

FIELD NOTES  
OF  
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA Y LAS FLORES.

Rancho Santa Margarita y las Flores.

Surveyed under instructions from the U.S.  
Surveyor General, by Wm. P. Reynolds, Deputy  
Surveyor in 1876 and 1877, and by Wm. Minto,  
Deputy Surveyor in 1878

2 S. 47° 50' W

240.63 Int. line bet. secs. 28 and 33, from which the  
cor. to secs. 27, 28, 33 and 34, brs. E. 51.61  
chs. dist. Set a redwood post 5x3 and 3 ft.  
long and 12 in. deep, and raised an irregular  
mound of earth with 3 pits 18x22 and 12 in.  
deep for cor. to frac. secs. 28 and 33.

241.50 Foot of hill, brg. N. 50° W. & S. 50° E.

247.00 Top of hill,

249.50 Cross summit of hill and descend.

252.00 Cross a dry ravine 20 lks. wide course S. 50° E

254.00 House of Fleury at foot of SE. point of hill  
brs. S. 54° E. 4.40 chs. dist.  
Ascend NE. slope of hill.

257.50 Top of hill E. & W.

260.00 Leave summit of hill and run along brow of  
SE. slope of hill.

269.00 Leave brow of SE. slope of hill, and descend  
SW. slope.

273.00 Foot of hill, and enter narrow valley running  
S. 50° E.

276.50 Cross valley and ascend NE. slope of hill.



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278.60 Int line bet. secs. 32 and 33, 54.51 chs.  
N. of cor. to secs. 4, 5, 32 and 33  
Set a redwood post 3x3 in. 4 ft. long,  
raised an irregular mound of earth with 3  
pits 18x20, and 12 in. deep for cor. to frac.  
secs. 32 and 33.

279.00 Top of hill brs. N.50° W. & S. 50° E. 10 chs.  
to edge of Valley San Luis Rey.

284.00 Foot of hill and enter valley running S.40°E.

289.50 Cross valley and ascend hill.

300.50 Top of hill N. 40° W. & S. 40° E.

301.00 Cross summit.

306.00 Cross a dry ravine 40 lks. wide at foot of  
hill, runs SE.

315.00 Cross a dry ravine 50 lks. wide, at foot of  
hill, runs SE. & enter Valley San Luis Rey.

320.00 Cross a dry ravine 30 lks. wide runs S.60°E.

325.00 House of Starr brs. E. 90 lks. dist.

336.00 Summit of low ridge brs. N.42° W. & S.42° E.  
5.00 chs. to bed of dry lake.

338.00 Foot of low ridge, and enter narrow valley,  
course from S.50° W. and runs SE. into dry  
lake 3 chs. dist.

346.00 Foot of hill.

348.00 Summit of hill, and run across its NW. slope.

359.20 Int. line bet. Ts. 10 and 11 S. R. 4 W.,  
59.56 chs. W. of cor. to secs.4, 5,32, 33.  
Set a redwood post 3x3 and 4 ft. long, 8 in.

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deep and raised an irregular mound of earth  
with 3 pits 24x24, and 12 in. deep, for cor.  
to frac. secs. 5 and 32.

376.50 Cross a gorge 100 lks. wide runs S.70° W.

382.00 Brow of SW. slope of hill and descend.

386.55 Int. line bet. secs. 5 and 6, from which point  
the cor. to secs. 5, 6, 31 and 32 brs. N.30' W  
18.35 chs. dist.  
Set a redwood post 3x3 and 4 ft. long 18 in.  
deep and raised an irregular mound of earth  
with 3 pits 20x24, and 12 in. deep, for cor.  
to frac. secs. 5 and 6.

387.00 Foot of hill, and enter dry bed of Alkali lake  
brg. N. 10° W. & S. 10° E.

407.00 Cross dry bed of lake and run along rolling  
table land on the W. side of the Valley of  
San Luis Rey.

453.52 Cross a board fence brg. N.34½° W. & S.34½°E.

456.80 Cross telegraph line from Los Angeles to  
San Diego, brg. N. 30° W. & S.30° E.

457.00 Cross stage road from Los Angeles to San Diego  
brg. N. 30° W. & S. 30° E.

461.50 Foot of hill and ascend.

475.50 Top of hill.

476.00 The spire on the E. end of the church of the  
Mission of San Luis Rey brs. S.66°48' E.  
Va. 14.58' E.

477.02 Int. line bet. secs. 6 and 7, from which the cor



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to secs. 1, 6, 7 and 12 brs. S. 13.89 chs. dist.  
Set an elder post 4x4 and 4 ft. long and 20 in.  
deep and raised an irregular mound of earth  
with 3 pits 20x24 and 12 in. deep for cor. to  
frac. secs. 6 and 7.

