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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, May 1st • 7:30 PM

**“Caring for Our Wilderness:
The San Gorgonio Wilderness
Association”**

Presented by Robert Hazelton
(see write up on Page 1)

Tuesday, June 5th • 7:30 PM

**“Threats to Conservation Lands:
Reevaluation of the Desert Renewable
Energy Plan”**

Presented by Frazier Haney
(see write up on Page 2)

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

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MAY 1ST CHAPTER PROGRAM TO COVER TOPICS RELEVANT TO: “CARING FOR OUR WILDERNESS”

Robert Hazelton, board member of the San Gorgonio Wilderness Association (SGWA), will speak at the May 1st meeting of the San Gorgonio Chapter (see meeting details in left-hand column). In addition to the SGWA, Robert will discuss several other topics related to wilderness, including the Leave No Trace ethic, public lands, and volunteerism.



The San Gorgonio Wilderness, nearly 60,000 acres, was created by the Wilderness Act of 1964. The Sierra Club and the Defenders of the San Gorgonio Wilderness (Defenders), which included Joe Momyer, Alice Krueper, and many other Sierra Club leaders, had worked for several



years fighting a proposed ski resort in the heart of the wilderness. In 2016 the eastern portion of the wilderness became part of the Sand to Snow National Monument, which joins the San Bernardino Mountains to Joshua Tree National Park. The San Gorgonio Volunteer Association grew out of the Defenders. In 2000 it changed its name to the San Gorgonio Wilderness Association. It currently has about 200 volunteers working in and/or for the wilderness. Uniformed members patrol trails, aid hikers in need, do trail maintenance, run the Barton Flats Visitor Center, and help

staff the Mill Creek Ranger Station, where wilderness permits are issued.

Robert describes himself in the words of Edward Abbey as, “a reluctant enthusiast, a part-time crusader, a half-hearted fanatic” when it comes to wilderness, Leave No Trace, and volunteerism. Raised in a family that camped very often, Robert didn't learn about capital

“W”-wilderness until 11 years ago and has since embraced all that the idea

of wilderness entails. When he isn't involved in volunteer efforts Robert spends most of his time manipulating data as a Business Systems Analyst for a software company in Southern California. He is

an advocate and master educator for the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics. Robert lives in Redlands.



OUTINGS LEADER TRAINING JUNE 2-3

If you enjoy healthy exercise and the abundance of special places to visit in the San Gorgonio Chapter, then you have probably participated in our extensive Outings Program. Coming up is the opportunity for you to become a Chapter Outings Leader beginning this June 2 & 3 at the Sierra Club owned ski cabin near Running Springs.

But outings need not be limited to hiking, biking and cross-country skiing. The chapter encourages a wide range of outings; perhaps you are more interested in family outings or special focus outings such as those emphasizing flora and fauna or photography. These outings oftentimes are shorter and slower and chapter members particularly request more outings of this nature.

The June training involves an overnight stay and includes instruction in outdoor leadership, Club Outings Administration, Map and Compass Psychology of Leadership and environmental considerations. Sunday will include a field exercise where you put into practice your newly acquired skills.

For this year fees are being waived and only a \$15 refundable deposit is required. Additionally, participants will be asked to contribute one food item for the Saturday night dinner.

Early enrollment is highly encourage as upon receiving your application with payment you will immediately be provided some pre-course material to study at your own pace. For late enrollees, it is not necessary to complete this study material prior to

the class; however it will greatly aid you in doing so.

For an application form or general questions, please email Ralph Salisbury, LTC Chair at ralphsalisbury@att.net Alternately you may use mail to Ralph Salisbury, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507.



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San Gorgonio Chapter!



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www.sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear

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June 5th Chapter Program Features "Threats to Conservation Lands: Reevaluation of the Desert Renewable Energy Plan"

Presented by Frazier Haney

The June chapter meeting speaker will be Frazier Haney, who will discuss the impacts of the Trump Administration’s recent decision to review the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP). Frazier is Land Conservation Director of the Mojave Desert Land Trust. However, he will not represent the trust. His opinions will be his own.

The recent Trump Administration decision to review the DRECP has alarmed both advocates of wild land preservation and advocates of renewable energy. Fears are that BLM lands protected by the DRECP, such as the Chuckwalla Bench

and Juniper Flats, will be opened for development, while unnecessary delays and litigation will disrupt the growth of the renewable energy industry. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), one of the partner agencies of the DRECP, is conducting public scoping meetings for input on possible changes to the plan.

The DRECP was adopted in 2016 after eight years of study and negotiations. It encompasses over 22.5 million acres of BLM land in seven California counties, including Riverside and San Bernardino. The plan identifies desert conservation lands to be protected for their wilderness, wildlife, and recreation values. Carefully

crafted by the public, federal, state, and local governments, utilities, renewable energy developers, and conservationists. It is a carefully crafted balance between conservation and energy development. DRECP partner agencies besides the BLM include the California Energy Commission and Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Frazier Haney has been the Conservation Director at the Mojave Desert Land Trust since September 2013. He grew up hiking, climbing, and camping in the Midwest and the California Desert. Finishing a bachelor’s degree in ecology at UC Santa

Cruz, Frazier began his career managing preserves for the Wildlands Conservancy. He now serves in volunteer capacity on the Board of The Wildlands Conservancy, and is actively involved in the high desert community, helping to educate the public on the value of conservation. He currently lives in Joshua Tree with his wife Jamie and their daughter Lily. He gave a program on California’s new national monuments at the August 2016 chapter meeting.

Please turn to Page 7 for two great photos taken by Frazier Haney.

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Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

MAY-JUNE 2018

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the July/August 2018 Calendar are due by June 1, 2018.

FORMAT items like 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, and 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**. 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 and water for emergency use only 9) Extra clothing including rainwear 10) Sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat. Carpooling is encouraged, but solely the responsibility of individual participants. The Sierra Club and its leaders may facilitate carpooling, however they will not assign. Drivers should have adequate insurance coverage and their vehicle should have no safety defects. For Sierra Club facilitated carpooling, drivers agree to not consume any alcoholic beverages. It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. The above information applies to Sierra Club Outings and Activities only. Non-Sierra Club activities may be listed in a separate location as a courtesy. Please be sure to read the disclaimer that accompanies these activities.

****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 designates where the passes are required. Generally, areas that have developed parking and may include toilet facilities, interpretive signs and trash cans require passes and unimproved areas do not require passes. Outings that require passes usually will be preceded by ** in the listings that follow and/or the leader may indicate the need for Adventure Passes. While leaders try to provide accurate information, ultimately it is the vehicle's driver that assumes responsibility to adhere to all rules, regulations, and laws - not the Sierra Club. The permits cost \$30 per year or \$5 per day; however, they may not be obtainable the day of your outing. As a passenger, you are expected to share some of the cost of the daily passes along with a mileage contribution along with the others in the vehicle. Golden Eagle Passports and Golden Age Passports may be used in lieu of the Adventure Pass.

CARPOOLING POLICY - In the interests of facilitating some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club assumes no liability for carpooling arrangements. Carpooling, ride sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

LIABILITY WAIVER - To participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please visit the San Gorgonio Chapter website at sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org and click on Disclaimers under the Outings tab.

RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

(1ST MON) 6:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of selected months: Feb. 5 Mar. 5 Apr. 2, May 7, Oct. 1, Nov. 5. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM* SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
For more information, 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 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 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, kimfloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

(2ND WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

(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.)

Check this out . . .



California Department of
Parks and Recreation

**Receive a \$20 CA State
Park Pass if you or a
relative are at least 62!**

The 2018 limited Golden Bear Pass (\$20.00) to most state parks is good from January 1 through December 31, 2018, for those 62 years or older and their spouse. Please tell your older relatives/friends. It can be purchased at Lake Perris as well as most other state parks that you must pay a car entrance fee. Whenever you buy it in 2018 it will be valid until December 31st and then you will need another for 2019. Since many day use passes cost \$10, it will pay for itself very quickly. It is good for everyone in your car and at most state parks. They can refuse you if the park is busy or expected to be busy. State park passes also include the Disabled Discount Pass (\$3.50 Lifetime) and Distinguished Veteran Pass (\$0 Lifetime). The following link provides more information https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1049.

