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## Membership Meetings

**Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> • 7:30 PM**  
**"Get to Know Your Candidates"**  
 Presented by Jono Hildner  
*(see write up on Page 9)*

**Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> • 7:30 PM**  
**"Volcanos and Vistas;  
 Basin and Range"**  
 Presented by Mary Ann Ruiz  
*(see write up on Page 16)*

Programs are held at the  
**San Bernardino County Museum,**  
**2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands**  
*(California St. exit off 10 Fwy)*

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## California Desert National Monuments, Decades in the Making

By Joan Taylor, San Gorgonio Chapter Energy Chair

**T**oday is a day to celebrate! President Obama has declared three vast new national monuments in the California desert: Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and Castle Mountains. As I relish this victory, my thoughts whirl around the places, faces and events that have marked great successes during my 45 years as a Sierra Club desert activist.

Standing at the podium at Wildlands Conservancy's gorgeous Whitewater Preserve this past November, Senator Feinstein was the same gracious and vibrant

leader that she was in 1993 as a junior Senator when I first met with her in Los Angeles on the California Desert

Bill: Jim Dodson, Judy Anderson and Vicky Hoover of Sierra Club and Nobby Reidy of Wilderness Society.

But most of all, there was Elden Hughes.

If Sierra Club was the undisputed leader in protecting the California desert, Elden was its pied piper. Taking activists on trips to all 69 proposed wilderness areas in the Desert Bill, entrancing press with his golden sound bites, and charming legislators from LA to DC with his desert tortoises, Elden was an irrepressible force

on the side of the desert.

That is why, in the late 1990s, I consulted with Elden first, before

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Marble Mountains Overlook, Mojave Trails National Monument.

Photo: Jack Thompson/ Wildlands Conservancy

Protection Act, more popularly called "the Desert Bill." At that meeting were the great leaders of the Desert

## Earth Day April 22 . . . "A Day of Action"

By Ralph Salisbury, San Gorgonio Chapter Outings Chair



**F**riday, April 22 is Earth Day, now celebrated around the world in 192 countries by more than a billion people. Originally proposed by peace activist John McConnell and celebrated on March 21, 1970, the day now celebrated was founded by United States Senator Gaylord Nelson as an environmental "teach-in" and held April 22, 1970. Most places now devote at least a week of activities focused on environmental issues.

For the San Gorgonio Chapter and all our environmental activists, a day or a week will hardly do. The chapter celebrates Earth Day every day; not a single day has passed since April 1970 that chapter activists haven't devoted their energies toward accomplishing our environmental goals. Included in this issue of the *Palm and Pine* is a synopsis of the phenomenal desert successes by the Sierra Club and others. But there have been many more.

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## Early Endorsements For 2016

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Political Chair

**S**ierra Club has endorsed eight candidates for 2016 as of now. We expect more endorsements before the November election, but these early endorsements are for the races that are the most critical for us.

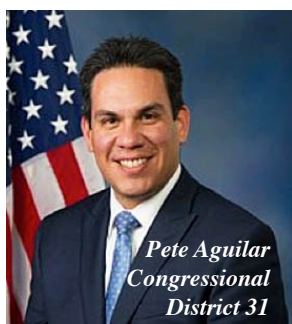
We have endorsed four incumbent members of Congress and don't expect to make any additional endorsements in congressional races, as the incumbents

in those races, while having terrible voting records, will be able to withstand any challenge.

We have endorsed four candidates for the Assembly, all of

whom are challenging incumbents that have shown themselves to be no friend of the environment. We ask that if you are in one of those districts, you volunteer to help our endorsed candidate. You are also likely to get a call from a fellow Sierra Club member asking you to do even

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Congressional District 31



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**Remember to vote for  
Sierra Club's National  
Club Board of  
Directors**

• **Deadline  
April  
27th**

**VOTE**

# Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

MAY-JUNE 2016

The outings calendar is on the Internet at <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org>

## ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE

Outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland, or Los Padres National Forests **MAY** require a Forest Service "Adventure Pass" for each vehicle. **THE FOREST SERVICE IS IN THE PROCESS OF UPDATING MAPS WHERE THIS PASS IS REQUIRED.** These Outings will be preceded by \*\* in the listings that follow. Be sure to contact the leader regarding permits. The permits cost \$30 per year or \$5 per day, however they may not be obtainable the day of your outing. If you arrive at the meeting place **WHERE A PASS IS REQUIRED** without making arrangements with the leader and you don't have a pass or find a ride in a vehicle with a pass, you **MAY** not be able to attend the outing. You are expected to share the cost of the daily passes **WHERE REQUIRED** equally with the others in the vehicle. A \$.50 contribution from everyone in the vehicle is reasonable for annual passes (above normal mileage contribution). Golden Eagle Passports and Golden Age Passports may be used in lieu of the Adventure Pass.

**Editor's Note**  
**Regarding Calendar and Outings Submissions**

*We appreciate your efforts in promoting your group's activities within these pages; however, space is very limited so we are asking writers to please keep your submissions as short as possible. Minute details (e.g., driving directions, anticipated sights) can be obtained by participants utilizing your published phone/email numbers and group websites/Facebook pages. Thank you in advance for complying to this request.*

*Jo Ann Fischer, Editor*

**CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS**

**DEADLINE:** Items for the May/June 2016 Calendar are due by April 5, 2016.

**FORMAT** items similar to those below. Send items electronically if possible.

**OUTINGS:** Send outings write-ups to your group or section Outings Chair.

**MEETINGS** & other events: Send electronically to Ladd Seekins at <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>

**GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES & DISCLAIMERS**

All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Courses, & experience for the Outings they lead. **LEADERS** may exclude individuals from participation if they believe they may not be qualified. Non-Sierra Club members may join outings unless otherwise stated in the write-up. All participants agree to abide by the Leader's rules. Participants should **CALL THE LEADER AHEAD TO SIGN-UP.**

**WHAT TO BRING**

Many Outings specify items to be carried by EACH participant. Do not attend Outings without the specified items unless you have first discussed it with the leader. Often the TEN ESSENTIALS are required. They are: 1) map, 2) compass, 3), flashlight, 4) knife, 5) windproof/waterproof matches in waterproof case, 6) fire starter, 7) first aid kit, 8) extra food & water for emergency use only, 9) extra clothing including rainwear, & 10) sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat.

**ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE (See box insert)**

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**CARPOOLING POLICY**

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements & assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. Drivers should have adequate insurance coverage & their vehicles should have no safety defects. Drivers of carpools agree to not consume any alcoholic beverages. It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. Five cents per mile per person for short trips is suggested while three cents per mile per person over 100 miles is usually reasonable.

**LIABILITY WAIVER**

In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign the following liability waiver

Sign-In Sheet & Acknowledgment of Outing Member Responsibility, Express Assumption of Risk, & Release of Liability

I understand that during my participation in this Sierra Club Outing, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards & risks, foreseen or unforeseen, which are inherent in each Outing & cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the Outing. These inherent risks include, but are not limited to, the dangers of serious personal injury, property damage, & death ("Injuries & Damages") from exposure to the hazards of travel & the Sierra Club has not tried to contradict or minimize my understanding of these risks. I know that Injuries & Damages can occur by natural causes or activities of other persons, animals, trip members, trip leaders & assistants or third parties, either as a result of negligence or because of other reasons. I understand that risks of such Injuries & Damages are involved in adventure travel such as Sierra Club Outings & I appreciate that I may have to exercise extra care for my

own person & for others around me in the face of such hazards. I further understand that on this Outing there may not be rescue or medical facilities or expertise necessary to deal with the Injuries & Damages to which I may be exposed.

In consideration for my acceptance as a participant on this Outing, & the services & amenities to be provided by the Sierra Club in connection with the Outing, I confirm my understanding that:

I have read any rules & conditions applicable to the Outing made available to me; I will pay any costs & fees for the Outing; & I acknowledge my participation is at the discretion of the leader.

The Outing begins & ends at the location where the Outing officially commences with leader & participants in attendance, as designated by the Sierra Club ("Trailhead"). The Outing does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to & from the Trailhead, & I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel. This does not apply to transportation provided by the Sierra Club after the commencement & before the end of the Outing.

If I decide to leave early & not to complete the Outing as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision. Likewise, if the leader has concluded the Outing, & I decide to go forward without the leader, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to go forward & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision.

This Agreement is intended to be as broad & inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision or any part of any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby & shall remain

valid & fully enforceable.

To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to **WAIVE, DISCHARGE CLAIMS, & RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, & to INDEMNIFY & HOLD HARMLESS** the Sierra Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders from any & all liability on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries & Damages, even if caused by negligence of the Sierra Club its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders, in any way connected with this Outing. I understand & intend that this assumption of risk & release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators & assigns, & includes any minors accompanying me on the Outing.

I have read this document in its entirety & I freely & voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries & Damages & notwithstanding such risks, I agree to participate in the Outing.

Note: If the participant is a minor, the minor's guardian must sign on the minor's behalf.

**RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS  
(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)**

**(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUPEXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 1, Apr 4, May 2, Oct 3, Nov 7.  
INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911 CHAPTER

**(1ST WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUPEXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP



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**(1ST THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**(2ND MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard’s Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**(2ND TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimffloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

**(2ND WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com  
MOJAVE GROUP

**(2ND THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly except July & August. Programs on nature, conservation & travel topics. The public is welcome & refreshments are served. See Los Serranos webpage for detailed program information: sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/groups/los\_serranos PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA (educational building, entrance in rear). INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379 CHAPTER

### WEEKLY RECURRING OUTINGS & FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings

**MON 6:00 PM RIVERSIDE MT. RUBIDOUX ONE HOUR FITNESS WALK**  
MEET: Ninth Street entrance to Mt. Rubidoux. INFO: JUDY SMITH, (951) 369-5117.  
CHAPTER

**MON 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE**  
Please join me for a 3 to 6 mile conditioning walk (usually 3 miles) beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark & Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing & good hiking shoes. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 961-0731. MOJAVE GROUP

**WED 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING WALK WALK**  
Please join us for a 3 mile conditioning walk beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark & Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Walks are paced for participants. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this 3 mile Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing & good hiking shoes. LEADERS: BILL SPRENG bspreng@gte.net (760) 951-4520 & JENNY WILDER (760) 220-0730 jensoasis@aol.com. MOJAVE GROUP

**FRI 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE HIKE**  
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**MAY 1 – May 8**  
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings  
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

**MAY 1 (SUN) 8:00 AM BONITA VISTA FIRST DAY HIKE**  
The Bonita Vista First Day of the month hikes offer individuals and families an opportunity to rejuvenate and connect with the outdoors. The purpose of these hikes is to familiarize hikers with an area that is easily accessed by paved roads and has a variety of possibilities for different hikes from the same trailhead. As the name implies there are beautiful views to be had. RATING: Moderate, with an uphill at the beginning and downhill on the return. This hike is approximately 4 miles long. BRING: Water, a snack/lunch, (binoculars and camera optional), and wear sturdy shoes/boots. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Rd. Apple Valley at 8:00 AM. LEADER: Susan Stueber 760-900-5330, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

