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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, November 4th • 7:30 PM
"Sprog"

Presented by: Chantal Biancardi & Tracy Walters
(see write up on Page 2)

Tuesday, December 2nd • 7:30 PM
"Shadowrock and Chino Canyon"

Presented by: Jeff Morgan
(see write up on Page 12)

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

Joshua Tree & Migratory Birds Dodge Bullet

Solar power towers pose extraordinary threat.

By

Joan Taylor, San Geronio Chapter Litigation Chair

There is a giant experiment being conducted in the California desert where scores of super-sized renewable energy projects on the order of 5 to 20 square miles per project, are being proposed mostly on pristine federal desert

lands. No one with any biological background can deny the extensive landscape-level threats these pose.

Not so well known is one aspect of this experiment that has the potential to become the Frankenstein of renewable energy: namely, giant solar thermal "power towers." These contraptions are not photovoltaic solar panels (PV). Unlike PV, these power towers are hundreds of feet high, involve thousands of tracking mirrors, are very expensive to build and operate, and basically superheat fluids to 1000 degrees Fahrenheit to run a conventional generator. Also unlike PV, this process consumes significant amounts of natural gas and water to operate.



One of the Ivanpah towers operating. The intense heat from tens of thousands of mirrors creates a huge heat field deadly to birds and gives the receiver atop the tower an intense flow visible for 30-50 miles.

Credit: Basin and Range Watch

Power towers have an especially scary side. With their incredibly bright glow, they are thought to function as "mega traps" for birds. Their bright light lures millions of insects and thus their bird predators towards the huge cone of heat surrounding the towers, where the birds

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Dead bird collected during federal investigation at Ivanpah. This victim was not fully incinerated like others, but succumbed with singed wings and curled feathers caused by straying into the intense cone of heat surrounding the power towers. Credit: US Fish & Wildlife Service



Protect Riverside

Protection and Sustainability for
Riverside's Open Spaces

Vote No on Measure L this November 4, 2014

City of Riverside Special Municipal Election

By Laura Pearson Densmore, former Riverside Councilmember for La Sierra

From the visitors' center on the bluffs overlooking the Santa Ana River's 1,100-acre Hidden Valley Wildlife Refuge you can see all the way across western Riverside and San Bernardino counties to the towering ramparts of the San Gabriel and San Bernardino mountains. Just behind the center and tucked away in the western corner of the City of Riverside are still 650 open acres. This is the last undeveloped part of the historic Hole Ranch, which was farmed to grow flowers.

Combined, these unspoiled lands and river form one of the most impressive open natural areas in Southern California. "Hidden," yet accessible and close to the growing populations all around, this special area offers a full dose of what an urban-weary resident badly needs: tranquility, majestic views and exhilarating walks. This grand setting beside the river is also the right spot to introduce kids to nature.

Now these invaluable assets are threatened and we need your help to save them.

Measure L, on the City of Riverside's November 4th ballot, would repeal voter-approved initiative laws protecting the La Sierra area and allow a 1,950-unit

housing project next to the river refuge. That's twelve times the 162 homes allowed now.

Measure L exempts the developer from environmental mitigation and good planning. The housing project generates 20,000 more daily car trips. No unified plan or funding is required for public facilities like schools, parks, police or fire stations that such a large development needs. The project can be divided, sold and built piecemeal. A new residential zone created by Measure L for the project, which could be applied throughout the city, has no limits on building heights, number of stories or set-backs from neighbors. High-rise apartments could be built!

All of Measure L's \$700,000+ campaign funding comes from one Nevada company, "New West Riverside LLC," which is run by a Las Vegas developer.

This special-interest legislation will

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Draft Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) is out for review and comment.

Info and meeting schedule:

What: DRECP is intended to facilitate developing renewable energy in the California desert while protecting biological resources. The Plan covers 22 million acres of land in Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego counties.

Where: The draft DRECP and environmental documents are available at drecp.org. Click on "documents."

When: The deadline for public comments is January 9, 2015

Why: Electric utilities, the state and the BLM seek to promote large-scale renewable energy development in the desert.