**The Sierra Club Liability Waiver
has been updated effective March 1.
Please review the new Waiver at
sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org
(Click on Disclaimers under the Outings Tab)**

Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building.
INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

(2ND THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. 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. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except January, February and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site <sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear>. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

WEEKLY RECURRING 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

May 1 – MAY 6

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

MAY 1 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
Monthly 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

MAY 2 (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 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. 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 3 (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

****MAY 3 (THU) 8:00 AM SUNSET PEAK HIKE**
This will be a moderate 7-mile round trip hike on a fire road up to the top of Sunset Peak (elevation 5796 ft), with 1300 ft. elevation gain. Great panoramic views in all directions from the peak. Rain cancels. BRING: Sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. MEET: Contact Nikita Prajapati to confirm and for directions to the trailhead and carpooling meeting place. LEADER: NIKITA PRAJAPATI, 818-448-6040, nikitapraja@gmail.com, CO-LEADER: John St. Clair, john@stclairs.us
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

****MAY 4 (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,

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Big Bear Group

By Ellen Kesler, Group Chair

With “spring thaw” rapidly approaching, the Big Bear Group ExCom is busy getting ready for all the activities coming up. April 20th found us at the Earth Day Expo hosted by the Bear Valley Electric Service. June 2nd will bring the “Adventure Days Expo” in the Village with a repeat performance at the Discovery Center, July 23 and 29. July 21st is our annual Xeriscape Tour (see page 12 for details) starting at Eminger’s Nursery and the Expo at the China Gardens.

Our General Meetings programs have also begun starting on March 15th. We had an excellent insight into the changes being made at our own Alpine Zoo by the curator, Bob Cisneros. What a change he has made for the animals and zoo – one of only two alpine zoos in our nation! Here are the planned programs for 2018, held the third Thursday of each month, 6:30 pm in the Discovery Center:

- May 17 – Sally McGill: Geothermal/seismology of the San Bernardino Mountains
 - June 21 – Chad Hansen/Rachel Fazio: Home Firewise/ the budding forest after a fire
 - July 19 – David Foltz: A Journey to Cuba
 - Aug. 16 – Mike Casares: Kids’ scavenger hunt on nearby trail
 - Sept. 20 – Steve Fowler: Turtle Rescue operations in Mexico
 - Oct. 18 – possible movie/popcorn night
- Come join us and visit the Expos!

Big Bear Group Executive Committee Election

This year’s Nominating Committee Sherry Noone, Elizabeth Ryan, and Marv Cira wants you to know that if you want to be considered for nomination, or know someone that you want to present for nomination you can contact any one of them. (Try Sherry at etarre@gmail.com)

Before you do, however, look over this year’s Election Rules:

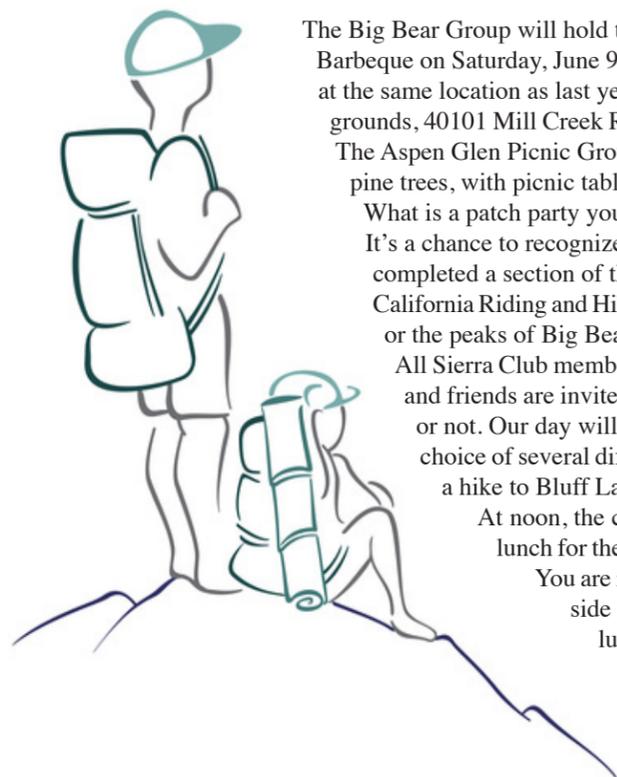
Election Rules

- Nominees must be Big Bear Group members who give their consent to be nominated.
- Requests for nomination must be received by September 1.
- If the Nominating Committee chooses not to place a willing candidate on the ballot as a nominated candidate, the candidate may seek placement on the ballot as a Petition Candidate.
- The name of any Big Bear Group member may be proposed by written petition (with candidate approval) containing the signatures of at least 10 Big Bear Group members. Petitions with valid signatures must be received by 6:00 pm on September 15th.
- All Big Bear Group members as of October 7, 2018, shall be sent ballots.
- Ballots will be mailed (as part of the *Palm and Pine*) by October 14.
- Final receipt date for ballots shall be November 23rd at 12 noon.
- Ballots will be verified, opened, and counted in Ellen Kesler’s home, Big Bear City, CA, November 27th, 6:00 pm
- The 2-year term of office for the newly elected Excom members will commence on January 1, 2019, and will run through December 31, 2020.

Everything accomplished by the Big Bear Group is done by volunteers and this is one way that you can help make a difference.

If you want to know more about the duties of an Executive Committee member please feel free to contact Ellen Kesler at jcricket47@yahoo.com.

Big Bear Group Patch Party - Dave Melton, Outings Chair



The Big Bear Group will hold this year’s Patch Party and Barbeque on Saturday, June 9th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the same location as last year, the Aspen Glen Picnic grounds, 40101 Mill Creek Road, Big Bear Lake, 92315.

The Aspen Glen Picnic Grounds are nestled in the tall pine trees, with picnic tables and bathrooms.

What is a patch party you ask?

It’s a chance to recognize our hikers who have completed a section of the PCT, the 38 miles of the California Riding and Hiking Trail within Joshua Tree or the peaks of Big Bear.

All Sierra Club members, hikers, family members, and friends are invited, whether receiving a patch or not. Our day will start in the morning with a choice of several different local hikes, including a hike to Bluff Lake with Judy Atkinson.

At noon, the club will provide a barbecue lunch for the returning hikers and guests.

You are invited to bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Following lunch, the Awards Ceremony will begin with patches being issued to all who have earned one since last year’s event.

Come one, come all ... We hope to have a big turnout this year!

Santa Margarita Group

By Michael H. Momeni, PhD

Environmental Nuclear Scientist

Our Nomination/Election Committee for 2017 was Michael Momeni, George McMackin, and Robert Audibert.

Elected Executive Committee (Ex-Com) members for the years 2018-2019 are Pam Nelson, Teri Biancardi, Elena Garcia, and Margaret Meyncke. Except for Margaret, the others were incumbents. McMackin, Audibert, and Momeni were elected for a two-year term in 2017.

Ex-Com re-appointed Pam Nelson and Teri Biancardi as the Chair and the Vice-Chair for the Santa Margarita Group. The Treasurer is McMackin and Audibert is the Hike Coordinator. Elena Garcia is the Secretary.