**MAY 1 (SUN) 8:00 AM BERTHA PEAK HIKE**  
Join me on one of the “Peaks” of Big Bear hikes. After completing all five peaks you will earn a patch. More than that, you will have accomplished a great health goal! Bertha Peak is a Moderate, 7 mile, 1,400’ elevation gain hike. The hike starts out at the Cougar Crest Trailhead which takes us up a well-traveled trail where we will pass through open forest, piñon pine and juniper. Along the way we will have great views of Big Bear Lake, the San Bernardino Mtns and Greyback. The last part of the hike to Bertha is fairly steep, but we will take it slowly so don’t be afraid to try this peak. It ends at an electronic relay station where the views will be even more vast. We will have lunch/snack there then return to our vehicles on the same trail. RATING: Moderate. MEET: at the Cougar Crest trailhead on Hwy 38, on the north side of Big Bear Lake. It’s about 2/10th of a mile north of the Discovery Center. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, wear layered clothing, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, snack/lunch and hiking boot and trekking poles if you like to use them. RESERVATION: Contact Hike Leader Judy Atkinson by phone, message or text at (909) 289-1932 or email judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

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BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 4 (WED) 8:00 AM WHITEWATER PRESERVE TO STONE HOUSE HIKE**  
Join us as we hike 6 miles from Whitewater Preserve to Mission Creek Stone House and back, making this a 12 mile RT with 800 feet gain. We will follow the PCT along the river, past Red Dome, then head east on Mission Creek Trail to enjoy lunch in comfort at the Stone House. Incredible vistas, river crossings, and desert blooms. Rain cancels, BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAY 5 (THU) 9:00 AM ICE HOUSE SADDLE HIKE**  
It’s never too hot at the Ice House! At this elevation with a tree covered canopy, this is one of my favorite warm weather hikes. Here’s the numbers: 7 miles R/T with an elevation gain of 2,600’ makes this a strenuous rated trek. Rain/Snow cancels. BRING: water, hiking sticks, sturdy boots and layered clothing. MEET; Please call/e-mail LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 jmwandjw@hotmail.com to confirm by 5:00 PM, May 4.  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAY 5-8 (THU-SUN) MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE CAR CAMP**  
Join Ed and Terrence on this 3 night car camp at the piñon pine covered area of the Mid Hills Campground in the Mojave National Preserve. Mid Hills sits at over 5000 feet between New York and Providence Mountains. From our campsites we will have views of the Cima Dome, Table Mountain and the Eagle Rocks From this base camp we will enjoy the hiking available around the Eagle Rocks which are two 200 ft stones towering two hundred feet above the crest to the west. We will also visit the Hole-in-the-Wall via a trail from Mid Hills. Expect spectacular narrows, arches, and petroglyphs in one of the most scenic areas of the Preserve. RATED: Fun MEET: at the Mid Hills Camp Ground in the Preserve. A map and directions will be provided to those that sign up. For RESERVATIONS and expanded information email or call Hike Leader, Ed Wallace at rushewallace@yahoo.com or (909) 584-9407 or Co-Leader Terrance MCCorkle at (760) 252-2194 or e mail oldhikerdude@verizon.net BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 5 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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**MAY 7 (SAT) 8:30 AM MOMYER TRAIL TO ALGER CREEK HIKE**  
This is a moderate 6.5 mile round trip hike out of Forest Falls! We will meet and park at the trailhead. We hike down to Mill Creek, cross it and then start our hike through shady trees. Then we will be on a chaparral covered hillside where we will have great views into the Forest Falls area, the mountains directly across and the valley. From there we pass through a patchy forest of oaks and pines. We descend the last mile to the Alger Creek area where we will have snack/lunch and enjoy the creek before we return on the same trail to our vehicles. MEET: Take Hwy 38 to the Forest Falls cut off, stay on Valley of the Falls Road until you come to a giant turn out on the left. It is 2.9 miles from cutoff, if you get to the fire station you have gone too far. BRING 10 essentials, sun protection, hat, trekking poles, wear layered clothing, good hiking boots, lunch and or snacks, 2 liters of water. RESERVATIONS: Contact Hike Leader Judy Atkinson by phone, text or message (909) 289-1932 or email judy5723@gmail.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 7 (SAT) 7:00 AM PCT SEC D: SHEEP CREEK TR-INSPIRATION POINT HIKE**  
This is the third segment of our spring challenge, the hiking of the Pacific Crest Trail Section D, a total of 110.2 miles. This third segment starts at Sheep Creek Truck Road and travels northwest 13.1 miles to Inspiration Point. This is a shuttle-hike with a 2,789’ elevation gain. RATING: Strenuous MEET: We shall all meet at the junction of Swarthout Canyon Road and Lone Pine Canyon Road at 7:00 a.m. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2.5 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. RESERVATIONS: Call Hike Leader, Janet Roy (909) 702-4519 janetroy1pononacemetery@verizon.com or Ed Caliendo (242) 242-4103 or email at dogs111@msn.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 7 (SAT) 8:00 AM SPLIT ROCK IN JUNIPER FLATS HIKE**  
There are some interesting rock formations and views to enjoy on this hike. This is a moderate 51/2 to 6 mile hike that gains and loses 600+ foot elevation twice. Allow at least a 6 hour time commitment from the meeting place. BRING: Water 2 to 3 liters, a snack/ lunch, sunscreen/sun protection, hiking poles, (binoculars and camera optional), and WEAR sturdy shoes/boots. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Rd., Apple Valley, CA 92308 at 8:00 AM. From there we will caravan to the starting point of the trail. High clearance vehicles are recommended as we will be driving on a dirt road with some ruts. LEADER: QUINTIN LAKE, Email-qlake15@gmail.com or Phone- (951)315-7691.  
MOJAVE GROUP

**MAY 7 (SAT) 8:30 AM BLACK ROCK CANYON TRAIL HIKE**  
Join us on a spectacular 6 mile moderately difficult hike through of Joshua Tree National Park’s Black Rock Canyon Trail. There is 1000’ of elevation gain on the hike. The elevation increases gently over the first two miles or so, followed by roughly a mile of switch backs which is the toughest part of the hike. When we reach the midpoint the hike becomes rather easy, with a gentle decline back to the trail head. Black Rock Canyon is considered the most hospitable environment for Joshua Trees and they are everywhere. Rather than trying to describe the beauty of this area please come out and experience it for yourself. Bring 3 liters of water, snacks, a lunch and dress in layers with a good pair of hiking shoes. Sun screen is a must and a hat is recommended. DIRECTIONS: From the 10 freeway take highway 62. In Yucca Valley turn south on Joshua Lane and drive 5 miles through a residential area to the Black Rock Ranger Station at 9800 Black Rock Canyon Road, Yucca Valley, CA 92284. LEADER: Bob Audibert: For information or to make reservations email me at bob.takeahike1@gmail.com, or call at (951)302-1059. Rain Cancels. If anybody is interested in ride sharing to the hike please visit our Facebook Page at https://www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup/ Go to the events page, click on the Black Rock Canyon Hike and use the comment section to request or volunteer ride-share information.  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**MAY 7-8 (SAT-SUN) 11:00 AM SBMTS, KELLERSKI HUT GATHERING**  
Join us at Keller Hut for group meals, hikes, bird and nature walk, and conversation. BRING food for the weekend including a dish (salad, desert or main dish) for a potluck dinner on Saturday. We furnish hot beverages and table service. We will provide breakfast on Sunday. For information call OVERSEER, HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**MAY 9 – MAY 15**  
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings  
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

**MAY 9 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard’s Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**MAY 10 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimffloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

**MAY 10 (TUE) 8:00 AM CHAPMAN TRAIL - ICE HOUSE LOOP HIKE**  
Beginning at Ice House Canyon, we will hike a 9 mile loop with 2500 foot elevation gain, via the Chapman Trail through Cedar Glen Camp, enjoy lunch at the saddle, then return

down Ice House Canyon Trail. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAY 11 (WED) 5:30 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE**  
Moderate 4-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail where wild burros are usually seen. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. We start promptly at 5:30 p.m. Bring water and sturdy shoes, flashlight. MEET: Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina (951) 318-7503 or emt.teck@gmail.com  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**MAY 11 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com  
MOJAVE GROUP

**MAY 12 (THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**MAY 13 (FRI) 7:30 AM BIGHORN PEAK HIKE**  
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Bighorn Peak (elevation 8,441 ft), 11 miles round trip with 3400 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first mile under a canopy of oak, maple, alder, cedar and pine. Scenic view from the top of Bighorn Peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, sunscreen. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAY 14 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SEC D: ISLIP SADDLE-CLOUDBURST SUMMIT HIKE**  
This hike combines the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> segments, in a series of Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) hikes that will encompass all of Section D. Those individuals completing all thirteen segments will be eligible to receive a recognition patch signifying the accomplishment and the completion of 110.2 miles. The first 3.8 miles are mostly level from Islip Saddle to Eagles Roost Picnic Area. From Eagles Roost the trail dips 1.5 miles into Rattlesnake Canyon, where it crosses Little Rock Creek. The trail follows this creek 2.3 miles to Burkhart Trail 10W02 (5640’), and then begins its 3.2 mile climb through Cooper Canyon to Cloudburst Summit (7,018’). This completes the 10.8 mile day’s journey. RATED: Moderate; BRING: the ten-essentials, sun-protection, 3.0 liters of water, and lunch. MEET: From Vincent Gap go West 10.6 miles on Highway 2 to Islip Saddle. RESERVATION: Contact Hike Leader, Sharon Nardoza at (760) 208-3654 snardoza@cox.net or contact Hike Leader, Janet Roy (909) 702-4519 janetroy1pononacemetery@verizon.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 14 (SAT) 8:00 AM S B MTS, LAKE GREGORY SPRING BIRD WALK**  
MEET: North Shore Parking Lot, across from Goodwin’s (24089 Lake Gregory Drive, Crestline 92325). Pay \$8.00 fee or park on street free. See new spring arrivals and year round residents as we walk around the lake (2.5 miles). Optional breakfast after. LEADER, BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**MAY 17 – MAY 22**  
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings  
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

**MAY 17 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly except July & August. Programs on nature, conservation & travel topics. The public is welcome & refreshments are served. See Los Serranos webpage for detailed program information: sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/groups/los\_serranos PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA (educational building, entrance in rear). INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAY 19 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 19 (THU) 8:00 AM SKI HUT FROM MANKER FLATS HIKE**  
Warm up for summer peak-bagging with short but steep hike halfway up to Mt. Baldy. We will hike from Manker Flats past San Antonio Falls, heading up the Baldy Bowl Trail, reaching our destination of the Sierra Club Ski Hut in 2.5 miles. climbing 2050 feet elevation gain. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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suggesting a new national monument for the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains. Would the Sierra Club support a national monument? Elden said yes, go for it. So I contacted Ed Hastey, then-Director of California Bureau of Land Management, and the rest is history. Ed reached out to local communities and Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, who reached out to Representative Mary Bono, who reached across the aisle to Senator Feinstein, and together we protected yet another great piece of the desert with a bipartisan unanimous vote of both Houses of Congress.

Now, thinking about the new national monuments, many of us remember that the first Desert Bill came about because the BLM had failed to recognize



Elden and Patty Hughes with President Clinton at the signing of the Desert Bill, 1994. Photo: White House Staff.

the leadership of David Myers, got an option to buy the most sensitive of these properties — almost a thousand square miles of land. Myers and the Wildlands Conservancy then raised \$30 million in private monies and teamed up with Elden Hughes and Senator Feinstein to procure another \$15 million in federal Land and Water Conservation Funds to complete the acquisition and to propose what was then called the Mother Road National Monument (later morphed to “Mojave Trails”). In the early 2000s, the Sierra Club was the first major organization to endorse this new national monument, and things seemed to be going swimmingly until the solar (and wind) “gold rush” happened in the California desert.