Public meetings will be held in affected counties, including the following two locations in Chapter. Meetings will include a presentation, information stations and an opportunity to submit recorded verbal and written comments. Some of these meetings will also be broadcast by WebEx to allow for remote attendance. Please visit www.drecp.org to confirm meeting details and WebEx availability.

Thursday, November 6, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Ontario Convention Center
2000 E. Convention Center Way
Ontario, CA 91764

Friday, November 7, 4:00-6:30 p.m.
UC Riverside, Palm Desert Center Auditorium
75080 Frank Sinatra Dr.
Palm Desert, CA 92211

Individuals may comment on DRECP in the manner they deem appropriate. Comments on behalf of Sierra Club will be coordinated with other environmental organizations and are required to be consistent with the Club's Renewable Project Siting Policy.

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San Gorgonio Chapter Ballot

Voter Instructions

Please indicate your vote on this ballot, cut out and mail so it is received by
November 24, 2014, at 12 noon.
 Mail to: Sierra Club
 PO Box 708, Blue Jay, CA 92317-0708



Remember to print your name and address and sign your name on the outside of the envelope so ballots can be verified. If two ballots from a joint membership are enclosed, be sure to print name and address and sign for each ballot.

San Gorgonio Chapter Ballot
 (Please vote for 5 or fewer)

Opamago Agyemang

Bill Cunningham

Steve Farrell

Yassamin Kavezade

Mary Ann Ruiz

First Ballot

San Gorgonio Chapter Ballot
 (Please vote for 5 or fewer)

Opamago Agyemang

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Second Ballot (Joint Member)

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Sprog is the Subject of the November 4th Chapter Meeting

Chantal Biancardi and Tracey Walters (pictured L to R below) will share their experiences at Sprog this past summer. Sprog is the summer grassroots leadership training program conducted by the Sierra Club’s Student Coalition. The program begins at 7:30 PM Tuesday, November 4, at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.

Chantal is a political science major and Senate Pro Tempore at Riverside Community College. She is currently starting a campus environmental club and plans to attend UCLA next fall to become an environmental attorney. She says that it was her experiences at Sprog that lead her to set these goals.

Tracy lives in Upland and attends UC Riverside, where she is co-president of Sustainable UCR, the campus environmental club, and a leader in several other organizations, including the UCR Community Garden and the Medical Scholars Program. Tracey tells us, “Sprog is an amazing program that

brings a really diverse group of youth together to learn and grow together to support environmental goals in our community, the range of participants really blew my mind. From a 13-year-old activist to a 23-year-old student leader, this group had so many valuable and enriching perspectives to add to the learning process!”

A nationally recognized activist training program, Sprog provides its trainees with “a unique space to get the tools they need to launch and lead campaigns that win real change, connects them to a supportive network of passionate peers, teaches them how to confront oppression and create inclusive spaces for people of all backgrounds to succeed in their work, and helps them to develop their personal potentials as leaders.

Each summer about 200 young people attend Sprog trainings in every region of the country. This last summer’s Sprog in Southern California was held at the Sierra Club’s Harwood Lodge near San Antonio Falls above Mt. Baldy Village.



Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2014

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the January/February 2015 Calendar are due by December 1, 2014.

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

Most outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland, or Los Padres National Forests require a Forest Service permit for each vehicle (Adventure Pass). They are indicated by ** in the calendar. 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 without making arrangements with the leader & you don't have a permit or find a ride in a vehicle with a permit, you will not be able to attend the outing. You are expected to share the cost of the daily permits equally among everyone in the vehicle or a suggested \$.50 contribution from everyone for annual permits (above normal mileage contribution). America the Beautiful Interagency Passes may be used in lieu of Adventure Pass.