Committees Reports:

Outreach (Nelson, Meyncke, Caren Hanson, Garcia)

- Earth Day Celebration (Hanson)
April 21, 2018, from 11 AM to 4 pm, to be held at Vail Headquarters.
For this event, we are teaming up with Murrieta Arts Council. We will have 34 different vendors from the two organizations, plus musical performances throughout the day. There will be speakers discussing various topics related to conservation and nature and activities geared for kids of varying ages.
- Picnic+ field day: Live Oak Park (Garcia, organizer) on June 24th.
- 4th of July Celebration (Meyncke)

Conservation Committee (Nelson, Biancardi, Momeni, Laurie Webster, Meyncke):

1. Wildlife crossings: Pechanga purchased the Temecula Creek Inn—305 acres, Golf Course, Temecula Creek Inn, and Restaurant. This action will allow continued wildlife passage through the Interstate 15 underpass. Previously a proposal to subdivide the Golf Course for development would have completely removed the wildlife passage in this region.
2. Altair update: March 8th was the first CEQA settlement meeting and a court date will be set soon. Pam Nelson is offering tours of the areas impacted by the project.
3. Trails (Nelson, Biancardi): Murrieta Creek Regional Trail signs are being constructed, thanks to donations from our Group, New Day Solar, Subaru and the Temecula Valley Woman’s Club.
4. Tree City project: (Meyncke, Chris Rios).
5. Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumping System is back! Nevada Hydro has proposed this silly scheme to use the problematic waters of Lake Elsinore and deface a large section of the lakefront.

Education Committee (Nelson, Biancardi):

1. Science Day at SMER will be on April 29, 2018. High school and college students will learn about our watershed and how to measure water quality.
2. Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve (SMER) tours are occurring. Pam has led one group of over 35 people with the help of Beth Cobb (docent at SMER) on the new View Loop trail and some added a trip down to the gorge. Next tour will be on April 14th.

Political Action (Garcia):

The Political Committee of the Santa Margarita Group has been raising awareness at its monthly meetings that there are elections coming up! The California primaries are on June 5th and the national mid-term elections are on November 6th. We need qualified candidates to run for office and then to seek the official endorsement of the Sierra Club. As part of the San Geronio Chapter’s Political Committee, we are taking an active part in the process of vetting and endorsing candidates for local, state and federal offices. There is nothing better than we can do as Sierra Club members and environmentally conscious citizens than to VOTE FOR CANDIDATES THAT SUPPORT OUR CREDO AND IDEALS.

Transportation (Momeni):

The proceedings of the Transportation Workshop in October 2017, Temecula California, was published in *Regional Commuter Electric Train Connecting Riverside and San Diego through the Temecula Valley Corridor*. The second Transportation Workshop has been proposed for September 2018 in Temecula, California.

General Monthly Speaker Meetings (Nelson):

Our general meetings have been lots of fun and informative. We’ve had over-flow crowds at our meetings due to our teacher network (SEED) encouraging students and parents to attend. We’ve had all ages and great subjects.

Past presentations:

February: Speaker, John Garrett, provided insight into the 2018 Astronomical events for this year.

March: Speaker, Alex Tardy provided insight into “What’s up with our Crazy Weather?” Alex has been working for the National Weather Service part of NOAA, for the last 24 years.

Hiking (Audibert):

January 27, Calcite mine Hike:

We traveled through an amazing slot canyon at the mine area, which is a plateau with spectacular rock formations and great views of the Salton Sea; hikers had time to explore the area.

February 24, Sitton Peak Hike:

This was a 10-mile out and back, moderate to difficult hike, to Sitton Peak.

Although the peak stands only 3,273’, it has a commanding 360-degree view which also includes views of the ocean.

Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

There are more Moreno Valley outings planned for this spring. Please take time to look at our calendar of outings listed on our group web page: http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley

Thank you to Christina Torres and Beatriz Vindiola for organizing and leading our group's outings!

Michael Millspaugh needed to resign as chair of the Moreno Valley Group in January in order to have more time with his family. The Moreno Valley Group would like to thank him for his many years of service and all that he did to support our group efforts. As time allows he is still working with the Chapter's Political Committee. Thank you, Mike for all that you have done!

Here is some updated information on projects that we are following:

Moreno Valley Logistics Center (MVLC): This 1.3 million square foot warehouse across the street from an established neighborhood includes a developer request to reduce the minimum setback from 300 feet to just 100 feet.

World Logistics Center (WLC): A coalition of environmental groups including San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, Center for Biological Diversity, and Sierra Club are represented by Earthjustice in two separate challenges. We have prevailed in our California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) challenge before Judge Waters. Her ruling found the City of Moreno Valley's Environmental Impact Report (EIR) deficient as to energy impacts, biological impacts, agricultural impacts, noise impacts and cumulative impacts. The judgment is pending and it is not known yet if the City will appeal. Our appeal related to the initiatives remains pending in the State Court of Appeals.

Villages of Lakeview (VOL): A coalition of environmental groups including San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), and Sierra Club are represented by CBD in a lawsuit challenging the Riverside County Board of Supervisor's approval of this 8,725-unit development on the south edge of the San Jacinto Wildlife area. A separate lawsuit was filed by Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley and a local residents group, Keep Nuevo Rural.

Donations Needed: Your donations are essential to our litigation against the Villages of Lakeview and the World Logistics Center as well as other projects in our area. Make checks payable to "Sierra Club" with a notation for WLC and/or VOL or other. Please send to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-



San Jacinto Wildlife Area

Photo by George Hague

1325. Thank you to all of you who have taken time to donate!

Riverside County General Plan Update (GPA 960): Our concerns include greenhouse gases, agricultural lands, the San Jacinto Wildlife Area's at-risk species and the sprawl-promoting nature of the plan. A separate lawsuit was filed on the Housing Element because it has similar problems. Portions of the General Plan suit related to greenhouse gases and the Housing Element suit have been settled. We believe the settlement will protect the environment and strengthen the County's Climate Action Plan. The court hearing on the main points of our litigation is scheduled for Monday, May 14th in Department 10, 9:30 a.m., Riverside County Superior Court (in Riverside's historic courthouse), 4050 Main Street and you are welcome to attend.

Mid County Parkway (MCP): The six-lane MCP between the cities of San Jacinto and Perris would facilitate projects like the Villages of Lakeview. Settlement talks continue as we wait for our day in federal court for our appeal to be heard. **State Route 60 Truck Lanes (Badlands):** Our California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) challenge to Caltrans' proposed mitigated negative declaration (MND) is pending in Riverside County Superior Court and settlement talks continue.

Banning to Cabazon Bypass Road: Riverside County proposes a parallel route south of I-10 between Banning and Cabazon. The proposed improvements may significantly impact important biological resources and may induce growth along the alignment. The comment period for the Draft EIR is open until April 30. For more information about the project, visit <http://rcprojects.org/i10bypass/>.

San Gorgonio Crossings: This warehouse project at the gateway to the rural Cherry Valley community was approved by the Riverside County

Board of Supervisors in October 2017. Lawsuits have been filed by Sierra Club and local Cherry Valley citizens groups.

Lake Perris State Recreation Area: The 2018 Limited Use Golden Bear Pass (\$20.00) is good for the entire year for most state parks for those 62 years or older. It can be purchased at Lake Perris and is good for everyone in your car. A Disabled Discount Pass and Distinguished Veteran Pass are also available. For information on hours, visitors fees, and passes, please check: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651

Moreno Valley Parks & Community Services Dept.: Hike to Lake Perris (DIFFICULT), May 19, 2018, 7:30 a.m., Ridgcrest Elementary School, 28500 John F. Kennedy Drive, MV. Call (951) 413-3703 to confirm all information.



