

Sierra Sage

Sierra Sage of South Orange County, a Group of the Sierra Club ■ Bimonthly Events & Outings

News from the Left Bank | Helen Maurer

The **Left Bank, aka Aliso Creek Trail East** in Aliso-Woods Park has reopened after a year-plus-long closure during which a pipeline adjacent to the trail was replaced. Those who have long been familiar with the trail—or who perhaps discovered it during the early days of COVID—will remember it as a singularly peaceful place, a sort of riff on a country road, where one might see bunnies peering from the grasses, roadrunners dashing madly down the track ahead, and even a coyote or two (Ed once saw a mother and pup).



■ Aliso Creek Trail East, then...



■ Aliso Creek Trail East, now...

Last Thursday, **Ed** and I joined **Betty Burnett**, CEO of the South OC Wastewater Authority (the entity responsible for the pipeline), and **David Baranowski**, Senior Engineer with SOCWA, to visit the newly-reopened trail and to discuss our concerns. I am heartened to report that they also want to see the damage repaired and the trail returned, insofar as may be possible, to its former delightful state. ↗

Now, I am not naive. The process of re-vegetation will not happen overnight nor be finished instantly. The important thing, for all of us who have any stake or interest in the matter, is for it to be done right. And it will need to be done with transparency and good communication, so that everyone knows what's happening and is more or less on the same page and that no one goes off half-cocked because of a misunderstanding.

So, what we ask of you is this... Get out there and have a look at the trail. Let us know if you notice something in particular (like a tree or prominent shrubbery) that is no longer there and ought to be replaced. Or if you have other thoughts on how it might be made more inviting again, starting from where we're at now, please share them too. As things begin to happen, or to be decided, I will be getting back to you.

Please join us at our next meeting...

Our next Sierra Sage meeting will be a first for the group and the chapter, too.

Experience the new Sierra Sage meeting format including an in-person—location below—as well as virtual meeting. Concurrently, there will be a presentation via Zoom for both groups.

A virtual presentation by **Forest Leigh** of "Heal the Bay," is called "Know the Flow." This fact-filled, interactive talk is about the story of Southern California's water system. It includes the causes of marine pollution including storm-water run-off, and pollution prevention in South Orange County coastal beaches and communities.



To attend via Zoom please RSVP on our online calendar (sierrasage.org). Please join us for this informative and timely presentation.

WHERE: **Norman Murray Community & Senior Center** * See driving directions to the meeting at the bottom of page six.
24932 Veterans Way*
Mission Viejo, CA

WHEN: 7:00 PM, Tuesday,
March 22, 2022

ROOM: Juniper

— Sage News —

National Sierra Club Elections are Underway A Democratic Sierra Club Demands Grassroots Participation

The annual election for Sierra Club's Board of Directors is now underway.

Those eligible to vote in the national Sierra Club election will receive by mail (or Internet if you chose the electronic delivery option) your national Sierra Club ballot in early March. This will include information on the candidates and where to find additional information on Sierra Club's web site.

Your participation is critical for a Strong Sierra Club.

The Sierra Club is a democratically structured organization at all levels. Sierra Club requires the regular flow of views on policy and priorities from its grassroots membership in order to function well. Yearly participation in elections at all Sierra Club levels is a major membership obligation.

In a typical year less than 10% of eligible members vote in the Board elections. A minimum of 5% is required for the elections to be valid. Our grassroots structure is strengthened when our participation is high. That means your participation is needed in the voting process.



How can I learn about the candidates?

Members frequently state that they don't know the candidates and find it difficult to vote without learning more.

Each candidate provides a statement about themselves and their views on the issues on the official election ballot. You can learn more by asking questions of your group and chapter leadership and other experienced members you know. You can also visit the Sierra Club's election web site for additional information about candidates:

<http://www.sierraclub.org/board/election>

...Then make your choice and cast your vote!

The Angeles Chapter recommends a vote for Kate Bartholomew, Allison Chin, Dr. Michael Dorsey, Maya Khosla, Aaron Mair in the upcoming election for the Sierra Club's Board of Directors.