CARPPOOLING 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 GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 3, Apr 7, May 5, Oct 6, Nov 3. 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 GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. BIG BEAR GROUP

(1ST THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.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: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

(2ND THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July and 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 meeting except August, The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. The September 2013 meeting will be held at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens in Claremont and not at the church. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.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 WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. 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: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <scsangor@gmail.com>. 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

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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 and 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 and good hiking shoes. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 961-0731. MOJAVE GROUP

WED 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING 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 and 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 and 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
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 and 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, jacket & comfortable walking shoes. Wear layered clothing. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 961-0731 <Labelady@msn.com> MOJAVE GROUP

OCTOBER 27 – NOVEMBER 2

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

OCT 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: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <scsangor@gmail.com>. CHAPTER

OCT 29 (WED) 4:30 PM TWO TREES-BOX SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate to difficult 3-mile hike with some steep sections, elevation gain of 1200 feet. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: 430 2 Trees Rd., Riverside, 92507, in the dirt parking area past the Box Springs Park sign. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739 and CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

OCT 30- NOV 1 (THU-SAT) DEATH VLY WILDERNESS RESTORATIONSERVICE
Join us in restoring wilderness values in this remote and beautiful National Park. Current plan is to do some repair on one of the park's hiking trails and to clean up debris from a backcountry site. Trip requires four wheel drive to get to the work and camp sites. Camping will be primitive - bring everything you need, including water. Group size limited. LEADER: KATE ALLEN, kj.allen96@gmail.com, 661-944-4056. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

OCT 31-NOV 9 (FRI-SUN) DESERT WILDERNESS CELEBRATIONS
Join the Sierra Club's California/Nevada Wilderness Committee in a series of gatherings to celebrate the anniversaries of the Wilderness Act (50th) and the CA Desert Protection Act (20th). Starting the evening of Oct 31, joining NPS's "Mojave Fest" Nov 1, heading Nov 2 to Mecca Hills Wilderness and continuing as a moving campout in honor of both anniversaries. Ending at the Nov 8-9 Desert Committee in Saddleback Butte State Park. Attend one or both weekends plus any in-between time you can; for details as they develop; see www.caldesert20.org or contact VICKY HOOVER: vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org, 415-977-5527; JUDY ANDERSON, anderson-judith@att.net, 818-248-0402; or PAT FLANAGAN, patflanagan29@gmail.com. CNRCC WILDERNESS COMMITTEE

NOV 1 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT, SECTION D HIKE
This 11.5 mile hike is segment 10 Little Rock Creek Road to Mill Creek Summit, in a series of Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) hikes that will encompass all of Section D in 2014. Those individuals completing all thirteen segments will be eligible to receive a recognition patch signifying the accomplishment and the completion of 110.2 miles. This hike from Little Rock Creek (5320') parallels road 3n17 as it winds west 5.9 miles along several ridges to a shady gap (6645') near the Pacifico Mountain. You descend gradually through the same kind of terrain for 5.6 miles, finally arriving at Mill Creek Summit (4910). RATED: Moderate, MEET: Mill Creek Summit Ranger Station parking lot, BRING: the ten-essentials, sun-protection, 2.5 liters of water, and lunch. RESERVATIONS: LEADER, L.J. FOSTER at (951) 845-9440 or eljayeff@verizon.net BIG BEAR GROUP

****NOV 1 (SAT) 8:30 AM DELAMAR 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. RATED: This hike is 6.0 miles in distance and rated Moderate in difficulty. MEET: Hikers are to meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Cougar Crest T/H approximately 300 yards west of the Big Bear Discovery Center. We will car pool to Poligue Canyon Road and park near the PCT/Poligue Canyon Road crossing. BRING: two-liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hat, and trekking poles. National Forest Adventure Pass is required for parking. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER ED CALIENDO, at (442) 242-4103 or dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 1 (SAT) 8:30 AM JUNIPER FLATS HIKE
Hike with us to the Hidden Arch in Juniper Flats. RATING: This hike is approx. 3 miles round trip and is rated easy to moderate. There are interesting rock formations and some nice views. MEET: Hikers are to meet at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 (south of Bear Valley near Target on the east side) at 8:30 AM. BRING: 1 to 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection. WEAR: comfortable hiking shoes/boots. RESERVATIONS & INFO contact APPRENTICE LEADER: SUSAN STUEBER susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com or (760) 900 5330 MOJAVE GROUP