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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. MEET: 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

MAY 4 (FRI) 8:00 AM SILVER PEAK VIA 3N36 HIKE

A 9-mile hike on Forest Service Road 3N36 to 6767-ft. Silver Peak with its spectacular views of the high desert and Bighorn Mountains. RATED: Strenuous. MEET: We will meet at the Von's parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:00 AM. BRING: Ten essentials, 2 liters of water and snacks; also dress for the potential cold weather. INFO & RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, rushewallace@yahoo.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 4 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS SEQUOIA GROVE-KELLER/SLIDE PEAKS

HIKE

Two hikes in one. Pick your difficulty level, a 3-mile easy hike through a sequoia grove, or continue on and make it a 6 mile difficult hike up to Slide Peak, one of Sierra Club's 100 Peaks. The 3-mile easy hike explores the 1970's Penny Pines sequoia grove project, then drive up to the Keller Peak Fire lookout tower for spectacular views. Both groups will meet up at the Children's Forest for a carpool back to yellow post site 5. Inclement weather will cancel. MEET: Yellow post site 5 Keller Peak Road (1N96). WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com CO-LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

****MAY 5 (SAT) 7:00 AM "MT. BALDY," ONE OF THE 6 PEAKS CHALLENGE**

HIKE

You are invited to bag Mt. San Antonio, "Old Baldy," At 10,069 ft., it's the highest peak in the San Gabriel Mts. It's around a 10-mile hike with 3,900 ft. elev. gain. RATED: Strenuous because of its distance. We will hike up through Baldy Notch, on to Devil's Backbone and return by Baldy Bowl with a break at the ski hut. MEET: Manker Flats, just past campgrounds, on west side of road, at locked gate next to porta potties. Address: for GPS: Manker Campground, Mt. Baldy, CA 91759. BRING: ten essentials, 3 liters of water, layered clothing, sun protection, hat, lunch, and trekking poles. NEED: Adventure Pass or Golden Age Pass. LEADER: DAVID HOLTEGAARD, d10olie@aol.com, 909-881-1329, CO-LEADER PETER MICHELSEN, petermichelsenor@gmail.com, 760-333-3103.

BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 5 (SAT) 8:30 AM MAIDENHAIR FALLS HIKE

Join me on a 5.5 to 6-mile moderately difficult out and back hike into a true desert oasis. There is about 1000' of gain/loss and some bolder scrambling is required. Please come prepared for desert heat and sun. The falls were flowing well as of 3/29/18. The trailhead address: Montezuma Valley Road (Route S22), Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, Borrego Springs, CA 92004. No passes or permits are required. Rain Cancels. MEET: For directions or to register contact LEADER BOB AUDIBERT, bob.takeahike1@gmail.com, (951) 302-1059. Bob will email a more detailed hike description and directions to respondents.

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MAY 6 (SUN) 8:30 AM WHITEWATER PRESERVE HIKE

Easy to moderate approximately 5-mile out and back hike along a portion of the PCT to Red Dome rock. BRING: Water, sunscreen, snack/lunch, layered clothing. Rain cancels. MEET: Call for ride arrangements from Moreno Valley at 7:30 a.m. or meet at 8:30 a.m. at parking lot at Whitewater Preserve by ranger station. Take 10 Fwy east, exit at Whitewater, head north along canyon. NOTE: should Whitewater be closed, Big Morongo Valley Preserve will be the alternate hike location. RESERVATIONS: by 8 p.m. May 5 to LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAY 7 – MAY 13

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
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MAY 7 (MON) 6:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING

Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of selected months: Feb. 5 Mar. 5 Apr. 2, May 7, Oct. 1, Nov. 5. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 8 (TUE) 7:30 AM SIERRA MADRE LOOP HIKE

Hike 3 miles up Bailey Canyon gaining 2300 feet to Jones Peak (elevation 3400'). After a lunch break, we'll take Lost Canyon trail down 1 mile to connect with the Mt. Wilson Trail and hike down to the Mt. Wilson Trail Park. This will complete an 8.5-mile loop, requiring a short car shuttle. 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

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PRIMARY ELECTION • JUNE 5TH

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter's Political Chair



We are still working on endorsements, so look for the latest news at <https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/> when you get your ballot, or before you head to the polls on that Tuesday.

Meanwhile, here are the Sierra Club's endorsements for various offices here in the two counties that comprise the Chapter's boundaries.

FOR CONGRESS IN 2018

CD-31 San Bernardino



Pete Aguilar

Pete had a 100% LCV Score in 2017

CD-35 Ontario



Norma Torres

Norma had a 97% LCV Score in 2017

CD-36 Coachella



Raul Ruiz, M.D.

Raul had a 100% LCV Score in 2017

CD-41 Riverside



Mark Takano

Mark had a 100% LCV Score in 2017

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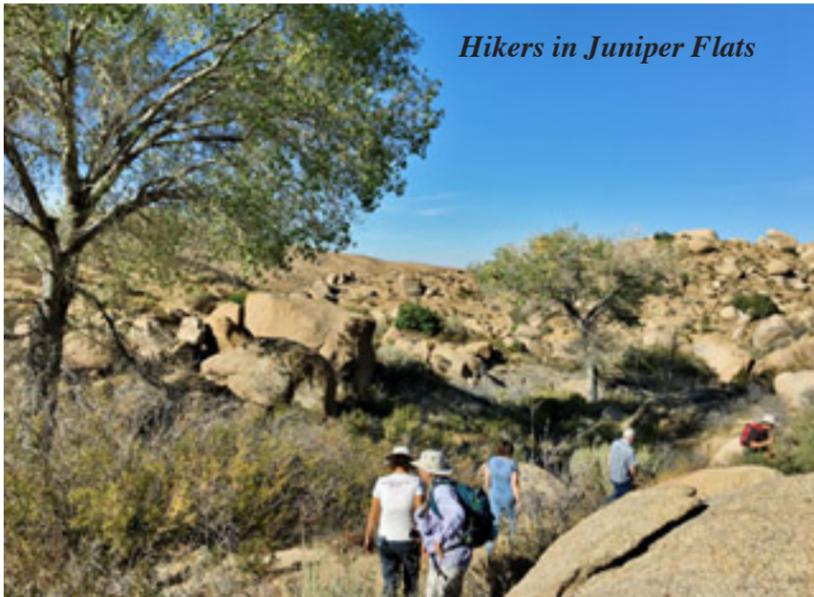
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PENNY NEWMAN



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Hikers in Juniper Flats



Chuckwalla Bench

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MAY 8 (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 9 (WED) 6:30 AM CUCAMONGA PEAK HIKE**

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. MEET: 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 9 (WED) 4:45 PM OLIVE MTN HIKE

Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain with a moderate to difficult 4-mile round trip hike which we will take at an easy pace. Elevation gain of about 1,000 ft. BRING: Water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, snack. MEET: from 60 Fwy in Moreno Valley exit Perris, go north 1 mile, turn right on Kalmia, go ½ mile and turn left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAY 9 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING

The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 9 (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 10 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING

Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MAY 11 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS., KELLER PEAK/EXPLORATION TRAIL HIKE

Come Join us for a 6-7 mile moderate/difficult hike with a 600' elevation gain. Keller Peak is one of Sierra Club's 100 Peaks. The start from the top of the Exploration Trail via a car shuttle. Hike up to Keller Peak Fire Look-out Tower, and then hike down the exploration trail, finishing up with a car shuttle. MEET: Lower parking area of the Exploration Trail on Keller Peak Rd (1N96). WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. Inclement weather will cancel. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com. CO-LEADER HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836 (no text).

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 12 (SAT) 8:00 AM HORSETHIEF CANYON HIKE

This easy 6-mile in and out hike takes us through this lovely and historic area. We will take the Pacific Crest Trail north from the off-road parking area. WEAR good hiking shoes. BRING: Water, a snack, a hat and sunscreen. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, 92308 by 8 a.m. to car pool. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com

MOJAVE GROUP

MAY 12 (SAT) 8:30 AM KELLER PEAK FIRE LOOKOUT HIKE

This is a 6-mile shuttle hike to the Keller Peak Fire Lookout Tower, then back down the trail to our vehicles. Hikers will hike through open pine and oak forest and chaparral, with huge granite rock formations with great views. If the tower is open, we can tour it. RATED: Moderate, hiking mostly downhill after a short uphill climb to the tower. MEET: At the Keller Peak/Exploration Trail head. It's off Hwy 18 just outside of Running Springs near the Fire Dept. on Keller Peak Rd. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 14 – MAY 20

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

MAY 14 (MON) 7:00 PM 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 15 (TUE) 9:00 AM JOHNSON'S PASTURE HIKE

This "walk in the pasture" will end at the Cobal Canyon Fire Trail, so it's an easy out and back hike with 600' of elevation gain at a total distance of 4 miles. There will be flowers and green fields to greet you along the way. Rain cancels. BRING: Water, hiking sticks, sturdy boots and layered clothing. MEET: Please call/e-mail to confirm by 5:00 pm May 14. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL, (909) 985-7686, jmwandjww@hotmail.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAY 15 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING

Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com.

