, focus on trail construction to Aqua Caliente

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is a horrible option, which disregards wildlife and cultural heritage, will be impossible to implement, difficult to maintain what does get built. Very bad approach.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

All of them - this is a bad option because it will be impossible to implement.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

How will the Railroad manage and support public on their crossings? How will the Chumash support additional people impacting their culturally significant lands?

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Short Text 94062

Response No: 105

Contribution ID: 3360
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 01, 2025, 10:24 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option should prioritize the protection of natural resources, habitat, wildlife, and cultural amenities before any HR public access development options
are further considered. All the options presented should focus on small, periodic, achievable programs that are well managed to ensure wildlife and other resources are not harmed.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The number of beaches accessed should be reduced by 50%

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option should prioritize the protection of natural resources, habitat, wildlife, and cultural amenities before any HR public access development options
are further considered. All the options presented should focus on small, periodic, achievable programs that are well managed to ensure wildlife and other resources are not harmed.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No options should allow for independent, unguided access to these beaches

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option should prioritize the protection of natural resources, habitat, wildlife, and cultural amenities before any HR public access development options
are further considered. All the options presented should focus on small, periodic, achievable programs that are well managed to ensure wildlife and other resources are not harmed.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

This option should be discarded because there should be no private individual access

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

There should be no private individual access.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

There should be no private individual access.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

No multi-use or private individual access should be allowed

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No multi-use or private individual access should be allowed

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option should be discarded because of the significant impacts on the protection of natural resources, habitat, wildlife, and cultural amenities.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

All the options presented should focus on small, periodic, achievable programs that are well managed to ensure wildlife and other resources are not harmed.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text 93109

Response No: 106

Contribution ID: 3358
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 01, 2025, 06:16 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Supervised access to protect the area.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

If some of the access aren't safe, then they shouldn't be included as an access point.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The pedestrian access would need a trail built, as the road wouldn't accommodate pedestrians and vehicle traffic.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would prefer guided tours and not managed access.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private access would require an large investment in infrastructure and given the state's financial condition, I don't like this option.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I don't think shuttle or private access via vehicles should be permitted.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

As stated, I would prefer managed group access with no shuttle or private vehicle use permitted.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Too many visitors to a pristine and protected area. I don't like this option.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text 93449

Response No: 107

Contribution ID: 3357
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Dec 01, 2025, 05:29 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This seems to be the only reasonable option, with a limited number of visitors - perhaps 20 daily to one location, with rotation of locations each day/week. Any larger public access will be too great a threat to the fragile natural ecosystem. Please preserve this treasure of a coast - the public can enjoy it, but in small numbers that will be a special experience (rather than flooding the area with large numbers that will ruin the serenity, beauty, and biodiversity).

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Visits should be supervised with clear rules about bringing out trash/food, staying in designated trails/areas, and avoiding risks.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

See earlier comments - only option 1 is reasonable

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

see above

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

See earlier comments - only option 1 is reasonable

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

See above

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

See earlier comments - only option 1 is reasonable

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

see above

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

See earlier comments - only option 1 is reasonable

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

See above

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

See earlier comments - only option 1 is reasonable

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

See above

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

The Ranch should be treated as the rare, vulnerable natural resource that it is - only supervised, limited, shuttle-based access will preserve the area.

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Response No: 108

Contribution ID: 3355
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 29, 2025, 07:35 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The fact that a trained guide would be with and responsible for all visitors wherever they go. Any access to the Ranch MUST always include supervision so that visitors do not wander off wherever they feel like going (including trespassing up into the hills) and doing whatever they like, or disturbing sensitive habitats. This is the BEST option.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

reduce the number of beaches at which the tours would stop.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The fact that a guide or tour manager would be with and responsible for all visitors wherever they go. Any access to the Ranch MUST always include supervision so that visitors do not wander off wherever they feel like going (including trespassing up into the hills) and doing whatever they like, or disturbing sensitive habitats. HOWEVER, NO pedestrial trail with unregistered visitors coming into the Ranch at any time, UNSUPERVISED, is NOT AT ALL ACCEPTABLE. Fires, camping, habitat disturbances and trespassing would occur.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

ELLIMINATE the pedestrian path! Horrible idea and dangerous for a number of reasons.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The independent shuttle and guided tour access is good (as long as a responsible supervisor is with eqch shuttle or tour, responsible for all visitors wherever they go. HOWEVER, NO PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL ACCESS EVER! Any access to the Ranch MUST always include supervision so that visitors do not wander off wherever they feel like going (including trespassing up into the hills) and doing whatever they like, or disturbing sensitive habitats. Fires, camping, habitat disturbances and trespassing would occur.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

NO private individual access EVER!

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Managed group access and independent Shuttle access (with supervision) is OK, BUT NO PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL ACCESS AND NO PEDESTRIAL TRAIL EVER! A guide or tour manager should be with and responsible for all visitors wherever they go. Any access to the Ranch MUST always include supervision so that visitors do not wander off wherever they feel like going (including trespassing up into the hills) and doing whatever they like, or disturbing sensitive habitats. HOWEVER, NO pedestrial trail with unregistered visitors coming into the Ranch at any time, UNSUPERVISED. This is NOT AT ALL ACCEPTABLE, nor is private individual access. Fires, camping, habitat disturbances and trespassing would occur.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Elliminate the individual private access and the pedestrial trail!

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Independent shuttle acces with resposnsible supervisor at all times. ABSOLUTELY NO MULTI-USE TRAIL and NO PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL ACCESS! Any access to the Ranch MUST always include supervision so that visitors do not wander off wherever they feel like going (including trespassing up into the hills) and doing whatever they like, or disturbing sensitive habitats. HOWEVER, NO MULTI-USE trail with unregistered visitors coming into the Ranch at any time, UNSUPERVISED. This is NOT AT ALL ACCEPTABLE. Fires, camping, habitat disturbances and trespassing would occur.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

ELLIMINATE THE MULTI-USE TRAIL and private individual access!

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The fact that a shuttle access driver or a guided tour manager would be with and responsible for all visitors wherever they go. Any access to the Ranch MUST always include supervision so that visitors do not wander off wherever they feel like going (including trespassing up into the hills) and doing whatever they like, or disturbing sensitive habitats. HOWEVER, NO private invidual access or MULTI-USE TRAIL with unregistered visitors coming into the Ranch at any time, UNSUPERVISED. This is NOT AT ALL ACCEPTABLE. Fires, camping, habitat disturbances and trespassing would occur.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

ELLIMINATE THE MULTI-USE TRAIL and Private individual access for the reasons stated above.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

There is a problem with your above "ranking of access options" response. There is NO WAY to enter or change the order of preferences. Nothing you click on or highlite offers the option to change the order of prefered options. MY PREFERED OPTIONS would be in this ORDER: #1, #3, #2, #4, #5, #6. You should fix this issue as I had to start all over filling out my entire response because I lost it when trying to go back to reload this question!

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Response No: 109

Contribution ID: 3354
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 29, 2025, 04:02 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

want to see a complete walking trail from east to western edge of HR. I expect that Vandenberg can be opened easily as many DOD sites and space launch sites are open now to the public throughout the US with an option of closing on an as needed basis for launches. You have seemed to assume that the bluff tops cannot have the trail along them, which is a mistake. Stairs and RR crossings can be designed as has occurred in other California sites. Thus I want to see the California Coastal Trail completed in northern Santa Barbara County. That is my highest priority. Once there is a commitment to the Trail, many of your statements about unfeasible become irrelevant.

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Short Text

Response No: 110

Contribution ID: 3349
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 28, 2025, 11:23 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Limited access and guide present seems to me to protect the resources the most. I know too well the behavior of unsupervised people in sensitive habitats. No matter how many posted rules or signs, people, whether informed or not, will do many things harmful to habitats and wildlife. With a guide, they can learn why some activities are harmful and maybe apply them to other areas they visit. These beaches are closest to pristine near urban areas we have.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I don't know all of these beaches. If some are already disturbed, perhaps they could be allowed more access.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I don't know the eastern beaches level of previous disturbance and wildlife uses. I like no private cars or multi-use access. Would trail access be all the time? This could be detrimental to nesting birds. And shorebirds have a long breeding season - March to September.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The need for "quick" access is alarming. Environmental impacts need to be thought out very carefully and thoroughly when you are talking about such a rare and sensitive habitat as undeveloped beaches.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Seems complicated but I am always for the maximum protection for less disturbed beaches as possible. For guides for all options, there are likely local residents, plant, land, and bird society people that are willing to do this for free.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Accessibility to the highest number of people any time.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Managed access and guided tours. Any trail access would need to have supervision and shouldn't be all year. People will find a way to disturb wildlife, plants and trails if they are allowed. I find Option 1 more protective for resources.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Access for private cars not important.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Sorry I dont know which beaches have the most wildlife use and sensitive habitats - they should always be prioritized for no or guided access. Would the shuttle provide a guide or just let people off on their own? That could be as bad for habitats as open access to cars.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private car and multi-use access not needed at every California beach!

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Should not allow private cars at all. There are plenty of beaches people can drive to that are already fairly disturbed in the county. Not comfortable with unsupervised trail access either, as explained in my other notes. It used to be people respected nature trails but in recent years, I see horrible trash and trail and plant destruction that isn't going away. If multi-use means bicycles and ATVs, that's out of the question and destructive to soils as well as dangerous to hikers..

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Increased access.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I wish environmental concerns were listed as they are my highest priority. There are plenty of local beaches that are not crowded and people should utilize those instead of trying to open beaches that have had little disturbance and alteration by people.

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Short Text 93001

Response No: 111

Contribution ID: 3347
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 25, 2025, 03:00 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text The requirement of only a guided tour creates major barriers to public access; days/times/ frequency.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Again until Phase 2, access is limited - which is a negative for me.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Opening up to individual cars increases access but creates potential conflicts on the road. An independent shuttle service offers transport and access as long as it is scheduled, continuous, and convenient. Parking at Gaviota is a good location and pickup/drop off for the shuttle. The shuttle would need to be set up to allow transport of surf boards and beach items.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Guided tour access

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Shuttle versus private car access. Access to a number of beaches through a combination shuttle and pedestrian trail.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Private individual car access. Bulito and Drakes as they would require more infrastructure; this is a good area to protect sensitive resources.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Access to the most people to 1/2 of the beaches. Multi use trail adds access for those who prefer to hike/walk or cycle to the beaches. It also increases more frequent shuttle access.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Individual car access. As long as there is effective shuttle services (ada accessible, racks etc for equipment, reasonable wait times), no private car access is needed. The cost of eliminating individual private car access could help offset the cost of the multiuse trail.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text It gives maximum access (to all beaches) with the most options for getting there. Limiting Bulito and Drakes to guided tour access limits environmental damage to these unique resources while still giving people an option of seeing them. Having a multi use path to the first three beaches opens these up for those who prefer to walk or ride for transport.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I think individual car access raises more issues/problems/cost than the shuttle. Leave all cars parked outside the Ranch.
I would forego access to San Augustine Beach to increase the effeciency and frequency of the shuttle.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text 93101

Response No: 112

Contribution ID: 3346
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 24, 2025, 04:07 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text Prioritizing protection of natural and cultural resources is most important to me, for option 1 and all other options.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would forgo all vehicular access to HR and instead rely on use of State Lands for hiking and State Waters for boating - the historic proven and preferred methods of public access to HR.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Protection of natural resources, wildlife and wild beaches without people is most important.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would forgo people in order to maintain protection of the last unpopulated coastline for wildlife in SoCal.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Protection of natural resources, habitat and wildlife are most important.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would forgo all recreation development and infrastructure in order to protect coastal resources, and instead rely on historic hiking on State Lands for public access to HR.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text What is most important about Option 4 is that it does not protect natural resources. Despite the title, which is misleading, it fails to adequately address environmental and cultural impacts from recreation development of HR.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would forgo vehicular access and recreation development of HR, and instead rely on historic hike in access on State Lands.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Option 5 fails to adequately protect natural and cultural resources of HR's "eastern beaches"

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would be willing to forgo vehicular access to HR's eastern beaches in order to protect coastal resources, and instead rely on historic hike in public access across State Lands.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text What is most important about Option 6 is how totally misleading its title is. There is no such thing as "Maximizing Sustainable Public Access" That is an oxymoron, and makes a mockery of the entire well established science of non-consumptive recreation impacts on natural resources and wildlife. Please delete the word "sustainable"

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would forgo all private vehicular access of all types to HR, and instead rely on historic ongoing hike in access on State Lands.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

What in the heck is this? I do not support any of these access options. You need to include an option that relies on the existing historic and preferred access methods: use of the Gaviota pier for boating and State Lands for hike in access.

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Response No: 113

Contribution ID: 3343
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 24, 2025, 01:14 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option lacks real access for most visitors as the beaches are remote and require personal vehicles to make use of the beaches for surfing and day use.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I don't think guided tours are needed. People can get this information online.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option lacks real access for most visitors as the beaches are remote and require personal vehicles to make use of the beaches for surfing and day use.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

As Hollister is remote, I don't see this method getting much use. People don't want to walk in to such a long trail and group busses will most likely not be used very much because you need to bring your own equipment like a cooler or a surfboard.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option lacks real access for most visitors as the beaches are remote and require personal vehicles to make use of the beaches for surfing and day use. To limit personal vehicles to only two beaches does not reflect the true intent of the legislation.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option lacks real access for most visitors as the beaches are remote and require personal vehicles to make use of the beaches for surfing and day use. Too few private vehicle access options here. The intent of the legislature was to allow people to access as much of the coastline as possible and the isolation of this large area requires that people bring food, water and recreational equipment with them.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option lacks real access for most visitors as the beaches are remote and require personal vehicles to make use of the beaches for surfing and day use. Too few private vehicle access options here. The intent of the legislature was to allow people to access as much of the coastline as possible and the isolation of this large area requires that people bring food, water and recreational equipment with them.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is the closest to the legislative intent to open up all of the coastline to people. The isolation of this large area requires that people bring food, water and recreational equipment with them.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None. We need access to all beaches with private vehicles.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

We are talking about a remote area with low population adjacent to it that has been stolen from the public illegally for decades. I am surprised at how limited these options are considering that the legislation clearly intended to give access to people in the normal way: via car. This is not an urban area where people take busses or walk around. In order to use the coastline here, people need to be able to bring food, sun shelter and surfboards.

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Response No: 114

Contribution ID: 3342
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 24, 2025, 01:02 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Rapid access to all the beaches.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Bypass the two smallest beaches, Agua Caliente and Alegria (unless there is more beach at low tide).

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Access to San Augustine and Sacate beaches. I like the trail access to Alegria and Agua Caliente beaches.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Given the resource sensitivity of Bulito and Drakes, I'd be willing to leave it at guided access if that increases feasibility.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Being able to drive to San Augustine and Drakes beaches is important.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would forego the shuttle access in favor of private access.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Private access to San Augustine and Sacate beaches. I also like the trail access to Agua Caliente.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I don't like the managed group access to Alegria or Agua Caliente. I don't like the shuttle access to San Augustine or Sacate beaches.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Private access to the first three beaches is important. I also like the multipurpose trail to the first three beaches.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I don't like the shuttle access to these beaches.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I like the private access to San Agustine, Sacate, Alegria and Agua Caliente beaches. I also like the multi-use trails to the beaches.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I'd be willing to forgo the guided tour access to Bulito and Drakes beaches. I'd be willing to forego the shuttle access to the beaches.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Is access limited to daylight hours? Do residents have access to all beaches? Would a user fee be required? Could the public be made aware of sensitivity issues with Drakes and Bulito beaches through a brief training?

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Short Text 93455

Response No: 115

Contribution ID: 3341
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 24, 2025, 09:26 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

managed group access and guided tour access, so that the public does not ruin this pristine resource

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

access to fewer beaches

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

guided tour

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

pedestrian trail and access to fewer beaches

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

guided tour

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

private access and independent shuttle

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

managed group

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

independent shuttle and private individual access

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

less access to beaches by public without guide or management

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

independent shuttle and private individual access

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

guided tour to reduce public foot print

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

independent shuttle and private individual access

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text

Response No: 116

Contribution ID: 3339
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 24, 2025, 08:05 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Number of walking tours and quantities of visitors are not well defined. How far would the group be allowed to stray from the trained guide and possibly impact sensitive environmental areas?

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Small shuttles with trained guides are better than private vehicles with untrained access.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Private trail access would certainly run through current ranch owners' properties. Hence, public garbage would also be left throughout the trail system, causing negative environmental impact and harming local wildlife.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

A covered or fenced hiking/bike path that runs parallel to the train tracks could be a possibility.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Ensuring protection of sensitive environmental areas and public safety on current road system.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

This plan sounds terrible all around. It is extremely risky for the current and very sensitive environmental areas to be exposed to untrained public with access in their vehicles.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

San Augustine is the most difficult beach to access of all of the beaches. Either the public or a shuttle would have to travel through about 30 minutes of very windy roads in order to access it.

Further, Bulito Beach is easily accessed from San Augustine and Sacate Beach has easy access to Drake's Beach so what would contain the public to just the non-environmentally impacted areas?

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Perhaps a walking or bike trail directly next to the existing train tracks would be the beast impactful access.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Reducing environmental impact to sensitive areas is most important. Unfettered access by the public in their own vehicles, and without training will certainly lead to environmental disruption in these areas.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Consider tours with trained guides and very small well-supervised groups.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This plan seems to have the highest risks of environmental impact and will seem certain to harm the wildlife and sensitive species in these areas.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Very small group tours with well-trained tour leaders. Ratio suggested of perhaps 8 public individuals per 1 trained guide.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches

Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Primarily concerned with environmental impact on this very sensitive region.

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Short Text

Response No: 117

Contribution ID: 3338
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 24, 2025, 07:38 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Speaking as a non-owner and lifelong surfer, please don't open the ranch to public and ruin the only uncrowded surf spots on the coast. Serious surfers who don't own up there find ways to get in. Boating or even walking sometimes. Or they know a friend of a friend etc.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Don't ruin it by opening it to the public.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Don't open the ranch.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

It is not feasible to protect the environment and open the ranch. You are going to ruin the surfing experience for everyone, including members of the public who boat or otherwise find ways to get in.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Your questions assume that everyone wants public access. Surfers in the public are mostly opposed to this.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

See above.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Protecting the environment. Don't open it.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

See above.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Do not ruin the ranch by opening it to the public.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

See above.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

These questions are so fraudulent. There are miles of empty beaches above and below the ranch that people already can access.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Your questions are so biased. Sad. You are bent on ruining the last untouched land in California.