You see, the thousand square miles of acquired land had been transferred to federal agencies to consolidate public land and access across the desert, with assurances of preservation in perpetuity by the President and the Secretary of the Interior. But during the 2008-2010 feeding frenzy to get billions in federal stimulus dollars that were being handed out for renewable energy, BLM had allowed over a million acres of public land in the desert to be plastered willy-nilly with solar and wind applications. There was little to no regard for the incredibly sensitive and irreplaceable resources of these lands. The Mojave Trails region had its share of abysmally sited projects, with such iconic places as Sleeping Beauty Valley proposed to be filled with solar mirrors and power towers. Swift action was needed, and Senator Feinstein rose to the occasion once again.

The Senator met with constituents, including Sierra Club leaders, and in 2011 proposed legislation including a Mojave Trails National Monument to preserve not only the lands she had recently helped acquire, but also to preserve the integrity of the many intervening Wilderness Areas that had been created in her first Desert Bill. Responding to strong community support, the Senator also proposed a remarkable Sand to Snow National Monument at the same time.

Over time it became obvious that legislation for the national monuments would languish forever in a regressive Congress, so last year the Senator called on President Obama to use his powers under the Antiquities Act to get the job done.

Taking action today, as have many Presidents from Teddy Roosevelt to George W. Bush have done, President Obama made history, in this case by preserving some of the most iconic and unique places in the California desert. All Sierra Clubbers should give ourselves a pat on the back for the pivotal role that the Sierra Club has played in desert protection through the years, and also be sure to thank President Obama for his bold action today.



Joan and husband Rob.



Whitewater River, Sand to Snow National Monument. Photo: Jack Thompson/ Wildlands Conservancy.

the major wilderness-quality desert areas, and to properly care for what is now the Mojave Preserve. But what about these new national monuments? What drove them?

The current saga started in the mid 1990s when SF Pacific Properties put its vast holdings throughout the California desert up for sale and development. Developing these lands would have severely impacted biological and aesthetic integrity, as well as recreational access for more than 4 million acres of public lands. This was because of the checker-boarded configuration of the parcels, which had come from land grants to the railroads in the 1800s. But an agile new force in the desert, the Wildlands Conservancy, took on the problem, and eventually, under

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**Joshua Tree National Park**

The first meeting of the newly formed Riverside Chapter of the Sierra Club was held October 10, 1932. (In the late 60s the Riverside Chapter was renamed San Gorgonio Chapter.) From the very beginning the major conservation goal of the fledgling chapter was the promotion and formation of Joshua Tree National Monument. The following year in 1933, monument status for Joshua Tree was achieved.



Joshua Tree

With all successes, environmentalists are obligated to maintain vigilance forever after. In the 1950s a number of attempts were made to open the monument to mining and road construction. The chapter and activists were successful in stopping these. And even in the early 60s the still Riverside Chapter effectively challenged the development of private in-holdings within the monument.

Finally in 1994, the Desert Protection Act signed by President Clinton established the Mojave National Preserve, Death Valley National Park and of course Joshua Tree National Park. Sierra Club activists and hundreds of San Gorgonio Chapter members participated in every phase of this legislation. Those 52 members that attended the first chapter meeting in 1932 could only have dreamed such an event.

**San Gorgonio Wilderness**

Very early on our chapter had a close connection to the San Gorgonio area. In 1942, Joe Momyer, the only Chapter member to serve as a Board Director for the Sierra Club, led attempts to obtain monument status for San Gorgonio. In 1946 the chapter opposed a project to open a ski development in the San Gorgonio Primitive Area and with continued activism into the 60s when a much larger development was planned.



Dry Lake, San Gorgonio

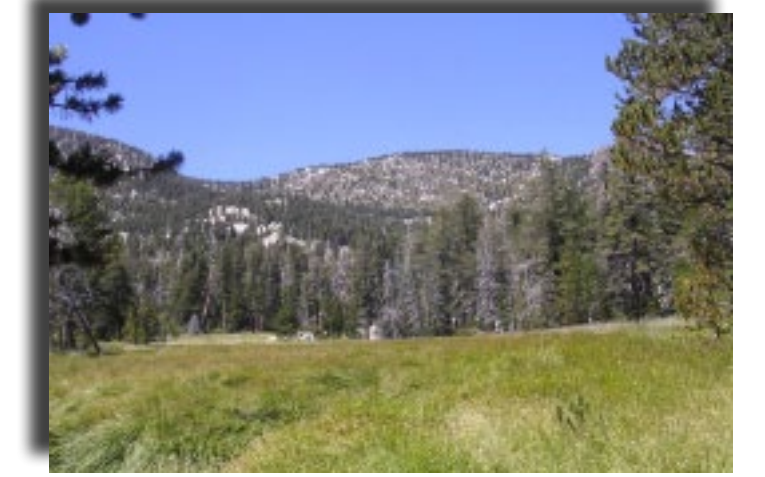
In the 1960s the Defenders of San Gorgonio Wilderness was formed and the chapter played a major role in this organization. With time it swelled to include 74 organizations, a mailing list of over 4,000 and caught the attention of our Congressional Representative along with the Riverside and San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, the House Committee of Interior and Insular Affairs, the head of the U.S. Forest Service and even Chief Douglas of the U.S. Supreme Court came out to give speeches.

Whatever it took was the motto which included flying reporters and our Congressman to Dry Lake via helicopter, camping for the night and feasting on wine and steak backpacked in.

It was no small victory to defeat a proposed ski development with 14 chair-lifts, a 5,000 car lot, an ice-skating rink on Dry Lake all serviced by a 4-lane highway. But defeat the project they did and finally in 1964 wilderness status to San Gorgonio was approved. No time was lost before HR 6891 was introduced in 1965 to open the San Gorgonio Wilderness Area to another proposed ski development which again went down in defeat. The new Sand to Snow National Monument certainly couldn't have been designated as configured without all these efforts.

**San Jacinto Mountains**

Across from San Gorgonio, with Banning and the 10 Freeway between, lies the majestic San Jacinto Mountains. Joe Momyer from the Riverside Chapter of the Sierra Club led an initial effort to achieve monument status for these mountains and thus began the chapter's protection efforts for this high-value wilderness. The first proposal for a tramway was stopped and that in a State Park established in 1928 but resurfaced later on in 1948.



Round Valley, San Jacinto

This time activism was centered on limiting the proposed tramway and development and the chapter was aided by a legal representative sent by the Sierra Club. The developer originally wanted to build a road along with a hotel at the top to accommodate 2,000. By 1952 the chapter was successful in limiting the development to basically just the tram. And even into 1956 Joe Momyer and the chapter continued to confine development by the Winter Park Authority and prevent expansion to San Jacinto Peak.

Sierra Club efforts continued to protect this entire area. The 1964 Wilderness Act established the San Jacinto Wilderness Areas and the 1984 California Desert Protection Act added the Santa Rosa Wilderness. And finally with ceaseless efforts by the San Gorgonio Chapter and other activists, on October 24, 2000, Congress established the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument.

**More San Gorgonio Chapter Achievements**

These early accomplishments are quite impressive but only a piece of chapter history. While there are far too many to mention, the San Gorgonio Chapter helped usher in the Pleistocene epoch Mitchell Caverns as part of the State Park System in the 1950s. Joe Momyer and Clark Jones played key roles with this state jewel located in Providence Mountains State Recreation Area. Now fully inside the Mojave National Preserve, the caverns were operated by the California State Park system. Closed since 2011, the caverns are expected to reopen.

The chapter played hardball in preventing dense development in Garner Valley. Mt. Baldy Ski Area expansion plans were vigorously opposed and finally with the establishment of the Sheep Mountain wilderness in 1985 that entire expansion area became off limits. And the San Gorgonio Chapter played a pivotal role in preserving Big Morongo Canyon.

The chapter was a partner in a coalition to preserve the Greenbelt in the City of Riverside with the successful passage of Proposition R in 1979 and Measure C in 1987. More recently Measure L was defeated that would have destroyed the hard-fought open space preservation laws in place. The Box Springs Mountain Reserve and its miles of trails sandwiched between Riverside and Moreno Valley was established in 1974 with the chapter strongly supporting the cause. Currently the San Gorgonio Chapter is supporting Friends of Blue Mountain in establishing a similar wilderness park on Blue Mountain mostly in Grand Terrace and Colton.

It's always an ongoing battle to protect the environment and help check rampant development especially into valuable habitat and wildlife corridors. But the chapter persists and a list of accomplishments would be very long indeed. And each of the chapter's seven groups has their own lengthy list, and of course most chapter accomplishments came as a result of our group's efforts. As you see, Earth Day is every day for environmentalists.





## Big Bear Group

By Ed Caliendo, Group Chair

### Discovery Center Meetings May and June



Discovery Center  
42300 North Shore Drive  
Fawnskin, CA 92333

The Sierra Club Group of Big Bear kicked off its public meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> with special guest speaker Scott Eliason, botanist for the U.S. Forest Service Mountain Top Ranger District. Scott provided a history of how the mountain top area developed over the last few million years and left a rich diverse of plant life. Plants found in the Big Bear area are scattered throughout the San Bernardino Mountains. The rare Sawmill Pebble plains in the Big Bear area resulted from the gradual thaw on the glacial snow melt.

Future Guest Speakers include:

- April 21** – What is the Condition of our Water Supply – Reggie Lamson, G.M. Big Bear Lake Water Department
- May 19** – Water Sports – Ed Caliendo Sierra Club & Jim Dooley of North Shore Trading Co
- June 16** – Organic Gardening Indoor & Outdoor – David Swinson-Coker, Natural Gardening Specialist

### Big Bear High School College Scholarship Fundraisers

During 2016, we will conduct several College Scholarship Fundraisers with the support of local Big Bear Merchants. Our first fundraiser was held on April 14<sup>th</sup> at Maggio's Pizza Parlor in the Interlaken Center. All You-Can-Eat pizza, salad, and soft-drink was provided for \$15 per individual.

Our goal is to send a worthy student to their selected College or University. The funds are issued directly to the College or selected University and held in trust for the student to draw upon in support of their educational endeavors.

If you wish to make a cash donation to the College Scholarship Fund, please send your contribution to: The Sierra Club Big Bear Group, Attn: College Scholarship Fund Manager, P.O. Box 3048, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315.

### Wet and Wild Summer kicks off on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Discovery Center

The 2016 Water Outings Program gets underway on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at the Big Bear Lake Discovery Center. Those in attendance will learn more about the future summer events, including:

- Introduction to canoes, kayaks, and paddle boards and safety equipment on the evening of May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Canoes, Kayaks, and Paddle boards water training on the last Friday of June, July and August at 7:00 a.m. at the North Shore Trading Co.
- Saturday morning paddle events scheduled by the Sierra Club of Big Bear
- Monthly scheduled outings to be posted in the *Palm and Pine* and at our website [www.sierraclub.org/sangorgonio/big-bear](http://www.sierraclub.org/sangorgonio/big-bear)
- July 9<sup>th</sup> Paddle Fest Events with 5k, 10k, and 20k races and prizes. Learn more at [www.bigbearpaddlefest.com](http://www.bigbearpaddlefest.com) Also, receive \$10 off the entry fee by going to Paddle Fest website and use promo code SC2016.
- Moonlight water meet ups on the Lake to be scheduled and announced by email

Single and double kayaks, plus paddle boards are available to rent from GET Boards, 40905 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake 92315, (909) 878-3155. Group discounts are available. Also, rentals are available at Captain John's Fawnskin Harbor, 39369 North Shore Drive, Fawnskin CA 92333 at (909) 866-6478, and at Johnnie Boards, 39769 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, 92315 at (909) 866-5924, located near the Big Bear Performing Arts Center.



