

**Southern Monterey County Rural Coalition**

**Presents:**

**The Dutton Hotel**

**Past, Present & Future**

**Parks Commission Meeting**

**April 5, 2018**

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**This is the historic Dutton Hotel as it existed on the stage line to San Francisco circa 1900-1903.**



**This was what remained of the  
Dutton Hotel in 1946.**



**Today, vandalism and exposure to the elements has further reduced the once proud adobe to a ruin.**



**This sign stands inside a barbed-wire fence near the ruins.**



**Sadly, the area doesn't resemble a park, a recreation area or an historical monument.**



**The roof is gone and the support structure is falling down.**



**The site is clogged with debris.**



# 2018

The Dutton Hotel ruin continues to decay for lack of attention, partly because Monterey County decided not to pursue any further preservation actions beyond “benign neglect”. Rather than being a park or recreation area or imparting historical education as originally intended, it has become an eyesore for visitors and residents alike.

# Changing the Course

SMCRC has identified several local and regional groups who could collaborate in creating a plan to preserve the past and impact the future.

# Potential Stakeholders

- Monterey County
- Military (Fort Hunter Liggett)
- Southern Monterey County Rural Coalition
- Monterey County Agriculture and Rural Life Museum
- San Antonio Valley Historical Association
- San Antonio Mission
- St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- San Antonio Community Betterment Association

## **A Better Future...**

SMCRC proposes a collaborative process between Monterey County and other potential stakeholders to explore possibilities for turning this sad ruin into a relevant and educational monument in a park-like setting; a fitting tribute to the once proud structure that was the historic Dutton Hotel.

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