Voting Online is Quick and Easy!

Even if you receive your election materials in the mail, we encourage you to use the userfriendly Internet voting site to save time and postage. If sending via ground mail, please note your ballots **must be received by no later than noon EST Election Day, April 27, 2022**

From the Sierra Sage Chair, Ed Mauer

Dear Members and Supporters,

Spring is already in the air in southern California, largely due to the absence of rain. This dry pattern is a stark reminder that not all is well with our weather, and that climate change needs to be more than an afterthought for us, both personally and as a civic society. I'm excited to report that Sierra Sage is taking an active part in pushing our city councils to adopt Community Choice Energy (see story below), an action that can significantly reduce residents' GHG emissions. Our political committees are busy evaluating candidates for their environmental chops to be worthy of a Sierra Club endorsement (see story on page 3). Last, but not least, our calendar is again chock-a-block with activities. I hope to see you at one or the other of our events.

Stay safe and stay well,

Update on Community Choice Energy in OC

This coming October, some of us will be in the enviable position of choosing what kind of electric energy we want to have delivered to our homes. The city councils of Buena Park, Fullerton, Huntington Beach and Irvine voted to bring this service to their residents.

Moreover, the Orange County Board of Supervisors voted to make the OC Power Authority the electric utility for unincorporated areas. Within Sierra Sage's territory this includes, from north to south, **Silverado, Modjeska and Trabuco Canyons, Coto de Caza, Las Flores, Ladera Ranch, and Rancho Mission Viejo.** Residents of these areas will be able to choose their mix of clean and dirty electric energy at rates competitive with their current investor-owned utility.

"Orange County residents deserve flexibility when it comes to how they power up their homes or businesses. Because of the partnership with OCPA, my constituents can soon access competitive energy rates, and more options to leverage clean energy, whether you go carbon-free or 100% renewable," said Third District Supervisor Donald P. Wagner. "Serving as your Orange County Supervisor, I support renewable energy development, conservation programs, and efforts to decrease greenhouse gas emissions. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to leave the world in better shape." Those of us not living in these areas must ask their city councils what they think they owe our children and grandchildren!

— Sierra Club & Politics —

Sierra Club Political Endorsement Process

Sharon Koch (she, her) | Co-chair, Sierra Club California Political Committee

THE SIERRA CLUB has three major program components: **Conservation, Outings, & Political**. All three are bound together with our pursuit of equity, inclusion, and justice for all. You are likely familiar with our Conservation and Outings endeavors but may ask why we are engaged politically.

THE MISSION OF SIERRA CLUB POLITICAL PROGRAM

is to preserve the environment through grassroots political action. The Sierra Club political program is not aligned with any political party. The principal goals of the program are:

1. **To elect** candidates who will support and promote environmental protection and who share our core values of equity, justice, and inclusion;
2. **To raise public-awareness** about environmental issues and elevate the priority of these issues for decisionmakers;
3. **To encourage** Sierra Club members and other environmentalists to participate in the political process;
4. **To advance** the Sierra Club's environmental conservation and justice agenda by electing legislators and other elected officials who will champion our issues;
5. **To build relationships** with these leaders so they may become better champions for our policy priorities; and
6. **To strengthen** the Sierra Club's capacity to elect pro-environment candidates at every level of government.¹

An endorsement by Sierra Club is highly prized by a candidate for public office but is not easily obtained. Each endorsement results from careful analysis of a candidate's environmental positions and requires a two-thirds vote of two entities within Sierra Club prior to being finalized. The endorsement process begins locally. This work is undertaken by the Chapter Political Committee (PolCom) in consultation with regional groups and members residing in the electoral districts being considered.

We identify potential candidates, scrutinize their overall records and platforms, consider their performance on environmental, equity, justice, and inclusion issues, and also evaluate their prospects for winning the election. This last is a critical component of an endorsement consideration. We have neither the capacity nor desire to engage in all political races.

Once contests of interest have been identified, an endorsement committee is formed under the auspices of the PolCom.