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Short Text 93035

Response No: 118

Contribution ID: 3337
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 24, 2025, 07:27 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The guided tour option provides the greatest protection of natural and cultural resources because the guests be would supervised by a tour guide if the guide has legal authority to enforce the rules. Also, the presence of a tour guide would lessen driving hazards and ensure the guests don't trespass on private property.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

San Augustine, Bulito, Drakes, and Secate beaches are a further drive from the entrance gate, posing a greater risk to traffic safety, as well as increasing the chance of hitting cattle on the road.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

There should not be public access except on guided tours. Any unsupervised public access, such as the group access or pedestrian trail, may result in irreparable damage to natural and cultural resources, as well as numerous other problems. Both the group access and public trail options would allow guests to roam freely, thereby creating the potential for many negative impacts. For example, there may be vehicular problems, cars hitting cattle, trespassing on private land, digging up cultural artifacts, disturbing snowy plovers, etc. There is no mention of enforcement activities necessary to keep order and ensure that rules are followed or how these enforcement activities would be funded.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

This option is unfeasible and was not well thought out. The only feasible access option is the guided tour.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Again, the same comments listed for Option 2 apply. The only feasible part of this option is the guided tour method. The independent shuttle access would reduce the vehicular traffic risks, but unsupervised guests on any of the beaches would lead to the same problems as previously noted. Guests need to be accompanied by someone with legal authority to ensure that rules are followed and resources aren't destroyed. The costs associated with the independent shuttle and individual access have not been accurately calculated, as the enforcement costs have not been included.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Eliminate any option that does not include oversight by a tour guide.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option does not provide any acceptable access methods. Guests must be accompanied at all times by guide who has the legal authority to ensure that rules are followed and resources, both natural and cultural, are protected. Option 4 does not include this methodology.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None of the elements presented are feasible.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None of the access methods in Option 5 provide oversight for guests, ensuring that rules are followed and resources are not destroyed or compromised. It doesn't matter if we are considering only eastern-most beaches. It's the same problem no matter what beach is accessed. Furthermore, there is no assurance that guests would stay on the eastern-most beaches. Without supervision, guests could travel to western beaches.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None. The unsupervised options are not feasible.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The intent is to provide public access, not provide "maximum" public access. The greater number of guests poses a greater risk to the natural and cultural resources. The only way to ensure compliance with rules would be to provide supervision for all guests. This is not provided by any other option other than the guided tour access.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Shuttle access, trail access, and individual access are all unfeasible. There is no assurance that the natural and cultural resources would be protected without supervision, i.e., a tour guide. Other things that would be marginalized by Option 6 would be trespassing, livestock safety and vehicular safety to name a few.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I have been consistent with you comments. Access cannot occur without supervision. The only way that there will be assurance that the rules will be followed is with a guided tour.

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Response No: 119

Contribution ID: 3333
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 23, 2025, 12:33 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text I like that the option would have a guide and we would have the least likelihood of disturbing this pristine part of the coast.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text When I think of Gaviota state Beach and the stretch of sand to its north, I would think that Big Drakes is similar but with a much larger cove. This would seem ideal. I don't think the northern part of the Beaches like Austine's or Bullito would be significantly different. I could forgo those.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text I find it very important that this pristine part of California's coast stay pristine. I prefer that there be guides.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would rather concentrate on less beaches like Algeria and Agua Caliente and have guides available more often.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text I'd like the beaches to remain pristine.
I don't want a lot of traffic on any beaches.
I hope that we can be gentle to the land.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would be willing to forgo accessing half the beaches on this list if it meant a more controlled and respected environment for the land and nature.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text I like that there are less beaches on this list.
I like that this would enable guided access.
I'm concerned how we would get to beaches this far from the gates? Would this entail lots of cars or even buses? Please - no buses.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would forgo just about anything to avoid buses in this beautiful part of California.
I'd forgo one of the beach locations if we could ensure that the trash and human foot print was minimized.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text I like that there are access beaches closer to the gate to cut down on the larger human foot print anticipated.
I'm hoping no buses on this pristine part of the coast, but hopefully the walking trails are wonderful!

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I like that this is a concentrated area that balances the trail holes and surfing goals with a lighter footprint.
I would give up a beach to avoid buses.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text This option would be heart breaking to anyone that knows how beautiful these lands are. The most important downside to this option are: the buses, and the access to all beaches. The idea of making this area similar to many of the open state beaches is to not respect what a beautiful thing has been achieved the last 50 years. When do 300 to 500 strangers respect the environment, the animals, and the Indian heritage as well as they have here? What beach along the coast shows this type of symbiotic work with nature? Please respect and honor the good that has happened here for our coast?

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Focusing on fewer beaches and in a more controlled way, will allow access but keep the lands special. It'll honor nature, and allows the animals to adjust, and hopefully a light footprint will be established as the baseline for behavior and conduct, as it has been for so many decades.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Response No: 120

Contribution ID: 3332
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 23, 2025, 05:44 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I think that this idea is a waste of tax payer resources. With so many other challenges in California; homelessness, budgetary issues, etc., I do not understand why anyone thinks that this plan is more important than the other issues we face. I would prefer the current state parks are keep in good working order (El Capitan State Beach is still closed), as opposed to chasing new things.

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Response No: 121

Contribution ID: 3331
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 22, 2025, 06:46 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Limited days and hours. Managed. However this duplicates the system already in place. Also this area can be reached at low tide from the state park and most times except the highest of tides. But many beaches in California are inaccessible at high tide.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forego all managed access in favor of a cliff walk/path and stairs on state property leading down to the beach. That would be cool, and in keeping with other coastal access plans in California.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Pathway from the state park along the cliff with a state funded stairway to the beach on state property. People can walk on the beach at mid and low tide.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

forego the tours.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is not feasible because there are no facilities for the public. No bathrooms, no lifeguard, no rescue personel, no cell service etc. the impact to sensitive ecosystems would be devastating.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Poor choice. Higher level of damage to existing.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is an even worse option; degradation to the environment, loss of habitat, lacking planning for health and safety, lack of planning to secure sensitive natural habitats. Once its gone, its gone.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is the worst option of all; complete destruction of the environment, probable death to visitors due to lack of cell phone service, lack of fire and rescue, lack of lifeguard services. Increased threats from flood and fire. How about putting more time, effort and money into the degraded parks that already exist? This coast can be reached by boat (Gaviota boat access needs to be fixed), or by foot at mid and low tide. Build a cliff path and some stairs down the cliff, like you have done in other parts of the coast.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

In your survey you failed to include”None of These”as an option.

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Response No: 122

Contribution ID: 3328
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 22, 2025, 09:20 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Any form of access is bad idea. I've been to Hollister ranch as a guest. The lack of infrastructure there poses a huge risk to the public safety. There is no cell service, the nearest hospital is miles away, the road are extremely dangerous. Not to mention it's a taking of private property.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

All access is a terrible idea!

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

All access is a terrible idea. Refer to comments in option one.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

All access is a terrible idea. Refer to comments in option one.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

All access is a terrible idea. Refer to comments in option one.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

All access is a terrible idea. Refer to comments in option one.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text

Response No: 123

Contribution ID: 3325
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 22, 2025, 08:36 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I do not live at Hollister Ranch nor do I care about public access there. We have plenty of accessible beaches for the public and there is no reason that this one can't remain private. It is obviously well taken care of by the residents and opening this area to the public will only trash it. Don't do it.
that said, guided access is important to me if you're crazy enough to open it to the public

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

none

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

none

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I don't like option 2 at all

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

none

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

just say no to option 3

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

none

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Don't do this option

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

none

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

don't do it

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

none

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

There should be none to minimum access

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I do not live at Hollister Ranch nor do I care about public access there. We have plenty of accessible beaches for the public and there is no reason that this one can't remain private. It is obviously well taken care of by the residents and opening this area to the public will only trash it. Don't do it.

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Response No: 124

Contribution ID: 3324
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 21, 2025, 07:58 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I think this is such hogwash. Why don't you concentrate on all the beaches between SB and Gaviota? Work north from SB, these beaches are closest to SB and have just as much to offer beachgoers as Hollister. Does someone have something against Hollister?? How many people actually want access to this area? Surfers are all against this access, as environmental impact will not be negligible as we have seen from other areas where the public has access. Haven't you seen how the public trashes state parks with litter, pack out what you pack in doesn't seem to work. Or even using trash cans that are close by. Look at our highways, full of litter. Is there something wrong with keeping some areas pristine??

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Leave Hollister alone and let the ranchers and owners keep it pristine as they have for so long.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Stay away, concentrate on all the beaches north of SB.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Keep Hollister pristine, the public will ruin it.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None!

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Keep the public out.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Keeping the public out will ensure this area remains pristine, the public is proven to be disrespectful of pristine areas.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Work on ruining the beaches just north of SB, see how that goes. Lot's of beaches without public access controlled by ranch owners and private individuals just north of SB.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I am not a Hollister owner, have been invited and have gone in by boat. Any easy way for the public to get access will certainly ruin this pristine are.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forego the public access. Do you really think the public won't have a negative affect on this pristine environment?

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

As a taxpayer, I certainly don't want my tax dollars spent on ruining a pristine area the public will not respect.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Please don't ruin this area. Why are you so keen on this area when there are so many beaches just north of SB that don't allow public access?
I have been surfing in California since 1973 and I have seen the public trash beaches that were once pristine. Let's keep the few areas closed to the public private for the sake of our environment. Sure, I would love to drive into Holliister as owners do, but that would ruin the place. Too many disrespectful people to let this happen. In the end we will have a beach ruined just like a lot of other public beaches. Isn't there enough state beaches to keep clean and worrying about between SB and Gaviota that need more money and staffing to keep them pristine. There isn't even enough useage or money to keep Gaviota State Park open for camping all year?

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Short Text 92629

Response No: 125

Contribution ID: 3323
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 21, 2025, 05:57 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I appreciate the protection to flora, fauna and Hollister Ranch residents that this option offers. It would be It would be important however to make certain that these tours be accessible to all income groups interested in touring the area. Would there be any supervised recreational activities allowed, beyond walking? Age restrictions?

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I think it makes sense to start with this option, offering as many small tours as possible. New information and ideas regarding on-site circumstances and the success, or not, of a trial program (Option 1), might lead to expansion of visitation, or not. With Option 1, access is provided, the natural state of the area is protected, the residents can be assured that their property and privacy is preserved, relatively speaking. The downside is that surfing and beach-going activities will continue to require boat access and tide line limitations.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I love the idea of a trail, but parking, parking security, port-a-potty access, rule enforcement, regular trash pick-up and clean-up become issues. What has been the experience at other local trails?

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Could or would this Option 2 work as an extension of Option 1 once a trail and the issues listed above are dealt with? Limited "walking access permits" would allow but limit access which might keep protections offered by Option 1, but who would enforce rules and access permits if people were allowed unsupervised walking/hiking access? There would be some expense. Would that be covered by entry fees? Would that be fair to low income visitors?

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

It would be both fun and educational to be able to visit all the beaches, over time, but not if that would damage them or access routes. A walking trail would be lovely. Is the higher cost in the graphic for private individual vehicle access related to parking? Parking security? Entry and Exit? Additional port-a-potties? More trash receptacles? Rule enforcement? In my experience, walking trails elsewhere in the state experience theft at trailheads, trash on the ground, people not staying on trails, necessary but trashed restrooms or port-a-potties (and worse if there are neither). Most nature lovers are respectful and responsible, but there are likely to be visitors who are not. Significant oversight and rule enforcement would be necessary for both group shuttle tours and individual via private vehicles.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Visitor numbers limitations and waiting for permit opportunities to enter the area would be annoying and a non-starter for some, but likely necessary, unless public interest proves to be low.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Protecting sensitive areas is crucial. This Option is very sensible, as long as sensible access is allowed.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Long waits for access would be annoying, but allowing access (to all interested) despite wait, makes that alright in my opinion. Protecting sensitive flora and fauna and avoiding human-caused erosion is crucial.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Easier, sooner access to some beaches and more freedom for all to visit them sounds good. Perhaps this Option with the multi-use trail could be a future goal?

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

A multi-use trail is less intimate than a small trail as far as experiencing the place itself, but allowing general public access to some places may be an acceptable trade-off.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Lots of access sounds both good and bad. Perhaps a future goal, maybe?

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Accepting some damage to the area due to larger visitation might be acceptable, but I don't think this option should be pursued until less invasive Options have been tried out.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I didn't want to rank these Options because I think it should be thought of more as a progression. Start with the least invasive public access and if all goes well, build up to more offered to more visitors.

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Short Text 93460

Response No: 126

Contribution ID: 3321
Member ID:
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Low visitor access and tour guide required. Reservations required.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Visitors limited to the 2 or 3 beaches closest to the ranch gate would cut down on the cost of moving people around the other beaches and cost of creating new infrastructure to accommodate them, ie toilets, trash can etc

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided visits and managed groups

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No pedestrian trail

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

access to secate and drakes only

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No shuttle

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

minimizing the effects on sensitive area

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

no private individual access, no trail, no shuttle

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Access to the eastern beaches only specifically Agua Caliente and Alegria and maybe sachete

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No private individual access and no trail

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I do not like any of the options in this proposal

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

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Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Limit hours for public access
No private vehicle access

Limited areas for public access - beaches
Reservation only
Owner entry lane at the gate
liability waivers
Fee to enter

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Short Text 93105

Response No: 127

Contribution ID: 3320
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 21, 2025, 12:47 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text This is not my preferred element and does not seem feasible

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Element not feasible

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Unfortunately, all elements of these proposals are expensive and not in favor of public access on any level

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Get the state to fix the pier at Gaviota

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Not in favor of shuttles or any beach trail

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text The state can't even take care of the beach trail they had from refugio to el cap, maybe the state should fix what they have instead of trying to access something new

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text There is no such thing as protecting sensitive resources

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Look at the trash that is left by the public at any public access point, the public (even when supervised) is generally irresponsible

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Not in favor of any mutli-use trail

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text The public will not stay on a trail and there is no way to supervise this access

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text None, this is ridiculous

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text There are no elements of this plan that are feasibil

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text 93117

Response No: 128

Contribution ID: 3318
Member ID:
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I think this is a non starter.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

A pedestrian trail to eastern beaches.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Building a pedestrian trail only to Sacate and not to the other beaches.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forging access to San Augustie, Drakes, and Bulito beaches.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The pedestrian trail

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private individual access to San Augustine and Sacate

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Multi use trail

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

The Hollister Beaches should have always remained open to the public. Allowing so much of our coastline to remain in private hands is in clear violation of the letter and spirit of the law.
However, what is most practical economically, most realistic, least damaging environmentally is 1) a pedestrian trail to Sacate or 2) to Sacate and Allegria or 3) a multi use to Sacate.
I assume sea level rise and the stability of the beaches, exposure to extreme weather events etc. will be analysed in the EIR.

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Response No: 129

Contribution ID: 3317
Member ID:
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

That it protects the resources more than most of the other options.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Protects natural resources more than other options.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Private individual access is a huge negative regarding trying to preserve the natural resources in the last remaining stretch of undeveloped coastline in southern california.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The implementation and operational costs are a huge negative.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

There is the "conflict" between preserving natural resources and providing public access. In this particular case of the Hollister Ranch, with it being the ONLY stretch of undeveloped and unspoiled coastline left in Southern California, I think that the scales should be heavily tipped towards preservation. Once despoiled, the plants and animal life are unlikely to ever recover.

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Response No: 130

Contribution ID: 3314
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 21, 2025, 08:39 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

If it is the only method of public access it would give better control of overall access, security, and safety.
Who are the guides? Who pays for them? How are they selected and how are they engaged for visits?

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Limit visits to Bulito and/or Agua Caliente. Bulito has space for access and is an easy beach walk north and south. Agua Caliente is the first beach on the ranch so it is an easy access point. It also seems under utilized. It's close to the front gate so it would have good security coverage.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Low cost, controlled access, security and safety.

What is the "Hollister Ranch Staging Area"? The cost in impact of a parking area/turn-around area, quality access road, and security services is a real issue.

How do you deal with the increased access dangers from highway 101 entry/exit? Similarly, the wash-out issues of the Gaviota creek crossing and related sensitive habitat? If you increase traffic into the area you have additional costs. Updating the freeway exit alone could cost millions of dollars. An EIR of working in the riparian area would be complex.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No guided tours, no multi use trails, no independent shuttle access.

Walk-in and managed group access stops at Alegria.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Low cost, controlled access, security and safety.

This option is too much. Formal access to all these beaches will change the character of the place. It will loose the qualities people treasure and diminish the reasons people want to come.

Is there even a documented study of demand for all this? It will take a lot of time and effort to do this. What if no one shows up?

What is the "Hollister Ranch Staging Area"? The cost in impact of a parking area/turn-around area, quality access road, and security services is a real issue.

How do you deal with the increased access dangers from highway 101 entry/exit? Similarly, the wash-out issues of the Gaviota creek crossing and related sensitive habitat? If you increase traffic into the area you have additional costs. Updating the freeway exit alone could cost millions of dollars. An EIR of working in the riparian area would be complex.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No guided tours, no multi use trails, no independent shuttle access, no private individual access except via short trail (no cars).

Walk-in access stops at Alegria.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I like the name of this, but not its implementation.

Cost impacts of "outside the gate" infrastructure need to be addressed.

Safety, security, quality of the experience.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No guided tours, no multi use trails, no independent shuttle access, no private individual access except via short trail (no cars).

Walk-in and managed group access stops at Alegria.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Not formalizing access past Alegria. Sacate cannot handle this volume. Limiting the number of beaches is good but increasing the intensity of visitation that this option proposes is bad.

Shuttles, cars, and multi use trails will ruin the place. A short walking path or controlled group tours are a better option.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No guided tours, no multi use trails, no independent shuttle access, no private individual access except via short trail (no cars).

Walk-in and managed group access stops at Alegria.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is not a good plan on any level.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No guided tours, no multi use trails, no independent shuttle access, no private individual access except via short trail (no cars).

Walk-in and managed group access stops at Alegria.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

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Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

What is the "Hollister Ranch Staging Area"? The cost impact of a parking area/turn-around area, quality access road, and security services is a real issue.

How do you deal with the increased access dangers from highway 101 entry/exit? Similarly, the wash-out issues of the Gaviota creek crossing and related sensitive habitat? If you increase traffic into the area you have additional costs/risks. Updating the freeway exit alone could cost millions of dollars. An EIR of working in the riparian area would be complex.

Most people don't want any of this, or at least they won't use it. A short walk-in trail to Alegria gets everyone interested onto the beach and they can walk to all the way to Point Conception from there. Is there even a documented study of demand for all this? It will take a lot of time and effort to do this. What if no one shows up?

Given a choice between funding this project or feeding/educating under served Californians, I'd choose food and schooling.

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Response No: 131

Contribution ID: 3313
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Can the guided tours drop people at the beach to surf?

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Pedestrian trail. Would prefer less vehicular access, except for people with disabilities who may not be able to walk long distances.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Protecting natural and cultural resources is VERY important to me. To me, this is more important than providing public access. I would rather the State continue to preserve and protect a relatively untouched, pristine coastline than open it to the public. I say this as a surfer and beach-goer who personally would love to explore Hollister Ranch, but I worry about the impacts of opening it up broadly to the public.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text 92107

Response No: 132

Contribution ID: 3312
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Private access.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Shuttle. Guided tours

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Survey too difficult to navigate.

