**VISTA DEL MAR SCHOOL**

**DESIGNATION:** Place of Historic Merit

**KNOWN AS:** Vista del Mar School

**PHYSICAL ADDRESS:** Route 1, Box 268  
Goleta

**LOCATION:** 30 miles west of Santa Barbara off Highway 101 and just east of Gaviota Pass

**TYPE OF SITE:** School

**RESOLUTION NUMBER:** No Record

**DATE OF DESIGNATION:** Unknown

**DESIGNATION OBTAINED BY:** Lucille E. Christie  
3932 Rigel Ave., Lompoc

**PAST OWNERS:** W.W. Hollister and descendents

**CURRENT OWNER:** W.W. Hollister heirs, Vista del Mar School District, Steve Zipp

**CHANGES/ALTERATIONS:** None

**CONDITION:** Fair

**DESCRIPTION:**

The school, built in the Spanish-colonial architectural style, came about when four smaller rural school districts were consolidated in 1926 to form the Vista del Mar Union School District. In 1927, a bond issue was successfully passed to provide funds to build this school. Later a two-room wing was added for a total of four classrooms, a small auditorium, and a kitchen.¹ Today the school is surrounded by land owned by Chevron, USA and the students and staff were moved to another location in early 1986.² Although the nominator sought

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¹ Item 12 on nomination application
² Nomination application
landmark status for the school, there arose a dispute over ownership of the property which precluded such a designation. Mr. J.J. Hollister contended that if the building were not used as a school, the property reverted back to the heirs. Chevron claimed it owned the property. According to an article about the school in the January 16, 2003 issue of the Santa Barbara Independent, ownership of the Spanish-style school was listed as J.J. Hollister, the Vista del Mar School District, and Steve Zipp of Sparks, Nevada.

RESOURCES:

Application for Designation as County Historical Landmark (May 2, 1990)

Santa Barbara Independent (January 16, 2003)