This committee typically consists of 3–5 members selected from the PolCom and Sierra Club members residing in the relevant electoral district. The committee may recommend an early endorsement of an incumbent currently serving in the position under consideration. If that is not desirable, all candidates in the contest with a reasonable chance of winning are offered an opportunity to complete a questionnaire to be considered for a Sierra Club endorsement. The endorsement committee reviews the questionnaire responses and selects which candidates it would like to interview. After interviews are conducted, the committee makes a recommendation to the PolCom.

At this point, two-thirds of the voting membership of the PolCom must concur with the recommendation for it to move forward. The Chapter Executive Committee is the next required vote with two-thirds voting to recommend the endorsement. If the contest is for a Congressional seat, the national Sierra Club Political Team (SCPT) casts its two-thirds vote to finalize the endorsement. If the contest is for a local race or a state legislative race, the CA State/Local Candidate Review Committee has the final determining vote. For local city council contests, the two initial voting bodies are the regional group management committee and the PolCom.

*One of our greatest resources is our volunteer capacity. Political work is an opportunity to engage many volunteers, build skills, and help people see how we can achieve a shared vision that centers people, equity, and protecting the environment.*² The input and insight of Sierra Club members contribute to our making a sound endorsement recommendation. **Consider joining an endorsement team for a local city council or other contest appearing on the 2022 ballot.** By engaging in the Sierra Club political endorsement process, you gain an opportunity to meet current and future civic leaders and to build relationships with the public servants elected to represent us.

Contact your Sierra Sage representative to the **Orange County PolCom, Alex Berk, or Sharon Koch** for further information.

See our current endorsements at [Political Action | Sierra Club Angeles Chapter](#) (see Issues tab > Political Action.)

¹ "Sierra Club Political Team Compliance Guidelines September 2021"

² "Chapter Political Field Engagement Manual"

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■ Wednesday, March 2, 2022

O: Bell View Trail Loop: High-end moderate 5 mi, 1150' gain/loss. Hiding in plain sight, this scenic number has several steep and/or rough (with rubble) sections and a V-ditch. Up-and-down we go, past Dove Canyon reservoir, looping around a catchment basin (nearly dry on 1/30), and up a singletrack to pop out onto a meadowy slope above all the houses. At a pocket park, anyone who's had enough can go back to our cars while the rest continue up the lowest slopes of Bell Ridge before making our own return. Look for wildflowers on this one!

MEET: 9:00 am Robinson Ranch (in Rancho Santa Margarita).

DIRECTIONS: from the I-5 take either El Toro Rd or Alicia Pkwy east and turn R onto Santa Margarita Pkwy. Continue past Antonio Pkwy, then L on Plano Trabuco, R on Robinson Ranch Rd, then third R onto Heritage Dr, and R into trailhead parking. Bring water, snack, sun protection, hiking shoes (lugsoles!), poles recommended. *Rain cancels.*

LEADERS:

Helen Maurer (949) 449-5385 | **Ed Maurer** (949) 357-9931

■ Wednesday, March 9, 2022

O: Colinas Bluffs: Moderate 6.5 mi, 1340' gain/loss, nicely-surfaced dirt, out and back. Our route takes us up and down along the bluff tops behind Laguna Niguel, with splendid views over the Saddleback Valley and San Juan Capistrano. Our turn-around point makes a good stop for a snack. Some may wish to have lunch after our hike at a local eatery.

DIRECTIONS: From the I-5, take Crown Valley Pkwy west, turn L on Golden Lantern and continue to Marina Hills/Camino los Padres (name changes at Golden Lantern). Just past this intersection turn R into the shopping center on the corner. Meet in front of Starbucks. Bring water, snack, sun protection, hiking poles if you use them.

HIKE STARTS: 9:00 am; arrive early to sign in.

LEADERS: Mike Sappingfield (949) 768-3610 |

Sherri Sisson (949) 282-7207

■ Wednesday, March 16, 2022

O: Emerald Canyon: It's the day before St Paddy's, and what better place to spend it? Moderate/strenuous 8 mi, 1585' gain/loss. From the Willow parking lot, we go up to Bommer Ridge, then enter the canyon via Old Emerald Falls Trail, highly scenic. Return via Old Emerald Trail and down Willow.