### Pacific Crest Trail Special Recognition Awards for Section C

In 2016, our primary focus will be the completion of Section C of the Pacific Crest Trail. Section C begins at I-10 Interstate freeway near Palm Springs and travels north through the San Geronio Wilderness, Big Bear Lake, and the San Bernardino Forest to Interstate 15 freeway. That distance covers 132.7 miles and is separated into 9 day hikes and one 30-mile backpacking trip.

Please look in the hiking section of this *Palm and Pine* to review the upcoming Section C hikes or go to our website at <http://www.sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear>

### Summer Backpacking Trip to the John Muir and Ansel Adams Wilderness

Following the Backpack Training classes on June 11 and 12<sup>th</sup>, graduating participants will be eligible to participate in a six-day wilderness trip starting July 27<sup>th</sup> thru August 1<sup>st</sup>. We will enter the John Muir Wilderness at Agnew Meadows and backpack to Shadow Lake, Ediza Lake, Garnet Lake, and Thousand Island Lake before returning via the Pacific Crest Trail. While visiting these individual Lakes, we will be gazing up at Mt. Ritter and Banner Peak (12,936'). The trip is approximately 26 miles in total with our emphasis on absorbing the Sierra Wilderness beauty. This summer event is guaranteed to be a life time experience!



Thousand Island Lake



Ediza Lake

### In Brief....

#### Big Bear Group's Annual "Patch Party" June 4<sup>th</sup>

On May 4, 2016, the Big Bear Group will hold its annual Awards Party at the Aspen Glen Picnic Park in Big Bear Lake located at 40101 Mill Creek Road, National Forest Big Bear Lake, CA 92315.

A morning hike to the top of Bertha Peak is scheduled by Judy Atkinson, Hike Leader. Here is an opportunity to complete one of the Five Peaks of Big Bear before the Party begins! Following the hike, you will be treated to a barbeque, salads, drinks, watermelon, and desserts. All Big Bear Group hikers and their families are invited to attend and participate. At the Aspen Glen picnic grounds, L.J. Foster, Hike Leader and Biologist will lead a short distance Nature Walk for those non-hikers. That activity should start around 9:30 a.m.

Special recognition awards will be presented after the barbeque.

#### Big Bear Ecotourism Day – June 5<sup>th</sup>

The Sierra Club is a contributor to the Big Bear Ecotourism Collation and will be participating to promote the ecological use of nature. In addition to holding a raffle and promoting Sierra Club membership, we will be providing guidance and assistance to participants of a free canoe, kayak, and paddle boarding event held at the Pine Knot Landing at the Lake's edge. The main event is being sponsored by the Big Bear Valley Ecotourism Collation and is tented at the "Christmas Tree" lot adjacent to the old downtown theater from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.



### Big Bear Outings Expands to Car Camping!

Join Ed Wallace and Terrence McCorkle, Hike Leaders for FUN FILLED Car Camping adventure... camp in the wilderness, most often in organized campgrounds with most providing bathroom facilities. What is most important is allowing you and your family to spend time in the outdoors. Daily activities are

planned so that you will be able to enjoy hiking trails and other outdoor activities. Look under the *Palm and Pine* event listing on May 5<sup>th</sup> for a Mojave National Preserve Car Camping outing. Don't miss the fun!

#### Our Annual Big Bear Xeriscape Home Tour will be held on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

Starting at Eminger's Nursery, 41223 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 at 9:00 a.m., attendees may sign- up and receive a tour guide booklet containing important information on drought tolerant plants. Take the home tour from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. See beautiful low-water tolerant Xeriscape home gardens. Docents will be located at each home. Participants enjoy this tour at no-cost.

#### Visit Big Bear Group new Website!

If you have not visited our new website, please take a LOOK <http://www.sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear> It is full of information and photos!



## Moreno Valley Group

By Ann McKibben, Secretary

Please take time to look for spring-time hikes sponsored by the Moreno Valley Group and planned by our outings chair Christina Torres. On April 23 there is a Wildwood Canyon State Park Hike; on April 27, Hike to the "M"; and May 11, Hidden Springs Hike. All the information for these walks can be found at: [http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno\\_valley](http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley) and will be posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MorenoValleySierraClub/>

**The Moreno Valley Group Executive Committee for 2016** is (elected in our fall group election): Chair, Mike Millsbaugh; Conservation Chair, George Hague; Treasurer, Manya Jiannino; Outings Chair, Christina Torres; Secretary, Ann McKibben. If you would like to run for our executive committee in our fall election, please contact us at: [mvalleygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:mvalleygroup@yahoo.com) so we give you more information about the nominating committee process.

**Update World Logistics Center (WLC):** George Hague, Group Conservation Chair, attended a court hearing on March 18 on the WLC lawsuits. Previously, the nine separate lawsuits against the city of Moreno Valley on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) issues were combined. The lawsuits challenged the adequacy of the CEQA documents for the WLC project. A second lawsuit challenges the three initiatives the developer sponsored which allowed the Moreno Valley city council to directly approve the WLC project in an attempt to bypass the CEQA lawsuits. On March 18<sup>th</sup> the judge agreed with those who filed the CEQA lawsuits saying the initiative lawsuits should be addressed first and then the CEQA lawsuit. The WLC attorneys wanted the two separate issues combined. The next court date is Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Yes, Donations Are Still Needed: Your donations will still help us with this and other efforts to challenge the WLC. Any amount is appreciated. Please send your donations to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325 with the memo notation "WLC." Thank you to all of you who have helped in the past and continue to support our work.

**Villages of Lakeview (VOL):** According to the Riverside County Planning Department there is no release-date for the revised, recirculated environmental impact report (EIR) for the proposed VOL housing project (8,900 units) on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. As Riverside County approved their new General Plan Update and Climate Action Plan in December, the VOL EIR is going through a revision process to match what the county approved. Contact Riverside County Planner Matt Straite at [MSTRAITE@rctlma.org](mailto:MSTRAITE@rctlma.org) or (951) 955-8631 for more information and to be put on their mailing list.

**The Riverside County GPU**, officially known as General Plan Amendment 960 (GPA 960) lawsuit, is moving slowly through settlement talks. On February 22 we had a status hearing before Judge Waters. Later that day we had a settlement meeting with Steve Farrell, Joan Taylor and George Hague along with our attorney representing the Sierra Club members. The Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) who is representing the San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society (SBVAS) and themselves called in to both meetings. The settlement talks continue with both sides exchanging information.

**SR-60 Truck Climbing Lanes:** Caltrans is currently addressing the comments that they have received on the project and are completing the environmental document. They



Scenic San Jacinto Wildlife Area

Photo by George Hague

anticipate that the environmental document will be approved sometime in May 2016.

Our local water districts sponsor drought tolerant plant sales and information about related classes posted in the Calendar Section of their web pages. Please check their calendars for more information: <http://www.emwd.org/> and <http://www.wmwd.com/> Information on the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day (for the safe and responsible way to dispose of prescription drugs) can be found at: [https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/NTBI/ntbi-pub.pub?\\_flowExecutionKey=\\_cC66F96ED-885E-6868-5EFA-05222901B70E\\_kd3E67616-C023-4E7B-3D87-F7936794953D](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/NTBI/ntbi-pub.pub?_flowExecutionKey=_cC66F96ED-885E-6868-5EFA-05222901B70E_kd3E67616-C023-4E7B-3D87-F7936794953D) On Saturday, April 30, 2016 a collection site for prescription drugs will be held in the lobby of the Moreno Valley Police Department, 22850 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Call (951) 486-6700 to verify all information.

Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board hike, Saturday, May 21, 2016, 7:30 a.m., Hike to Olive Mountain (DIFFICULT); 3.6 miles roundtrip; meet in the parking lot on the north side of the Palm Middle School campus, 11900 Slawson Avenue, MV; (enter from Slawson Ave). Verify all information at (951) 413-3703. List of hikes: [http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/resident\\_services/park\\_rec/trails.shtml](http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/resident_services/park_rec/trails.shtml)

## Mojave Group

By Susan Stueber, Group Chair

**TAPESTRY UPDATE** – (By Norman Bossom) as was mentioned in the March-April issue of the *Palm and Pine*, the Hesperia City Council approved the Tapestry Project unanimously. They accepted a plan approving the construction of 16,192 residential units and 1.4 million square feet of commercial development. The Terra Verde Group is promising the following: \$12 million for road improvements, a water reclamation plant, rooftop solar for every residential unit, two high schools, two junior high schools and eight elementary schools. All of this will take place over a projected 30-year period. The project will be built in 10 phases, all having been approved by the Hesperia City Council.

It should be pointed out that part of the project is in a wetland with the west fork of the Mojave River passing through it. Part of the proposed area has the California Aqueduct passing through it on its way to Silverwood Lake. The Valley also has the Silverwood Lake Dam at one end and the Mojave River Dam at the other. On top of all that the area is close to faults.

The Center for Biological Diversity, in conjunction with the San Bernardino Audubon Society and the Sierra Club has filed a lawsuit. In simple terms, they cite an inadequate Environmental Impact Report that fails to analyze the project with regard to air quality, water, habitat and environmental damage. It is also stated that the City of Hesperia failed to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act and the Subdivision Map Act. The Crestline Sanitation District has also filed a lawsuit. They cite the same problems as contained in the lawsuit issued by the CBD. Also contained in both lawsuits is the suggestion that the Hesperia City Council failed to take into account or answer the credible objections voiced by members of the public. This is particularly interesting because it tells us that we do have a voice and that elected officials need to listen. It is because of our efforts that the number of residential units was reduced by over 3,000.

Our efforts may still have a bearing on the outcome of the Project. For now the future of this truly unique area is in the hands of the judiciary.

### JUNIPER FLATS RESTORATION GRANT UPDATE

(By Susan Stueber) The Friends of Juniper Flats, in conjunction with other volunteers and the BLM, have had two days a month where volunteers have been trained on the use of specially programmed tablets. These tablets will be used to monitor, restoration sites, signage, fence repair and motorized vehicle incursions. The data that is collected will be sent via email to Alyssa Canoff, the newly hired intern dedicated to Juniper Flats. She will be working with Oliver J. Buck who is also newly hired as a Park Ranger for the area. The polygon being restored has been enclosed with fencing and the routes surrounding it have been marked. Now open routes will be signed in the interior and restoration will begin. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Zack Pratt, [zpratt@blm.gov](mailto:zpratt@blm.gov) Barstow BLM or Susan Stueber, (760) 900-5330 or [susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com](mailto:susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com)



## Get to Know Your Candidates Up Close at Our May 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter Program



### • Chapter Meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 •

Led by our very own San Gorgonio Chapter Political Chair, Jono Hildner, our May Chapter meeting will feature our endorsed candidates for Congress and the State Assembly that you have read about in this issue. You will get a chance to hear directly from them about their views on the environmental issues facing us and get a chance to ask them questions. This will be a great chance for personal interaction with those who would represent us in Washington, D.C. and in Sacramento. Come visit with these wonderful individuals and let them know that we support their efforts! (Meeting details (time, location) on front page.)



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## Santa Margarita Group

By Michael H. Momeni, Phd, Environmental Scientist; Group Member

This has been a productive and fun period for our group. Some of the activities have progressed well, new activities have been discussed, and some have been initiated. Our initiatives have focused on education about our environment, preservation and improvement of our local water quality, and wildlife protection. We have expanded our ability to communicate within our organization and with the public by creating our webpage, Facebook and Santa Margarita Blog. We are striving to make it easier for interaction and feedback processes.