NOV 2 (SUN) 9:00 AM SAND/BOW CANYON LOOP HIKE
This is a 6.0 mile cross country hike below the southern ridge line of the Big Bear Valley. Part of the hike will be off trail. This is fun hike with a little adventure. If you want to join me for lunch following the hike just let me know. RATED: Moderated. MEET: We will meet at the Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 9:00 AM. BRING: Ten essentials, 2 liters of water and snacks also dress for the potential cold weather. RESERVATIONS: call LEADER, ED WALLACE at 909 584 9407 or email ednjane@charter.net BIG BEAR GROUP

NOVEMBER 3 – NOVEMBER 9

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

NOV 3 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 3, Apr 7, May 5, Oct 6, Nov 3. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOV 4 (TUE) ELECTION DAY • CIVIC DUTY Don't forget to vote!

NOV 4 (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

NOV 5 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 6 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

NOV 7 (FRI) 9:00 AM S B MTS, LITTLE GREEN VALLEY HIKE
We will hike up to Little Green Valley and explore the area which once had a post office and was the home of a Y camp. We will hike from the campground and make a loop back down again. Distance 4 to 5 miles--easy to moderate. Please MEET in Green Valley Lake at 9:00 in the parking lot across from the post office, right by the lake. BRING water and a snack. If interested, we will have lunch at one of our local spots. Please CALL LEADER, SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 to check on weather or with your questions. CO-LEADER, KARLA BARTON, 760-805-0782 or <kbarkus2000@yahoo.com>. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOV 8 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT SECT B: FULLER RIDGE TO DEVIL'S SLIDE HIKE
This is the final segment of our goal to complete Section B of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) in 2014. Starting on Fuller Ridge below the summit of Mt. San Jacinto, the PCT winds around the south face of San Jacinto Mountain, passes through Strawberry Junction, ascends to the Wellman Trail Junction (9000'), then descends to Saddle Junction where we take the Devil's Slide trail down to Idyllwild. This is a through-hike and will require transporting hikers, and high-clearance vehicles are needed. This is a 16.2 mile through-hike. RATING: Strenuous MEET: We will meet at the U.S. Forest Service Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549 in the parking lot at 7:30 AM. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, 3 liters of water, lunch, snacks, sun protection, sunglasses, camera, and trekking poles. This side of San Jacinto tends to have gnats so a bug net for the face may be a good idea. Snow or rain cancels. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER, L.J. FOSTER at (951) 845-9440 or eljayeff@verizon.net BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 9 (SUN) 8:30 AM SKYLINE TRAIL IN BIG BEAR LAKE HIKE
We will hike approximately 7 - 8 miles along the scenic Skyline Trail in Big Bear. This trail was recently built by the Big Bear Trails Foundation. The trail name "Skyline" is exactly what it is; it overlooks the valley behind Big Bear Mt, with great views, lots of trees, just a lovely hike. RATED: This hike is easy/moderate due to the length. MEET: at the Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA 92315. We will carpool to trailhead. BRING: ten essentials, 2 liters of water, lunch/snack, layered clothing, hat, and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, JUDY ATKINSON by calling or texting 909-289-1932 or email djatk57@gmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

NOVEMBER 10 – NOVEMBER 16

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

NOV 10 (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

NOV 11 (TUE) 9:00 AM UPPER MARSHALL CANYON HIKE
Things are looking "up" in "Upper" Marshall Canyon. This is a moderate rated, convoluted 4.5 mile R/T trek that winds its way via a 750' elevation gain to the loop's top. There's plenty of foliage and views on this one, thanks to the city of La Verne for making this a Regional Park for all to enjoy. BRING: water, sturdy boots, hiking sticks and layered clothing. CONFIRM BY NOV 10, 5:00 P.M.: Call LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 or e-mail jmwandjjw@hotmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

NOV 11 (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

NOV 12 (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: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

