

Meet the Candidates for Chapter ExCom

Voting ends on December 9, 2024

About the Election:

It's time to vote for the next Santa Lucia Chapter Executive Committee (ExCom) members. The ExCom is the policy making body of your Sierra Club chapter. Each position is a three-year term. You may vote for up to two candidates, including a write-in candidate. All members as of Nov. 8 are eligible to vote. [Online voting](#) is encouraged. You'll need your member ID in order to vote - you can find it on the mailing label of the Santa Lucian that you should receive in the mail or on the label of any issue of *Sierra* magazine. If you need help finding your member ID, contact the Sierra Club membership office at member.care@sierraclub.org or 415-977-5653.

Now, Meet the Candidates:

Julie Lang



When I was about eight years old, I had a sudden epiphany that one day there wouldn't be enough fresh water for all the people on Earth. Since then, I have considered the environment the most important issue of my lifetime. In Junior High I joined the Environment Club and helped to clean up litter and raise awareness about environmental issues. I've tried to remain active and aware of all the environmental issues since then. I even took an Environment Class at Cuesta College **for fun**, years after I had earned my degree in Business Administration from Cal Poly.

I am currently on the Sierra Club Santa Lucia Executive Committee, and I am serving as the treasurer for the chapter. My time on the Executive Committee has opened my eyes to the many important local environmental issues we have on our beautiful central coast. Many are complex and require research and expertise to determine the best path forward. The Santa Lucia chapter

includes amazing people with a wealth of knowledge to help navigate these complex issues, so we can make decisions with confidence that this is the right choice for our local environment.

In 2020 I retired from San Luis Coastal Unified School District where I was employed as the Director of Fiscal Services. I enjoy the role I currently have as the treasurer of the Santa Lucia Chapter and continue to learn something new about it all the time! I'm looking forward to continuing to advocate for all environmental issues and making the decisions that will keep the central coast, our nation, and our planet clean and green! I hope you will consider voting for me for the Santa Lucia Chapter Executive Committee.

Linda Moran



I am pleased to introduce myself as a candidate for a position on the Executive Committee of the Santa Lucia Chapter of the Sierra Club. My connection to nature began in early childhood when I was just a year old, accompanying my family on tent camping trips. On that first trip, I pointed to the tent and declared it "house." Since then, I have always felt at home and at peace in nature.

This love of nature continued when I had my own family. We cherished sleeping under the stars, enjoying family time, hiking, and embracing the outdoors.

As a third-grade teacher, I was dedicated to passing on my passion for the environment to my students. One of my favorite field trips was to the Santa Rosa Plateau. Before each trip, I ensured my students were well-prepared with science and social studies lessons, and I took great pride when students praised their knowledge. It was especially rewarding to hear from students who returned to the Plateau with their families, excited to explore the environment on their own. My goal was to instill in them a lifelong love of nature, inspiring them to become responsible stewards of the Earth.

I was born in Glendale, California, and raised in La Crescenta. After graduating from Crescenta Valley High School, I attended Glendale Community College, earning an Associate of Arts degree in Business, and later a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from Cal State Long Beach. I spent my early career in retail and credit union services before transitioning to run an in-home

daycare for eight years while raising my children. As my children entered school, I worked for a wholesale travel operator.

In 1998, my family and I moved from Orange County to Riverside County, and I returned to school to earn my teaching credential. The rapidly growing Murrieta Unified School District hired me as an intern teacher while I completed my credential, marking the beginning of my 22-year teaching career.

My involvement with the Sierra Club began in 2009 when Jim Mitchell founded a chapter in Temecula to oppose the construction of a large quarry in the hills. I became an active participant in the "Stop the Quarry" campaign, where I also met my partner, Bob Audibert, who led hikes for the chapter.

In 2022, upon retiring, Bob and I sought a cooler, less crowded area and discovered the beauty of California's Central Coast, settling in Nipomo. We quickly joined the Santa Lucia Chapter of the Sierra Club. Bob has enjoyed leading hikes, while I have been actively involved in planning chapter activities.

My involvement with the Nipomo Action Committee has also helped me understand some of the environmental challenges facing San Luis Obispo County. As I continue to explore and learn more about this unique area, I am committed to protecting and preserving its natural beauty.

Thank you for considering my application. I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the important work of the Santa Lucia Chapter and to help further the mission of the Sierra Club.