**Environmental Air Quality:** Among our environmental concerns is the air quality in our region. Highway 15 crosses through Temecula Valley. It is the major highway between San Diego and the Inland Empire. The road usage parallels those on Highway 5. The regional population expansion has added to the already congested roads, increasing the duration of travel between the destinations. Although the Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) provides bus connections within the region, it is not widely used by commuters mostly due to the increase in required travel time. Although exhaust from cars and trucks has been well regulated in California, massive reliance on them as the principle mode of transportation continues to contribute to the degradation of our air quality. Our region lacks light mass-transit trains. Thus, commuters' transportation from the Valley to San Diego and Los Angeles is mainly by use of personal cars. We are actively searching for ways to reduce these factors on our air quality. The addition of a light mass-transit train from Escondido to Corona would go a long way to alleviate some of the problems.

**Wildlife Crossing Overpass:** We have experienced a prolonged period of abnormally low rainfall in our region. This problem has stressed many plants and wildlife species. The narrow mountain range along Riverside and Orange Counties has been home to about 20 Southern California Mountain lions.



Mountain lions require a large track of space estimated as about 200 miles for hunting and roaming each. Under severe drought conditions, the lions would require a larger range for hunting due to scarcity of deer and other wildlife species.

Highway 15 interrupts the crossing between the Santa Ana Mountains and Palomar Mountains between Temecula and Rainbow. Wildlife that attempts to cross Highway 15 is at risk of being killed by cars and creates road hazards to motor vehicles. In addition to deer, the documented number of mountain lions killed on the Southern California highways included four mountain lions between Temecula and Rainbow.

We had an unfortunate mountain lion death on Friday, March 6, 2015. The lion, a healthy 125 pounds male yearling, was seeking refuge in a loading dock at the Promenade Mall in Temecula. The State Department of Fish and Wildlife wardens missed the lion's shoulder and the tranquilizer entered the lung tissue causing his death. This unfortunate event further emphasizes the urgent need for creating a safe wildlife crossing across Highway 15 between Temecula and Rainbow.



A wildlife overpass on Highway 93 in Montana (Image via Big Think) <http://www.planetexperts.com/montanas-wildlife-crossings-keep-animals-off-highway-93/>

**Restoration Project:** Teri Biancardi is an active participant in the restoration and management of about 400 acres of open space within the Meadowview community in Temecula. "But after years of traditional management, the meadow is suffering," she said. "Disking for weed abatement nearly has wiped out the rare burrowing owls. Trails are eroding, non-native plants have moved in. The soil is blowing away."

Residents decided to take different approaches: 1) Graze instead of disc; 2) Seed with bunch grass; 3) Restores soil vitality

To promote and educate the community and create pride about our environmental restoration and protection, the community invited the following speakers:

- Jonathan Snapp-Cook, US Fish and Wildlife
- Robert Rutherford, Holistic Grazing, Professor Emeritus, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- Mark Kramer, Meadowview Grazing Plan
- Dan Noble, Association Compost Producers
- Bob Hewitt, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Kurt Campbell, Meadowview Wildlife Biologist

Scott Bruckne  
The project shows a process to seek public participation and education. Biancardi said: "It is evolving and we have had some success acquiring financial grants for the project."

**Murrieta Creek Regional Trail:** The trail connects the cities of Temecula, Murrieta, Wildomar and Lake Elsinore. The trail is designed for hiking, cycling and horse riding. It serves as the spine of a network linking the other trails in the region. This trail represents a joint effort between the cities in partnership with the Santa Margarita Group of the Sierra Club.

Among the ongoing activities in progress are creating trail posts and signs, placement of benches along the trail, and other options for waste collection and disposal containers.

### The Flood Control Project

The project is a multi-purpose flood control, environmental restoration and recreation project along 7.5 miles of Murrieta Creek. The flood control project is divided into four construction phases.

Our general meeting is scheduled on April 14<sup>th</sup> in Temecula. Representatives of Murrieta, Wildomar and Lake Elsinore will deliver an overview of trails in their cities. Gary Oddi will present a review of local trails in Temecula. He is a retiring educator from Great Oaks High School and a prominent member of the bicycling community. He works with several organizations and, in particular, the Inland Valley Mountain Bike Association (IVMTB).

On April 23, 2016, Murrieta Creek Army Corps/Flood Control group will present the Phase 2 of the project; the presentation will be followed by a guided tour of the project.

**Celebration of the 100th Birthday of the National Park Service:** We will be visiting the Cabrillo National Monument to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the National Park Service in 2016, and National Park Week from April 16 to April 24. The all-day activity was organized by Laurie Webster. The guided tour, she said: "will provide us with a detailed history about the park and the Old Point Loma Lighthouse. The visit will include hiking the two-mile Bayside Trail."

**Public Outreach and Education:** Pam Nelson, our Chair Lady, has actively involved the public regarding our environment. Outdoor Family is an associated group to the Santa Margarita Sierra Group, inviting parents and their children to discover and explore some of the best natural places in and around Southwest Riverside County. They meet monthly at a designated place, often guided by a ranger or scientist; they discover plants and animals in that environment. Pam says: "The goal is to give children a chance to learn about nature and come to love it as we do."

One of the Family Outings was Primal Pastures Farm Tour. This educational experience placed the participants out on the pasture with the domesticated animals. It was a great opportunity to learn about the farming and visit birds, sheep, pigs, dairy cows, guard dogs, farm cats, and more!

On another outing, the group met at Vail Lake. They hiked along the shore and the dry river bed. The meetup group hiked into the Agua Tibia wilderness from the "Dripping Springs" campground. The next family outing is scheduled for hiking a section of Warner Springs; it is going to be an easy hike.



**Trail Hike:** Our two seasoned hike leaders are Robert Audibert and Gary Marsalone. The two hikes scheduled for May and June 2016 are on May 7 "Black Rock Canyon Trail" and June 11 "Devil's Slide Trail" followed to "Deer Springs Trail."

The Joshua Tree National Park's Black Rock Canyon Trail is 6 miles, moderately difficult with about 1000 feet gain in elevation.

The hike from Humber Park in Idyllwild to the Deer Springs Trail Head is 11 miles. The hike is strenuous with a gain of about 2,400 feet in elevation.

### The Environmental Education Collaborative and the 2016 Symposium • Sierra Club / San Gorgonio Chapter

By Margaret Meyncke

On Thursday, February 25, 2016, the Environmental Education Collaborative held the second annual symposium at the Living Desert in Palm Desert. Sierra Club San Gorgonio Chapter was represented by Margaret Meyncke, from the Santa Margarita Group and George Hague, from the Moreno Valley Group. This event was a huge success and a fabulous opportunity for local educators to connect with a growing movement... environmental education. Is there a critical need? Absolutely. This next generation faces a unique challenge of finding the balance between technology and nature. Unless we can inspire a love of nature in ourselves and our children, we will not be able to fulfill the Sierra Club mission to explore, enjoy, and protect.

**Who?** The EE Collaborative is reaching out to formal and non-formal educators which includes everyone! Parents, non-profits, government agencies, for-profits, and anyone in-between is invited to participate. This includes YOU!

**Where?** The EE Collaborative is specific to Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.  
**What?** The EE Collaborative is the result of three years of effort to establish a network of educators within Riverside and San Bernardino counties. They are creating a framework where local educators can share information, ideas, and resources. They are using the collaborative idea to ensure grassroots participation and collective empowerment. The goal is a long term association with a constantly building momentum.

**When? NOW!** Connect immediately through the website and Facebook. Having held two annual symposiums to launch this initial effort, they are now strategically poised to facilitate quarterly connection.

**How?** Get connected through the website and Facebook. After joining the Facebook group, introduce yourself and your interests. Share your event, idea, project, or campaign. Working task teams are being formed (tentatively referred to as "playgroups" after hearing about the value of play at the symposium). No heavy lifting.

**Why? Together, we can make a difference.**

Website: [www.enviroedcollaborative.com](http://www.enviroedcollaborative.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/EECollaborative](https://www.facebook.com/groups/EECollaborative)

## Sierra Club Hires Organization's First Ever Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

By Maggie Kao, Sierra Club

San Francisco, CA -- The Sierra Club announced publicly on February 12, 2016, that it has hired Nellis Kennedy-Howard to serve as Sierra Club's first ever Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI).

As Director for DEI, Kennedy-Howard will work closely with the executive team and board of directors to drive implementation of DEI goals associated with organizational culture and inclusion, ongoing education, learning, training and skills development, and creating a foundation of justice and equity.

"I want to thank Sierra Club for seeking to become a multicultural organization that welcomes and values people from all backgrounds and walks of life," said Kennedy-Howard. "This is a monumental time for the Sierra Club, and I'm excited to be a part of an organization seeking to become more inclusive. I am deeply committed to equity and justice and envision a path for Sierra Club to become an anti-racist, anti-oppressive organization. This change will not happen overnight and will require the efforts of everyone at the Sierra Club, including staff, volunteers, and members."

Kennedy-Howard's experiences as the Beyond Coal Campaign's Senior Representative for the Southwest and a representative to Staff Diversity Team since its creation in 2012 make her naturally suited for this job. She is an attorney with certificates in Federal Indian Law and Natural Resources Law. As a proud citizen of the Navajo Nation, she has advocated for protection of tribal communities from toxic industries and exploitation. She and her wife Suzanne live in Albuquerque, NM, and plan on relocating to the Bay Area.

"We agree with Nellis that this is a monumental moment for Sierra Club and believe that her hire marks another key milestone in the Sierra Club's 124-year history," said Sarah Hodgdon, Sierra Club National Program Director.

"The Sierra Club is serious about making real change for an inclusive organization, as has been highlighted in the Green 2.0 report, and we are confident that Nellis will do a phenomenal job leading the way with her collaborative spirit, contagious passion and drive for ambitious results."



Nellis Kennedy-Howard

San Francisco, CA — El Sierra Club anunció hoy que ha contratado a Nellis Kennedy-Howard como su primera Directora de Diversidad, Equidad e Inclusión (DEI).

Como directora de DEI, Kennedy-Howard trabajará de cerca con el equipo ejecutivo y la junta directiva para llevar a cabo las metas de DEI asociadas con la cultura y la inclusión de la institución, proyectos de educación; desarrollo de aprendizaje, capacitación y habilidades, y la creación de cimientos de justicia y equidad.

"Quiero agradecer al Sierra Club por decidir convertirse en una organización multicultural que acepte y valore personas de todas las procedencias y corrientes de la vida", dijo Nellis-Kennedy. "Este es un momento monumental para el Sierra Club, y me complace ser parte de una organización que quiere hacerse más inclusiva. Estoy profundamente comprometida a la equidad y la justicia y aspiro a que el Sierra Club se convierta en una organización antirracista y antiopresión. Este cambio no ocurrirá del día a la noche y necesitará de los esfuerzos de todos en el Sierra Club, incluyendo al personal, voluntarios y miembros".

Las experiencias de Kennedy-Howard como Representante de Rango de la Campaña Más Allá del Carbón en el Suroeste y representante del Equipo de Diversidad del Personal desde su creación en 2012 complementan sus cualidades para esta posición. Como orgullosa ciudadana de la Nación Navajo, ha defendido la protección de comunidades indígenas de industrias tóxicas y explotación. Ella y su esposa, Suzanne, viven en Albuquerque, NM, y planean mudarse al Área de la Bahía.