NOV 13 (THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July and 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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NOV 14 (FRI) 8:30 AM SILVER PEAK VIA 3N36 HIKE
This 9.0 mile hike utilizing Forest Service road 3N36 to get us to our final destination 6767' Silver Peak with its spectacular views of the high desert and Bighorn Mountains. RATED: Strenuous. MEET: We will meet at the Vons parking lot at 42170 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA at 8:30 AM. BRING: Ten essentials, 2 liters of water and snacks also dress for the potential cold weather. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, ED WALLACE (909) 584- 9407 or edjjeanne@charter.net
BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 15 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT, SECTION D HIKE
This 11.8 mile hike is segment 11 (Mill Creek Summit to Messenger Flats Campground), in a series of Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) hikes that will encompass all of Section D in 2014. Those individuals completing all thirteen segments will be eligible to receive a recognition patch signifying the accomplishment and the completion of 110.2 miles. From Mill Creek Summit (4910'), the PCT parallels Mt. Gleason Road 3N17 as it winds west 11.8 miles along several ridges, finally ending at the Messenger Flats campgrounds (5870'). RATED: Moderate, MEET: Mill Creek Summit Ranger Station parking lot, BRING: the ten-essentials, sun-protection, 3.0 liters of water, and lunch. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER, L.J. FOSTER (951) 845-9440 or eljayeff@verizon.net
BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 15 (SAT) 8:30 AM SOUTH LYKKEN TRAIL IN PALM SPRINGS HIKE
This one-way hike offers nice views of Palm Springs and the Coachella Valley and some glimpses into Tahquitz Canyon. The distance is relatively short at 4.5 miles but elevation gain is 850 ft. Most of the elevation change happens at the beginning and end, and this is the reason the hike is not rated easy. Optional lunch at a local restaurant after the hike is possible. RATED: Easy-Moderate in difficulty MEET: On the west side of Palm Canyon Drive at Mesquite. A closed car dealership is on the corner. We will leave some cars here and shuttle the remaining cars a short distance to the starting point. Coming from the west on I-10, take Highway 111, which becomes Palm Canyon Drive, most of the way through downtown Palm Springs to Mesquite. You are heading due south at that point. BRING: Ten essentials, trekking poles, layered clothing, sun protection, snack, 2-liters of water RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, DAVE MELTON at (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 15 (SAT) 8:30 AM PCT: I-15 TO CAJON SUMMIT HIKE
Come hike the PCT in Cajon Pass and learn about the John Brown Toll Road. The hike goes from Interstate 15 south to Cajon Summit. RATING: This hike is approx. 6 miles round trip and is rated moderate. MEET: Hikers meet at the McDonalds near the 138 off of the 15 freeway at 8:30 AM. BRING: 2 liters plus of water, sun protection, and snack/lunch. WEAR: layered clothing and comfortable hiking shoes/boots. RESERVATIONS & INFO: contact APPRENTICE HIKE LEADER, QUINTIN LAKE: (951) 315-7691 or: susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com. or contact JENNY WILDER at jensoasis@aol.com
MOJAVE GROUP

NOV 15 (SAT) 8:00 AM LAKE GREGORY FALL BIRD WALK
MEET: NORTH SHORE parking lot, across from Goodwin's (24089 Lake Gregory Drive, Crestline 92325). See which birds remain for the winter and possible winter arrivals as we walk around the lake (2.5 miles). Optional breakfast after the walk. LEADER: BILL ENGS (909-338-1910).
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOV 15 (SAT) 8:00 AM CEDAR SPRINGS HIKE
Join me on an approximately 7 mile moderately difficult hike that offers spectacular views of Palm Canyon and the Santa Rosa Mountains to the east and Garner Valley to the west. Hikers will get a good look at the extensive fire damage caused by last year's Mountain Fire. The trail begins by crossing private property the trail then narrows and we will climb a series of switchbacks for 1.3 miles to the junction with the PCT. As of this writing the trails are closed in three of the four directions. Rangers may reopen the Cedar Springs trail east of the PCT in November. If so this is the way we will go, hiking through the burned area. If we are able to use this trail the hike will have about 1700' of elevation gain/loss. If this trail is closed we will travel south on the PCT for about 1 mile past the junction. This trail offers great desert views and of the Salton Sea. We will also get views of the southern edge of the fire damage, but will not be able to walk through it. Using this trail the elevation gain/loss is reduced to about 1400'. Hikers will need sturdy hiking shoes because the trail is loaded with stones. You will also need Sunscreen, 3 liters of water lunch and snacks and dress in layers. No permits are required. Directions: From Hemet take Route 74 past Lake Hemet toward Garner Valley, Turn left on Morris Ranch Rd. then about 4 miles up the paved road to the trailhead. If you are coming from Temecula via 79 south and the 371 turn left from the 371 and travel west toward mountain center for 2.5-3 miles and turn right on Morris Ranch. RESERVATIONS 7 INFO: contact LEADER BOB AUDIBERT at bob.takeahike1@gmail.com or (951)302-1059. Rain cancels.
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