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

****MAY 17 (THU) 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. 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

MAY 17 (THU) 4:45 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE

Moderate 4-mile loop on the Hidden Springs Trail and arroyo. The trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. Wild donkeys are usually seen on this hike. BRING: Water, wear sturdy shoes. MEET: Next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the small park. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA, (562) 713-4470.

MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAY 17 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING

Monthly meeting except January, February and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site <sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear>. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

****MAY 19 (SAT) 7:00 AM SAN BERNARDINO PEAK, 6 PEAK CHALLENGE HIKE**

Enjoy a rugged climb up 10,649' San Bernardino Peak, named by pioneer friar Francisco Dumetz. Enjoy beautiful fauna with light crowds and sweeping views of Mt. Baldy, Mt. Jacinto, San Gorgonio, and Big Bear Lake. RATED: Strenuous. It is a tough but rewarding 16 miles, with 4,700 ft. of elev. gain. MEET: In Angelus Oaks, look for fire station on Highway 38. Turn towards station, then take an immediate left on frontage road. Look for the trail sign. 1/4 mile further on dirt road to trail head. Meet in parking lot. BRING 10 essentials, 3 liters of water, lunch, layered clothing, sun protection, hat and trekking poles. NEED: Adventure Pass or Golden Age Pass. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER DAVID HOLTEGAARD, d10olie@aol.com, 909-881-1329, or CO-LEADER PETER MICHELSEN, petermichelsenor@gmail.com, 760-333-3103.

BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 19 (SAT) 1:00 PMSB MTS, LITTLE GREEN VALLEY HIKE

Come Join us for a 3 to 4-mile moderate (600' elevation gain) hike to Little Green Valley. MEET: Little Green Valley trail head across the street from the Snow Valley parking area. WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. Inclement weather will cancel. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836 (no text). CO-LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 19 (SAT) 8:00 AM ARRASTRE FALLS FAMILY FRIENDLY HIKE HIKE

An easy 2-mile hike, which is suitable for children, in the Arrastre Falls and surrounding riparian areas. Learn about the 10 essentials when exploring the wilderness. Also, the Hug a Tree program is explained. WEAR strong shoes, a hat and sunscreen. BRING: Water, a snack and a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, 92308 by 8 a.m. to car pool. LEADER: CAROL STUBBLEFIELD, 760-964-0039, carolwhibylas@gmail.com

MOJAVE GROUP

****MAY 20 (SUN) 8:30 AM SOUTH FORK TO SLUSHY MEADOWS HIKE**

Join me for an 8 to 9-mile hike with 1600 ft. of elevation gain on the newly reopened South Fork Trail to Slushy Meadows. See where the Lake Fire came through almost 3 years ago, including all the fire damage, new growth, and untouched areas. We will pass by the buildings still standing at Horseshoe Meadow. Then continue up to Poopout Hill to take in the views, thence to Slushy Meadows for our snack/lunch break before returning on the same trail. RATED: Moderate difficulty with a moderately slow ascent. MEET: At the South Fork trailhead off Jenks Lake Rd and Hwy 38 in the San Gorgonio Wilderness area. BRING: 10 essentials, 2.5 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON, (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 20 (SUN) 1:00 PM SB MTS, CRAFTS PEAK HIKE

Join us on an 8-mile moderate/strenuous (1200' elevation gain) hike to the top of Crafts Peak, one of the Sierra Club's 100 Peaks. Inclement weather will cancel. MEET: Little Green Valley trail head across the street from the Snow Valley parking area. WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 21 – MAY 27

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MAY 22 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING

Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379.

CHAPTER

****MAY 23 (WED) 6:30 AM ONTARIO PEAK HIKE**

A strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Ontario Peak (elevation 8693 ft), 12.8 miles round trip with 3700 ft. elevation gain. Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: Sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501.

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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MAY 23 (WED) 4:45 PM SYCAMORE WILDERNESS PARK HIKE
Approximately 2-hour easy to moderate hike with 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 Freeway. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAY 26 (SAT) 8:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL HIKE
This is a moderate, 8-mile round trip hike with little elevation gain. This beautiful terrain is rich with foliage and oak trees. After hiking, drive 5 minutes to the 1876 Stagecoach Lodge, and adjoining rustic restaurant for lunch by their huge rustic hearth. MEET: Big Bear Convention Ctr. parking lot at the corner of Division & Big Bear Blvd. 8:00 AM sharp, for carpooling to the trailhead off the 38 & Glass Road, Angeles Oaks. If you are driving up the 38 from Mentone, turn left at Glass Road, drive about 5 minutes to the trailhead small parking lot. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, snacks, layered clothing, hat, sun protection, good hiking boots, trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER CHARLOTTE WATTS, momscampsite@gmail.com, 909-866-7423
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 28 – JUNE 3

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

****JUN 1 (FRI) 7:30 AM TIMBER MOUNTAIN HIKE**
This is a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Timber Mt. (elevation 8,303), 9 miles round trip with 3300 ft. elevation gain. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 2+ liters water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. MEET: Contact Nikita P. prior to June 1 for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: NIKITA PRAJAPATI, 818-448-6040, nikitapraja@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUN 1 (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 a display of wildflowers. 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. MEET: Vons parking lot, 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:00 a.m. BRING: ten essentials, 2 liters of water and a snack. For trailhead information and INFO & RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER ED WALLACE, 909 584 9407, rushewallace@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 1 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS DOGWOOD TRAIL HIKE
Come join us on a 3 to 4-mile moderate hike amongst the blooming dogwoods. MEET: Entrance to Dogwood Campground on Daley Canyon Rd. off HWY 18. Do not block the gate. WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. Inclement weather will cancel. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836 (no text). CO-LEADER: Karla Kellems 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

****JUN 2 (SAT) 8:00 AM TAHQUITZ PEAK VIA DEVILS SLIDE TRAIL HIKE**
This moderate 8.5-mile out-and-back trail features beautiful wild flowers, with pines and oaks shading our early morning climb from the Devils Slide Trailhead in Idyllwild to the peak. The trail and peak provide fabulous vistas from Garner Valley all the way to the ocean. The Tahquitz Peak Fire Tower is in this area as well. We will have a snack/lunch and enjoy the view before returning by the same trail. RATED: Moderate but strenuous for the last mile, with a 2299 ft. elevation gain. NEED: \$5.00 Adventure Pass. MEET: At the Humber Park/Devil's Slide Trailhead off HWY 243 at Jameson Drive. BRING: 3 liters water; Snacks; Ten Essentials, and layered clothing. Rain cancels. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DARLENE TAYLOR, (951) 385-5706, dtaylorcrew@verizon.net, OR CO-LEADER SHARON NARDOZZA, (760) 208-3654, snardoza@cox.net
BIG BEAR GROUP

****JUN 2-3 (SAT-SUN) OUTINGS LEADER TRAINING COURSE**
If you have enjoyed the Chapter's Outings program as a participant, consider now becoming a Chapter Outings Leader. The course involves an overnight stay at Sierra Club owned Keller Hut near Running Springs and includes classes in Outings Administration, Map and Compass, the Psychology of Leadership, Environmental Considerations, and a field exercise. Applicants need to be at least 18 years old and current members of the Chapter. The course will be offered for no charge however there is a \$15 deposit, refundable for those that attend. For an application form, contact ralphsalisbury@att.net or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: RALPH SALISBURY, LTC CHAIR, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507. The first five hours of Saturday classes may be attended by current chapter outings leaders to fulfill their recertification requirements. Please contact the LTC Chair if interested.
CHAPTER

JUNE 4 – JUNE 10

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JUN 5 (TUE) 7:30 PM* SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
For more information, 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

JUN 7 (THU) 4:45 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 4-mile loop on the Hidden Springs Trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. Wild donkeys usually seen on this hike. BRING: water, wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: Next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the small park. INFO & LEADER: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA (562)713-4470.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