"Estamos de acuerdo con Nellis en que este es un momento monumental para el Sierra Club y creemos que su contratación marca un nuevo hito en los 124 años de historia de esta institución", dijo Sarah Hodgdon, directora del Programa Nacional del Sierra Club. "El Sierra Club se toma muy en serio hacer los cambios necesarios para ser una organización inclusiva, como se ha detallado en el informe Green 2.0, y estamos confiados en que Nellis realizará una fenomenal labor liderándonos con su espíritu colaborativo, contagiosa pasión y empuje para lograr resultados ambiciosos".



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Eloise Gomez Reyes in Assembly District 47

a small part, in turning these districts GREEN.

The four endorsed incumbents are: **Pete Aguilar-D in CD31 with a Scorecard rating of 95%; Norma Torres-D in CD35 with a Scorecard rating of 95%; Raul Ruiz, M.D.-D in CD36 with a Scorecard rating of 100%; and, Mark Takano-D in CD41 with a Scorecard rating of 100%.** We'll not say a lot more about these outstanding candidates because if you are in one of their districts and are paying any attention to what is going on, you know how strong they have been in support of our issues. Some are in tight races and they could use your help!

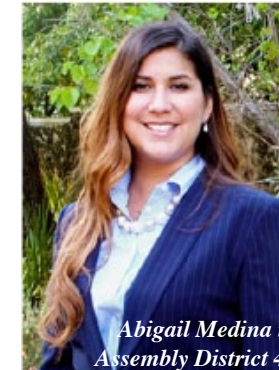
Eloise is the only current viable candidate in the race to challenge the incumbent, Cheryl Brown. Cheryl Brown has shown herself to be an ally of Big Oil and is a major reason that we did not have a 50% reduction in petroleum use in the momentous SB350 that passed without it. The State Democratic party did not endorse her in a very contentious vote at their convention, but Senator Connie Leyva is bringing huge support.

This is probably the most closely watched race in the state this year and we are working with organized labor allies to make sure that there is a message delivered to other Democrats that take the money from Big Oil, vote in their interests, but pretend to be supporters of the environment. We are mounting an all-out effort for Eloise and if you live in District 47, you can expect a call asking for your help.

She will be a strong and fervent ally in Sacramento and we need to make sure she gets there in the fall.

Abigail is running against the incumbent, Marc Steinorth-R, who has a 40% on the SCC scorecard and chose not to seek our endorsement.

This district has a voter registration that is nearly even, with 37% for each party. It will be all about getting the DTS vote.



Abigail Medina in Assembly District 40

Abigail has been elected to the School Board and has been endorsed by all the right groups. Central Labor Council, Democratic Party, LCV, etc. Rep. Pete Aguilar is a huge supporter as is Senator Connie Leyva.

This election will not be a walk in the park, but with a good showing in the primary, where we expect her to finish #2, she has a great shot to become another environmental ally in Sacramento.

Greg is running against the incumbent, Chad Mayes-R, who has been elected the minority Assembly leader in his first term in the Assembly. Chad has a 33% on the SCC scorecard and is a "proud graduate of Liberty University."

This district has a voter registration of about 40/34 favoring Republicans and is similar to the makeup of the Congressional District now represented by Dr. Raul Ruiz-D, who defeated Mary Bono Mack.

Greg was the #2 campaign person in the last two of Rep. Ruiz' victories and served as his District Director for four years. He knows every tiny area of the district and has met with every organized group within the district from veterans' organizations to Chambers of Commerce to senior citizens. Greg has strong environmental credentials and would make a fantastic environmental ally in Sacramento.



Greg Rodriguez in Assembly District 42

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**MAY 19 (THU) 5:30 PM TERRI PEAK HIKE**  
Difficult 4-mile round trip hike to Terri Peak, overlooking Lake Perris with 1,000 ft elevation gain. Trail starts on a path behind homes and has some steep sections as it follows an old dirt road to the top. We start promptly at 5:30 p.m. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: 60fvy in Moreno Valley, exit south on Moreno Beach Drive. Follow road for 3.4 miles, then turn left on Via del Lago. Park in the dirt area on right side of road just past the housing tract, do not enter Lake Perris Park. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com.  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**MAY 20 (FRI) 8:30 AM PCT FROM ROUTE 18 TO THE EYE OF GOD HIKE**  
Get ready for summer on this relatively flat 6 mile round trip hike along a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail with views of Long Valley and the Big Horn Wilderness beyond. RATED: Easy. Our destination will be the Eye of God, a quartz dome named by the Serrano Indians. MEET: Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 at 8:30 AM. BRING: water, snack and hiking boots. RESERVATIONS: Call Hike Leader Ed Wallace (909) 584 9407 or email rushewallace@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*MAY 21 (SAT) 7:00 AM PCT SEC C DEEP CREEK TO HWY 173 HIKE**  
This is Hike #3 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 15.9 mile through- hike requiring the shuttling of hikers and travels from Deep Creek Bridge to Hwy 173 and Mojave River Forks Dam. This is a particularly beautiful section of the PCT as we hike along Deep Creek several miles. RATING: Moderate/Strenuous due to distance. After hiking ten miles, we will pause for a one-hour stop at Hot Creek for a swim in 102 degree hot pools of a natural spring cascading out of the mountain into man-made bathing pools. Following our rest, we will continue north to our destination Mojave River Forks Dam. MEET: U.S. Post Office in Cedar Glen, 28982 Hook Creek Rd, Cedar Glen CA 92321. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun-protection, 3-liters of water, lunch, sunglasses, bathing suit, hat and trekking poles. An Adventure Pass will be required to park at the Deep Creek Bridge trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact Hike Leader Darlene Taylor (951) 385-5706 dtaylorcrew@verizon.net or Co-Leader Ed Caliendo at (442) 242-4103 dogs111@msn.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 21 (SAT) 8:30 AM CLEAN UP THE CREEK SERVICE OUTING**  
Come out and help us pick up trash along San Antonio Creek. This is a heavily used area especially in spring time when the creek is running. We have picked up many bags of trash on past work days. Let's make it nice and clean so the Memorial Day visitors see a pristine area and don't leave more trash! RATED: Easy to Moderate, with up to a mile of walking and working. Trash bags, pickers and gloves are provided. Meet at the US Bank at 399 W. Foothill, (corner of Foothill and Indian Hill) Claremont, rear part of the parking lot away from the bank. BRING: sturdy boots, hat, layered clothing, sun protection, snacks and 2 liters of water. RESERVATIONS: Contact Mary Ann Ruiz, Hike Leader at 909-815-9379 or ruizmaryann@gmail.com  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAY 22 (SUN) 8:30 AM WILDHORSE CREEK TRAIL HIKE**  
This is an 8 mile RATED: moderate hike that has been a favorite of many hikers. This hike starts at the trailhead off Hwy 38 on the way to Big Bear just before the Heart Bar campground area. This trail starts on an old Jeep trail with Jeffrey Pine, Pinyon Pine and Juniper. At the end of the jeep trail we will climb upward, over and around ridges. The last part of the hike takes us down into the forested canyon where to where Wildhorse Creek is located. We will have our lunch/snacks there and enjoy the creek and surrounding area. This hike has a 1400' elevation gain. MEET: At the Wildhorse Trail off Hwy 38 on your left just before Heart Bar Campground. BRING: 10 essentials, sun protection, snack/lunch, trekking poles, 2 liters of water, wear layered clothing, good hiking boots. RESERVATION: Contact hike leader Judy Atkinson by phone, text or message at (909) 289-1932 or email judy5723@gmail.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

### MAY 24 – MAY 29

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings  
(Also refer to Weekly recurring Outings & Activities)

**MAY 24 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379  
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**MAY 27-30 (FRI-MON) BLACK ROCK RENDEZVOUS**  
This annual event makes a great first trip to the Black Rock; it typically includes speakers, guided tours, visits to hot springs, rocket launches, rock hounding, a Dutch Oven cook-off, drawings, and more. Co-Sponsored by Friends of the Black Rock, BLM and Friends of Nevada Wilderness. Bring your RV's and trailers. Primitive camping but w/ portable toilets. May be Kid's Camp activities hosted by Nevada Outdoor School. Bring your HAM radio and join the Ham activity. Dogs on leash; be prepared to pick up after them. For more info go to: www.blackrockrendezvous.com. Questions/sign-ups: David Book 775-843-6443  
GREAT BASIN GRP/CNRCC DESERT COM

**MAY 28 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SEC D: CLOUDBURST SUM-LITTLE ROCK HIKE**  
This hike combines the 8th and 9th segments, in a series of Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) hikes. Those individuals completing all thirteen segments will be eligible to receive a recognition patch signifying the accomplishment and the completion of 110.2 miles. The first 4.7 is a

scenic hike along Highway 2 which descends 4.7 lines from Cloudburst Summit (7018') to Three Points (5885'). From Three Points, the PCT descends gradually 3.3 miles to Sulphur Springs (5200'). It is another 0.8 miles to Little Rock Creek Road (5N04). This completes the 8.8 mile journey. RATED: Moderate. BRING: the ten-essentials, sun-protection, 2.0 liters of water, and lunch. MEET: Drive west 4.6 miles from Eagles Roost on Highway 2 to Cloudburst Summit. CALL: CALL: Apprentice Hike Leader, Janet Roy (909) 702-4519 janetroy1pononacemetry@verizon.com to register or contact Hike Leader, Ed Caliendo at dogs111@msn.com or (442) 242-4103.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 29 (SUN) 8:00 AM EYE OF GOD HIKE**  
Beginners welcome! We will hike through dense groves of pinyon pines dotted with the occasional Joshua tree. Halfway through we will emerge from the tree canopy opening up to the high desert. We will stop at the legendary Eye of God held sacred by the local Serrano Indian tribe. It is a very large white and rose colored quartz outcropping. RATING: easy 5 mile round trip with a 300' elevation gain. MEET: Vons parking lot, 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake. We will car pool to the trailhead at the crest of 18 on the way to Victorville. BRING: 2 Liters of water, snack/lunch, sunglasses, sunblock, hat, trekking poles, good hiking boots and layered clothing. RESERVATIONS: Contact Hike Leader Charlotte Watts momscampsite@gmail.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*MAY 29 (SUN) 9:00 AM SB MTS WILDFLOWER WALK**  
Join us to see plants blooming in the mountains. Easy hike. BRING: water and snack. CALL: GINA RICHMOND, INTERPRETER AND GUIDE, for meeting place, 909-645-0850. (LEADER: BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910) Adventure Pass required.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

### JUNE 1 – JUNE 5

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings  
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**JUN 1 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUN 1 (WED) 8:00 AM BONITA VISTA FIRST DAY HIKE HIKE**  
The Bonita Vista First Day of the month hikes offer individuals and families an opportunity to rejuvenate and connect with the outdoors. The purpose of these hikes is to familiarize hikers with an area that is easily accessed by paved roads and has a variety of possibilities for different hikes from the same trailhead. As the name implies there are beautiful views to be had. RATING: Moderate, with an uphill at the beginning and downhill on the return. This hike is approximately 4 miles long. BRING: Water, a snack/lunch, (binoculars and camera optional), and wear sturdy shoes/boots. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Rd. Apple Valley at 8:00 AM. LEADER: Susan Stueber 760-900-5330, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com.  
MOJAVE GROUP