DIRECTIONS: From I-5, take El Toro Rd west to the "T", L on Laguna Cyn., and almost immediate R into parking lot. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, poles recommended, \$3 for parking or OC Parks permit.

HIKE STARTS: 9:00 am; meet at 8:45 to sign in. *Steady rain cancels.*

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■ Sunday, March 20, 2022

Bear Canyon Loop to Pigeon Springs: Moderate 6.1 mi., 1100' gain. This hike crosses some of the wildest sections of the Santa Ana Mountains, a true paradise for pollinating insects and a multitude of birds like the California thrasher and canyon wren. We will hike chaparral slopes interspersed with yucca, oak, and sycamore trees. At the top we will take in the 360° views of San Juan Canyon, western OC and the Pacific Ocean beyond. If rain is in the forecast, we might be able to admire wildflowers.

SIGN-UP INSTRUCTIONS & DIRECTIONS: Meet 8:30 am at the San Juan Loop trailhead parking lot, located across the street from the Ortega Oaks Candy Store (34950 Ortega Hwy, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530) to sign in. The Bear Canyon Trail begins next to the Candy Store. Coming from Orange County, take the 74 (Ortega Highway) going East toward Riverside and use Ortega Oaks Candy Store's address as a point of reference. Bring: lunch or snacks and minimum 2 liters of water per person, sturdy hiking shoes, hiking poles (optional), sun hat, Adventure Pass or \$5/vehicle to park at the trailhead. *Rain within 48 hours cancels.*

LEADERS:

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■ Wednesday, March 23, 2022

O: Serrano Creek/Fish Taco Hike: Moderate only for its 11 mi distance (690' gain/loss!); otherwise, the easiest long hike around. And you can turn around at any point for an earlier return. Starting at Heritage Hill in Lake Forest, we meander through Serrano Creek Park, then head gently uphill on a suburban trail toward Foothill Ranch. Continuing to Whiting Ranch, we'll enjoy the lush greenery of Live Oak and Serrano Creek Trails before heading for home. Lunch stop (picnic or eatery) in Foothill Ranch, then return via an abbreviated version of the way we came up.

MEET: 8:30 am to sign in at the Heritage Hill parking lot on Serrano Rd.

DIRECTIONS: From the I-5, take Lake Forest Dr east, turn L on Serrano, R into parking lot, park immediately. (Lot is shared with a shopping center.) Bring water, snack, lunch or lunch money if you do the whole thing, sun protection, walking shoes are fine. Steady rain cancels.

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■ Saturday, March 26, 2022

New Sugarloaf Peak (3227'): Moderate 7.5 miles round trip, 2900' cumulative gain. Enjoy this mostly shaded hike from Bluejay Campground on the new San Juan Trail to the peak for lunch. Return through Chiquito basin via old San Juan Trail. Lots of up and down both ways.

SIGN-UP INSTRUCTIONS & DIRECTIONS: Please register in advance—it will greatly improve the sign in process. Meet at the SOC rideshare at 8 am or at the west end of Bluejay Campground at 8:45 am (advise leader if meeting at trailhead). Bring 2 qts. water, lunch, lugsoles, Adventure Pass or equivalent required to park at the trailhead. Note: Everyone attending *must* fill out and bring a [Medical Form](#). (Fill it out, print it, place it in an envelope with your name on the outside. It will be returned to you for future use.) *Rain or critical fire conditions cancel.*

LEADERS:

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Mike Sappingfield (949) 768-3610

■ Saturday, March 30, 2022

O: Willow/Camarillo Loop: Moderate 5.5 mi, 1050' gain/loss. Depending on weather, we could see good wildflowers. Starting from the Willow parking lot, we will go up Laurel, to Serrano, down Camarillo and back on South Stagecoach.

DIRECTIONS: From the I-5, go west on El Toro Rd to the "T" at Laguna Canyon Rd, turn L, then almost immediate R into parking lot. Bring water, snack, sun protection, hiking shoes, poles recommended, \$3 or OC Parks permit for parking.