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Response No: 133

Contribution ID: 3308
Member ID:
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided tours are an attractive option as they can be quickly implemented at a reasonable cost. In addition, the guided tour provides a trained guide which will help to minimize the risk of natural and cultural resource degradation. Very important to limit the number of visitors to Hollister Ranch beaches, particularly the beaches west of Alegria.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I struggle to understand the rationale to provide access to all six beaches within Hollister Ranch. Providing the public with guided tour access to Agua Caliente and Alegria will enable the public to enjoy all types of activities with Hollister Ranch such as walking, hiking, fishing, surfing, tidepooling, biking, etc. What are the additional benefits of providing access to the four westernmost beaches (Sacate, Drakes, Bulito, San Augustine) especially when balanced against cost, resource degradation, public safety, etc. Please be mindful not to expand the scope without properly evaluating the costs and benefits, these are some of the very last unspoiled beaches in Southern California where human activity will inevitably lead to substantial degradation of these valuable resources. Sometimes more is less.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Managed group access and pedestrian trail to Agua Caliente and Alegria beaches only. These are reasonable, especially managed group access which is very feasible to implement. Pedestrian trail would be very nice as it provides a vehicle-free option and walking into these two beaches is very feasible and enjoyable for the public.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Again, I struggle to understand the rationale to provide access to all six beaches within Hollister Ranch. Providing the public with access to Agua Caliente and Alegria will enable the public to enjoy all types of activities with Hollister Ranch such as walking, hiking, fishing, surfing, tidepooling, biking, etc. What are the additional benefits of providing access to the four westernmost beaches (Sacate, Drakes, Bulito, San Augustine) especially when balanced against cost, resource degradation, public safety, etc. Please be mindful not to expand the scope without properly evaluating the costs and benefits, these are some of the very last unspoiled beaches in Southern California where human activity will inevitably lead to substantial degradation of these valuable resources. Sometimes more is less.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None. This is a very poorly designed option. What is the rationale to prioritize access to the largest beaches? Is it based on an assumption that larger beaches can accommodate more visitors? Truly flawed logic as this will certainly lead to increased natural and cultural resource degradation. Strongly opposed to Option 3, in its entirety.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Again, I struggle to understand the rationale to provide access to the four westernmost beaches (Sacate, Drakes, Bulito, San Augustine) within Hollister Ranch. Providing the public with access to Agua Caliente and Alegria will enable the public to enjoy all types of activities with Hollister Ranch such as walking, hiking, fishing, surfing, tidepooling, biking, etc. What are the additional benefits of providing access to the four westernmost beaches especially when balanced against cost, resource degradation, public safety, etc. Please be mindful not to expand the scope without properly evaluating the costs and benefits, these are some of the very last unspoiled beaches in Southern California where human activity will inevitably lead to substantial degradation of these valuable resources. Sometimes more is less.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Restricting public access at Drakes and Builto in its entirety. This is sensible and the only option which clearly prioritizes the natural and cultural resources within Hollister Ranch beaches. Tremendous and thoughtful efforts over several decades by many committed members of the Santa Barbara community (and beyond) have protected these beaches and they remain largely in their natural state with very little human activity. The value of these resources to the people of State of CA, Santa Barbara County and beyond simply cannot be overstated. Once these resources are lost or damaged, this value is eroded and very difficult or impossible to recover again.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I struggle to understand the rationale to provide access to all four of these beaches within Hollister Ranch. Providing the public with access to Agua Caliente and Alegria will enable the public to enjoy all types of activities with Hollister Ranch such as walking, hiking, fishing, surfing, tidepooling, biking, etc. What are the additional benefits of providing access to the additional two beaches (Sacate and San Augustine) especially when balanced against cost, resource

degradation, public safety, etc. Please be mindful not to expand the scope without properly evaluating the costs and benefits, these are some of the very last unspoiled beaches in Southern California where human activity will inevitably lead to substantial degradation of these valuable resources. Sometimes more is less.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Restricting access to the two easternmost beaches only. This is very sensible as providing the public with access to Agua Caliente and Alegria will enable the public to enjoy all types of activities with Hollister Ranch such as walking, hiking, fishing, surfing, tidepooling, biking, etc. Multi-use trail would be very nice element as it provides both hiking and biking opportunities within Hollister Ranch.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Remove Sacate from public access. What are the additional benefits of providing access to the Sacate especially when balanced against cost, resource degradation, public safety, etc. It is simply to make an argument that half of the beaches are open to public access? This is not a strong nor objective line of reasoning. Please be mindful not to expand the scope without properly evaluating the costs and benefits, these are some of the very last unspoiled beaches in Southern California where human activity will inevitably lead to substantial degradation of these valuable resources. Sometimes more is less.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Option 6 is overly expansive and poorly designed. Maintaining some elements of Option 5 with restricting access to the two easternmost beaches only (Agua Caliente and Alegria). This is very sensible as providing the public with access to Agua Caliente and Alegria will enable the public to enjoy all types of activities with Hollister Ranch such as walking, hiking, fishing, surfing, tidepooling, biking, etc. Multi-use trail would be very nice element as it provides both hiking and biking opportunities within Hollister Ranch.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Remove and restrict public access from all four westernmost beaches (Sacate, Drakes, Bulito, San Augustine. Again, I struggle to understand the rationale to provide access to all four of these beaches within Hollister Ranch. Providing the public with access to Agua Caliente and Alegria will enable the public to enjoy all types of activities with Hollister Ranch such as walking, hiking, fishing, surfing, tidepooling, biking, etc. What are the additional benefits of providing access to the additional four westernmost beaches especially when balanced against cost, resource degradation, public safety, etc. Please be mindful not to expand the scope without properly evaluating the costs and benefits, these are some of the very last unspoiled beaches in Southern California where human activity will inevitably lead to substantial degradation of these valuable resources. Sometimes more is less.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

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Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I often enjoy spending time on the Gaviota Coast riding mountain bikes, hiking and surfing, including time spent within Hollister Ranch at the invitation of private property owners as well as boat-in access. Hollister Ranch is truly special and one of the very few remaining unspoiled natural coastlines on the Southern California coast. Given the tremendous value of the natural and cultural resources within Hollister Ranch, any public access must be carefully designed and thoughtfully implemented in order to preserve the value of these resources for all Californians into the future. In addition, the property rights of existing property owners within Hollister Ranch must be respected to the utmost.

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Short Text 92011

Response No: 134

Contribution ID: 3307
Member ID:
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text I like the idea that the public could access all the beaches. But I don't think it's necessary.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I think that only having guided tours is way too limited. The public needs additional options. Option 1 is not a good option.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text I like access to to all beaches. I really like the idea of a pedestrian path to the first two eastern beaches. I'm a little unclear on why the managed group access is so much more feasible and less costly than private vehicles...because from what was described the group managed group access could be a private vehicle anyway. Both would need a reservation...So what's the distinction? But generally I think being able to drive a personal vehicle to the beaches as an option is critical to ensure real access to these beaches by the public. I think Option 2 is a good option if in fact the "managed group access" means that one can drive their personal vehicle.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I think access to Alegria, Sacate, and San Augustine should be prioritized. I'd forgo access to the others if it makes it cheaper and more feasible.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Private vehicle access to Sacate and San Augustine.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I'd forgo access to Bulito and Drakes. But would like to see this plan include a pedestrian trail to the eastern 2 beaches, similar to option 2. I think this would make option 3 equally good compared to option 2

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text I still don't understand why managed group access and private vehicle access comparison are so dramatically different? I'd really like more explanation on this. Overall this seems like a great balance access transportation as well as beach access options. But is it worth perusing if feasibility is low?

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I'd forgo the shuttle personally. But I realize that would greatly reduce the number of people that could access the beaches on a given day.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text I think a multiuse path would be incredible. I think that path would truly be a gem of the California coast and would be an incredible attraction and opportunity for the public to enjoy this incredible stretch of coast. It would be sad not to be able to access the western part of Hollister ranch, namely San Augustine Beach, but gosh a multi use path and private vehicle access to eastern beaches would be amazing.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I don't think you can forgo anything in this option with making it untenable.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Given the limited feasibility I don't think this is worth pursuing. I think finding a better balance as presented in previous options makes more sense.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I'm am having trouble understanding the extreme difference in cost and time to implement between individual vehicle access and managed group access. Both are private vehicles, so what's the big difference? Please email me :)

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Email

[redacted]

Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text

93101

Response No: 135

Contribution ID: 3304
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 20, 2025, 04:46 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text Meeting California Coastal Act of 1976 for public access.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Don't know of any.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Meeting California Coastal Act of 1976 public access to beaches.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Don't know of any.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Meeting California Coastal Act of 1976 public access to beaches.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Don't know of any.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Meeting California Coastal Act of 1976 public access to beaches.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Don't know of any.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Meeting California Coastal Act of 1976 public access to beaches.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Don't know of any.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Meeting California Coastal Act of 1976 public access to beaches.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Don't know of any.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text no.

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Q16 Enter your 5-digit Zipcode

Short Text

Response No: 136

Contribution ID: 3301
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 20, 2025, 03:17 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

That all beaches can be visited.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I don’t like the idea of guided tour access. It’s too limiting.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I like that more beaches can be reached by private groups and walkers.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

All beaches are accessible

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Private access

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Shuttle access

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Bike and pedestrian trail and private individual access

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Shuttle

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

All beaches accessible, bike path and private individual

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Shuttle

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I think resource protections can be handled by docents. For ex, what’s organized at snowy plover beaches.

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93103

Response No: 137

Contribution ID: 3300
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 20, 2025, 02:18 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Respectfully, I do not support any public access to the Hollister Ranch (other than the historical methods for non-owners: boating and walking).
I am not an owner at Hollister Ranch, however I am a long time 805 resident who has accessed the Ranch with through friends (who are owners) and boating.
By opening this sliver of historic California coastline to the general public, the beauty, wildlife and natural order will be forever destroyed.
Everyone knows this!

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93109

Response No: 138

Contribution ID: 3299
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 20, 2025, 02:11 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Q15 **Enter your email if you'd like to join the mailing list.**

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 92627

Response No: 139

Contribution ID: 3298
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 20, 2025, 01:00 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I think providing a guided tour is beyond the pale of what's required or was intended by the initiative.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would forgo access to beaches other than the beach closest to the Hwy 101 access.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I think a trail accessing the Agua Caliente beach would be desirable and the most one could reasonably expect.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Access by other means to other beaches.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None should be expected or required.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Access to the closest beach to the Hollister Ranch entrance.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option is not of importance to me and goes far beyond what anyone should expect.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Q15 **Enter your email if you'd like to join the mailing list.**

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Q16 Enter your 5-digit Zipcode

Short Text

Response No: 140

Contribution ID: 3297
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 20, 2025, 12:46 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Low cost
Supervision to protect cultural and sensitive habitat
this option does not limit access to sensitive habitat or cultural resources, it should only access beaches with the lowest impact of sensitive habitat or cultural resources
Restrooms and trash services would still need to be available with the lowest impact to the environment.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Access to beaches with cultural and habitat sensitive resources

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I'm not in favor of this option other than guided tour option to limit the impact on sensitive cultural habitats.
Trash and Restrooms that have the lowest environmental and cultural resource impacts would need to be provided by the state.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Pedestrian trail
managed group access

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I'm not in favor of this option other than guided tour option to limit the impact on sensitive cultural habitats.
Trash and Restrooms that have the lowest environmental and cultural resource impacts would need to be provided by the state.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

independent shuttle access
Private individual access

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I'm not in favor of this option due to the cost and impact on sensitive cultural habitats.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

All elements

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I'm not in favor of this option due to the cost and impact on sensitive cultural habitats.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

All Elements

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I'm not in favor of this option except for guided group access due to the cost and impact on sensitive cultural habitats.
Trash and Restrooms that have the lowest environmental and cultural resource impacts would need to be provided by the state.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

All but guided tour option

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

You should apply the coastal access as it is required in all of California by providing access only hiking trail from a public road to be used only for foot traffic. No electric bicycle usage should be allowed, and 24 hour a day full time rangers should be assigned to the trail head to prevent electric bicycle traffic and usage after dark. No taking of private property should happen other than that for required walking only path. The Hollister Ranch road should be used for no other purpose than for group, guided hikes. The road is dangerous with very few vehicles. People should have to park at Gaviota State Park and the walking only trail should start from that point. If you are going to install a foot traffic only trail the state should pay for trash and restroom construction and service at every beach access. Beaches with cultural or sensitive habitat should not have trail access and should have signage to prevent hikers from accessing those beaches above the mean high tide line. To protect cultural and sensitive habitat no other options besides guided tours should be allowed to use the private road at the Hollister Ranch. The state should have to maintain the private road in excellent condition for any use of the private Hollister ranch road. Before any access be provided, the State of California should put its resources into your existing state park infrastructure to keep it in good and working condition. The bike path between El Capitan and Refugio State parks should have been repaired years ago, but has remained closed. Beach access should be constructed along the Gaviota Coast at Mariposa Reyena. Camping should be moved from Gaviota to a new park at Mariposa Reyena due to flooding and high wind. The estuary at Gaviota State Park should be enlarged with habitat restoration shrinking the parking area and the park should be used for day use only. Thank you for your consideration.

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93117

Response No: 141

Contribution ID: 3290
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 20, 2025, 11:06 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Multi Use Trail Access needs to be well defined. When I questioned several of you at the Workshop in Buellton, all were uncertain about what those multi uses would include. Does it include E-bikes, motorized scooters, dirt bikes, dune buggy's? A paved path, as it is described, would be very inviting to all of the modern modes of transport, so the figures of the pedestrian and helmet-free bicycle rider are misleading.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Q15 **Enter your email if you'd like to join the mailing list.**

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text

Response No: 142

Contribution ID: 3289
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 20, 2025, 10:39 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Maintaining private property rights, which are inherent as an American citizen. Hollister Ranch and it's owners never claim ownership to the beaches in front of their private property. Any access should be through a managed access program, overseen by Hollister Ranch and it's owners.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I struggle with how you put a trail through Hollister Ranch, Cattle frequently roam the entire roads system, which is private property. What gives you the right to impose a trail through private property!

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

none

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

What gives the public the right to impose access through private property, senate bill AB 1680 should be adjudicated in a Federal Court of it's legality

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

the Same as I have indicated in my earlier response

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

the same as i have indicated

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

none

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Managed access

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

There are numerous coastal beaches along the entire California coast with private property in front of California beaches, many with private Guard gates, why are you singling out Hollister Ranch?

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

There are many coastal California beaches that have private property in front of the beaches, many with private guard gates, with no access to the beaches in front of the private property, this entire project to gain access to the beaches in front of Hollister Ranch is illegal.

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Email [redacted]

Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93117

Response No: 143

Contribution ID: 3287
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 20, 2025, 07:38 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

How would you provide a guided tour for Surfing, plen-aire painting, private time with a loved one, core memory creation with your children. I mean this idea is just ridiculous

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

This whole concept is just another way to not allow people free access to California beaches promised by the law.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Once again how would you "group" access? I have no interest in bird watching which people would want to do and they cannot surf or scuba dive, which others would want
The "phase two" option is heading towards what is promised by law.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None whatsoever. Open the beaches up and quit stalling under the guide of environmentalism
We are promised access by the CCC laws and it has been affirmed by a public vote. You are BLOCKING this just like the land "owners" before you

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Public access! FINALLY you're starting to get it. We are all adults and deserve to be treated as so

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Absolutely none. Open the beaches to the public like the law intended

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Once again you keep using the phrase "no public access" the beaches are all of ours not a select group under any circumstances

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None.

Open the beaches to the public with unfettered access.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The ranch "owners" never cared about the public, so why are we even taking them into consideration?

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None. The plan is great IF it includes all the beaches

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Yes! Except the "guided tour access" remove that and now we're talking

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None would be needed, if you removed the restrictions of "guided tour" access

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached

Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Every plan other than option 6 is absolute GARBAGE and is just another way to keep the public off of our beaches. Even plan 6 has seriously flawed ideas by potentially MAKING people drag along some complete stranger with them while they try to enjoy private moments with their friends and families.

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Short Text

Response No: 144

Contribution ID: 3286
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 20, 2025, 07:35 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I do not believe there should be public access under any circumstance

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

See above

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I do not believe there should be public access under any circumstance

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

See above

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I do not believe there should be public access under any circumstance

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

see above

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I do not believe there should be public access under any circumstances

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

see above

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I do not believe there should be public access under any circumstance

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

see above

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I do not believe there should be public access under any circumstance

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

see above

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I do not believe there should be public access under any circumstance

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Short Text

Response No: 145

Contribution ID: 3283
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 20, 2025, 07:27 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option potentially minimizes the impact of additional visitors on the sensitive shoreline ecology if there is a cap on the number of people allowed. Recognizing that any increase in visitors creates impacts is an important overall aspect that this planning exercise seems to avoid. Additionally, limiting the ability of unauthorized take of sensitive species from the shoreline is best accomplished by this option since visitors can be more closely supervised.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

This option is most practical if it provides access to the first three beaches as you enter the Ranch. Visitors to the Ranch must first drive at least a half hour from the closest town, either Goleta, Buellton, or Lompoc, so requiring them to endure another 45 minute drive on a very difficult road once they enter the Ranch to reach the most distant beaches, is not a good idea.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I first experienced the Ranch as a walker, and it's still a great way to visit at low tide. If a trail could be provided to get around the current geological obstacles by the State Park, and the trail users were required to register before entry for security and crowd management, this would be the lowest cost option and quickest to implement.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I think this option would naturally reduce impacts to the most distant beaches as they are too far away for the average walker. I don't know how you prevent walkers from harvesting crabs or shellfish like abalone from the tide pools and this would be a major concern of mine for this option.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I am fundamentally opposed to the opening of Hollister Ranch beaches for recreational use. This is not the most important public benefit they can provide. The most important public benefits that the Ranch and the entire Gaviota coast can provide are nature education and scientific research. Sacrificing the last remaining wild Southern California shoreline for beach recreation, which is already available for 300 miles of coastline to the South of the Ranch, is wrong. By definition, this option asks the wrong question.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

People visit the Ranch beaches to experience solitude and lack of crowds. Prioritize these values in your planning in order to preserve a unique opportunity not easily found elsewhere. Preserve what is special, don't reduce everything to serve the false goal of maximizing beach recreation.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is a good option with the proper goals in my opinion. It largely reflects what is already occurring on the Ranch with frequent guided group visits overseen by docents.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The idea that individuals would enter the Ranch in their own vehicles is a mistake and should be thrown out. There is no practical way to ensure people in their own cars don't wander into the back country and roadkill of wildlife, cattle, and horses would naturally increase. Limiting access to a short trail and with guided groups, all capped at a small number of total visitors, is the best way to preserve the sensitive resources, and the least expensive.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I agree that the clustering of access to the 3 eastern most beaches is necessary for multiple reasons. However, some of the most sensitive resources are to be found in the tide pools at Alegria. Protecting these should be a high priority and is not easily accomplished. Is the State going to fund an environmental monitor who can be present whenever the public is at that location? If not, it is inevitable that we will lose abalone and Owl Limpets that people will harvest for food. Plus shells on the beach will be picked up and carried off.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

You must forgo access by private vehicle as it is impossible to supervise. You must find a reasonable scheme to protect the tide pools at Alegria as they contain species which have been extirpated elsewhere in Southern

California. I don’t know how you do this with any other access method than guided group tours.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option is contrary to the highest and best public benefits the Ranch offers, that of a living laboratory for scientific research and nature education. Maximizing public access destroys these opportunities by desecrating the unique plants and animals still found here but extirpated virtually everywhere else in Southern California.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

This option will remain controversial and is the most expensive to implement of all the options.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text

Response No: 146

Contribution ID: 3282
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 19, 2025, 11:23 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Option 1 is public access in name only. Californians deserve better, and I believe the law entitles them to better.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Option 1 is public access in name only. Californians deserve better, and I believe the law entitles them to better.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Option 5 would provide no public access to the western beaches; it is a half-measure that would sanction the public's continued exclusion from beaches that the law entitles them to access. Californians deserve better.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Option 5 would provide no public access to the western beaches; it is a half-measure that would sanction the public's continued exclusion from beaches that the law entitles them to access. Californians deserve better.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Option 6 is what Californians deserve. It is the only option that would vindicate the public's right of access to the beaches of the Hollister Ranch. Anything less would perpetuate and legitimize the Hollister Ranch's history of violating public access rights under the guise of environmental stewardship and would be an affront to justice. Option 6's costs pale in comparison to its benefits.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Option 6 is what Californians deserve. It is the only option that would vindicate the public's right of access to the beaches of the Hollister Ranch. Anything less would perpetuate and legitimize the Hollister Ranch's history of violating public access rights under the guise of environmental stewardship and would be an affront to justice. Option 6's costs pale in comparison to its benefits.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text 94134

Response No: 147

Contribution ID: 3279
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 19, 2025, 11:06 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private car access should not be allowed

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is the best plan by far.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
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Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Environmental protection is the central issue here. The reality is that this area remains ecologically healthy largely because visitation has historically been low. Preserving that condition should be the primary objective. At the same time, mandatory guided tours are not an effective solution. A defining aspect of the Hollister Ranch experience is the

ability to engage with the landscape at your own pace and in relative solitude—not as part of a forced group procession.
For that reason, I support limited, access specifically targeted at the beaches with the lowest environmental sensitivity scores. This approach maintains the ecological buffer while still allowing the broader public a meaningful opportunity to visit. It avoids the extremes of exclusivity on one hand and uncontrolled access on the other. Not every beach needs to be open; selective access is the most practical compromise between conservation and public benefit.
The proposal for a separate bike trail is unnecessary. The claim that cyclists are unsafe sharing the existing road is unconvincing, particularly given the low traffic volumes within the Ranch. Cyclists do not require a new parallel route; what they need is controlled, reservation-based access to certain beaches. That is both safer and far less intrusive.
Finally, the use of private vehicles should be extremely limited. Allowing widespread private car access would generate traffic, degrade the environment, strain enforcement, and fundamentally alter the character of the Ranch. A tightly capped, highly controlled system—only where operationally necessary—preserves flexibility without sacrificing the ecological integrity of the area.