**JUN 2 (THU) 8:00 AM TIMBER MT. VIA ICE HOUSE CANYON HIKE**  
Check one of the 3 T's off your list with this scenic 4.3 mile hike up Icehouse Canyon, gaining 3400 feet to Timber Mt. Enjoy a mountain top lunch at 8303 feet elevation before returning back the same route, making it 8.6 miles round trip. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**\*\*JUN 4 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS CRAFTS PEAK HIKE**  
Join us for a moderate hike (8 miles, 1500 ft. elevation gain) from Green Valley Lake to Crafts Peak at 8,364 ft. This area was burnt in the 2007 fire, so many of the trees are still in the process of recovering. It will be interesting to see how nature continues to restore itself. Views in all directions, from Lake Arrowhead and Mt Baldy to Big Bear Lake and San Gorgonio Mountain. WEAR sturdy boots. BRING sufficient water, lunch, hat and a jacket. CALL LEADER, KARLA BARTON, 760-805-0782, for carpooling meeting time and place. Co-Leader, HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836. Adventure Pass required.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**JUN 4 (SAT) 8:00 AM BERTHA PEAK HIKE PATCH PARTY**  
Today is the Sierra Club Patch Party and if you would like to start it off with completing one of the “peak” hikes join me this morning on a moderate, 7 mile, 1,400 ft elevation gain hike. This hike is for new hikers and regulars who want to join me. The hike starts out at the Cougar Crest Trailhead which takes us up a well-traveled trail where we will pass through open forest, pinyon pine and juniper. Along the way we will have great views of Big Bear Lake, the San Bernardino Mountains and Greyback. The last part of the hike to Bertha is fairly steep, but we will take it slowly so don't be afraid to try this peak. It ends at an electronic relay station where the views will be even more vast. We will have a snack before we head back to our vehicles. We will then go over to the Aspen Glen picnic area and join the rest of the hikers for lunch. RATING: Moderate. MEET: at the Cougar Crest Trailhead on Hwy 38, on the north side of Big Bear Lake. It's about 2/10th of a mile north of the Discovery Center. BRING: 2 liters of water, snacks, sun protection, layered clothing, hiking boots and trekking poles if you like to use them. RESERVATION: contact hike leader Judy Atkinson by phone, text or message at (909) 289-1932 or email judy5723@gmail.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

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**JUN 5 (SUN) 8:00 AM GOLD MOUNTAIN HIKE**  
This is a “Peaks” of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. The hike is 8.0 miles, 1,325 ft. elevation gain. RATING: moderate/ strenuous. Bring a camera to take panorama views of Big Bear Lake. MEET: At the Vons Shopping Center, Big Bear Lake at 8:00 a.m. or at the trailhead at 8:30 a.m. We will carpool to the trailhead. BRING: Layered clothing, the ten essentials, a minimum of two-liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. RESERVATIONS: Contact Hike Leader, Peter Michelsen at petermichelsenor@gmail.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

### JUNE 7 – JUNE 12

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings  
(Also refer to Weekly recurring Outings & Activities)

**JUN 7 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911  
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**JUN 7 (TUE) 11:00 AM CASTLE ROCK HIKE**  
Here's a Royal hike for you. You'll definitely feel like Royalty when you summit this one. This premiere lake vista hike for the fit, is rated moderate/strenuous due to its altitude and pitch within the 1.5 mile R/T adventure. The trailhead is at 7,000' and the elevation gain is 700' in just 3/4 of a mile. You submit via a Class 3 boulder scramble for the last 100 yards (this part is optional). Rain/snow cancels. BRING: water, hiking sticks, sturdy boots and layered clothing. MEET: Please call/e-mail LEADER--JEFF WARHOL 909-985-7686 jmwandjw@hotmail.com to confirm by 5:00 PM, June 6. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUN 8 (WED) 9:00 AM TAHQUITZ PEAK FIRE LOOKOUT HIKE**  
Join us for this favorite hike to the historic fire lookout at the top of Tahquitz Peak at 8846 feet elevation. We will start at Humber Park and hike up 4.5 miles via Devil's Slide Trail and PCT, gaining 2400 feet, enjoying sweeping vistas all along the way! Enjoy lunch at the summit before returning the same way, making this a 9 mile round trip. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUN 8 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com  
MOJAVE GROUP

**JUN 9 (THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

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**\*\*JUN 10 (FRI) 7:00 AM CUCAMONGA PEAK HIKE**  
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Cucamonga Peak (elevation 8859 ft), 12.2 miles round trip with 3900 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first mile under a canopy of oak, maple, cedar, and pine. Scenic view in all directions from the top of Cucamonga Peak. Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, 909-983-8501, john@stclair.us  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUN 10 (FRI) 8:30 AM SNOW VALLEY TO GREEN VALLEY LAKE HIKE**  
This hike will lead us through rare stands of magnificent stands of pines, cedars and oaks. The elevation gain is less than a 1000' with a distance of 8 miles which could be lengthen depending on the desires of the hikers. RATING: Moderate. We will meet at the Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:00 am. Plan on lunch at the Malt Shop in Green Valley Lake. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2 liters of water and suitable hiking boots. RESERVATIONS: Contact Hike Leader, Ed Wallace (909) 584 9407 or email rushewallace@yahoo.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUN 11 (SAT) 8:00 AM JOHN'S MEADOW HIKE**  
John's Meadow is an approximately 6 mile round trip hike in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. One of the few hikes that can be done in the San Gorgonio Wilderness since the fire last June that wiped out much of the wilderness hiking area. This is such a lovely hike along the Forsee Creek trail. We may have a few small and one medium water crossing! I'm hoping we will catch the flowers in BLOOM!! There are Lupine, Indian Paintbrush, Penstemon, ferns, Lemon Lillies, Columbine, also, my favorite, the Sugar Pine! It's a delight, be sure and bring your camera. We will cross Forsee Creek and go up to the meadow where we will have our snack/lunch. There is another creek nearby that we can visit during our break. We take the trail back to our vehicles and want to do this hike again! RATING: Easy. MEET: At the Forsee Creek Trail head off Jenks Lake Rd. Depending on which way you come, the trail head access is closer to the west side of Jenks Lake Rd. You will see a dirt road with a sign that says “Forsee Creek Trailhead.” Take that dirt road all the way up to where it ends, about 1/2 mile. BRING: 10 essentials, wear layered clothing, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, 1.5 liters of water, snack/lunch, trekking poles if you like to use them. RESERVATIONS: Contact Hike Leader Judy Atkinson by phone, message or test (909) 289-1932 or judy5723@gmail.com.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*JUN 11 (SAT) 8:30 AM DEVIL'S SLIDE TRAIL TO DEER SPRINGS TRAIL HIKE**  
Join us on a 11 mile hike from Humber Park in Idyllwild to the Deer Springs Trail Head.. This is a strenuous hike. There is 2400' of elevation gain. From Humber Park we will travel the 2.5 miles up Devils Slide Trail to Saddle junction. From there we will take the PCT 4.1 miles gradually climbing through the open forest crossing the ridge at about 9000 feet around the rim to Strawberry Junction. From Strawberry Junction we follow Deer Springs Trail down 4.1 miles descending about 300 feet to the trail head.. Please bring 3 liters of water, lunch and snacks. Be sure to bring sunscreen, a hat, sturdy and comfortable hiking shoes and dress in layers. Register early as my permit allows only 12. DIRECTIONS: From the Ranger Station in Idyllwild drive 1 mile north on highway 243. Park on the north side of the road across from the County Park Nature Center. From there we will go to Humber Park to begin the hike. RAIN CANCELS. Note that an Adventure Pass is REQUIRED to be displayed when parking at Humber Park. To register or questions contact LEADER: Gary Marsalone at (858) 663-1201 or hikesie@gmail.com If anybody is interested in ride sharing to the hike please visit our Facebook Page at https://www.facebook.com  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**\*\*JUN 11-12 (SAT-SUN) 7:00 AM SPLITTERS CABIN-PCT TRAIL CAMP BACKPACK**  
This is an introduction to backpacking and the requirements of overnight camping in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. This is a single over-night eight-mile R/T adventure. We will backpack from Splitters Cabin Trail Camp located north on the Pacific Crest Trail. RATING: easy/moderate MEET: At Cider Glen Post Office, 28982 Hook Creek Rd, Cedar Glen, CA 92321 parking lot at 7:00 A.M. We will carpool from the Cedar Glen Post Office to the Splitters Cabin trailhead to begin our backpacking training. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. BRING: The ten-essentials plus; backpack, sleeping bag, tent (optional), food, Bear canister (food storage vault), water purification drops or water purification pump, trekking poles, layered clothing, 2 liters of water, personal hygiene items, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. CALL Advance registration is required, limit of ten individuals, Hike Leader, Ed Caliendo, at (442) 242-4103  
BIG BEAR GROUP

### JUNE 13 – JUNE 19

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings  
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**JUN 13 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**JUN 14 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimffloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385.  
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**JUN 16 (THU) 9:00 AM MT. BADEN-POWELL HIKE**  
We will hike up 2814 feet in 4 miles on the PCT to the summit of Mt. Baden-Powell at 9399 feet elevation. Spectacular vistas as far as the eye can see every direction! After enjoying a much deserved lunch break with Old Glory flying high at the summit, we'll return the same route back, making it a strenuous 8 mile round trip. Rain cancels, BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUN 16 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUN 16 (THU) 5:30 PM SYCAMORE WILDERNESS PARK HIKE**  
Approximately 2-hour easy to moderate hike. Trail has some ups and downs. Bring: water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, snack. MEET: Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park in Riverside on the south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive and the 215/60 Fwy. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**JUN 18 (SAT) 8:30 AM OAK GLEN PRESERVE HIKE**  
Easy to moderate 4 mile loop along trees, creek, and open areas with views of the mountains. Bring water, sturdy shoes, sunscreen, snack. MEET: Take the Oak Glen exit off the 10 Fwy in Yucaipa north until you reach Los Rios Rancho Apple Ranch. Park near the main entrance of the Montane Botanic Garden. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: Christina Torres (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**JUN 18 (SAT) 8:00 AM CASTLE ROCK TO GUNSIGHT HIKE**  
This is a wonderful 8 mile moderate hike that starts on the trail to Castle Rock, passes it by, goes on to the Lodgepole Pine and then to Gunsight where we will have our lunch/snack before returning to our vehicles. Castle Rock is a sentry like rock formation where the Native Americans in the Big Bear Valley once made their home and apparently there are legends attached to it. I'll see if I can find any of those to share on our hike. From there we will visit the Lodgepole Pine which is a staggering 110' tall and surrounded by lush meadow where we may see some wildflowers. Then it's on to Gunsight along Siberia Creek. I'm hoping the creek still has some water in it, it's so peaceful to hike along a creek. The hike starts with a steep ascent which we will take slowly, the rest of the hike is a fairly even trail. RATING: 7 miles, moderate with approx. 1000 ft elevation gain. MEET: At the Performing Arts Center parking lot, 39707 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. We will carpool to small parking area where the hike starts. BRING: ten essentials, sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen), 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, wear layered clothing, good hiking boots, trekking poles (not mandatory). RESERVATIONS: Contact Hike Leader Judy Atkinson by message, phone or text (909) 289-1932, or email judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUN 19 (SUN) 9:00 AM SB MTS STRAWBERRY PEAK HERE AND NOW HIKE**  
The property threatened by inappropriate development was acquired by the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust in 2012. On this light hike, we will focus on what is around us at the moment; sights and sounds of the forest, and our reactions to them. While on the trail, by talking about only what we see, hear and experience, we should be able to better appreciate what is out there. A variety of wildflowers should be in bloom. Distance: about one mile (loop). Elevation gain: 300 feet. WEAR: hat and boots, BRING water and snacks. CONTACT LEADER, BILL ENGS 909-338-1910 <billengs@yahoo.com>, for meeting place and information. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**JUN 19-25 (SUN-SAT) ESCALANTE RIVER BACKPACK**  
Enjoy the stunning landscape of southern Utah on this backpack along 27 miles of the Escalante River and 10 miles of deep and narrow Harris Wash Creek. Side trips along the way will explore the narrow canyons and creeks. Arrive in the town of Escalante at the Escalante Interagency Visitor Center around noon MDT to get our free permit and latest route information. Then set up a car shuttle between the beginning at the Hwy 12 bridge and the end at Harris Wash Trailhead. Bring a daypack for the side trips and footwear appropriate for being in and out of the river all day. There is an option of ending the trip June 24 or 25. David Hardy, 702 875-4826, email preferred hardyhikers@embarqmail.com S NEVADA GROUP/CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