NOV 15-16 (SAT-SUN) CARRIZO PLAIN EXPLORATORY SERVICE
Pronghorn antelope will not jump fences to escape predators but rather attempt to crawl under. Our service on Saturday will either remove or modify several sections of fence to facilitate this mobility. Sunday will be, at the choice of the group, either a hike in the Caliente Range or else a tour of popular viewing areas in the plains. This is an opportunity to combine carcamping, day-hiking, exploring, and service in a relatively unknown wilderness. LEADER: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, (310-477-6670) craig.deutsche@gmail.com,
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

NOV 16 (SUN) 8:30AM PCT: SPLINTERS CABIN TO HOLCOMB CREEK HIKE
Starting in Deep Creek near Lake Arrowhead, hike on the Pacific Crest Trail east from Splinters Cabin to Holcomb Camp. We will have lunch at the creek. Distance; 8 miles RT with 800 ft. elevation gain and loss. BRING: 2 quarts water, lunch and jacket. Call leader for meeting place to car pool. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOVEMBER 17 – NOVEMBER 23

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NOV 18 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except August. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. The September 2013 meeting will be held at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens in Claremont and not at the church. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

NOV 20 (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 WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org
BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 22 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT: MESSENGER FLATS-SOLEDAD CANYON RD HIKE
This 14.2 mile hike is segment 12 (Messenger Flats Campground to Soledad Canyon Road), in a series of Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) hikes that will encompass all of Section D in 2014. Those individuals completing all thirteen segments will be eligible to receive a recognition patch signifying the accomplishment and the completion of 110.2 miles. From Messenger Flats CG (5870'), the PCT this hike descends west 5.5 miles to Road 4N32 (4210') near North Fork Saddle Ranger Station. Here the PCTY turns north and continues its descent 4.3 miles to Mattox Canyon Creek (2685'). It is another 4.4 miles to Soledad Canyon Road (2237'). RATED: Moderate, BRING: the ten-essentials, sun-protection, 3.0 liters of water, and lunch. MEET: Messenger Flats Campgrounds parking lot at 7:30 AM. RESERVATIONS: LEADER, L.J. FOSTER (951) 845-9440 or eljayeff@verizon.net.
BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 22 (SAT) 8:30 AM DEEP CREEK CANYON HIKE
Explore the historic 'Ditch' and Hesperia Water Supply of the 1880's with commentary. This easy 8 mile outing through the 'Grand canyon' of the Mojave Desert is quite stunning. Bring layered clothing, water, a snack, camera and sturdy footwear. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 at 8.30am. If you have questions call LEADER NORMAN BLOSSOM 760-912-3725.
MOJAVE GROUP

NOV 23 (SUN) 8:30 AM WHITEWATER PRESERVE HIKE
Come hike through some of the area proposed for the Sand to Snow National Monument, along part of the Pacific Crest Trail. Round trip about 9 miles, 1500 ft of gain. There are a couple of water crossings which can be interesting. WEAR hiking boots to navigate the rocky wash, water, snacks and lunch. Most of the hike is in the sun so bring sunscreen and wear a hat, weather can be iffy in November so bring jackets also. COST: \$15 park entrance fee or National Parks pass required. Rain cancels .MEET: Contact leader for meeting place in Ontario area at 8:30 or at the preserve at 9:30. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379 or ruizmaryann@gmail.com .
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

NOVEMBER 24 – NOVEMBER 30

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NOV 25 (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: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <scsangor@gmail.com>.
CHAPTER