JUN 8 (FRI) 1:00 PM SB MTS STRAWBERRY PEAK WILDFLOWER WALK
Join us for a 1 mile slow and easy family-friendly walk on the Strawberry Peak trail stopping frequently to smell and identify the flowers. After the walk, check out the views at the Strawberry Peak fire lookout tower. MEET: Strawberry Peak trail head on Highway 189 across the street from the Pinecrest Christian Conference Center, 1140 Pinecrest Rd. Twin Peaks, CA 92391. WEAR: Hat, long pants, and walking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

JUN 10 (SUN) 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 Freeway in Yucaipa north until you reach Los Rios Rancho Apple Ranch. Park near the main entrance of the Montane Botanic Garden. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

JUNE 11 – JUNE 17

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JUN 11 (MON) 7:00 PM 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.
MOUNTAINS GROUP

JUN 12 (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

JUN 13 (WED) 8:30 AM JANET'S TRAIL/JENKS LAKE TRAIL HIKE
Janet's trail is a long-time favorite, pretty walk along a creek in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. Hikers first pass some forest service homes to join the trail, which is only 3 miles round trip. We will see the damage and regrowth from the recent Lake Fire. Then we drive briefly down 38 to hike the old service road up to Jenks Lake and enjoy our snack/lunch and walk around the lake before returning. Total distance just under 6 miles. RATED: Easy/Moderate with little elevation gain; possibly some rough trail in the fire area. MEET: Trailhead is just south of the South Fork Campground on Hwy 38, on the same side of the street. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, poles, and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON, (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 13 (WED) 10:00 AM GRAND VIEW POINT HIKE
It's a 6.5-mile out and back trek with a moderate 1,100' of elevation gain. If you would like to have lunch and a music jam at my Big Bear home after---you are surely invited to that also. BRING: Water, hiking sticks, sturdy boots and layered clothing. Rain cancels. MEET: Contact Jeff to confirm by 5:00 PM June 12 LEADER: JEFF WARHOL, (909) 374-7190, jmwandjjw@hotmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUN 13 (WED) 4:45 PM TWO TREES TRAIL HIKE
Moderate to difficult 3.5-mile hike up Two Trees Trail from Riverside with 1,000 ft elevation gain. BRING: Water, sturdy shoes, flashlight, hiking poles if preferred. MEET: 215 Fwy in Riverside exit Blaine St., drive east about 2 miles to left on Belvedere, then 2nd right onto Two Trees Rd. Sign and parking area for Box Springs Mountain Park located where the road turns to dirt. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

JUN 13 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 13 (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 14 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

JUN 15 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, LITTLE BEAR CREEK HIKE
A moderate hike on the North Shore Trail to Little Bear Creek. The distance is 5 miles R/T, with a 600' elevation loss and gain. Inclement weather will cancel. WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. MEET: Lower parking lot of Mountains Community Hospital, 29101 Hospital Rd, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836 (no text)
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

****JUN 16 (SAT) 8:00 AM COUGAR CREST TO PCT & WEST HIKE**
This will be a moderate 8-mile, 1400' elevation gain, hike in Big Bear. Start at the Cougar Crest trailhead, take that to the Pacific Crest Trail and hike west a few miles along the PCT before having our snack/lunch and then returning on the same trail. We will hike through pine, oak, and fir with great views of Big Bear Lake, the mountains surrounding the valley, and out into the desert. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles. Camera a must! MEET: Cougar Crest trailhead

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on the north side of Big Bear Lake, 1/4 mile west of the Discovery Center. Adventure Pass required to park at the trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER CHARLOTTE WATTS, momsampsite@gmail.com, 909-866-7423. BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 16 (SAT) 8:00 AM EYE OF GOD HIKE
This is an easy 6-mile in and out hike along the Pacific Crest Trail in Big Bear. Beautiful views, forest and history make up the outing. The Eye of God is a very large white Quartz rock named by Native Americans many years ago. WEAR good hiking shoes, a hat and sunscreen. BRING: Water, a snack and a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, 92308 by 8 a.m. to car pool. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

JUN 17 (SUN) 1:00 PM SB MTS, ARROWHEAD RIDGE HIKE
On Father's Day, come join us on this moderate 2.5-mile family friendly hike. Explore massive ponderosa pines in this lush forested area. After the hike check out the Veterans Monument, an Eagle Scout project. Inclement weather will cancel. WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. MEET: Trailhead on Grass Valley Rd. across from the Lake Arrowhead Country Club. Look for the boulder with a carved arrowhead on the right. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

JUNE 18 – JUNE 24

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JUN 19 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUN 20 (WED) 9:00 AM MT. BADEN-POWELL HIKE
A strenuous hike to the summit of Mt. Baden-Powell at 9399 feet elevation, 8 miles round trip with 2814 ft. elevation gain. Spectacular vistas as far as the eye can see every direction! Rain cancels, BRING: Water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen. MEET: 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

JUN 21 (THU) 4:45 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 4-mile loop on the Hidden Springs Trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. Wild donkeys usually seen on this hike. BRING: Water, wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the small park. INFO & LEADER: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA, (562)713-4470. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

JUN 21 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except January, February and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site <sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear>. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcriccket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 22 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, GRANDVIEW/GREGORY WILDFLOWER WALK
Join us on a 2-mile easy walk around the Grandview Gregory property amongst the beautiful wildflowers. WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. DIRECTIONS: Take Grandview Rd. off HWY 189 in Twin Peaks, and turn left on Sawmill Dr. Don't block the gate. Inclement weather will cancel. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836 (no text). SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

JUN 23 (SAT) 7:45 AM TRAM TO IDYLLWILD OR REVERSE HIKE
We will hike the recently reopened Willow Trail from the Palm Springs Tram to Idyllwild or in the reverse direction on this one-way key exchange hike. Starting from Humber Park, we climb 2500 ft. and descend 500 ft. in 7.9 miles. Those starting at the Tram reverse the climb and descent. The two groups will meet in the middle for a key exchange. RATED: Strenuous. MEET: Downhill group meets Sharon at 7:45 AM at McDonalds off I-10 at Malki Rd., 48350 Seminole Dr., Cabazon, CA 92230. Uphill group meets Dave at 7:45 AM at the Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 3-liters of water, and hiking poles. COST: Tram is \$25.95. RESERVATIONS: Contact CO-LEADER DAVE MELTON, dmelton61@yahoo.com, 760-408-2456 or CO-LEADER SHARON NARDOZZA, snardozza@cox.net, (760) 208-3654. BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 23 (SAT) 9:00 AM PALOMAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK HIKE
As in previous years I will design a hike that is about 8 miles in length, moderately aggressive with about 1000' gain/loss. I try to highlight different areas of the park each year. MEET: parking area near Doane Pond. This is where the hike will begin and end. The physical address of the park is 19952 State Park Rd. Palomar Mountain, CA. 92060, but the pond is beyond the campground. COST: \$8 per vehicle day use fee. Rain Cancels. INFO & RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER Bob Audibert, bob.takeahike1@gmail.com, (951) 302-1059. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

JUN 23 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS, FISHERMANS CAMP HIKE
Enjoy a fun summer day with the family in the Deep Creek pools near Fisherman's Camp. It's a 4-mile R/T moderate/difficult hike, 600' of elevation loss on the way there, and 600' elevation gain on the way back. Take a dip, play in the creek sand, climb rocks to visit different pools, or just relax in the sun. WEAR: Hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING: Backpack to carry all your gear, food, water, towel, swimsuit, sunscreen etc.