### JUN 20 – JUNE 26

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings  
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**JUN 21 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly except July & August. This program will feature Gary Murmaw who was introduced to photography when he took a high school photo class in 1970. His first camera was a Kodak Brownie. After some success in outdoor photography, Gary enrolled at Brooks Institute School of Photography, Santa Barbara, CA. where he received a Bachelor of Art Degree in 1977. Gary will show Landscape and Cityscape photography from his hiking trips and places he have traveled to, including Arizona, Southern Utah, Alaska, Hawaii, several Nat'l Parks and Europe. He will also talk about about High Dramatic Range (HDR),

digital enhancements, composition and other methods to improve your photos. The public is welcome & refreshments are served. See Los Serranos webpage for detailed program information: sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/groups/los\_serranos PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave., Upland CA (educational building, entrance in rear). INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUN 24 (FRI) 8:00 AM SNOW VALLEY/LAKEVIEW POINT LOOP HIKE**  
RATED: Moderate. This is a 7-mile hike through mixed oak and pine forests. Depending on the weather we may get the first of fall colors as the black oaks start to change. The trail reveals views of Snow Valley, Keller Peak, Big Bear Lake and the ridge from San Bernardino Peak east. After the hike, if the group wants we can meet for lunch at a local restaurant. We will MEET at the Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 at 8:00 AM. BRING: ten essentials, 2 liters of water and a snack. For trailhead information and RESERVATIONS: Contact Hike Leader, Ed Wallace (909) 584 9407 or email at ednjeanne@charter.net BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*JUN 25 (SAT) 7:00 AM PCT SEC C: LITTLE BEAR SPRINGS-DEEP CREEK HIKE**  
This is Hike #4 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program from Little Bear Creek to Deep Creek Bridge. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 14.2 mile through- hike with possible key-exchange for hiker transportation. RATING: Moderate MEET: Fawnskin Fire Station, 39188 Rim Of The World Dr. Fawnskin, CA 92333 or in Cedar Glen, CA at the Deep Creek Bridge. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun-protection, 3-liters of water, lunch, sunglasses, hat and trekking poles. An Adventure Pass will be required to park at the Deep Creek Bridge trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact Hike Leader Darlene Taylor (951) 385-5706 dtaylorcrew@verizon.net or Co-Leader Ed Caliendo at (442) 242-4103 dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*JUN 25 (SAT) 8:00 AM GRAYS PEAK HIKE**  
This is a “Peaks” of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. This is a moderate 6-7 mile round trip hike up to the top of Gray's Peak, 7952', an elevation gain of 1400'. Good views of Big Bear Lake and surrounding mountains. There are several impressive rock outcrops where bald eagles nest in winter. RATING: moderate MEET: 8 AM at the Gray's Peak trailhead located on the west side of Hwy 38, a half mile southwest of Fawnskin or 2.7 miles northeast of Big Bear dam. An Adventure Pass is needed for parking at the trailhead. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, good hiking boots, trekking poles RESERVATIONS: contact Hike Leader Charlotte Watts at momscampsite@gmail.com BIG BEAR CROUP

### JUNE 27 – JUNE 30

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**JUN 28 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379 CHAPTER

### NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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### NON-SIERRA CLUB RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

**(1ST FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**  
Note: there will be no meeting July 4. Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

**(3RD WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT**  
**SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY**  
PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 110 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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**(3RD FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**  
Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

### NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

**MAY 6 (FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**  
At press time it is not known whether this folk dance will take place or be cancelled because of the holiday. Please call to confirm. Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

**MAY 18 (WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT**  
**SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY**  
PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 110 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

**MAY 20 (FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**  
Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

**JUN 3 (FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
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**JUN 15 (WED) 6:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT**  
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**JUN 17 (FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
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*Sabrina Cervantes in Assembly District 60*

**Sabrina** is a Democrat who is running against the Incumbent, Eric Linder-R, who has a Sierra Club reportcard score of 44%. This district favors Republicans over Democrats in voter registration 40/34. It has a 36% Latino voting population and the only two cities with more Republicans than Democrats are Corona and Norco. Meg Whitman beat Jerry Brown 48/43 in 2010, but Obama beat Romney 51/46 in 2012. The district is changing fast. Linder is expected to oust Cervantes, but with her having raised nearly \$100K before January 1, the party and the unions have stepped up their support. She will easily take second place in the June primary and it will be a real race to November.

Sabrina has a great back story. She grew up in the eastern Coachella Valley where both her parent's families have lived for over 100 years. She has a degree in Political Science from UCR with a minor in Public Policy and has completed the executive education program at the Harvard Kennedy School. She is currently working as the District Director for Asm. Jose Medina after serving as a Director for the California Voter Registration Project.

Sabrina is: 1. Intelligent; 2. Articulate; 3. Committed to the environment in both actions and words; 4. Well-educated; 5. Young; 6. Attractive; 7. Experienced. In short, she is everything we could hope for in a candidate.



## Riverside County Missed Opportunity to Cut Sprawl, Pollution

*By Deb Bennett and Ralph Salisbury*

It's no secret to anyone who lives in Riverside County that traffic congestion is high and air quality is low most days. And it's also no secret how we got this way. For decades, Riverside County has been more interested in following developers' dreams than in creating a sustainable future for the people and wildlife that call our region home.

But times have changed in recent years, and so have state mandates. Riverside County clearly understands that business-as-usual development patterns are no longer an option. The recently-adopted Climate Action Plan notes, "Riverside County is committed to providing a more livable, equitable, and economically vibrant community through the incorporation of sustainability features and reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions."

Unfortunately, the General Plan Amendment adopted by the county to support the Climate Action Plan will not get us where we need to be to truly address the threat of climate change and create a sustainable future for our region.

The updated General Plan does very little to safeguard Riverside County's quickly-disappearing agricultural land, or to protect high-priority wildlife areas from scattered development. Instead of encouraging compact development, which is the best way to use water and energy efficiently and to cut down on emissions, the amended General Plan sets us on a course

for even more sprawl. Car trips account for about 40 percent of our region's greenhouse gas emissions, and if we're going to meet ambitious state mandates we need to make a radical move away from more car-centric development. Thousands of Riverside County residents are deeply concerned about the lack of connection between the goals and vision laid out in the Climate Action Plan and the related General Plan

amendment. We participated in the public process associated with the development of the Climate Action Plan, General Plan amendment and related environmental review documents. Despite our best efforts to address our concerns through these public processes, the county proceeded with a deeply flawed General Plan amendment that does little to safeguard public health, farmland and high-value wildlands. The *Press-Enterprise* editorial board recently criticized the San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, Center for Biological Diversity and Sierra Club for taking the county to court over these plans. One of the most outrageous critiques of the lawsuit focuses on the fact that the attorneys we hired to represent us in court do not live in Riverside County. But the editorial conveniently forgot to mention that these groups have thousands of members and supporters who live and work in Riverside County.

The fact is that the plaintiffs in this lawsuit live and work in Riverside County, and we care deeply about our region's natural resources, wildlife and our fellow neighbors. We hired the best land use attorneys we could find because we believe the county got it wrong – and that the long-term consequences of its errors are too important to ignore. These attorneys speak on our behalf. Growth will have impacts on our local air, water and wildlife. Under the California Environmental Quality Act, however, local governments have an obligation to do their best to limit those impacts.

Looking at the final Environmental Impact Report, it seems like Riverside County hardly tried. For example, the required environmental document that underpins the General Plan amendment didn't bother to look for serious opportunities to reduce impacts on air and water quality, water supply, farmland and sensitive species and the wildlands that support them in our county. Instead, it simply labeled the impacts "significant and unavoidable."

Our lawsuit aims to push the county to make the important choices that would truly reduce emissions and limit impacts on public health, farmlands and wildlife. These choices may not be politically easy in the short term, but with the symptoms of climate change already upon us – from extended drought to wildfires – we no longer have the luxury of delaying action. If it takes a ruling from a judge to get the county to do the work required under state law, so be it.

*Deb Bennet is a longtime Riverside County resident and a member of the San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, where she previously served on the Board of Directors. Ralph Salisbury lives in Riverside and is currently the Outings Chair of Sierra Club's San Gorgonio Chapter, which is based in Riverside.*





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**Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park 2016**

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Train your binoculars on unusual sea and land birds.

Search for the highly endangered island fox.

Look for reminders of the Chumash people who lived on these islands for thousands of years. Or . . . just relax at sea.

A ranger/naturalist will travel with us to help lead hikes, point out items of interest and present evening programs.

All cruises depart from Santa Barbara, California. The cost, \$650, includes an assigned bunk, all meals, snacks and beverages.

To reserve space, send a \$100 check, written to Sierra Club, to Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St. El Monte, CA 91732



**Keller Ski Hut**

• **A Local Mountain Jewel** •

Did you know that the Los Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club owns a mountain cabin near Running Springs? It is rustic and cozy, with local skiing and snow play at Snow Valley and many hiking trails near the cabin. Volunteers work to keep it up and would love your involvement. Everyone is welcome!

The Keller Hut Ski Committee invites you up to spend a day or longer during their annual work parties. Bring your own food (and sleeping gear if you plan to stay overnight). Stars are brighter at 6,000+ ft! The 2016 dates are: April 4 -10, June 11-19, August 6 -14, October 1-9 (dates subject to change, so always call to check ahead).

Call to reserve planned date(s) with Marty Kluck 562. 677-4740. General info, call Cecilia Fidora 562. 494-1013.

Keller Peak Ski Hut was built by the Ski Mountaineers in 1938 and is managed for the use of all Sierra Club members by the Keller Hut Committee, staffed by volunteers from several club chapters, sections, and groups. The hut is located at an elevation of 6800' between



Running Springs and Big Bear Lake in the San Bernardino Mtns. Conveniently located across the street from Snow Valley Ski Area. Chains required when snow falls. Location: In a rocky, forested area in the San Bernardino Mountains. Elevation 6800 feet. With a capacity of 40, Keller has two living-dining rooms, kitchen and dormitories.



**June 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter Program Features Volcanos and Vistas, Basin and Range**

Join us on June 7<sup>th</sup> as Mary Ann Ruiz, San Gorgonio Chapter Chair, will present her exploration of National Monuments, Parks, and Recreation Areas of Eastern Oregon, Idaho, and Nevada.



Sierra Club offers many National trips, from backpacking service trips, to canoe, kayak, lodge, international travel. Mary Ann opted for a Lodge trip last summer,

and added an extra week of exploring some of our lesser known National Monuments, Recreation Areas, and National Parks.

Fossil Beds National Monument, Sawtooth National Recreation Area, and Great Basin National Park.

See meeting details (time, place, etc.) on front page.

Experience a week with Sierra Club National volunteer trip leaders in Central Oregon, visiting Crater Lake on the way, and spending a week in LaPine State Park touring the Newberry Caldera National Monument and Sisters Wilderness areas. After leaving the Sierra Club trip, travel with us to John Day



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