HIKE STARTS: 9:00 am; meet at 8:45 to sign in. *Rain cancels.*

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■ Saturday, April 2, 2022

Trail Maintenance of the Bear Ridge Trail: The Sierra Sage and Orange County Groups maintain trails in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness on a monthly basis. For April, we will work on Bear Ridge trail. Up to 7 miles round trip, 1100 ft elevation gain. Tools are provided but you are welcome to bring your own favorite ones.

SIGN-UP INSTRUCTIONS & DIRECTIONS: We will meet at 7:45 am at the South OC rideshare to carpool to the trailhead. If you prefer to drive separately, meet at the San Juan Loop parking area at 8:20 am (contact the leader if doing so). Our return to the trailhead is usually between 2:30 and 3:00.

BRING: Work gloves, sturdy boots, water, and lunch; Adventure Pass or the equivalent required to park at the trailhead. Note



that this is a backcountry event and the Sierra Club requires everyone to fill out and bring a [Medical Form](#). (Fill it out, print it, place it in an envelope with your name on the outside. It will be returned to you for future use.) *Rain cancels.*

LEADERS:

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■ Wednesday, April 6, 2022

O: Red Rock Canyon in Whiting Ranch: In-and-out 4 mi., back to the Red Rocks with a bit of a geology lecture. We'll walk along a bike trail, so we need to share the trail. At the end of our hike there are places to go for lunch.

HIKE STARTS: 9:00 am. Meet Whiting Ranch (26701 Portola Pkwy, Foothill Ranch) at the corner of Portola and Market Place St, where you can pay \$3.00 or use your OC Parks pass. Bring walking shoes, water, poles, and a small snack.

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■ Wednesday, April 13, 2022

O: Arroyo Trabuco—I-5 to Dana Point: Mostly easy, ca 6 mi, 500' loss, 2 stream crossings. This is the last section of our multi-part trek to the Pacific Ocean that began in O'Neill Park in Rancho Santa Margarita. Starting from where our last section left off, we will cross under the I-5 and follow a dirt path past the remains of old orange groves, where we'll make 2 crossings of Trabuco Creek. Presently the creek enters a concrete channel—not the most scenic environment—but we will persevere on the walking/biking trail along its banks until we reach Doheny Park in Dana Point, where our favorite creek finally pours itself into the Pacific. We have made it, and we will celebrate with a picnic lunch on or near the beach! Return by bus to our starting point.

DIRECTIONS: From the I-5 take the Junipero Serra Rd offramp (southbound, go L under the freeway; northbound, go R on Serra). Everyone, turn L onto Rancho Viejo Rd, R on Trabuco Creek Rd (just past Rosenbaum Ranch, 29802 Trabuco Creek Rd, San Juan Capistrano) and look for a place to park. We'll meet in front of Rosenbaum's at 8:45 am, **hike starts at 9:00.** Bring water, lunch, sun protection, hiking/walking shoes, bus fare (\$.75 age 60+, \$2.00 others), mask to wear on the bus. *Steady rain cancels.*

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■ Wednesday, April 20, 2022

O: Laguna Canyon/Stairsteps Loop: Moderate 8 mi, 1300' gain, 1900' loss. Starting at Willow, we'll climb to Bommer Ridge and hike to Laguna Beach via Water Tank. There we'll catch the Laguna Beach shuttle to Top of the World and then follow the West Ridge to Stairsteps, which will return us to the Canyon and our starting point. Hike **begins at 9:00** at the Willow parking lot; be there early.