482.00 Top of apur brg. N. 30° W. & S. 30° E.

484.00 Cross a dry ravine 40 lks. wide runs S. 32° E.

485.50 Top of ridge brs. NW. & SE.

492.00 Cross ridge and descend.

496.03 Int. line bet. Rs. 4 and 5 W. T. 11 S., 67.24 chs.  
N. of cor. to secs. 13, 18, 7 and 12.  
Set an elder post 4x4 and 4 ft. long, 20 in.  
deep and raised an irregular mound of earth  
with 3 pits 24x24 and 14 in. deep for cor. to  
frac. secs. 7 and 12.

498.00 Cross a ravine 20 lks. wide runs NW. at foot  
of hill and ascend.

504.50 Summit of hill, the line here continues over  
high rolling table land.

520.00 Brow of table land, and descend into narrow  
valley.

526.00 To foot of table land, and enter narrow valley.

529.00 Cross road runs S. 12° E.

530.00 Cross narrow valley, ascend.

537.50 Top of hill brs. NW. & SE. about 5.00 chs.

540.00 Cross summit and descend.

546.50 To foot of hill and ascend.

556.50 Top of hill brs. S. 60° E.

561.50 Cross dry ravine 50 lks. wide runs S. 58° E.  
Ascend.

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568.00 Top of hill, spire of church at San Luis Rey,  
N. 87° E. & descend rolling table land.

586.00 Brow of table land, descend.

594.00 Foot of table land, and enter ravine S. 50° E.

596.26 Int. line bet. secs. 12 and 13, 74.25 chs.  
W. of cor. to secs. 13, 12, 18 and 7.  
Set a redwood post 4x4 and 4 ft. long and 20 in.  
deep and raised an irregular mound of earth with  
3 pits 18x20, and 12 in. deep for cor. to frac.  
secs. 12 and 13.

596.50 Foot of steep bank of ravine and ascend.

601.50 Brow of bank and run over slightly ascending  
ground.

604.43 Int. the line bet. secs. 13 and 14, 74.52 chs.  
N. of cor. to secs. 24, 23, 13 and 14.  
Set a redwood post 4x4 and 4 ft. long and 20 in.  
deep and raised an irregular mound of earth  
with 3 pits 20x20, and 12 in. deep for cor. to  
frac. secs. 13 and 14.

606.50 To summit of ridge brg. N. 25° W. & S. 25° E.  
The line from this point to the sea coast is  
over undulating table land, sloping gently  
in a SW. direction.

628.50 To the right and SW. side of a deep canon  
with perpendicular banks, which heads at a  
point N. 35° W. about 10 chs, and runs S. 40° E  
25 chs. to the N. side of the San Luis Rey  
Valley.



647.00 Cross another deep canon with steep perpendicular banks, 4.50 chs. wide; this canon heads at a point brg. N.40° W. about 60.00 chs. dist., and from point of intersection, it runs S.34° E. about 20 chs. to the right and NW. side of the valley of San Luis Rey.

710.50 Brow of table land and descend.

712.36 Int. line bet. secs. 14 and 15, 78 lks. N. of cor. to secs. 14, 15, 22 and 23. Set a redwood post 3x3 in. and 3½ ft. long and 18 in. deep, and raised an irregular mound of earth with 3 pits 18x18 and 12 in. deep for cor. to frac. secs 14 and 15.

713.52 Int. line bet. secs. 15 and 22, 86 lks. W. of cor. to secs. 14, 15, 22 and 23. Set a redwood post 3x3 in. and 3½ ft. long 18 in. deep, and raised an irregular mound of earth with 3 pits 18x18 in. and 12 in. deep for cor. to frac. secs. 15 and 22.

Va. 15° 20' E.

714.50 Foot of bank.

715.50 Cross dry ravine, runs S.57° E. & ascend bank.

718.20 Top of bank and continues over rolling table land.

758.50 To brow of table land, descend.

760.00 Foot of table land, and enter bottom of right and NW. side of the Valley of San Luis Rey, and along the foot of the right bank.

