

# Hidden Valley Ranch, Trails Advisory Committee

## **INSIDE THE WHITE GATE**

Welcome to Hidden Valley Ranch. If you can envision a life among Hidden Valley's noble oaks, golden fields, and promise of a good and peaceful life you are not alone. For over forty years many have been part of the HVR lifestyle. Artists, authors, ranchers, inventors, attorneys, physicians, realtors, vintners and even a film star have all called HVR home. If you decide to plant your roots here, then you are among the ranks of people who value peace, beauty, privacy and healthy land.

Those who choose to settle inside in the ranch take comfort in knowing they are moving into an area that has maintained its land ethic and integrity for over forty years. HVR boasts over 10,000 acres that reflect its rural heritage. Miles of healthy riparian and forest land blend seamlessly into a viable agricultural preserve. As development in the Central Coast escalates at a feverish pace, Hidden Valley maintains its beauty and character—a spacious expanse of serenity—like an eye in a hurricane of land development, parcel chopping, and consumption of open space. This translates into HVR as a place of low stress and high property values.

## **A DIFFERENT WAY OF THINKING**

Hidden Valley is desirable today because of the keen vision of its developer, Archie Hanson. He set the boundaries and general conditions that have governed HVR for nearly forty years. However, there was one critical component that could not be expressed in HVR governing laws that has been a keystone piece of HVR's success. How do the residents take pride in ownership of Hidden Valley Ranch as an entire system and not as small chopped up parcels? How do residents perpetuate the respect and responsibility needed to keep the HVR heritage alive? The answer is the trail system.

The trail system is the single most important mechanism for perpetuating the attributes that HVR residents value most. People won't protect what they don't know. It's the trails that provide residents the opportunity to experience the quiet solitude, the beauty and natural culture of place. It's the trails that allowed each resident to develop a personal connection to the land. This connection has been vital in maintaining the fundamental integrity of the ranch. While not always apparent, it is the result of these connections that are attracting you to Hidden Valley today.

Unfortunately, the by-products of modern society, fear and lack of trust, have eroded the trail system. Trail access is loosely interpreted by Hidden Valley's governing laws. True accessibility and continuity are ultimately decided upon by individual residents. Ultimately, the good life depends on you doing good.

## **ARE YOU INTERESTED?**

Blue skies, sweet air, and fine wines. Misty mornings, earthy fragrance, soothing breezes. Sense of community, a rural heritage, pride in being part of something good. If these lifestyle snippets appeal to you, then you belong here. Welcome home.