

*Our family summered in the village of Capitola by the Sea for many years. In 1958 my father bought the property at 325 Vista Dr. in La Selva Beach. It had dirt floors, no running water, an outhouse, and the sink was in a lean-to behind the house. When he brought the family to see it for the first time we thought he was out of his mind. Needless to say his vision for the property was better than ours.*

*We moved in to the home in the summer of 1959 and summered here for the next fifteen years. In 1960 my father purchased the property at 327 Vista Dr. so his sister would have a summer home close to his. It was a wonderful thing for him to do. I have always admired my father for his generosity toward others.*

*The draw to La Selva was that it was rural, safe, and great place to raise children and spend our summers.*

*After he passed away in 1974, my mother decided to rent the properties instead of occupy them. They remained rentals until she passed away in 2004. We assumed ownership of the property at 327 Vista Dr. in January of 2006 and returned to the area. I was amazed to see so many families we knew that were still here. Very little has changed over the years.*

*It's a wonderful place to live and we enjoy being back. We have renewed old acquaintances and met many nice people since our return. We did not realize how much we missed the area until our return.*

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