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Short Text 93117

Response No: 148

Contribution ID: 3278
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 19, 2025, 08:54 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

A docent led, guided program minimizes opportunities for public to mistreat the resource.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forgo recreation and limit access to those who are there for more important elements such as the cultural and natural elements.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided access.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Access to the western beaches. Increasing the scope available to the public also increases infrastructure costs, potential damage to natural and cultural resources.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Beaches are always changing. Focusing on "largest beaches" is a moving target. Overall, I think this increases the possibility of accidents on the already treacherous roads, length of time in the cars, etc.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forego access to western beaches and limit to Alegria and Agua Caliente beaches, closest access points.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Protection of natural and cultural resources.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

This option seems to cost too much money. Our focus in California should be our schools, homeless, housing, and the resources that are already available to the public.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

What are our opportunity costs here? We provide some beach lovers ANOTHER beach to go to at what costs? Again, I think our opportunity costs are too high in California.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I do not believe the state government should be invading private property. If the state chooses to do so, it comes at a cost to great. Not only do we have glaring needs in our public education systems, homeless, affordable housing, current infrastructure, the list is long. Spending ANY money for recreational purposes seems to be a long reach for

government entities. On the Gaviota Coast, we have three state parks that are under serviced and in disrepair as it is. This is a red flag as it shows the ability to care for our natural resources is already stretched thin. Private property owners have the greatest incentive to keep this land pristine and its environmentally sensitive habitats intact. I would greatly appreciate my tax dollars to be used elsewhere.

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Short Text

Response No: 149

Contribution ID: 3275
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 19, 2025, 08:46 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text Preserving the prestige coastline and teaching people how to respect and take care of the area to keep it looking and feeling as it does now with limited impacts.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I don't see it feasible to extend access past the first beach if even that. All too often opening things to general public ruins areas like this and even when signage and training is provided it often fails. I feel funds could be better allocated towards existing land access to make them better and more taken care of first, then move onto new endeavors like Hollister

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Keep access limited

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I'd be willing to forego access to preserve the area. These will burden the coast creating new trails and managed groups will overrun the quiet area that is Hollister. There are areas already available that I think would benefit from these types of improvements first.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text None, this is a luxury expense by the state and the benefit this will provide a limited cope of people for the cost it will cost us taxpayers is a waste of resources that could be allocated elsewhere.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Private individual access is frankly not possible here it would be a massively costly project if even possible and would completely ruin the area to both owners and visitors alike.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Preserve what is there and leave it as is is honestly the best way to manage this untouched area.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would forego all of it, keep it as is so it may remain for generations as the untouched area it is and preserve all that it offers to the cultural history and habitats.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text " Clustering public access" says it great, it will be a complete cluster. It is basically a single road in and out. Making it different will be so costly. We can't add a freeway lane in under 15 years. This seems like a waste of money and a huge pipe dream. If there is an existing footpath and parking area to go in may be one thing but to make one will just damage the prestige environment.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All of them.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text An existing footpath or docent shuttle occasionally each month seems like the only feasible solution but both of these are going to prevent the vast majority of people to never have access rendering it pointless. Enrich the current public access areas we have in the Gaviota coast before spending more here for something that will benefit few and cost much for many.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Any and all of it

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
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Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I understand the public desire of the political reps to open this but I really urge reviewing the status and condition of just about any state run area nearby first and working to enrich those areas to be more satisfactory before beginning a new endeavor like this that is going to be massively more costly and benefit many less citizens at the end of the day while likely ruining something as beautiful and preserved as Hollister Ranch.

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Short Text 93101

Response No: 150

Contribution ID: 3272
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 19, 2025, 07:56 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text
low impact
Supervised visits
Not accessible to many
Too much time to plan to get to a place

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text
This is the highest feasibility option

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text
I don't like easy pedestrian access to culturally and env sensitive areas

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text
I don't need quick implementation

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text
preserve the first beaches, no access
Give some access by car, private individual

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text
none, I like this plan

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text
preserve some beaches

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text
This plan OK too.
more expensive
Im not fond of shuttle system in all elements - too hard to manage.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text
dont need access to only the close beaches. If someone is coming all the way out there, they can go to the farthest beaches which are less sensitive.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text
skip the shuttle
walk in roads important, so I guess that means the close beaches.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text
too much access. Preserve some beaches.
Too much emphasis on car traffic

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text
access to all beaches
(All my answers were thinking that the first beaches were culturally sensitive. I may have that mixed up. Please preserve the cultural and environmental sensitiveity.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

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Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Thanks

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Short Text

Response No: 151

Contribution ID: 3271
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 19, 2025, 07:51 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text I think this is a first step to teach the public about Hollister Ranch, but is highly restrictive.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I think that public access should be allowed and I am concerned that this option really is not open to the general public. Just like currently, there is guided access to the ranch, however, I have never been allowed to visit.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text I think that prioritizing public access is extremely important. The public has been fighting for years to have access to this part of the California which is our right. It is about time that access is granted.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I am think we should try it and monitor what happens. I do think some infrastructure will be needed, but I do also think that the community will be good stewards of this land.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text I think this is important as it will allow access to more people. Larger beaches provide more outdoor space for the community.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I think that the residents of Hollister Ranch need to understand that "common" people will be allowed on their roads and I think that is ok. Public land is public land.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text I think some protections need to be put in place. However, I think they should be the same restrictions and protections we have at our other beaches.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Perhaps during certain seasons, i.e., a nesting season, access is a bit more limited.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text I think allowing individual vehicles access to the closer beaches will allow more public access. Perhaps there can be parking areas also, for the community to park to then hike to the further beaches.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I think allowing more vehicles to increase access is a feasible request.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text I think this is best option as it offers multiple places of entry and ways to access Hollister Ranch. If we truly do believe in the concept of the California Coast being public, then this is by far the best option.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would forgo all other options for option 6.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking
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Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection

Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Thank you for offering these workshops and public comment opportunities for us, it has been a long time coming.

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Short Text 93117

Response No: 152

Contribution ID: 3266
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 19, 2025, 07:05 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I believe option one is the only access be allowed to start out with to see the the popularity of of and remind everyone this isn't for any surfers to be allowed under this, this beach isn't anything special than other beaches it's just that most haven't made any effort to get there which I've done since the early 70s in a boat, option one also controls who's coming in the ranch remember all the land past the mean high tide is private property having strangers walking onto private properties isn't going to end up well

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Fix the Gaviota pier which was always the access for many people for decades, the hoist being used is priority in my opinion,Anything the state does ends up horribly, fix and repair El Capitain , Refugio, Gaviota and make them how they used to be extremely popular places, the beach at the ranch is no different again zero surfers should have access through the hollister ranch property ever, they paid for the road the county didn't maintain it everyone including my friends that live there really take care of this place and they all cherish it.Having emergency services is way too long for any type of emergency and maybe talk to personal that knows that

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I don't give option 2 any consideration until one has a trial run , again Private Property you can't access Diablo canyon, Vandenburg and the Cojo Ranch either but you can by boat some places, y just got back from Catalina island the access is by boat

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Some of these beaches have the Snowy Plowver a protected species and havin people trampling all over littering is a great idea again do a monitored trial run and beware the land it loaded with rattlesnakes I've seen them on the beaches , and what are the insurance companies saying if someone gets hurt they can sue the owners ? Have them sign legal waivers for that reason

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Big No

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Absolutely not feasible

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Zero options on 4 until a trail run

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Big No it's private property and zero surfers allowed

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Again zero options

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

This is the biggest no plus repair the state park right next to it the pier and hoist should be operational asap Fix The Pier the best access and maybe consider a state ran boat to take people up there on nice days

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Nooooooooo

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Nooooooo

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Being a surfer and experiencing the ranch since 1974 I see zero reason why people should just trespass on private property to access it , The nicest beaches are in the Cojo ranch which is private also, I've driven in countless times and boated in hundreds of times ruining a sanctuary beach isn't worth it this state can't run anything right without major corruption and scandals

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Short Text 93465

Response No: 153

Contribution ID: 3265
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 19, 2025, 06:35 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text This respects the pristine coastline as well as serving the peoplemwhomwant access

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text People hiking in hard to enforce and will lead to greater impact.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text None-

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Forgo shuttles and trails

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text None

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Too many people
And acess points

Forego shutte and trails

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Foregonshuttle

Forego trail

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text The number of people would severly impact coast

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Lose thenshuttles and trails

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
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Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Indian lands
Coastal Habitat Impact
Fire hazard
Crime and lost people

How will
You mitigate these risks

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Short Text 92037

Response No: 154

Contribution ID: 3263
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 19, 2025, 05:05 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The preservation of the land and watchful eye over the guests coming. Mainly, keeping the numbers minimal so they can be contained and supervised

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I feel there is a lack of supervision of guests and exposes all visitors to potentially being trapped on the walking trail if a fire were to occur , which is more often than we would like to admit

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I feel this opens up the vulnerability to fires trapping people deep in the hollister ranch. If anything I'd open up the closest beaches to the gate incase of emergency the exit would be closer.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I think all of this land is too well preserved to let random people with private individual access come on property. This is a special and fragile ecosystem that people will trash. All of the beaches are equal in regards to the sensitive natural and cultural resources they contain

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This makes more sense to me but reality is that the fragile ecosystem will be damaged on the lower part of the ranch and people will try to venture to where they're not suppose to. It always happens

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I strongly feel this will deplete the most amazing natural preservation of the California coast and all of its inhabitants . Not to mention the risk of having people being trapped during a fire and what that blowback will be when they can't exit.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text

Response No: 155

Contribution ID: 3260
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 19, 2025, 02:38 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I am not able to rank the options. More specific instructions are needed for where and how to input. Where do I type in the ranking?? Is it in this box??

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93108

Response No: 156

Contribution ID: 3259
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 19, 2025, 01:56 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text Near term availability, low costs, and high level of feasibility.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Shuttle, private car, walking/bike path and costly and would have limited availability and are not paths that should be pursued. Guided access is the best path.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Managed group access is feasible, cost effective, and preserves the environment to the maximum extent.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text The walking/biking trail is not feasible due to extreme distances, railroad trestles, and enormous costs. Not to mention the environmental impacts would be significant and the timeframe extremely lengthy.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Guided tour is the best option. Private car will never work. Shuttle is expensive and requires massive effort from already overwhelmed Gaviota State Park.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Shuttle and private car.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Managed Group access has the least impact on environment and is the most feasible.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All other options other than Managed Group access.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Too much cost and time. Prefer managed group access.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Would forgo all in favor of managed group access.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Guided Tour has the lowest environmental impact and most feasible.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Would forgo all other paths aside from Guided Tour access

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

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Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93110

Response No: 157

Contribution ID: 3256
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 19, 2025, 01:09 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

If the guided access was super flexible for the user. For example, if the guide took people to the beach and they guest could stay there to sundown, that would be good.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I think if this gets to expensive and burdensome to administer it would be a bad option.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

A trail for access is a great idea. THis has all taken such a long time, waiting a bit for trail access to be finished is an expected compromise.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

All beaches should be accessible. If some require limited access for reasons like cost or feasibility that would make sense. There should be no exclusive use for the Hollister Ranch

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

If no public access, then exclude the ranch people too. No private beach please.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Too bad that there is traffic. Mitigate it reasonably but get used to the idea that there are people on the road. I don't care for any plan that leaves out a beach for reasons such as environmental sensitivity. If the public is out the ranch owners must also stay away.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I like this plan the most.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Contribution ID: 3252
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Low impact of people on nature
Safety of visitors
Lifeguards

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

NA

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Vandalism
Trash
Trail through private land
Crime

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

NA

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Impact of people on nature
Trash
Safety
Lifeguards

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

NA

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Lifeguards
Impact of people on nature
Safety

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

nA

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Lifeguards
Safety
Crime
Impact of people on nature

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

NA

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Safety
Lifeguards
Rangers for trail
Impact of people on nature

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text NA

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Response No: 159

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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Maintaining the ecological health of the coastline, including sensitive habitats, wildlife corridors, and undeveloped watersheds, and cultural sites.

Ensuring ranch operations remain fully functional, including cattle movement, infrastructure access, and day-to-day agricultural activity without public interference.

Strict safety considerations, particularly avoiding access routes that require crossing active railroad tracks or remote, hazard-prone terrain.

Respecting private property rights, which have been integral to the preservation of the coastline for generations.

Focusing on low-impact, controlled access methods that do not introduce large groups, unmanaged visitation, or infrastructure that would fundamentally alter the character of the area.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I think you all are grossly underestimating the actual cost, impact, and implications. I think you should shoot for a much more feasible access that wouldn't burden the state with management and costs that we know you won't uphold to the highest standard. I would forgo all of it. Why don't you rebuild the pier and boat hoist so that the farthest West beaches are easily accessible, and work on the simplest option of walkable beach access, like a short, well-maintained, safe trail that takes you from state lands above Gaviota State Park down to the beach? There is currently a subpar goat trail down to the beach from just outside the ranch that is heavily trafficked with surfers, beach walkers, and fishermen. If you could fix and maintain this trail, access would be so much more feasible at such a low cost. Then you could work on fixing and maintaining your state parks and the dilapidated bike path that you failed to maintain between El Cap and Refugio state parks. Shame on you!

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The remote beaches have no viable ambulance access, no turnaround areas, no cellular coverage, and no ability to land EMS vehicles without building new roads.

Lifeguard staffing, rescue equipment, and emergency extraction routes would require full-scale coastal infrastructure, which contradicts the conservation mandate.

Santa Barbara County Fire and Sheriff already operate beyond capacity across Gaviota; adding remote beach rescue responsibilities is unfunded and unrealistic. Without safe emergency access, no public agency can ethically support these options.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I could forgo all of these options because you guys have failed to determine the actual operating costs. are not opperating in the best interest of the public and your project has simply become another political stepping stone for Monique Limon. If this was really about access you would fund your state parks, manage your state lands, and reestablish the historical and feasible access created by maintaining the pier and boat hoist at gaviota, the bike path on the gaviota coast and all your other state lands across santa barbara county. you are simply reaching for the biggest fish in an effort to create a better name for youselves and further your own carreers via big headlines even though it is ever apparent that the majority of california dosnt stand with you on the topic and neither do the Chumash that called this place home.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Some areas contain recorded sacred sites, artifacts, and burial grounds.
Public access raises the risk of vandalism, looting, or inadvertent disturbance.
State law requires avoidance, not just mitigation.
No lifeguards, no emergency ingress/egress, no cell coverage, no EMS staging areas.
Remote beaches are inaccessible for fire, medical, or rescue response.
Evacuations are extremely difficult during rising tides, storms, or injuries.
Union Pacific does not allow new pedestrian or vehicle crossings.
CPUC approval of new at-grade crossings is nearly impossible.
Grade-separated access (tunnels/bridges) is cost-prohibitive and environmentally destructive.
Parking
Bathrooms (ADA compliant)
Trails or roads
Trash/recycling facilities
Lifeguard posts

Fencing and signage
Monitoring stations
Emergency access routes
14,000+ acres, 8.5 miles of coastline, dozens of private ranch roads.
High trespass, vandalism, and poaching potential without full-time patrol.
Sheriff and CHP are already resource-limited in the Gaviota area.
Enforcement requires vehicles, staff, training, and tens of millions in long-term costs.
Trash, food packaging, fishing gear, diapers, bottles, and plastics.
Human waste where bathrooms do not exist or are too far away.
Waste attracts animals, spreads disease, and damages habitats.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All of it!!!!

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text You overlooking the logistics and facts in an effort to gain political notoriety, is a shame.
Alegria and agua caliente beaches already have very easy access walking about 25 to 35 minutes up the beach from an existing trail (that could make some sort of effort to maintain coming off of state lands above Gaviota state park. The other beaches are already easily accessed via boat and this would be so much easier if you fixed the pier and boat hoist!!!!

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All of it! you guys should be doing what you can to improve and maintain the current access before you reach for the stars and force a plan down California's throat that benefits nobody and has grave impacts on the environment, its resource,s and the land owners that call this magical place home.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Environmental, ecological, and cultural impacts are most important. I believe our tax dollars should be spent elsewhere, and your efforts should be to fix and maintain your heavily underfunded state parks and poorly managed state land, not grab more land that you can't afford to manage and maintain. The eastern most beaches are already incredibly easy to access and accessed on every large swell and or medium to low tide!!! You guys should do a better job of doing your homework and a better job maintain the lands you already have. Fixing the boat hoist and pier would significatly increase the access to the western most beaches and as for these beaches.... they already have access!

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text all of it! Your plans show how little you know of the area. Your plans lack critical thinking and feasibility!!!!

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Extremely sensitive environmental resources (tidepools, reefs, dunes, estuaries, wildlife corridors) that cannot tolerate increased human presence.

Protected species impacts, including birds, marine mammals, and intertidal organisms that are highly disturbance-sensitive.

Cultural and archaeological site risks, including recorded and unrecorded Chumash cultural resources that require strict protection.

Violation of CEQA environmental standards if impacts cannot be mitigated to a less-than-significant level.

High fire danger in a region with strong winds, dry fuel loads, and limited firefighting access.

No safe railroad crossings, with Union Pacific and CPUC historically prohibiting new at-grade or informal crossings.

Railroad liability and safety hazards, including high-speed trains and lack of sight distance.

No emergency vehicle access to remote beaches for medical, fire, or rescue operations.

Lack of lifeguard staffing and inability to provide safe ocean rescue coverage.

No cellular reception, making emergencies harder to report and respond to.

Dangerous tides, surf conditions, and isolated coves that trap visitors without proper oversight.

No existing public infrastructure such as parking, bathrooms, water, or ADA facilities.

Extremely high cost to build required public infrastructure in remote locations.

No funding source identified for long-term maintenance, staffing, or emergency services.

Waste management issues, including trash, human waste, diapers, fishing gear, and plastics accumulating in remote areas.

Pollution impacts on marine and terrestrial ecosystems from unmanaged public visitation.