NOV 29 (SAT) 8:30 AM DEEP CREEK CANYON HIKE
This continued exploration from 22 November's outing, of the Ditch and Hesperia Water Supply of the 1880's, with commentary is along the Northern Section above Mojave River Basin View the pipeline and syphon system up close. This easy 4 mile outing features wonderful views across the Mojave River basin. Be prepared for wet feet towards the end of this outing. Bring layered clothing, water, a snack, camera and sturdy footwear. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 at 8.30am. INFO: call LEADER NORMAN BLOSSOM on 760-912-3725.
MOJAVE GROUP

DECEMBER 1 – DECEMBER 7

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DEC 2 (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

DEC 3 (WED) 8:00 AM MARSHALL CANYON WILDERNESS PARK HIKE
This will be a 10 mile loop hike with the exception of the last 2 miles. The overall elevation gain about 1600 feet. Marshall Canyon features an all year stream which attracts bear, deer and mountain lions. Our hike will go to some of the outer reaches of the park. RESERVATIONS: LEADER JOE WHYTE 909-949-0899 or whytejoe@msn.com .LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DEC 3 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org.
BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 6 (SAT) 8:00 AM STODDARD PEAK HIKE
This will be a moderate/strenuous hike up Barrett Canyon to the top of Stoddard Peak (elevation 4624 ft), 6 miles round trip with 1100 ft. elevation gain. The hike in Barrett Canyon is easy and goes past some charming cabins. The last half mile up Stoddard Peak is a steep scramble. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair to confirm and for directions to trailhead and carpooling meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR at 909-983-8501 or john@stclairs.us.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DEC 6 (SAT) 8:00 AM ARRASTRE CANYON HIKE
Approx 5 mile hike exploring parts of lower and upper Arrastre Canyon area. Moderate with some gradual climbs. Explore this hidden, local area treasure, enjoy the magnificent views of the valley. Bring layered clothing, 3 liters of water, snacks, camera and hiking poles, wear sturdy hiking shoes. Meeting time 8.30am. MEET: For location and carpooling information please contact: LEADER CAROL STUBBLEFIELD 760 964 0039 yorkshirerose1@juno.com
MOJAVE GROUP

DEC 6 (SAT) 8:30 AM MECCA HILLS: PAINTED CANYON/LADDER CANYON HIKE
This is a MUST hike! The Painted Canyon and Ladder Canyon Loop is in the northeast corner of the Coachella Valley within the Mecca Hills. This hike cuts through twisted and exotic Painted Canyon and the hiker uses a series of ladders to climb the Painted Canyon area. This is a 5.0 mile hike taking 4 to 5 hours to complete the loop. RATING: Easy/moderate. MEET: Take I-10 to Spot Light 29 Casino, Dillon Road off-ramp and look for TA Travel Center gas station signage. Meet in parking lot under the TA Travel sign. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2-liters of water, lunch/snack, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. Hikers should wear long pants or 2-in-1 pants. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER, ED CALIENDO (442) 242-4103 or dogs111@msn.com.BIG BEAR GROUP

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Group News

Big Bear Group By Ed Wallace, Group Chair

ELECTIONS

Below is the ballot for our upcoming elections for members of our executive committee. These members will set the direction of the group for 2015. The executive committee consists of nine members with five elected one year and four on the following year. If you are a member of the Big Bear Group, please vote and become involved.

Big Bear Group Elections for 2015

Please vote for no more than five and mail to arrive on or before
November 30, 2014.

Mail to: Big Bear Group Sierra Club
PO Box 3048, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Print your name and address and sign your name on the outside of the envelope along with your signature. In the case of a joint membership, both should print their name and sign. This is required to verify membership.