MEET: Junction of Crab Flats Road (3N34) and Green Valley Lake Road. High clearance vehicles recommended. Inclement weather will cancel. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

JUN 23 (SAT) 9:00 AM INSPIRATION POINT HIKE
This is an easy 6-mile hike along the Pacific Crest Trail in Wrightwood. Views across the Mojave Desert while walking through shady forest are the highlight of this outing. BRING: Wear strong hiking shoes, a hat and sunscreen. Bring water, a snack and a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, 92308 or Community Center in Wrightwood at 9 a.m. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com. MOJAVE GROUP

JUNE 25 – JULY 1

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JUN 26 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

JUN 30 (SAT) 8:00 AM FOURSEE CREEK TRAIL TO JOHNS MEADOW HIKE
Catching the wildflowers can be a challenge, but usually the end of June finds them in abundance at Forsee Creek. This is an approximately 7-mile, round trip hike in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. Walk through a forest of pine, fir and oaks, cross a couple of small springs where water is coming out on the trail, have some great views and hopefully lots of those wildflowers! We will cross Forsee Creek and have our snack/lunch at Johns Meadow before returning on the trail back to our vehicles. RATED: Moderate with about 800 ft. of elevation gain. MEET: at the Forsee Creek trail head off Hwy 38 and Jenks Lake Rd. West. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON, (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 30 (SAT) 9:00 AM BLUE RIDGE CAMPGROUND HIKE
This moderate 4 to 5-mile outing takes us from Wrightwood up to the campground. RATED: moderate because of the elevation gain up to this beautiful area. WEAR strong hiking shoes, a hat and sunscreen. BRING: Water, a snack and a camera. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, 92308 or Community Center in Wrightwood at 9 a.m. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

UPCOMING

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JUL 4 (WED) 10:00 AM SB MTS., GVL 4TH OF JULY PARADE WALK
Grab the family and walk in the Green Valley Lake 4th of July parade, known as one of the shortest and quickest parades on the mountain. Come decked out in your hiking best, to represent the hiking community. WEAR: Hiking apparel. BRING: Backpack, hiking poles, water and snacks. MEET: Lakeside Park (33268 Green Valley Road, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341). Inclement weather will cancel. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

AUG 11-18 (SAT-SAT) MONO RECESSES AND PIONEER BASIN BACKPACKING
Come visit some of the most beautiful areas in the Sierra, Pioneer Basin and the Mono Recesses, on this 30-mile on-trail 6-night round-trip backpack. Pioneer Basin and the Mono Recesses are north-south tending basins or canyons above and below westward-flowing Mono Creek. We will start and finish at the Mosquito Flat trailhead at the end of Rock Creek Road, roughly midway between Bishop and Mammoth. We will have 5 camping locations, with 2 nights at Pioneer Basin. We will strictly follow LNT practices and keep an early schedule. RATED: Moderate. But all Sierra backpacks are strenuous, it's just a question of degree. Significant pre-trip conditioning required. BRING: Equipment list will be distributed. Individual commissary. LIMITED to 10. RESERVATIONS: For trip info sheet, contact CO-LEADER DAVE MELTON, dmelton61@yahoo.com, 760-408-2456, or CO-LEADER DAVID HOLTEGAARD, 909-881-1329, d10olie@aol.com BIG BEAR GROUP

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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NON-SIERRA CLUB RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

(EVERY MON) 7:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU OR NEARBY TRAILHIKE NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT VOLKSWALKING IN SO. CALIFORNIA
Come walk with Kathy every Monday for a 3-4-mile hike on the beautiful Santa Rosa Plateau or on another interesting trail nearby. No hikes on Christmas and New Year's

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Community Choice Aggregation (CCA); Also Known as Community Choice Energy (CCE)

Kim Floyd Conservation Chair, San Geronio Chapter

Our San Geronio Chapter, supports Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) also known as Community Choice Energy (CCE). As you will note from the Q&A below, CCA provides options to a local community to provide a cleaner mix of electricity to its electricity customers at a cost lower than available from Southern California Edison.

At the same time, local decision makers will have many options on how the CCA will be operated locally. For example, will the CCA offer a 100% carbon free plan? Will nuclear power be excluded? Will roof top and parking lot solar be favored over large industrial solar? Will operating revenues be invested locally to create local jobs?

Sierra Club members and others concerned about climate change, clean air and clean energy must be at the table as these important climate change decisions are being made. Please join me and others as we monitor the cities in our Chapter area to encourage implementation of CCA using the best practices to achieve cleaner energy, cleaner air, local investments and competitive energy prices. Thank you for everything that you do to help protect our earth. Kim Floyd Conservation Chair, San Geronio Chapter. 760-680-9479 or kimffloyd@fastmail.com

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is Community Choice Aggregation?

A: Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), is a program that enables local governments to pool (or aggregate) the electricity demand of their communities in order to increase local control over electric rates. Often called Community Choice Energy, a CCA buys and/or develops power resources on behalf of the electricity customers in its jurisdiction to control costs, offer more renewable energy options and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Southern California Edison, as required by law, would continue to provide all transmission and distribution of electricity in our area, as well as provide system maintenance and customer service. Areas served by an existing publicly owned utility, such as Imperial Irrigation District and the Riverside Public Utilities, are not eligible for CCA programs.

Q: Why are so many local governments considering CCA?

A: There are several CCA programs currently operating throughout the state, and dozens of others in developmental stages, each of which is focused on benefits such as these:

- CCAs introduce competition into the energy market, which helps drive costs down, diversify power choices and stimulate new investments in renewable energy.
- CCAs offer local control, providing customers and municipalities a choice regarding their electricity supply.
- Revenues from CCA programs can be invested locally, creating jobs and encouraging energy investments.
- Consumers can increase the amount of electricity from non-polluting

renewable sources including wind, solar and geothermal energy. In the Coachella Valley, a CCA offers a way to advance local renewable energy resources and help meet statewide requirements for greenhouse gas reduction.

- Existing CCAs offer a “default” option that is both cleaner and cheaper than the incumbent utility, as well as a voluntary, 100% renewable energy option offered at a rate premium.

measure of rate stability compared to IOUs. Because publicly managed CCAs are non-profit agencies, they don't pay shareholder dividends, investor returns, high corporate salaries or income taxes like commercial services or investor owned utilities – further lowering the costs. Initial studies estimate that a CCA program could save ratepayers millions of dollars over the next 20 years.

GHG emissions are a leading cause of pollution, climate change and unhealthy air quality. By substantially changing the type of energy fed into the grid on behalf of their customers, CCAs are already making a substantial and rapid impact on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving environmental quality.

Q: How does a Community Choice Aggregation program affect low-income customers with special rates?

A: Customers who receive a special rate from Southern California Edison will be transferred to CCA service with no changes to their special or optional rates, in most cases. For example, customers participating in CARE (California Alternate Rates for Energy) will continue to receive the CARE discount when their account is transferred to CCA service. Their account automatically remains with these programs (CARE, Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA)) and they do not have to do anything.

Q: If I installed solar panels on my home or business, would I need a Power Purchase Agreement to sell the excess energy to a CCA?

A: No. This is called net metering, and the CCA is able to offer property owners fair market rates for their excess energy production without a Purchase Power Agreement, even if that solar installation took place before the CCA launched. Existing CCAs have been able to offer better (retail) net metering rates and cash payments for customers who generate surplus electricity. Net Energy Metering customers would automatically be enrolled into a CCA's net metering program unless they choose to opt-out. Several existing CCA agencies also offer feed-in-tariff programs.

Q: Are there any hidden fees for CCA customers? Is there any risk involved?