Road widening requirements on ranch roads and surrounding county roads to safely accommodate visitor traffic.

Traffic safety issues on narrow, rural roads not designed for large public volumes.

Increased wildfire ignition risk from visitors, vehicles, smoking, or illegal campfires.

Law enforcement limitations, with insufficient Sheriff and CHP resources to patrol the area.

High trespass risk, as visitors wander off designated routes into private parcels or sensitive habitat.

Vandalism risk to ranch infrastructure, equipment, and cultural resources.

Interference with active cattle ranching, including gates left open, injured visitors, and disrupted cattle movements.

Liability risks for injuries involving livestock, uneven terrain, or ranch equipment.

Damage to ranch water systems, fencing, trails, and operational infrastructure.

Conflicts between recreational users and agricultural operations, which cannot safely coexist without full-time monitoring.

Erosion and trail degradation from increased foot traffic or poorly designed access routes.

Beach overcrowding that changes the character of a historically quiet, undeveloped coastline.

Degradation of the last intact stretch of the Gaviota Coast, losing one of California’s most pristine shorelines.

Cumulative impact to wildlife, including habitat fragmentation and behavioral changes due to increased human presence.

Lack of feasible enforcement plan for ensuring compliance with rules, boundaries, and protected zones.

High long-term operational costs for patrol, maintenance, lifeguards, monitoring, and emergency readiness.

Seasonal hazard issues, including winter storms, bluff erosion, landslides, and dangerous surf conditions.

Significant CEQA litigation risk due to unavoidable impacts to habitat and cultural resources.

Potential eminent domain conflicts, requiring compensation to landowners and triggering legal battles.

Violation of privacy rights for residents and owners whose homes, roads, and facilities border proposed access routes.

Risk to ongoing conservation and restoration projects that rely on limited disturbance.

Risk of human-caused contamination of streams, estuaries, or sensitive wetlands.

Lack of ADA-compliant routes due to steep topography, railroad barriers, and uneven terrain.

Unfunded long-term management, making any built infrastructure vulnerable to neglect.

Inconsistent tide windows that can trap visitors and require risky rescue operations.

Potential conflicts with private easements, agreements, and long-standing land management systems.

Insurance and liability burdens on private property owners and public agencies.

Noise impacts on wildlife and ranching operations from increased visitor presence.

Increased vehicle emissions in a region committed to conservation.

Risk of dogs or pets damaging wildlife, harassing cattle, or spreading disease.

Introduction of invasive species through increased traffic along roadways or trails.

Difficulty establishing realistic carrying capacity without harming the ecosystem.

Loss of uninterrupted scenic and cultural landscape, one of the Ranch's defining values.

High likelihood of rule violations (fires, dogs, alcohol, camping, trespass) without substantial staffing.

Coastal bluff instability, making trail construction dangerous or infeasible.

Sea level rise and erosion, which threaten long-term sustainability of any built access.

Potential conflict with existing settlement agreements governing access.

Risk of public misunderstanding of boundaries, leading to chronic management challenges.

No viable monitoring program for wildlife, visitor impact, or environmental degradation.

Burden placed on a region with already limited county resources for rural services.

Dangerous surf spots unsuitable for beginner or casual users, increasing rescue risks.

High potential for environmental damage before any issues are detected due to remote geography.

Difficulty providing potable water or sanitation in a remote coastal environment.

Threats to livestock health from increased human interaction or contaminated waste.

Decreased property values due to forced easements, eminent domain, or unmanaged public access.

Public safety risk associated with cliff edges, rip currents, unstable trails, and storm surge.

Aerial drone use, which disturbs wildlife, cattle, and private residential areas.

Lack of nighttime enforcement, leading to illegal camping, fires, or poaching.

Overlapping jurisdictional agencies, creating confusion and poor coordination (County, State Parks, CCC, Coastal Conservancy, CPUC, Union Pacific, etc.).

Unfunded mandates placed on agencies that have no capacity to implement or maintain expanded access.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I could forgo all of the proposed access plans and believe you should focus our tax dollars and your efforts on maintain managing improoving and fixing already existing state parks and state lands. Especially all the state parks on the Gaviota Coast!!! by doing this, fixing and maintaining the current beach access rout abouve gaviota state park on state land and fixing the pier and boat hoist you have neglected for 12 years now

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

My biggest concern is that this process is completely misaligned with reality. The State has not demonstrated the ability to responsibly manage or fund the existing access programs, yet is proposing new access concepts that would trigger massive costs, environmental damage, safety liabilities, and years of legal conflict. Before even discussing expansion, the State should focus its time, attention, and resources on properly managing and improving the access it already has.

Many of the options being floated are simply not feasible. They require crossing active railroad tracks the CPUC and Union Pacific will not approve, constructing infrastructure the State cannot afford, and providing enforcement and emergency services that do not exist. Attempts to force access through private ranch lands via eminent domain would trigger enormous compensation requirements, guaranteed litigation, and a permanent devaluation of every landowner's property interest. Eminent domain for recreation is not just bad policy—it is guaranteed to produce lawsuits that the State will lose, all at taxpayer expense.

Beyond the legal and financial fallout, these plans would directly degrade the very coastline the State claims to protect. Remote beaches, cultural sites, wildlife corridors, and ongoing conservation work cannot absorb high-impact or unmanaged visitation. Nor can an active working cattle ranch function safely with uncontrolled public movement through operational areas; it's a recipe for accidents, liability, and conflict.

In summary, none of these proposals solve real problems—they create new ones. The responsible path forward is

simple: reject low-feasibility access concepts, avoid costly eminent domain battles, and invest in protecting the land and supporting the existing access already in place.

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Contribution ID: 3250
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

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Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

asd

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

asdf

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

asdf

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

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Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

asdf

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

asdfas

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

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Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

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Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

asdf

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

sadfa

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

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Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

sadfa

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Response No: 161

Contribution ID: 3247
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 19, 2025, 11:21 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text I don't like anything about this plan. I would only support a trail that is made of decomposed granite, with no additional vehicular access.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Abandone the idea that there would be guided tours altogether.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text That people that want to hike the 8 miles of the ranch could do so. It would not require eminent domain seizing of HROA infrastructure or the additional burden "van trips".

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text I don't like any elements of this plan. Yes, the beach up to the mean high tide line is public property, but the road and infrastructure are not. I would only support an access plan that minimizes its impact, cost of acquisition and cost of operation, i,e: a trail.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would forgo all elements of this plan that are inconsistent with what I stated above.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Pedestrian access.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would forgo the denial of pedestrian access to Bulito and Drake's. Some security and protection of HROA infrastructure assets must be provided.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Pedestrian access (only).

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Scrap the idea of vans driven on HROA roads.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Pedestrian access only.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Scrap the ideas of shuttles, tour guides or letting vehicles through the gate to drive on HROA roads.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I don’t know how the state would pay for most of these options, especially ones that would require significant operating costs, such as paying tour guides, maintaining vehicles, training drivers, insurance against damages to the roadway and cattle operations.

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Response No: 162

Contribution ID: 3245
Member ID:
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text Having access be guided in such a sensitive ecological area and one that is prone to cliff slides would be best as it could be a small, inexpensive program that would preserve nature and people's safety.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I'd be willing to forgo government spending on it, and have the Chumash, the Hollister Conservancy, and the local schools and universities. This area would be a big spend for little public gain, so I want us to make sure to spend on education, healthcare, and clean energy.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text People's safety and public benefit. I think people will be surprised at how exposed this coastline is to erosion. Just look at the work that Amtrak/Union Pacific has undergone to protect the railroad. Providing access is a poor use of government money when we have way more pressing education, healthcare and clean energy priorities in the state.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I'd forego the trail, as it doesn't have a large benefit to many people.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text People's safety and public spending. I think shuttles are a poor use of spending and people will be surprised how little beach there is due to sea level rise, and the sliding cliffs are not safe to bring in people unfamiliar with the area without guided supervision.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Decrease spend to focus on education, healthcare, and clean energy initiatives.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Spend and the amount of ecological damage that comes with individual fossil fuel vehicles and their needs. Then people's safety, as I really don't think people understand how sensitive this area is to sea level rise and coastal erosion, making cliff slides common and dangerous especially for the unfamiliar.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Honestly, after doing this survey a few times, what I think could be rad is if you made a structure at Gaviota with that $20 million to be a living laboratory for local schools to visit, with some guided access at Hollister. That seems like it'd make an impact on youth's education and open up their minds, without breaking the bank for the state and aligning it with at least one more pressing priority (education).

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Ecological damage, spend, and people's safety. I think this is a recipe for a very expensive disaster on the state's hands, especially when we have other priorities (education, healthcare, clean energy... probably immigration protection and economy too now that I'm on question 5 of this)

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Forgo it all, this is a terrible plan that is a huge waste of money. The CalMatters article on this highlights how it's a pork barrel project and should be avoided. https://calmatters.org/politics/2025/11/california-budget-earmarks-2025/

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text I like the guided part, this is a special place, but the rest is a terrible idea for the ecology of the area, for the budgetary priorities of the state.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Keep guided tours, but I like the idea of spending that $20mil on a rad ecological education center at Gaviota that would be the hub for access points. Forego all access. This is not a good idea to open up a pristine and sensitive place to climate change to the unfettered public. But do prioritize guided tours, especially if the state doesn't have to foot the bill.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I honestly don't think the planning has taken into account the ecological damages, people's safety, and how misaligned the budget allocation is with what people really need (education, healthcare, clean energy, access to jobs).

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Response No: 163

Contribution ID: 3241
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text i like that its guided tour only and i like that implementation cost and operational costs are lower

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text reduce the number of beaches to those farthest east

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text i like that there is noprivate individual access or multi-use trail or independent shuttle access, because i think those three are most likely to get out of control.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text maybe remove pedestrian trail to reduce implementation costs, and stick to the eastern most beaches

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text it worries me having private individual access drive the entire length of the private ranch road

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text remove all private individual access and shuttles

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text i like that there would be no access to bulito or drakes to preserve natural and cultural sensitivities. i think a walking trail to the first beach sounds reasonable

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I think we should remove the individual and shuttle access across the board.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text i like that the western most beaches are off the table

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text both the timeframe and costs for shuttle, individual and multi-use trail seem unfeasible

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text potentially my least favorite option, hard to find anything i like about this one

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text forgo western beaches. forgo multi-use access trail, forgo private individual access and shuttles. A pedestrian trail to the first beach sounds most feasible.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
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Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

works ok to me, what is not stated is headcount per trip, bus?, hours and days of operation, what type of cargo is allowed, bus to EACH site?, hold harmless agreements and liability, increased unsupervised population and wildfire liability.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

old day access 60/70/80s was by long beach hike legally below high tide line at lower tides. how does the landgrab happen to use overland trail. HHA and liability. RR crossings and stupid peoples doing illegal things.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

again, HHA and liability, stupid people doing illegal things

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

HHA nd liabilities, stupid people doing illegal activities, increased wildfire potentials.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

HAVE CA STATE PARKS FIX THE PIER

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

HAVE CA STATE PARKS FIX THE PIER

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

CA STATE PARKS HAS A BACKLOG OF DEFFERED MAINTENANCE AT EVERY LOCAL PARK, GET THIS STUFF FUNDEND AND COMPLETED BEFORE ADDING TO THE WORKLOAD.

it is assumed this task is for the non surf focused population as surf people already have access. clarify the population of interest and carry on gear limits to each.

for as long as these discussions have been underway, each topic is lacking detail of how a nominal day for each would occur.

FIX THE PIER. THE GENERAL PUBLIC CANNOT EVEN WALK ON THE PIER....FIX THIS FIRST....

i have lived in the local area since 1959, am 73yrs old, have watched the CA STATE PARKS decay to the broken condition they are today, walked from Gaviota to surf the hollister since 1968, and boated the area from the pier since 1971 and seen the pier go thru many changes to get to the broken condition it is in today.

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Response No: 165

Contribution ID: 3239
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Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided tours should be educational. Therefore I think beaches that should be incorporated should be those with the most access to tide pools and areas of cultural significance. This included Algeria and Bulito.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forgo private vehicle access
Forgo multi use trail
Forgo pedestrian trail
Forgo San Augustine
Forgo Drakes
Forgo Sacate

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Who is responsible for managing the group? What is in place if they violate any rules? How can they ensure they do not cross into private property boundary lines? Unless this person is in a position of power I see the public abusing this privilege. San Augustine is the most vast beach and is adjacent to the dangermond preserve so one disobient group member could cause issues on that private property as well. I think San Augustine should have guided access.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forgo access to San Augustine in a managed group setting

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This may be the worst plan. Increase in vehicular traffic and can have detrimental impacts to the wildlife- especially mountain lions, bobcats, and can be costly if a cow is struck and killed. Largest beaches should not be open to the public because there is less assurance that the public won't trespass. This one seems extremely biased towards recreational activities as well.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Access to the first two because using these methods would be better.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Increase is vehicle traffic is not natural protection. It is the opposite. Any motion to say that more cars on the ranch is ecologically sound would be wrong. I do think access to cultural heritage is incredibly important though so shuttle access could be acceptable.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private vehicle access

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Do not include private vehicle access. A trail would be accessible for most and if it is not then a shuttle would provide an accessible option.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private vehicle transportation

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Nothing about this seems sustainable. Seems like a greenwashing effort with potential no environmental impact accounted for.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private vehicle access and increased access to sacate.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Private vehicle access would have detrimental impacts on the environment and coastal erosion. The increase in human activity and vehicle use can alter wildlife behavior and increase fatalities. What protections would the state implant that would protect the people that live there? Are there any safeguards that would aid in coastal erosion (which is likely to be expedited with the increase in vehicles and foot traffic)? Otherwise this would feel extremely extractive.
What safeguards protect public property lines? Prevent the public from entering? Are they provided with a map of the easement lines and property lines? Who would enforce trespassing rules? How could you tell the difference between an owner and a visitor on land? How can you prevent the public from driving up (dangerous, narrow, and tight) canyon roads?

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Short Text

93117

Response No: 166

Contribution ID: 3238
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 19, 2025, 07:33 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

ii support a combination of shuttles and bicycle/e-bike access. This will limit private car traffic. The Trestles beaches are good model for this in southern San Clemente.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

guided tours only are too inflexible...need independence of public access. Also limiting the beaches which may be accessed is not consistent with public access law.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Early access is great, but independent access ASAP is important.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Managed tours are fine, if they provide minimum 3 hour time to enjoy the beaches and ocean.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

no comment

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

no comment

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

bathrooms with showers should be provided at the larger beaches.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

no comment

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

these are great beaches and surfing reefs, but the entire coast should be accessible.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

none

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Maximum coastal access.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Limation of private cars to prioritize bikes will minimize human impacts.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

No

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Short Text 92663

Response No: 167

Contribution ID: 3237
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 19, 2025, 05:44 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Access to surfing and water recreation beaches.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Guides are not nexessary to access and utilies the handful of surfing spots on this stretch of coast.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is not a good option, there are not many surfing beaches, access should be to each of them.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text 93109

Response No: 168

Contribution ID: 3236
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 19, 2025, 05:34 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Preserving the nature, the animals and local species of flora and fauna, and the natural habitats of the land and coastal area.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would be willing to forgo harmful elements access to preserve the nature, the animals and local species of flora and fauna, and the natural habitats of the land and coastal area - such as(i) too many people at any one time, (ii) people without a guide which could lead to misuse that we see throughout Santa Barbara beaches now like trash, fire, fighting

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Preserving the nature, the animals and local species of flora and fauna, and the natural habitats of the land and coastal area. I am against this option

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would be willing to forgo harmful elements access to preserve the nature, the animals and local species of flora and fauna, and the natural habitats of the land and coastal area - such as(i) too many people at any one time, (ii) people without a guide which could lead to misuse that we see throughout Santa Barbara beaches now like trash, fire, fighting. In addition, I dont think unguided pedestrian access would be safe and creates hazards such as trash, trespassing, fires, etc. I would much rather see the investment into existing county and state infrastructure at Santa Barbara beaches like Gaviota and Refugio.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Preserving the nature, the animals and local species of flora and fauna, and the natural habitats of the land and coastal area. I am against this option

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would be willing to forgo harmful elements access to preserve the nature, the animals and local species of flora and fauna, and the natural habitats of the land and coastal area - such as(i) too many people at any one time, (ii) people without a guide which could lead to misuse that we see throughout Santa Barbara beaches now like trash, fire, fighting. In addition, I dont think unguided pedestrian access would be safe and creates hazards such as trash, trespassing, fires, etc. I would much rather see the investment into existing county and state infrastructure at Santa Barbara beaches like Gaviota and Refugio.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Preserving the nature, the animals and local species of flora and fauna, and the natural habitats of the land and coastal area. I am against this option

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would be willing to forgo harmful elements access to preserve the nature, the animals and local species of flora and fauna, and the natural habitats of the land and coastal area - such as(i) too many people at any one time, (ii) people without a guide which could lead to misuse that we see throughout Santa Barbara beaches now like trash, fire, fighting. In addition, I dont think unguided pedestrian access would be safe and creates hazards such as trash, trespassing, fires, etc. I would much rather see the investment into existing county and state infrastructure at Santa Barbara beaches like Gaviota and Refugio.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Preserving the nature, the animals and local species of flora and fauna, and the natural habitats of the land and coastal area. I am against this option

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would be willing to forgo harmful elements access to preserve the nature, the animals and local species of flora and fauna, and the natural habitats of the land and coastal area - such as(i) too many people at any one time, (ii) people without a guide which could lead to misuse that we see throughout Santa Barbara beaches now like trash,

fire, fighting. In addition, I dont think unguided pedestrian access would be safe and creates hazards such as trash, trespassing, fires, etc. I would much rather see the investment into existing county and state infrastructure at Santa Barbara beaches like Gaviota and Refugio.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Preserving the nature, the animals and local species of flora and fauna, and the natural habitats of the land and coastal area. I am against this option

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would be willing to forgo harmful elements access to preserve the nature, the animals and local species of flora and fauna, and the natural habitats of the land and coastal area - such as(i) too many people at any one time, (ii) people without a guide which could lead to misuse that we see throughout Santa Barbara beaches now like trash, fire, fighting. In addition, I dont think unguided pedestrian access would be safe and creates hazards such as trash, trespassing, fires, etc. I would much rather see the investment into existing county and state infrastructure at Santa Barbara beaches like Gaviota and Refugio.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I am for private property rights. I don't think the government should be able to take private land for this type of recreational purpose. I think the money required for these projects should be used to enhance our schools and our roads and the existing infrastructure of beaches and camp grounds. The Gaviota State Park campground is embarrassing and needs an upgrade, and many of the beaches from UCSB to Gaviota State Park need better access and infrastructure. This would be a horrific use of public money. I also worry about the certain increased fire hazard, as well as the degradation of the environmental habitat and the negative impact to the unique flora and fauna from unfettered access to such a sensitive area. Please use the public money to enhance the lives of all constituents , not just a few people who want access to a part of the coastline that requires violating private property rights, especially when a lady percentage of the coastline from UCSB to Gaviota is accessible (without much infrastructure) and not used today.

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Short Text

Response No: 169

Contribution ID: 3235
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 11:23 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

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Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

My concerns are public interference with wildlife and cattle, as well as how lifeguards would be implemented to help protect visitors. An increase in visitors would also lead to a rise in medical emergencies and accidents while in a secluded area. Another concern would be if there are enough public facilities and staff to handle an influx of sanitary

needs.

