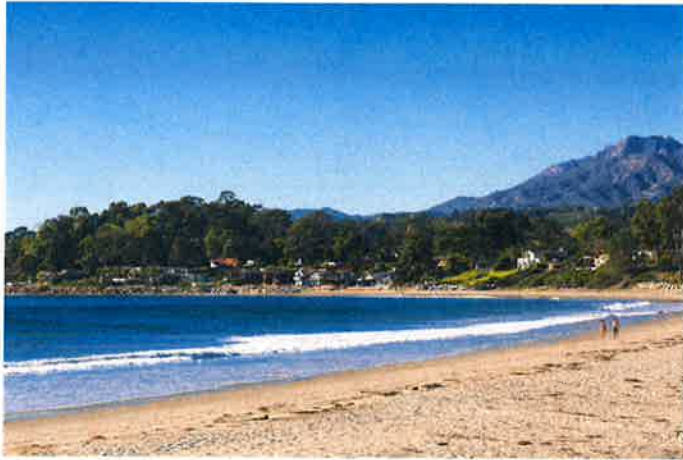


George Lucas Grows Beachfront Compound in California Celebrity Enclave

The filmmaker purchased a 2-acre property next door to his home in Carpinteria for \$28 million

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Filmmaker George Lucas is expanding his beachfront property in Carpinteria, a small California city that has attracted celebrities like television host Ellen Degeneres and actor Kevin Costner.

Mr. Lucas purchased a 2-acre beachfront property directly next door to his own on Padaro Lane for \$28 million, according to public records and people familiar with the transaction. The compound comprises a small Cape Cod-style home as well as a guesthouse, a tree house and a barn, according to the people familiar.

The prior owner, Frances Morehart, died last year at 93, according to her obituary in the Santa Barbara News-Press. The property was sold to Mr. Lucas by her estate, according to the people with knowledge of the transaction.

Best known as the creator of the "Star Wars" movie franchise, Mr. Lucas bought his first property, a smaller site but with more beach frontage, in 2010 for \$19.5 million, records show.

He tore down an existing home, replacing it with a Cape Cod-style property with a wraparound porch. Mr. Lucas couldn't be reached for comment.

About 11 miles from the center of Santa Barbara, Carpinteria has long drawn Hollywood types in search of seclusion. "It's more isolated than Malibu or Santa Monica or any of those places," said Tim Hocter, a luxury real estate agent who represented Mr. Costner when he listed his home a few years ago. Mr. Costner has since decided to keep his property, Mr. Hocter said.

Another agent in the area said the beachfront on Padaro Lane is particularly sought-after, since the sand remains even during the winter when other beaches become more rocky.