DIRECTIONS: From the I-5, take El Toro Rd towards Laguna Beach to the T, L on Laguna Canyon, and almost immediate R into parking lot. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, poles recommended, \$3 for pkg or OC Parks permit. *Steady rain cancels.*

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■ Saturday, April 23, 2022

O'Neill Arroyo Loop: Easy/moderate 7 mi, 800' gain/loss. Starting from the upper entrance to O'Neill Park in Rancho Santa Margarita, we hike along a partially paved trail to reach the extensive grasslands above Arroyo Trabuco. At our turnaround we dip into the Arroyo proper, where oaks and sycamores begin to shade the trail. Look for wildflowers and clumps of distinctive cane or California cholla (*Cylindropuntia californica*); this is one of the few places it grows in our area. When we reach the main part of O'Neill, we'll continue past the campground area to a crossing of Trabuco Creek and the Mesa Trail that takes us briskly back to the upper park. This is a great spot for a picnic lunch! Easy, flat return with a storybook thrown in.

INSTRUCTIONS & DIRECTIONS: Meet 8:45 to begin hike at 9:00. From I-5, take either El Toro Rd or Alicia Pkwy east. Whichever you take, proceed to Santa Margarita Pkwy and turn R. Cross over the Arroyo and the toll road; turn L on Ave las Flores, L on Via con Dios, which curves R, becoming El Camino Montana. Look for the upper entrance to O'Neill in the chain link fence on L and park on the street. Bring water, snack and/or lunch, hiking shoes, poles maybe for Trabuco Creek crossing.

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*March 22, 2022—see box on page 1,
Meeting at Norman Murray Community Center*

DIRECTIONS:

Northbound on I-5, exit at La Paz, turn right onto La Paz, cross Marguerite Pky. and proceed over Oso Creek. Turn left onto Veterans Way and drive to the Murray Center Parking Lot.

Southbound on I-5, exit at La Paz, turn left onto La Paz, cross Marguerite Parkway & Oso Creek. Turn left onto Veterans Way and drive to Murray Center Parking Lot.

■ Wednesday, April 27, 2022

O: Turtle Ridge Loop: Moderate 5.5 mi, 1045' gain/loss. Starting from the Bommer Canyon trailhead, we head up the canyon, passing the old ranch structures, then begin the real climb to Turtle Ridge. Once up, we can pause for a snack and take in the splendid views. There's often an ocean breeze up here. Descending from the ridge, we'll soon join a scenic suburban path to return to our starting point. Bring water, snack, sun protection, hiking shoes, poles if you like.

DIRECTIONS: From the 405, Take University Dr west, turn L on Ridgeline, L on Turtle Rock, L on Sunnyhill, R into parking lot of Turtle Rock Community Park, where we will meet and walk a short distance to trailhead (where parking is limited). Bring water, snack, sun protection, hiking shoes, poles if you like.

MEET: 8:45 am; we'll set out at 9:00. *Steady rain cancels.*

LEADERS:

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■ Wednesday, May 4, 2022

O: Buck Gully: Easy/moderate 5.6 mi, 900' gain/loss partial loop exploring this cool coastal canyon with its own stream, hidden away in Corona del Mar.

MEET: 9:00 am at the parking lot at the corner of Marguerite and 5th Ave.

DIRECTIONS: from Pacific Coast Hwy in Corona del Mar, turn E onto Marguerite, L on 5th and R into the parking lot. Bring water, snack, sun protection, hiking shoes. *Steady rain cancels.*

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■ Wednesday, May 11, 2022

End of Season Party, Mason Park in Irvine: Come join us for a walk around the park from 9:30-11:15, followed by a party to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Sierra Sage and the leaders that made it an enduring organization!

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NOTE: Contact hike leaders for more information about all hikes and outings.



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Announcing... Sierra Sage Group's New Website

We are delighted to announce that we have created a new website for the Sierra Sage Group. Over the past months, **Ed Maurer** has created and led a committee to review and improve our communications with our members. A new and revamped website is now ready to be enjoyed. You can visit our new website at www.sierrasage.org. It has numerous new pages, interesting items, and many features, to keep you busy and learning about everything that the Sierra Sage group has to offer.

After you explore the new web site, feel free to send an email to **Ed** at balois@cox.net and let him know what you like and what changes you'd like to see.



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- Executive Committee meetings are open to all members of Sierra Club who reside in South OC. Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month.
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- Preserve the Coastal areas of Orange County?
Contact Penny Elia at greenp1@cox.net
- Interested in electing environmentally-supportive politicians into local offices?
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