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Short Text 90277

Response No: 170

Contribution ID: 3233
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 10:02 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

No public access. It is a pristine costal region that should be left alone.

Not to mention it is private property. Land should not be taken from private land owners by the government. Seems like common sense.

The land has been bought and is owned by people who spent hard earned money to be there

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Q15 **Enter your email if you'd like to join the mailing list.**

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text

Response No: 171

Contribution ID: 3232
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 09:56 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The natural and cultural resources will be protected by having a trained and responsible guide available. The beaches will not be overwhelmed and the special character of the coast will be preserved. This option is most likely to succeed and can be implemented relatively quickly. It will also ensure that the folks who access this special part of the coast have an understanding of what they are accessing.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The two most sensitive beaches do not need to be accessed. if there are times of the year when birds are migrating and should not be disturbed the visits can be forgone during those times.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

It provides a range of options for reaching the beaches including a trail for dedicated hikers who can come from Gaviota and the option for people to organize their own trips (perhaps scouts, or family groups) for the least fragile beaches. This expands access while being minimally expensive.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

guided access to the most fragile beaches could be forgone in exchange for keeping access to the other 4 open. potentially the closest beaches could be pedestrian only access if cost made sense.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Drakes and Bulito are protected and only have guided access.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I think this is not a great option as it allows individual private access which potentially can cause problems. There is nothing to prevent someone in a private individual car from going to an otherwise closed beach. There will be significant costs which will cause conflict with other needs.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Drakes and Bulito are protected.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Letting people come in individual cars is an invitation to confusion and trouble.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Shuttle access from the staging area makes sense. Bulito and Drakes are protected.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

This is expensive and allowing private individual autos will result in people accessing the western beaches as well regardless of intent.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This meets the idea that the whole coast should be open.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Everything, I don't. like this option. It is the most expensive, doesn't protect the most fragile beaches (once people are in the area with private cars they will go wherever they want) and will require lots of upkeep and coordination.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

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Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

will access be seasonally adjusted for migration and reproduction of birds and other creatures?

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Short Text 90230

Response No: 172

Contribution ID: 3231
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 09:29 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Experiencing nature similar to a national park but without the crowds of Yosemite.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I don't know. Isn't this already happening?

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided tour access

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

E-bike path can be sacrificed

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Starting to sound expensive use of tax dollars. Guided tour access is important.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Shuttle bus + price individual access can go

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Managed group access + e-bike path

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Shuttle bus and car access. I get carsick easily.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Cost. This option is a waste of tax payer money.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Shuttle bus and car access are expensive to maintain.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option is ab$urd. Every year a new bond measure comes out. More of my CA taxes to this kind of waste.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forgo this whole option. Look at all of those $ signs. Is this Disneyland?

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

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Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Im a little shocked by these proposals. State parks can't man the beaches I used to lifeguard at but now they can build a whole new bus route for this newest national park? Let them eat cake I guess.

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Short Text 93019

Response No: 173

Contribution ID: 3230
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 09:11 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text Low environmental impact, feasibility, relatively low cost.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Potentially limiting which beaches are visited with guided tours so that it can be implemented sooner.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Guided access so that people can safely visit Hollister Ranch

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text The trail, which will presumably take the longest to construct given the likeliness of litigation that would render it a very slow process. Plus, it would be difficult to ensure that users of the trail do not wander and damage the natural environment. For example, where would trail users go to the bathroom?

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Guided access

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Individual access, too costly and slow.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Trail and private car access.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text Access to beaches that are closer to the main road, so not as far to drive.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text The trail and the private cars. These have low feasibility and high cost.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Option six is so ambitious that it ensures that none of this will ever be accomplished. It tries to do too much.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Multi-use trail.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

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Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text

Response No: 174

Contribution ID: 3227
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 08:38 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No need for private individual access.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No need for private individual access.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forego all of it. Too expensive. Not a good use of state money - focus on schools!

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forego all of it. Too expensive. Not a good use of state money - focus on schools!

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Forego all of it. Too expensive. Not a good use of state money - focus on schools!

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Short Text

Response No: 175

Contribution ID: 3226
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 08:37 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

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Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Minimal human impact is what has made The Hollister Ranch the equivalent of a time capsule for native species and that segment of the California coast, it would be foolish to degrade it, even slightly. The public has always been able to boat there to enjoy the ocean and escape civilization.

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Short Text

Response No: 176

Contribution ID: 3224
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 07:26 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Limiting crowds, reducing stain on limited natural resources (such as water for toileting), preserving the wild and untouched nature that makes this place special. It's important to avoid construction, pavement, and development so as not to "pave paradise, and put up a parking lot". The worst case scenario would be for this place to turn into hoards of tourists from LA every weekend.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Maintaining the wild, remote, untouched aspect of the space, which is what makes it special. Limiting crowds allows the space to remain wild and magical. As soon as hoards of visitors become the norm, this place loses its magic completely.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Safety. In my experience, those that aren't familiar with these roads cut corners on every blind corner when driving, putting locals driving carefully at massive risk of being run off the road/cliff. Individual access should be severely limited or eliminated to preserve the safety of the free roaming cattle on the roads.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forgo individual access to improve safety for everyone.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Protecting and preserving beautiful and unique spaces is the most important to me. I don't think this option does that as well as it could.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forgo access to the most western beaches to keep some of the nature unbothered by excessive human activity.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Limiting western beach access to improve safety, emergency response time, traffic, etc

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private individual access.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I don't love this plan. I just envision this becoming a hectic, traffic pile-up.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

All of it. This is my least favorite.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

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Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Many. I don’t think the plans fully explain how exactly all of these things would work.

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Short Text 93105

Response No: 177

Contribution ID: 3223
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 07:03 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I think this is a good option for protecting the tidepool life. Guided tours would offer a unique experience for protected tidepools. My family has had a good experience with the current program.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I know this is not the point but I sure think money could be better spent on:
-Gaviota Pier Repair
-Refugio / El Capitan Bike Path Repair
-Gaviota coast state park general maintenance.

It doesn't seem like the state cares to maintain these current resources. I'd love to visit the ranch but seems like every dollar spent could be better spent and provide more value at the current state parks.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Seems like a good mix of options.

I'm concerned the reservations could be gamed. Current state park reservations have a huge issue with no-shows. At the nominal cost for a beach pass what is to keep these passes from being reserved 6months in advance and never used? Either because it is too far ahead to plan a beach day or as a way to discourage public access?

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

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-Gaviota coast state park general maintenance.

It doesn't seem like the state cares to maintain these current resources. I'd love to visit the ranch but seems like every dollar spent could be better spent and provide more value at the current state parks.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I like the private access option but am concerned about it being gamed in the reservation system. See previous comment.

Need more details on shuttle. From where? I don't think a shuttle would work well.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

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-Gaviota coast state park general maintenance.

It doesn't seem like the state cares to maintain these current resources. I'd love to visit the ranch but seems like every dollar spent could be better spent and provide more value at the current state parks.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Same comments / concerns as previous ones.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I know this is not the point but I sure think money could be better spent on:
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-Gaviota coast state park general maintenance.

It doesn't seem like the state cares to maintain these current resources. I'd love to visit the ranch but seems like every dollar spent could be better spent and provide more value at the current state parks.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text The multi use trail seems cool but why not fix the one from Refugio to El Cap? Seems like it will never happen if they can't fix that one.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I know this is not the point but I sure think money could be better spent on:
-Gaviota Pier Repair
-Refugio / El Capitan Bike Path Repair
-Gaviota coast state park general maintenance.

It doesn't seem like the state cares to maintain these current resources. I'd love to visit the ranch but seems like every dollar spent could be better spent and provide more value at the current state parks.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Sounds great but seems like a plan that will never happen. An unfunded mandate. Good as nothing.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I know this is not the point but I sure think money could be better spent on:
-Gaviota Pier Repair
-Refugio / El Capitan Bike Path Repair
-Gaviota coast state park general maintenance.

It doesn't seem like the state cares to maintain these current resources. I'd love to visit the ranch but seems like every dollar spent could be better spent and provide more value at the current state parks.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Hard to give informed feedback without having been out there.

As a "local" in Buellton it just seems like the $ (if there is any) would be better spent on maintaining the existing parks such as the Gaviota Pier and Refugio/el cap bike path.

I get the "mandate to provide access" but what good is an unfunded mandate?

Serious consideration must be given to preventing gaming the access system/ reservations.

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93427

Response No: 178

Contribution ID: 3218
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 06:30 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text none

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text this question is confusing

bicycle and walking access only

however considerations on speed limiters on EV bikes is essential

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text none

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text the option with walking and bicycle paths is the best option

however considerations forspeed limiters for ev bikes is essential

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text none

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text the option with walking and bicycle paths is the best option

however considerations for speed limiters for ev bikes is essential

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text project ecosystems and environmental needs

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text the option with walking and bicycle paths is the best option

however considerations for speed limiters for ev bikes is essential

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text none

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text the option with walking and bicycle paths is the best option

however considerations for speed limiters for ev bikes is essential

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text maintain pristine environment and delicate ecosystems

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text the option with walking and bicycle paths is the best option

however considerations for speed limiters for ev bikes is essential

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

the only option is parking and then walking and biking to the beach trails

much like the butterfly grove

this limits damage to the ecosystem

guided tours can be scheduled but like the butterfly preserve tours they are scheduled, regulated and the area is only accessed vi bicycle or walking.

again speed limiters are needed as ev bikes become more prevalent

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Short Text

93117

Response No: 179

Contribution ID: 3217
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 06:23 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Negatively impacting this option is the relatively low number of people served. I don't think people going to the gaviota coast are going up there for a tour and certainly not more than once.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Frankly, I would not bother with this option

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Again, the relatively low number of people served negates this option for me

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Private vehicles and shuttle. I am assuming the shuttle is that, a shuttle, I am not a tour vehicle.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Providing access while limiting access to the most sensitive of the beaches. Tours and shuttles going in to Alegria and Agua Caliente seems appropriate.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Negative is the fact that four of the beaches would not be accessible while the beaches that are accessible are small.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Providing maximum visitor access to some beautiful beaches.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I have not seen any mention of repairing the pier. The pier provides access to those who go in by boat because otherwise they need to boat 30 miles to get there.

I would add repairing the pier as one of the options.

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Response No: 180

Contribution ID: 3216
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 06:19 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Do Not like restrictions! too many

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text To many restrictions and costs too much.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Too complicated. Way to many restrictions and rules, plus its expensive.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Still not perfect.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Makes more sense.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text 93111

Response No: 181

Contribution ID: 3215
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 06:16 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Keep it closed.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Keep it closed

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Keep it closed

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Keep it closed

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Keep it closed

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Keep it closed

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Keep it closed

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Keep it closed

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Keep it closed

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Keep it closed

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Keep it closed

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Keep it closed

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Keep it closed

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93111

Response No: 182

Contribution ID: 3214
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 06:15 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text None

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text None

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text None

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Trail

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All but trail

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text None

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Multi use trail

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All but trail

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Access to the Hollister Ranch beaches should be simply be part of continuing the California coastal Trail from Gaviota to Jalama Beach Park. All of it should be a simple hike or bike trail with occasional use of the existing road where a trail would be impracticable.

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Short Text 93117

Response No: 183

Contribution ID: 3211
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 06:09 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Control over number and times of visits. Guide can help avoid abuse of the beaches. Less damage and crowding of roads.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Bulito and San Augustine.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Same as option 1.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Short trail to point where low tide beach walking would be good access.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Limited access to some beaches.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private individual access.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Protection of resources.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private individual access. Length of trail.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Minimal traffic compared to other plans.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private individual access.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None of them are important to me.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

N/A

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Private auto access seems to be best avoided due to cost and crowding/ traffic issues. HR is the best preserved coast in all of south CA and some unsupervised visitors will abuse it leading to degradation. All public use needs to be

guided or carefully supervised to avoid this.

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Short Text

Response No: 184

Contribution ID: 3210
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 05:55 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Cost to visitors and priority of access to Santa Barbara County residents.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Walk-in access. Cost to visitors and priority of SBC resident access.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Lack of walk-in access. Cost to visitors, priority of SBC residents.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Walk-in access. Cost to visitors, priority of SBC residents.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Lack of walk-in access. Cost to visitors, priority of SBC residents.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Lack of walk-in access. Cost to visitors, priority of SBC residents.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text 93105

Response No: 185

Contribution ID: 3208
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 05:44 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Whenever I have traveled, it's always best to have a guide to show you around or you're just kind of bumbling around clueless and might discover something, but also might make a major mistake culturally or get hurt. This seems like the least destructive to the environment and requires the least amount of construction, which leads to other impacts and takes away the very thing that is trying to be shared - perfection. Between fires in Big Sur and Laguna Canyon where I have been impacted, unaccompanied idiots inevitably kill people. They're also prone to taking things that aren't theirs or scribbling their names on it.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Seems like the further west one goes the more wild and woolly it gets and there could be literal impacts with livestock, wild pigs, cattle grazing right next to the road because that's where the dew percolates creates green grass... Classic Baja mishap imported to modern times. There's been plenty of songs written about this type of overreach Pave Paradise put up a parking lot - oooh bop bop.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I've seen neighborhoods be purchased up by Caltrans get boarded up when the funding runs out, trailer parks ripped out for beach access only to see it erode away and the new lifeguard towers collapse, railroads almost fall into the ocean from San Diego through the subject property... People are already able to take the high tide line in which is self paving, and when there's a landslide, it replenishes itself, whereas a foot path along that coastline just does not realistically seem feasible. Just talk to people constantly repairing the Big Sur coast or the railroad trying to shore up its tracks on the ranch or in San Clemente. We used to be able to take our rafts in off the pier and that winch can't even be managed I don't see a foot path really happening. Unaccompanied people will inevitably get hurt or burn down point conception. Full stop. Period.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Any situation where they are unaccompanied people there is going to be removal of native materials, graffiti, fire, garbage, and somebody needing to get rescued.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Things need to be guided. Otherwise someone might wander up a private road and fall in a creek or rob someone's house. It's just human nature to want to explore. Has to be guided.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The further the beach, the less important.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Managed group access seems at the best call so that nobody takes off with tidepool specimens, Driftwood, Native American artifacts coming out of the creeks, etc...is a pristine pristine time capsule that you're ready to rip open and it's going to become like the rest of the coast bereft of that historic nature.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Anything involving construction or independent access

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I mean, if you could have a rail stop or something and not try to cut into a cliff for more foot paths this might work. It's just the unaccompanied guest is inevitably going to try to camp and have a campfire. I know people who have done that over the years From both ends of the ranch and inevitably becomes a major problem.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Independent travelers

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

You might as well build a gondola to the top of Mount Everest, or shine a spotlight at the northern lights. To clip the last remaining historic stretch of COAST destroys what you're trying to share with people. Go take a look at the water quality at Doheny or the fist fights at Topanga to get a feel for what you're proposing. Look at how the Grand Canyon his managed or the Warming Huts in Yosemite Valley in the winter. You don't want these magical spots highly traveled or they turn to shit.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

High traffic. Some places are not meant to be destroyed.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

A little mystique is good to have in life. It's a special part of the coast, which people should see but not in a fashion that's going to scare off the mountain lions and pigs and birds. I've hiked it, sailed it, gone in on an inflatable boat, gone on a WaveRunner, and gone by it on a train. We don't need another beachfront RV park or tarmac eroding, we have thousands of miles already. Point conception is the mixing of two waters of the northern and southern currents, let's keep that water clear and not full of Styrofoam and diapers like I pick up every summer. They say the path the hell is paved in good intentions so just be careful how big of a path you pave here

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Short Text

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Response No: 186

Contribution ID: 3203
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 05:27 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Very few elements in Option 1 reflect meaningful public access. Guided tours are not true access and severely limit freedom of movement. The only element I value is the recognition that all beaches should eventually be accessible to the general public. However, guided-only access does not align with my vision for equitable access similar to other CA coastal parks.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would be willing to forgo the entire guided-tour model. Instead of investing in a tour infrastructure, I would prefer feasibility efforts be directed toward a real public access system—either paid vehicular access at the gate or, secondarily, a reservation-based shuttle system similar to Ha'ena State Park in Kauai. I am open to fewer beaches in exchange for meaningful, self-directed access.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The most important element is the introduction of independent access via a pedestrian trail in Phase 2. Any option that moves away from guided-only access is a step forward. I also support early access, provided that "early access" includes meaningful, self-directed beach access—not just guided or group-managed tours.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would gladly forgo guided tours and managed group access in favor of earlier implementation of either paid public vehicle access or a reservation-based shuttle system. If needed for feasibility, I am willing to reduce the number of beaches in early phases as long as access provided is true access—not guided.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Vehicle access—when regulated and paid—is extremely important and aligns best with how most Californians access coastal parks. I also strongly support shuttle access as a secondary alternative, especially when paired with visitor caps. Prioritizing the largest beaches makes sense because they can best accommodate visitors while dispersing impact.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would forgo guided tours completely. I would also consider forgoing private vehicle access to some beaches if shuttles provide reliable access. If necessary, access could begin with just 2–3 large beaches while still preserving drive-in paid entry for at least one site.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I value the elements that allow independent access—particularly the shuttle and pedestrian trail. Shuttle access, when managed with reservations and visitor caps (like Ha'ena), is a responsible model that balances access with protection. I support resource protection, but only when it's applied consistently and not used to justify exclusion.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would forgo guided tours and managed groups in favor of a streamlined system that relies on paid vehicular access or an organized shuttle system. If certain beaches need to remain closed for legitimate ecological reasons, I accept that—as long as others remain open for true public access.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I fully support private vehicle access with paid entry at the gate. This is my ideal model, consistent with state and national parks statewide. I also strongly support the multi-use trail and shuttle system, which together create multiple forms of independent access. Concentrating access closer to the entrance is practical and reduces road strain.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would be willing to forgo multi-use trail access if necessary, as long as vehicular access and/or a reservation-based shuttle system remain intact. I would also be willing to begin with fewer beaches as long as visitors can enter independently rather than through guided tours.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is the option most aligned with true public access. The ability to access beaches independently—via car or shuttle—is essential. Paid entry, coupled with shuttle alternatives and a multi-use trail, mirrors successful management models in other sensitive coastal areas. I support maximizing access while carefully designing protections around natural and cultural resources.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would be willing to forgo guided tours entirely. I would also be open to phasing in the multi-use trail or delaying private vehicle access to some beaches, as long as at least one or two beaches support paid public vehicular entry, and the remainder can be accessed via a reservation-based shuttle system.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Yes. My primary concern is that several of the access options rely heavily on guided tours or managed group experiences, which I do not believe meet the definition of meaningful public access as envisioned by the California Coastal Act. Guided-only access restricts freedom of movement, limits spontaneity, and creates a tiered system where true enjoyment of the coastline remains available only to a select few. This approach feels more like a controlled visitor demonstration than actual access.

I strongly encourage the Access Implementation Committee to prioritize independent access, whether through paid public vehicle entry at the gate (my preferred model) or a reservation-based shuttle system similar to Ha'ena State Park in Kauai, which has proven successful in balancing resource protection with equitable public use. These models allow the general public—not just groups or those willing to join guided tours—to experience the coastline in a self-directed, respectful way.

Additionally, I want to express concern about the overuse of "resource protection" arguments to justify limiting public access. True resource protection must be applied consistently, not selectively, and should not become a proxy for continued exclusivity.