763.50 To the sea coast at the SE. point of the high bank of the NW. side of the Valley of San Luis Rey. The bank runs along the sea coast N.71° W. 5.00 chs., thence N.55° W. about 10.00 chs., then to the marshy land of Santa Margarita creek.

770.53 Int. the official meander line of the sea beach, from which Station 6, of the meander line bet. secs. 22 and 27, brs. S.36°30'E. 10.80 chs. dist.; drove an elder stake 3 ft. long, and 30 in. deep for meander cor. in sec. 22.

772.20 To ordinary high water mark on the sea beach. Drove an elder stake 3 ft. long, 24 in. deep for Station 3 of Rancho, from which I set a redwood post 6x6 in. and 7 ft. long and 3½ ft deep at the SE. point of the high bank on the right, and NW. bank of the Valley of San Luis Rey, marked S.M.L.F.3 W.P. for witness post, brg. N.47° 58' E. 8.74 chs. dist. and the official meander line of the sea beach runs S.36°30' E. 10.80 chs.; S.34° E. 38.90 chs. to line bet. secs. 22 and 27, E. 15.00 chs. to cor. to secs. 22, 23, 26 and 27, N. bet. secs. 22 and 23, 79.31 chs. to cor. to secs. 14, 15, 22 and 23, Station, Thence From Station No.3 along the sea beach at ordinary high tide.

The Va. of the magnetic needle being 15°15'E.



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3	N.34°21' W	15.00	Point of high bluff bank brs. N.4.00 chs. dist.
		49.24	The post in mound of rubble rock at the cor. to frac. secs. 15 and 22, brs. S. 1.44 lks.
		60.86	Stake in mound of rubble stone brs. N. 102 lks dist.
		123.00	Point of high banks at the SE. cor. of Santa Margarita valley brs. S. 78° 30' E.
		146.13	Another point of high bank on the left and SE. side of Santa Margarita valley brs. N.41°30'E
		176.10	To the official meander station bet. secs. 9 and 16, 8.20 chs. W. of 1/4 sec. cor.
			To Station 4 on the S. bank of the mouth of Santa Margarita creek, from which an elder post 4x4 in. and 4 ft. long 20 in. deep, marked S.M.L.F.4 W.P. for witness post in a mound of rubble stones brs. N. 85° 15' E. 260 lks. dist.
			The point of high banks at the SE. cor. of Santa Margarita valley brs. S. 43° E. and point of high bank of the left and SE. side of Santa Margarita valley brs. S. 57° E.
			Thence along the sea beach at ordinary high water mark.
4	N.42°37' W	3.50	Cross Santa Margarita creek 2 ft. deep, runs S. 30° W. & comes in from N.37° E.
		35.23	To Station 5 of the Rancho at foot of Santa Margarita Point, from which an elder post 4x4 in. and 4 ft. long and 20 ins. deep marked S.M.L.F. 6 W.P. for witness cor. in mound of earth with 8.

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			pits on the point of the high bank brs. N.30°46' E. 51 lks. dist.
			A point of high bank on the right and NW. side of Santa Margarita creek, brs. S.71°E. 6 chs. dist. Thence along the foot of bluff bank 50 ft. high at ordinary high water mark.
5	N.36°23' W	65.04	To Station No.6
			Thence
6	N.34°13' W	31.50	Passes mouth of dry ravine 50 lks. wide, comes from N.20° E.
		48.00	Passes mouth of dry gully 40 lks. wide, comes from NE.
		103.00	To E. side of mouth of Canada de las Salinas, comes from N.20° E.
		110.50	To W. side of mouth of Canada de las Salinas.
		117.97	To Station No.7 on E. side of the Canada de los Alison, comes in from N.26° E. from which an elder post 4x4 in. and 4 ft. long, 20 in. deep, marked S.M.L.F. X W.P. for witness cor. brs. N.45°23' E. 23 lks. dist.
			Thence
7	N.35°34' W	14.50	Passes W. bank of Canada de las Alisos.
		70.00	Passes mouth of canon 30 lks. wide, course from NE.
		77.00	Passes mouth of canon 60 lks. wide, comes from N. 60° E.
		95.21	To station 8, from which the face of the bluff marked S.C.L.F. XII for witness post



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brs. N.  $39^{\circ} 26'$  E. 50 lks. dist.

Thence

8    N.  $37^{\circ} 05'$  W    -----

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