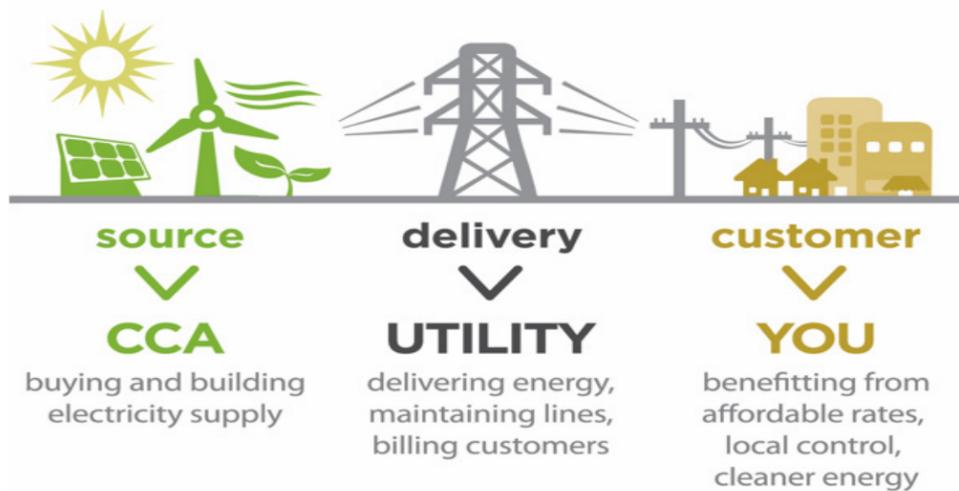
A: There are no hidden costs, and no duplicate costs for CCA customers. When you are enrolled, the electric generation fee you had previously paid to Southern California Edison would instead be charged by the CCA. There is an exit fee levied on each customer by SCE called the “Power Charge Indifference Adjustment” or PCIA, which pays for the stranded costs associated with the power it purchased on your behalf that is no longer needed. That charge, which is identified on your bill, is factored into the CCA's rates so that the overall generation charges are lower than what you currently pay.

Q: Why will I be automatically enrolled in the CCA program?

A: Community Choice Aggregation programs were signed into law by California Assembly Bill 117, which requires automatic enrollment with an option for customers to opt-out. Customers can stay with the CCA or return to Southern California Edison if they prefer. The choice is up to you.

For general information about CCA in California and nationally, go to: www.leanenergyus.org. For local CCA information go to: <http://www.wrcog.cog.ca.us/272/Western-Community-Energy> or <https://desertcommunityenergy.org/>

How Local Energy Aggregation Works



Q: How is a CCA financed?

A: A CCA is a self-funded, not-for-profit public agency created to ensure that any financial benefits directly serve its community members. Once launched, a CCA is completely funded by program revenues—not taxpayer dollars. Start-up costs may be financed by member agencies, banks or other lenders; these costs are paid back once revenues from the sale of electricity accumulate. Surplus funds generated by the CCA may be reinvested back into the community in the form of lower rates, or new energy projects and programs that serve the entire customer base.

Q: Who governs and administers the CCA?

A: There are options for governance. For the Coachella Valley, a new joint powers authority (JPA) has been formed, to be governed by a Board of Directors that is made up of elected representatives from each of the participating jurisdictions. The board will schedule regular meetings that will be open to the public, ensuring transparency and encouraging community involvement. Formation of a CCA through a Joint Powers Authority does not require contributions from participating member agencies. With a JPA, the assets and liabilities of the CCA program remain separate from those of the participating agencies' general funds.

Q: How will the CCA set its rates?

A: The CCA Board of Directors will have the authority to set electric generation rates for our customers, after they are carefully developed, discussed, evaluated and approved at public meetings. To date, existing CCAs in California offer competitive electricity rates, currently ranging from 3%-6% lower than investor-owned utility (IOU) rates, depending on the customer class and CCA option each customer chooses. CCA rates generally adjust once per year, offering a greater

Q: What are the options for customers to opt-out and, if they change their minds, opt-in to a CCA at a later date?

A: Customers have a choice, to stay with the CCA or opt out. A new CCA is required to send a total of four notices to customers: two notices prior to commencement of CCA service, and two notices during the 60-day period following commencement of CCA service. Customers who opt out before or within the first 60 days of CCA service may return at any time. Customers who opt out after the first 60 days of service with a CCA will be prohibited by Southern California Edison from returning for one year, after which they may return to the CCA.

Q: How would a CCA benefit the local economy and our local renewable energy opportunities?

A: In addition to the potential for customer rate savings and the economic value of ratepayer revenues flowing into our communities rather than to the investor owned utility, CCAs can accelerate the development of local renewable energy projects and facilitate other energy innovations such as community solar, energy efficiency retrofits, battery storage and electric vehicle charging stations, to name just a few. This translates into the potential for new local services and community benefits as well as significant job creation, both locally and regionally. It should be noted that renewable energy facilities provide many more jobs per unit of investment than traditional natural gas and coal plants.

Q: What are the environmental advantages of CCA?

A: Under a CCA, local ratepayers can choose to purchase and develop electricity resources that are cleaner and carbon free. The production and burning of traditional energy sources, such as coal and natural gas, generates large amounts of greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere. These

The 16th Annual Big Bear Valley Xeriscape Garden

Tour, put on by the Sierra Club Big Bear Group, is asking the community to “Join the Drought-Resistance” to conserve water by creating and maintaining xeriscape landscapes. Tour participants will learn how drought resistant and native plants can be beautiful AND save water.

The tour will include the DWP’s Xeriscape Demonstration Garden on Fox Farm Road, in front of the Community Garden, with native plant expert Orchid Black on hand to answer questions. At this location, there will also be an Expo with sponsor booths, drought-tolerant plant give-aways, and water conservation information from DWP.

The tour will feature seven local homes that demonstrate the principles of xeriscape gardening, including a yard that is both xeriscape and fire wise, an important feature in our mountain community.

So, mark your calendars for the 16th annual Xeriscape Garden Tour to take place on Saturday, July 21st. Participants can begin the FREE self-guided tour

anytime between 9 am and noon starting at Eminger’s Mountain Nursery, located at 41223 Big Bear Blvd. in Big Bear Lake, across the street from the Denny’s Restaurant. A tour booklet, which includes the locations and directions for the tour stops, and helpful information on Xeriscape gardening in the mountains, will be handed out at the starting location. Once registered, participants will have until 4:00 pm to complete the self-guided driving tour of the homes in Big Bear Valley.

For additional information on the Sierra Club’s Xeriscape Garden Tour contact Christie Walker at 909-547-2237. To see pictures of previous tours, go online to: <http://bigbeargardentour.weebly.com>.



Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park in 2018

April 8-10; May 6-8; June 10-12; July 15-17; August 19-21; September 23-25; October 21-23

Join us for a 3-day, 3-island, live-aboard tour of the enchanting Channel Islands. Hike wild, windswept trails bordered with blazing wildflowers. Kayak rugged coastlines, Marvel at pristine waters teeming with frolicking seals and sea lions. Train your binoculars on unusual sea and land birds—and an occasional whale. Watch 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. All cruises depart from Santa Barbara. The cost, \$675, includes an assigned bunk and all meals, snacks, and beverages. A ranger/naturalist assigned by the national park will travel with us to help lead hikes, point out items of interest and give evening programs. Kayaking will be overseen by our concessionaire; all hikes will be on trails, class 1 terrain. This trip is a fundraiser to support the Sierra Club political program in California. To reserve space send a \$100 deposit, written to California Sierra Club PAC to Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732.

For more information contact leaders: Joan Jones Holtz: jholtzhl@aol.com; 626-443-0706 and/or Wayne Vollaire: avollaire1@gmail.com; 909-327-6825.



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Day. Noncompetitive hiking for fun, fitness, and fellowship, Volksmarch is a worldwide movement that started in Germany in the 1960s on air force bases. “Volks” means “people” in German. MEET to carpool at 7:00 AM sharp at Barons Market, 32310 Clinton Keith Road, Wildomar 92595. WEAR sunscreen, a hat and BRING plenty of cold water and a snack. INFO: KATHY BUNDY 951-218-3755. See also the meetup.com page: Volkswalking in So. California Open to Everyone! [MEETS April 23, and 30; May 7, 14, 21, and 28; June 4, 11, 18, and 25.]

(1ST & 3RD FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCEFOLK DANCE NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB

International folk dancing: Greek, Israeli, Serbian, Turkish, etc. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. 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 [MEETS May 4 and 18; June 1 and 15.]

(3RD WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY SOCIETY

PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift. tables & socialize. The June and December meetings are potluck dinners and start at 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201. [MEETS May 16 and June 20.]

Nature is always lovely, invincible, glad, whatever is done and suffered by her creatures. All scars she heals, whether in rocks or water or sky or hearts.

- John of the Mountains:
The Unpublished Journals of John Muir,
(1938), p. 337.

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