Finally, I want to emphasize that Hollister Ranch represents one of the last remaining stretches of inaccessible coastline in California. This process is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to restore fairness, uphold the Coastal Act, and create a thoughtful, sustainable public access program that the community can be proud of.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93013

Response No: 187

Contribution ID: 3202
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 05:26 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The level of information provided through a guided tour is appealing and likely to be beneficial. Access to all beaches is a "plus" of this approach.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would rather have pedestrian access, or at least a shuttle instead of access to all beaches. I think that I would visit these beaches more frequently if I could visit them outside of the confines of a guided tour.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I see pedestrian trail access as a critical component of any access plan. I would like to see a longer pedestrian trail to additional beaches.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I think this approach is fairly well balanced with the tree different forms of access. However, access groups and guided tours provide essentially the same function of an organized, education-based access method. I would prefer to see a longer pedestrian trail or a private shuttle in combination with guided tours.
If it is possible to create a paved pedestrian road to Sacate Beach then I would rather see an unpaved trail to Sacate Beach. This wasn't in any of the options provided.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Access to the farthest beaches via a private shuttle is a benefit of this approach.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would strongly encourage you to exclude private vehicle access. I see the role of motorized transportation as providing a means of access to individuals with mobility challenges. This can be achieved via a private shuttle. Individual cars are not necessary. They will create traffic, impact natural resources, and burden the infrastructure. Please exclude private vehicles.
Additionally, any approach should have a pedestrian access option (whether paved or unpaved). I would not want to see implementation of an option with no pedestrian access.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I support protecting sensitive areas by limiting access to the other beaches. Pedestrian access is very important to me, but this trail is way too short. I would say this doesn't even count as meaningful pedestrian access. I like that this approach provides access to the farthest beach via a shuttle (private vehicle access is NOT necessary). The ability to access two other beaches through managed groups is a smart use of the resources that would be established for the shuttle and it would be a nice educational access option.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would strongly encourage you to exclude private vehicle access. I see the role of motorized transportation as providing a means of access to individuals with mobility challenges. This can be achieved via a shuttle. Individual cars are not necessary. They will create traffic, impact natural resources, and burden the infrastructure. Please exclude private vehicles.
I do not think this pedestrian trail is long enough. I would prioritize lengthening the pedestrian trail rather than providing the managed group access.
If it is possible to create a paved pedestrian road to Sacate Beach then I would rather see an unpaved trail to Sacate Beach. This wasn't in any of the options provided.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Pedestrian trail access is very important to me. However, I think having a paved path is only beneficial if it is separate from the vehicle road. If vehicles share the road with bicycles OR pedestrians then it defeats the purpose.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would strongly encourage you to exclude private vehicle access. I see the role of motorized transportation as providing a means of access to individuals with mobility challenges. This can be achieved via a shuttle. Individual

cars are not necessary. They will create traffic, impact natural resources, and burden the infrastructure. Please exclude private vehicles.
I think some form of pedestrian access is most important so I would rather see a less resource intensive trail option rather than a paved road. Maybe it is possible to invest in a wider, better graded and maintained trail (which most pedestrians would feel comfortable walking on) rather than a paved road. If it is possible to create a paved pedestrian road to Sacate Beach then I would rather see an unpaved trail to Sacate Beach. This wasn't in any of the options provided.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Pedestrian trail access is very important to me. However, I think having a paved path is only beneficial if it is separate from the vehicle road. If vehicles share the road with bicycles OR pedestrians then it defeats the purpose. I like the ability to access the farthest beaches via a shuttle is great. I like having an educational component via a guided tour.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would strongly encourage you to exclude private vehicle access. I see the role of motorized transportation as providing a means of access to individuals with mobility challenges. This can be achieved via a shuttle. Individual cars are not necessary. They will create traffic, impact natural resources, and burden the infrastructure. Please exclude private vehicles.
I think some form of pedestrian access is most important so I would rather see a less resource intensive trail option rather than a paved road. Maybe it is possible to invest in a wider, better graded and maintained trail (which most pedestrians would feel comfortable walking on) rather than a paved road. If it is possible to create a paved pedestrian road to Sacate Beach then I would rather see an unpaved trail to Sacate Beach. This wasn't in any of the options provided.
I would encourage you to provide a longer trail option rather than a paved pedestrian road.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text
I ranked option 6 first, but only with the following modifications: remove private vehicle access, change the paved pedestrian road to a pedestrian trail.
I ranked option 2 second because it has the longest pedestrian trail, but I would modify this option by removing access to Bulito and Drakes to protect those resources. I would instead provide a shuttle, or at least a guided tour to the locations with manage group access.
I think all of my comments can be summarized as 1) no private vehicles, 2) maximize pedestrian access (unpaved trail is great), 3) protect resources

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Short Text 93013

Response No: 188

Contribution ID: 3200
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 05:15 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text That this program is stopped. That would mean I would vote for minimum access and no tours.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All should be forgone.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Minimum access

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text rRzor Blades

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text None

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All. No access.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text None

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All. No access.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text I would like to preserve them all and deny access.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All. No access.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text None. There is no such thing as sustainable public access. People will shit on everything anywhere they are allowed. Litter will abound.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All. No access.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text There is hardly anywhere where people and their garbage cannot go. This is one of the few pristine places in California. Let there be one place that is not under attack by humans. It's not about fairness, equality or money. It is about having one little piece of the coast that is left alone.
No, I don't live there and haven't surfed there in ten years.

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Short Text

Response No: 189

Contribution ID: 3199
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 05:02 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Limited visitors
Controlled access
Resource protection

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Access to all beaches

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Minimize infrastructure eg, access development

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Pedestrian trail
Early access

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided tours only

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Remove shuttle and car access for San Augustine and Bulito Beaches.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Minimize impact (public access) on natural and cultural resources.
No access to Bulito & Drake Beaches.
Limited access to Agua Caliente and Alegria Beaches.
Add:
Limit public access exclusively to Sacate Beach.
No access to San Augustine Beach.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Access to San Augustine Beach.
Pedestrian trail.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

No access to the western roadway and beaches.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Multi-use trail

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Minimize environmental impacts with little or no access.
No development for multi-use trails or visitor access.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Access to all beaches
Provide visitor access
Multi-use trail

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Public access to one beach only - Sacate Beach. This fulfills legal requirements and limits environmental impact, including traffic.
Eliminate public access to the western roadway & beaches. Bulito, Drake, San Augustine. Remote access points are not fit for public use. ie, roadway hazards.
Eliminate access to environmentally sensitive areas. Agua Calliente, Alegria, Bulito, and Drake Beaches
Eliminate the construction of a multi-use trail. This is not a legal requirement of coastal beach access, and exceeds the provision for the environmental impacts of Ranch lands with regard to a development for an equal access multi-use trail construction.
Lastly, restrictions on nighttime beach access should be enforced with monetary fines and trespassing offenses.

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Short Text 93111

Response No: 190

Contribution ID: 3198
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 04:54 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text The fact that access is managed to avoid disturbing the superb-quality tidepools.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Any beaches with limited tidepool habitat.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Again, managed access to preserve tidepool habitat.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text The pedestrian trail.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Again, preserving any beaches with high-quality tidepool habitat.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Could be a fair compromise, although not sure if the roads could handle it.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text I highly dislike non-managed access to Alegria and Agua Caliente beaches for the sake of the high-quality Tidepool habitat that lies between them.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Please exclude Alegria and Agua Caliente beaches! I can't speak for Bulito or Drakes Beaches, as I've never visited them.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text I highly dislike non-managed access to Alegria and Agua Caliente beaches for the sake of the high-quality Tidepool habitat that lies between them.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Please exclude Alegria and Agua Caliente beaches! I can't speak for Bulito or Drakes Beaches, as I've never visited them.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text I highly dislike non-managed access to Alegria and Agua Caliente beaches for the sake of the high-quality Tidepool habitat that lies between them.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Please exclude Alegria and Agua Caliente beaches! I can't speak for Bulito or Drakes Beaches, as I've never visited them.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text Nope. Just having taught as a docent as a tidepools, it would be so absolutely terrible to have unmanaged access at beaches with high quality tidepool habitat. Any beaches that are big and sandy, go for it! - so long as the roads can

handle it.

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Short Text 93105

Response No: 191

Contribution ID: 3197
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 04:53 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

My name is Jack Clymer II. I worked at the Hollister ranch from 1975-1980 as a private contractor with my dad and a team of four workers, including myself. The man we worked for was Dick LaRue. A excellent manager and a man of insight and knowledge about the ranch.I helped work on keeping the back roads open during the winter storms. I worked on building a bridge for a home owner. 3-4 septic tanks. At least 5 water tanks and the pvc irrigation for various owners who planted avocados. Spillways, culverts and steel cages over drainage areas to prevent large limbs from blocking pipes and culverts. From Agua Caliente to Cementero. I remember working on a property back by Jim Arness's ranch for a gentleman who built race cars.
The place was quiet, beautiful and it was a good time to be there. We left when the LNG embargo shut down operations for a time, and we went to Santa Barbara and had a successful company there. I am against this plan of opening the ranch to the public. Keep the public away. Stall for decades. Once you let the cat out of the bag, there will be no way of getting the cat back in.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None. Keep the public out. They will trash the place. Disturb the environment and go to areas that are shut off to them. They will make noise, get into fights and party until they are drunk. Driving under the influence cannot be tolerated on the huge number of switchbacks that all encounter going in and out. Plus the speed limits would have to be low and those folks will race in and out.
Make it an opportunity for the Chumash to enter and feel closer to their ancestors. You can trust their behavior.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Zero

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Zero. These are not public beaches.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

None.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Policing the public will be a huge headache.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Zero

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Zero. If you tell the public they can use the first three beaches, they will end up checking out the rest of the ranch. I know that driving down the roads like Cuarta and Honda would be too inviting.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Zero

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None. What a huge waste of money to allow the public on private properties.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Zero

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text

Response No: 192

Contribution ID: 3196
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 04:53 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text Guided Tour Access is the least desirable option. Enjoying nature as a group, filtered by a group leader is the antithesis of what public coastal access is about.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text The Guided Tour Access already forgoes all desirability of accessing Hollister Ranch beaches. It's actually the perfect solution for the elitist land owners who have virulently denied access for so long.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Guided tours or managed groups is not how Californians want their beaches. This is not the east coast where beaches require tickets pinned to your swim trunks else you are arrested. I point to Trestles Beach where walking or biking in serves everyone. Why not that?

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Guided tours or managed groups already deny what Californians want and deserve from their beaches. There is nothing left to forgo here.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Private Individual and Shuttle access is not how Californians want their beaches. This is not the east coast where beaches require tickets pinned to your swim trunks else you are arrested. I point to Trestles Beach where walking or biking in serves everyone. Why not that?

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Private Individual and Shuttle access already deny what Californians want and deserve from their beaches. There is nothing left to forgo here.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text I am against Private Individual access, i.e. driving in with your personal automobile. I am also against roping off beaches that only property owners can access. The public should have the same access to the beaches as the property owners. The public are property owners of the beach too.
I point to Trestles Beach where walking or biking in serves everyone. Why not that?

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Private Individual and/or shuttle access is fine for Los Angeles beaches but not remote pristine natural beaches Walking/biking in offers the lowest impact.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text The public should have the same beach access as property owner.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would forgo Shuttles, individual car access, and limiting the number of beached the public can access.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text If there is a Multi-use trail accessing all beaches, there is no need for a shuttle, or private individual access.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would gladly forgo shuttle, or private individual access.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
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Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text 93035

Response No: 193

Contribution ID: 3194
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 04:39 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided protects HR the most.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I think that this option should consider 3 locations not all and go no further than Drakes Beach.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This still allows for controlled and very good access with guides. The pedestrian trail is still very hard to consider how that will be accomplished.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private access seems unfeasible. To allow general public to have access to private road with no control over where they go is not conducive to the safety of Ranch residents. Also shuttle access should not access the most western beaches.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private driving access is not feasible, there is no control over where people will drive and they will undoubtedly access the roads leading into the canyons and to people's private residences. Also shuttle access should not go farther then Eastern Ranch

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private driving access still is not feasible as there is not control over where people will drive. The hiking trail seems to cut across people's private property and thus unfeasible.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
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Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I am sure that we all would like to know:
1. How much money is CA willing to spend to make this access acceptable to HR residents and owners?
2. How many people are expected and accectable on a daily basis?

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Short Text 93109

Response No: 194

Contribution ID: 3193
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 04:34 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

They are all dangerous with eroding coastline, cattle, and natural habitat that will be ruined with coastal access.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The “law” for beach access should only apply to perpendicular access not parallel. The current model should stay the same with none of these changes.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The same as option 1.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The same as option 1.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The same as option 1.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The same as option 1.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The same as option 1.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The same as option 1.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The same as option 1.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The same as option 1.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The same as option 1.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The same as option 1.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

So much effort has been put into this when the beaches with parallel access between Gaviota and Santa Barbara cannot be maintained. I wish this money could be put in the public school systems where music, art and resources are being cut.

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93109

Response No: 195

Contribution ID: 3191
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 04:32 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text Minimal environmental impact

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text access to all the beaches

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Still minor environmental impact

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Private Individual Access

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text I do not support this plan

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Eliminate the shuttle and Private access

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text This is a big environmental impact plan also

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text the shuttle and individual access

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text I like that the western because stay protected

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Limiting to a day use trail n-only would be ideal for this one

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text This is the worst plan

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text All of them

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text I fear public access will have a huge impact on the environment. Hate the elitist ranch owner attitude but I see how National Parks are super over crowed, State beaches have every expanding parking lots so Nature conservation is the last priority when it should be first. We've paved the whole coast from LA to Mexico. Let Nature have some larger spaces. Make Hollister Ranch a Preserve.

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Short Text 93109

Response No: 196

Contribution ID: 3188
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 04:27 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This is not a good form of access and is still a gatekeeper to people accessing the surf spots

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

We don’t need guides.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Pedestrian trail access is important

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No guided access

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text

Response No: 197

Contribution ID: 3184
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 04:12 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text While the guided tour option appears feasible and inexpensive to manage. I would not avail myself of that access option as it would not provide surfing opportunities.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text There is no need to provide private vehicle public access because providing such access would be too expensive to implement and manage. The entire roadway would have to be rebuilt and then maintained at taxpayer cost. Also, the management of trash and human waste would require expensive infrastructure construction and ongoing daily maintenance and would most probably cause unmitigable damage to the environment,

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text The pedestrian tail is the best option. However there remains the problem with the management of trash and human waste with a trail of that length.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would be willing to live with short pedestrian trail that provides access all the way to Sacate Beach.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text The guided tour and shuttle options are too restrictive and cost intensive to be attractive to me. Private vehicle access is fraught with logistical, infrastructure, management, policing, and waste management problems to be feasible.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Provide access for pedestrians and bike riders only. E-bikes could cover the entire distance, but there would have to be a plan to rescue people would have equipment breakdowns or injuries.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Protection of natural resources should be the highest priority.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Perhaps San Augustine, Bulito, and Drakes, should remain accessible only by boat, but allow boaters to access the shore and hang out on the beach if they want.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text No private vehicle access. Stick to walking and bikes.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I would give up the far beaches to have pedestrian and bike access to the near beaches. Waste management would still be an issue. No cars, just walking and bikes. Tours and shuttles are not necessary.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text No need to maximize access. Just let people walk in or bike in to limited number of beaches and let boaters to far beaches access the shore and hang out on the beach during daylight hours.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text I am willing to forego private vehicle access and access to the far beaches except by boat.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection

Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text

Response No: 198

Contribution ID: 3183
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 04:05 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I am concerned with any unguided access. We all know that most people are respectful of nature but there are those who discard trash and leave behind graffiti. Those few bad apples do so much damage. Is it worth the risk to such a pristine environment? I just recently lost my house is the palisades wild fire. Unguided groups can result in catastrophic wild fires. People who live in the ranch will be in grave danger. This place cannot withstand a wild fire. It is windy there most days of the year. It is unwise to allow hiking and unguided access. It's a catastrophe waiting to happen

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

None. This is a bad for the environment and the safety of people. The roads are not engineered for private vehicles. There will be accidents or deaths as a result.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Private vehicles on Hollister road is a horrible idea. Too dangerous. Hiking is also a huge fire risk. More people means more trash and risk to the environment and to people's lives

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Again private vehicles and biking are a bad idea for Hollister ranch road. It's too dangerous. I only support guided tours

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Honestly guided tours is the only feasible access program in my opinion. If you want to save this area it’s best to have carefully controlled access or else it will be ruined

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Short Text

Response No: 199

Contribution ID: 3182
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 03:59 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I like the amount of beaches you would get access to, all the way to San Augustine.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I much prefer allowing just bike or trail access over having guided tours. I would be willing to give up vehicle access if you could access more beaches by foot or bike.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Managed group access is great, the guided access is not really something I see as important to me. I prefer to explore on my own in the areas that are accessible.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Guided access. Pedestrian trail is important.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Access to drakes beach and san augustine are most important. If the shuttle allows surfers then I would prioritize that over waiting longer for individual vehicle access.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Id prefer beach access to drakes over the other beaches. If shuttle allows surfers on, that could be done in place of individual vehicle access.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Prioritizing vehicle access to the eastern most beaches I think makes the most sense because then the rest of the ranch would remain the same. Then creating bike/trail paths that allow visitors to explore deeper into the ranch without adding traffic or parking would be the next best step. I am a surfer and would also like to note that is the main reason the ranch is so special, its the waves. Please ensure that any shuttle or guide service that may be established takes surfers into account and does not exclude them from those services. If the shuttle does not allow surfers, you would miss out on 95% of the people that want to get into the ranch and enjoy it.

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Short Text 93109

Response No: 200

Contribution ID: 3181
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 03:59 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option hardly seems worth considering. I can imagine endless arguments over the rules of what people get to do when they're on the property and who gets to be a guide. Even once the rules are settled, the guide permits could be a constant source of tension and conflict. The landowners have shown that they'll battle at every front, so an option that creates so many points for contention seems destined waste a lot of time and resources while providing extremely limited access.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The pedestrian trail access is critical. As someone who has walked the coast, I've seen first-hand that the biggest barriers to below-high-tide-line access from Gaviota are in the first mile. Even just having trail access to Agua Caliente would be a huge improvement to the current situation.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would just be careful not to underestimate how fiercely the landowners will battle at any point they can, and I can imagine both versions of the group access being very contentious ad infinitum.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Shuttle access is an interesting idea, as long as surfboards are allowed on board. Seems less susceptible to the pitfalls of guided tour access. Operational costs could be covered by transit fares.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I'm not even sure I want access for private vehicles. It could be reasonable for people with disability placards, but I wouldn't want to see massive parking lots at any of these locations.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Shuttle and pedestrian trail seem great. I would prefer if the trail went all the way to Alegria. I can't understand how it would be that expensive to just cut a trail in the brush between the road and railroad tracks. I'll do it for free! Also, it would be great if bikes were allowed on the trail too.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private vehicles and managed groups...

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Multi-use trail would be amazing! Again, I don't know why this has to be so expensive.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Again, not sure private vehicle access is necessary except for those with disabilities.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Trail access and shuttle

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

guided tour access and private vehicles

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches

Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text 93101

Response No: 201

Contribution ID: 3180
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 03:59 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This options does not seem feasible for surfing.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Surfing is the most important to me. Guided tours and managed group access are not feasible for surfing.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Private individual access is the best out of this option.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Drake beach has the best surfing, so I could see why they don't want people to access it.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

As Californians, we have a right to access the entire coastline. Please don't let them deny access to the western beaches.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The multi use trail to all the beaches seems like the cheapest way to provide access to all the beaches. Ebikes are a great way for people to ride along the trails and access the beaches. No pollution and easy access. Seems like a no brainer.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

We can't let these rich landowners control access to our beaches. Thank you for trying to come up with a solution.

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Short Text

Response No: 202

Contribution ID: 3179
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 03:58 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

It's bullshit.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Pedestrian trail for hikers access to entire coastline.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

We can forgo the guided tours

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

More bullshit. We need the CCT through Hollister Ranch

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Shuttle. The CCT is for walkers

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Private individual access through pedestrian trails

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Shuttles

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Access

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Ass kissing the Ranch- we need the CCT through the Holiister Ranch

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Private access on the CCT

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Shuttles

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

A simple trail.

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Short Text

Response No: 203

Contribution ID: 3177
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 03:55 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Least impact on the environment, no new infrastructure needs, most respectful of ranch owners private property rights, educational emphasis.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

APO1 has a maximum feasibility rating of 5.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Managed group access and guided tour access

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forgo Pedestrian Trail as it would require the taking of people's private property without their assent and without compensation.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I do not support APO3.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Independent shuttle access and private individual access. Both of these elements would have a destructive impact on the environment, would require significant infrastructure construction, would abridge private property rights, and result in negative human impacts like trash and waste accumulation on a pristine beach environment.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I do not support APO4.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Independent shuttle access , private individual access, and pedestrian trail. These elements would have a destructive impact on the environment, would require significant infrastructure construction, would abridge private property rights, and result in negative human impacts like trash and waste accumulation on a pristine beach environment.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I do not support APO5.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Independent shuttle access , private individual access, and multi-use trail access. These elements would have a destructive impact on the environment, would require significant infrastructure construction, would abridge private property rights, and result in negative human impacts like trash and waste accumulation on a pristine beach environment.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I do not support APO6.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Independent shuttle access , private individual access, and multi-use trail access. These elements would have a destructive impact on the environment, would require significant infrastructure construction, would abridge private property rights, and result in negative human impacts like trash and waste accumulation on a pristine beach environment.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

APO 2-6 would have a destructive impact on the environment, would require significant infrastructure construction, would abridge private property rights, and result in negative human impacts like trash and waste accumulation on a pristine beach environment. APO1 would involve the least negative environmental destruction, no new infrastructure construction, would minimize the generation of trash and human waste into a pristine shoreline environment and would minimize impact on the sacred cultural and archaeological artifacts of indigenous people.

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Short Text 95003

Response No: 204

Contribution ID: 3174
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 03:52 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Access via guides minimizes the impact on the environment.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I'd be willing to forgo access times (being limited with this option) as well as unguided access.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option is unrealistic and a danger to the environment located on the Holister Ranch.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I'm not a proponent of this option.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I am not a proponent of this option.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I am not a proponent of this option.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I am not a proponent of this option.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I am not a proponent of this option.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I am not a proponent of this option.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I am not a proponent of this option.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

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Short Text

Response No: 205

Contribution ID: 3172
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 03:48 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text Elements of option 1 that I think are most important are being able to be guided by a trained guide that can show us the beauty of Hollister Ranch. Also, having the guide be able to explain all the rules and everything we need to know.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Whatever the Trained guide thinks is the best for Hollister Ranch I will be up for. If we have to forgo an access method or beach I will not mind.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Some things that are important are the quickness and that I still have options for more and different ways of access.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text If I need to forgo any of the access methods I will be okay with that.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text The individual access would be amazing especially to any of the largest beaches.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Again, any access methods or beaches that we might need to forgo would be okay with me.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text The trails being open would be amazing.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Again, any access methods or beaches that we might need to forgo would be okay with me.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text The most important elect would be being able to access the East beaches.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Again, any access methods or beaches that we might need to forgo would be okay with me.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text The element that is the most important would be accessing the whole ranch.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Again, any access methods or beaches that we might need to forgo would be okay with me.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Any access to Hollister Ranch would be a dream. Thank you

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93117

Response No: 206

Contribution ID: 3171
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 03:47 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Q15 **Enter your email if you'd like to join the mailing list.**

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Short Text

Response No: 207

Contribution ID: 3170
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 03:45 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Most important on any of these plans is to PRIORITIZE DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES WITHOUT ACCESS TO NATURE. We don't need more rich white men playing surfing games with other rich white men. If that is the outcome of this whole process, you are simply wasting taxpayer money and all of our time.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Let's not get ahead of our skis. You have so much work to do to even get the most simple version of this program together. Start by visiting only the first beach - Agua Caliente. Let's see the state excute on this then we can grow the program from there as needed

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I care about effective use of taxpayer money. There is literally no need for Option 2. I walk in to Agua Caliente all the time. There is already parking at Gaviota State Park and along the road to the ranch. I just walk in at low tide. How is this not stated anywhere in your documentation? Are you exploring this option instead of wasting taxpayer money doing the exact same thing in a more complicated way?

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

See above.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I feel like reading this Option it's obvious it would either take 10 years or would never happen. Stop wasting our time and focus on the first step of the plan.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Private vehicles - larger chance of failure, accidents, insurance costs, conflicts, safety issues, etc. Let's be realistic.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

I feel like reading this Option it's obvious it would either take 10 years or would never happen. Stop wasting our time and focus on the first step of the plan.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Again, focus on the simplest, cheapest, fastest form of access. Honestly, you are the government and we the people have no faith in your ability to execute.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Same as the others. This will either take 10+ years or never happen. Let's not get ahead of our skis. We want real access not a BS plan that will never happen.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

If feasibility is at a 1, then let's drop the charade and focus on what can be achieved.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

If feasibility is at a 1, then let's drop the charade and focus on what can be achieved.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I'll reiterate here, PRIORITIZE DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES. If all this $30 million program does is give rich white men more access to surf with other rich white men, we have all lost, and wasted time and money. The focus should be on bringing children who have never experienced wilderness in this form to wilderness. Partner with the Coastal Commission grant program to identify the non profits they fund via their WHALE TAIL and Coastal Conservancy's Explore the Coast grand programs. Have those non-profits have first priority on all group tours.

This will literally change the lives of many people who otherwise would not know this exists. Again, let's get real and focus on the people in need, not rich white guys surfing.

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Short Text 93117

Response No: 208

Contribution ID: 3169
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 03:44 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Guided tours unappealing

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text Managed group access

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text pedestrian trail is short

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text Easy access to San Augustine

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Guided tour access

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Easy access to San Augustine Beach

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Walking trail is very short

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text Like the mix of St Augustine open to easy access (cars) and other spots only open to guided tours

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text Shuttle access

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Q15 **Enter your email if you'd like to join the mailing list.**

Email

Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text

Response No: 209

Contribution ID: 3162
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 03:34 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Getting access to all the beaches is great; however the guided tour only restriction doesn't realistically permit many recreational opportunities.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

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Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Allowing more "Managed Group Access" and Pedestrian access to the beaches is an improvement. Protecting the natural and cultural resources at Bulito and Drakes beaches through guided tour only restrictions is a reasonable compromise

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Eliminate all access to Bulito and Drakes beaches

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Allowing shuttle and individual access to San Augustine is the most important.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Eliminate any access to Bulito and Drakes beaches

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Allowing individual access to a wide number of beaches (San Augustine, Sacate, and Agua Caliente beaches) is great.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Eliminate the shuttle

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Allowing multi-purpose and individual access

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Eliminate shuttle access

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Appreciate that this opens up most beaches to more people

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Remove Independent shittle access

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

We should prioritize individual access, multi-purpose trail access and pedestrian access across as many beaches as possible - group and tour access feel less beneficial to the public, particularly when thinking about recreational activities.

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93103

Response No: 210

Contribution ID: 3161
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 03:33 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text: Keep the Ranch the way it is

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: Buy a boat. Go in with an owner. Buy Ranch property. Low tide walk in. Simple.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text: Keep the Ranch private

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: Nine

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text: None

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: None

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text: None

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: None

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text: Zero

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: Zero

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text: None

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text: None

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text: Leave the Ranch alone.

Q15 **Enter your email if you'd like to join the mailing list.**

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text 93111

Response No: 211

Contribution ID: 3157
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 03:30 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text That the public can visit all beaches.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text None

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text I don't like that it limits the public by needing a "leader" and a "group" to book a tour.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text I think all beaches should have public access.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text Cultural and natural resource protection is important to me. However, these beaches are all very isolated and not many people will want to take the required steps to access them so I don't think cultural/natural resources should be a concern.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text I think the public should be able to access all beaches.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text I believe the public should be able to freely access all beaches.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Q15 **Enter your email if you'd like to join the mailing list.**

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Q16 **Enter your 5-digit Zipcode**

Short Text

Response No: 212

Contribution ID: 3149
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 18, 2025, 09:51 AM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Tight guidance on limited access.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would be willing to limit the number of beaches that have guided access. Possibly one guided tour per month, if conditions or correct.

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option is not feasible. It would be too expensive to purchase private property, acquire easements, construct a trail, and maintain a trail. Liability insurance for the State would be too costly.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

This option is not feasible. I would focus on looking into fixing the hoist, which has added public access to the public beaches in front of Hollister Ranch for decades.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Limited access is the most important. I do not think Private Individual Access would ever work. Too costly to maintain this level of access.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

The shuttle bus and private vehicle access is not feasible. There would be no parking on the public beaches, the state would need to spend a considerable amount of money on eminent domain, which would likely fail when challenged in court and continue to delay the more feasible access options. The roads and infrastructure do not support this level of access.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Too many access options to maintain by the State. This is one of the least feasible options for the State. Too expensive to implement, too expensive to manage, too expensive to insure from a liability and oversight perspective.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would forgo all access options in the option besides guided tours.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Limiting access to Alegria and Agua caliente. Too much cultural sensitivity at Sacate Beach.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would forgo a multiuse trail. A trail over the cliffs of HR is make-believe. The topography of this area would make a trail, or multiuse trail impossible to construct, and even more impossible to maintain. I would point the state to review the old path between El Cap and Refugio. That is technically closed and basically abandoned by the State. Similar to the current state of the Hoist at Gaviota State Park.

Private vehicle access should also not be considered. There is no parking available at this narrow canyon. Unless the State intends to have private citizens park on the beach, there is also no public land in these areas to develop for vehicle parking. This option would be too expensive for the State to implement as intended.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

This option should not be considered. There is ZERO feasibility for this option. I am surprised the State even proposed this option.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would remove this option all together. Zero feasibility with this option.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Biggest comment which the State needs to emphasize/acknowledge: There already is public access to the public beaches of HR. The State should support financially sound access options, 1) Repair the hoist; 2) Work with Chumash and HROA to developed a guided, docent-led tour program.

It's clear a lot of time as been spent by Staff to prepare these options. I am wondering why the financial feasibility, legal liability, administrative oversight, long-term oversight and management, project management costs, emergency responsiveness, and land acquisition considerations have not been made clear to the public when considering these options.

Final thought, the Gaviota coast is a special place, mainly due to limited access. HR's public beaches are limited by mother nature. Today, public access is achievable during specific tide windows and by boat, similar to other stretches of public beaches in Gaviota. I would like the CC Staff to consider their actions to develop this access plan will a lasting impact on a special place. I would charge Staff to consider the least impactful of all access options.

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Short Text

Response No: 213

Contribution ID: 3135
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 17, 2025, 08:53 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Hollister Ranch enjoys world-class surf because of its unique geographical location. If the option does not provide for surfing on the best beaches, I do not support it.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Access to the surfing beaches is most imporant. Although after literally waiting for 40 years to access the surf on Hollister Ranch, I can no longer walk more than a mile to surf. I am now 60. After 2 open heart surgeries, I am afraid that I will die before California ever provides my legal right to access the surf.

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Shuttle Access to Sacate Beach and San Augustine is the most important to me as an avid surfer seeking the world class waves.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would be willing to forego private individual access and managed group access for an hourly electric shuttle loop. This is the minimum Option I would accept as a lifelong resident of California, I feel Iike I am negotiating away my Constitutional Right to public beach access.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The most important elements are Independent Shuttle Access to Sacate and San Augustine beaches.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would forego Private Individual Access which would be redundant with the Shuttle Access. Private Individual Access would just delay feasability and increase costs.

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

The most important elements are Independent Shuttle Access to the surfing beaches Alegria and Sacate. Private Individual Access would be redundant with the Shuttle Access in my opinion. Multi-Use Trail Access would be mildly important, but it must allow Electric Bikes for the 7-mile round trip to and from Sacate Beach which would be a very long haul with surfboard, wetsuit, food and water for the day.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Willing to forego Multi-Use Trail Access and Private Individual Access

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Independent Shuttle Access to the surfing beaches is the most important. That is really all that is required, having a shuttle with accomodation for a board and backpack.

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I would forego Multi-Use Trail Access and Private Individual Access, the two most expensive modes of access.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached

Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

Yes. The California Constitution and the Coastal Act provide for maximum public access to California beaches. I do not want to negotiate away my constitutional rights to private landowners and the HROA corporation. I only consent to these limited options if maximum access will be eventually provided to the people of California keeping in spirit with the law.

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Short Text

Response No: 214

Contribution ID: 3134
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 17, 2025, 08:15 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Using guided tours.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Limiting the number of beaches accessed

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Access by guided tour

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Eliminate access to Drakes and Bulito due to environmental concerns. Guided tours only.

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

No to individual access. Shuttle access only.

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Only provide access to Augustine and Sacate by shuttle. This would give participants the best overview of the ranch and limit cars on the road.

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

No to option 4.
I prefer limiting the beaches and never having private individual access because it puts safety and the environment at risk.

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Limiting access to beaches closest to the entrance.

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

Forego individual access.

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

No to 5. No access to all beaches. No private individual cars on the road as it is impossible to monitor

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No to this plan.Too much risk to the environment and ranch safety.

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

The environment and safety are my chief concerns: road safety, fire safety, protection of the environment. My first choice is access by shuttle only to a limited number of beaches. Drakes and Bulito should not be included. I am opposed to individual access as it cannot be monitored. You would basically be giving visitors free access to all of the ranch.

Let’s make the initial access limited with a reservation system and utilizing shuttles. Limit to either those few beaches closest to the entrance or a ranch overview using shuttles to Sacate and Augustine.

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Short Text 93110

Response No: 215

Contribution ID: 3133
Member ID:
Date Submitted: Nov 17, 2025, 07:42 PM

Q1 **Which elements of Option 1 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided access seems like a good idea.

Q2 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

I'm fine with Option 1

Q3 **Which elements of Option 2 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Limiting cost and impact of pedestrian trail construction

Q4 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No pedestrian access

Q5 **Which elements of Option 3 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided tour access

Q6 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No individual vehicle access should be allowed

Q7 **Which elements of Option 4 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Managed group access

Q8 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No private vehicle access

Q9 **Which elements of Option 5 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Multi-use trail cost minimization and impact

Q10 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No private individual vehicle access

Q11 **Which elements of Option 6 are most important to you?**

Long Text

Guided tour access and multi-use trail access limiting cost and impact

Q12 **Which elements would you be willing to forgo to increase feasibility?**

Long Text

No individual private vehicle access should be allowed

Q13 **Please rank the Access Program Options from most preferred to least preferred.**

Ranking

Option 1 - Provide Guided Tour Access
Option 2 - Prioritize Feasibility and Early Access
Option 4 - Emphasize Resource Protection
Option 5 - Prioritize Eastern Beaches
Option 3 - Prioritize Access to Largest Beached
Option 6 - Maximize Sustainable Public Access

Q14 **Do you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns that may not have been fully captured in the survey?**

Long Text

I do not think the issues of safety and responsibility were really defined in these meetings and I'm dissatisfied that there wasn't more mention of them, as this is a semi-remote area with lots of hazards

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Short Text

Social Pinpoint Public Beach Access Constraints Exercise Results

SOCIAL PINPOINT PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS CONSTRAINTS EXERCISE RESULTS

The Public Beach Access Constraints Exercise was a public survey, open between November 14, 2025 to December 19, 2025, for individuals unable to attend a workshop or who wished to provide additional input online.

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Public Beach Access Constraints - Post Workshop
Hollister Ranch Coastal Access Program

87	98
Contributors	Contributions

Key Statistics

Top-level information about the activity.

13.24 points
Average Spend
20 points total budget

6
Projects
0 sponsors

210
Total Votes
2.14 avg. projects funded / contribution

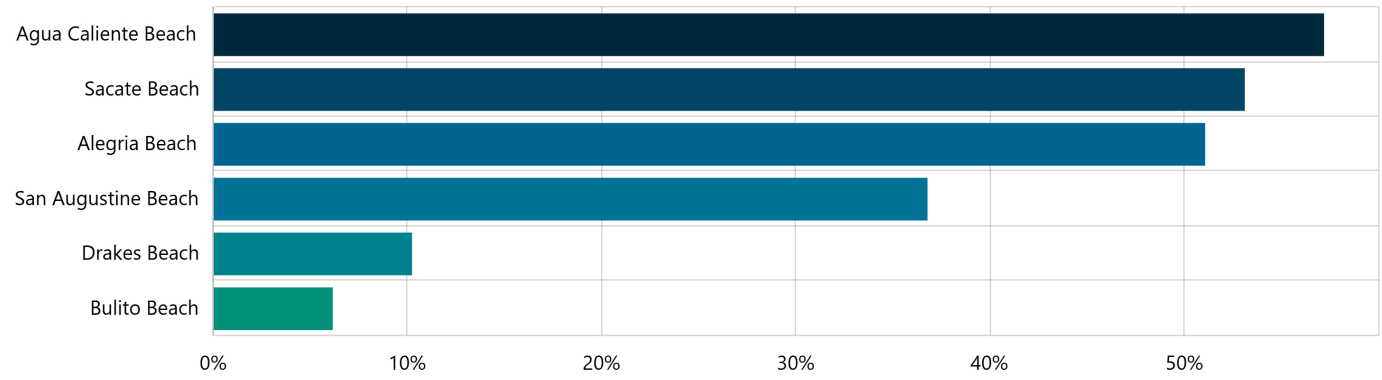
Contribution Summary

Summary of the activity including details of the included projects, voting results and more.

Project Details
Information on the projects included for potential funding including the name, cost, voting and other details.

Project Name	Cost	Total Votes	%
Agua Caliente Beach	4 pts	56	26.67%
Sacate Beach	6 pts	52	24.76%
Alegria Beach	5 pts	50	23.81%
San Augustine Beach	8 pts	36	17.14%
Drakes Beach	14 pts	10	4.76%
Bulito Beach	14 pts	6	2.86%

Voting Results
Results of participant voting showing which projects were most and least funded (calculated as project votes / total contributions).



Social Pinpoint Access Options Exercise Results

SOCIAL PINPOINT ACCESS OPTIONS EXERCISE RESULTS

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Access Methods Exercise - Post Workshop
Hollister Ranch Coastal Access Program

91	109
Contributors	Contributions

Key Statistics

Top-level information about the activity.

11.26 points
Average Spend
18 points total budget

6
Projects
0 sponsors

177
Total Votes
1.62 avg. projects funded / contribution

Contribution Summary

Summary of the activity including details of the included projects, voting results and more.

Project Details
Information on the projects included for potential funding including the name, cost, voting and other details.

Project Name	Cost	Total Votes	%
Managed Group Access	3 pts	52	29.38%
Guided Tour Access	5 pts	40	22.6%
Pedestrian Trail Access	8 pts	29	16.38%
Independent Shuttle Access	8 pts	21	11.86%
Multi-use Trail Access	12 pts	18	10.17%
Private Individual Access	15 pts	17	9.6%

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