<p>Big Bear Group Ballot (Please vote for 5 or fewer)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ed Wallace</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Claudia Eads</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Don Jordan</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Glenda Akins</p> <p><input type="radio"/> George Watson Jones</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>First Ballot</i></p>	<p>Big Bear Group Ballot (Please vote for 5 or fewer)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ed Wallace</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Claudia Eads</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Don Jordan</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Glenda Akins</p> <p><input type="radio"/> George Watson Jones</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Second Ballot (Joint Membership)</i></p>
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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Those that live in Big Bear can already feel winter starting to make its presence known as temperatures are starting to drop below freezing at nights – which means that our annual potluck holiday party, the Jack Frost Feast is just around the corner. Bring a dish to share and join us on November 20th at 6:30 PM at the Discovery Center for this popular event. What twist will be put on our prize give away? You will only know if you come.

The Jack Frost Feast will be our last general meeting of the month. In deference to the winter weather we will not have meetings in December, January and February. As the executive committee sets the programs for next year, you can be a help if you will let us know what monthly meeting subjects would be of interest to you. Give us your ideas! Send an e mail to me at rushewallace@yahoo.com.

CONSERVATION

Ed Wallace represented the group at a meeting with the consultants and City of Big Bear Lake on a bike and hiking path being planned along Rathbun Creek from the Big Bear Lake to Sand Canyon just east of Bear Mountain ski resort. As a part of this project the creek will become more meandering in nature and some of the original wetland will be restored. It is hoped that this path, which parallels Moonridge Blvd., will also help to revitalize the business district along this corridor.

The Big Bear Group continues to participate in the Sawmill Pebble Plain preservation project. Since the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust has acquired the High Timber Ranch Property that borders the Pebble Plain, 15 truckloads of trash have been removed from the property including 44 truck and auto tires, a spa, a fireplace insert, and uncounted numbers of couches, chairs, mattresses and televisions. As this cleanup effort has progressed, many access roads that facilitated trash dumping, illegal wood cutting and degradation of the Sawmill and Villa Grove Pebble Plains have been closed and

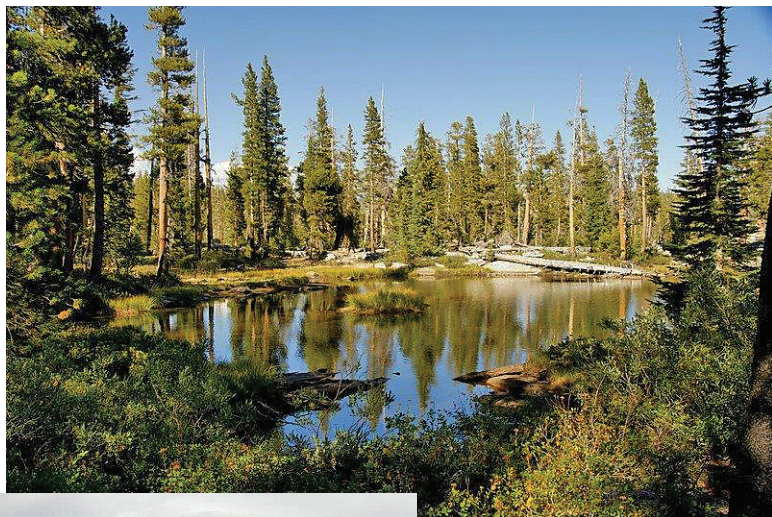
fencing around these sensitive environmental assets have been repaired. This has mostly been accomplished by a small dedicated group of volunteers. Much more needs to be done. If you would like to be part of this group of action-minded people, please contact Ed Wallace at rushewallace@yahoo.com.

OUTINGS – A Visit to Ansel Adams Wilderness, by Ed Caliendo, Outings Chair

In late August, a group of seven experienced backpackers visited the Ansel Adams Wilderness located in Northern California, approximately 500+ miles from Los Angeles and our home in the San Bernardino Mountains. The planned trip allowed for two full days of driving to reach and return from the remote wilderness area. The Ansel Adams Wilderness, named after the famous photographer after his death in 1984 is located north of Fresno and Oakhurst, California, off of Hwy 41 and within the Inyo National Park.

The entire Ansel Adams Wilderness spans 231,533 acres. Our visit consisted of visiting only a small 12-mile Lillian Lake Loop. Because of the distance in driving, as well as elevation change to 8810', we spent our first night at the nearby Bowler Group Campground. The next day we began our trek for the Fernandez trail (7512') and backpacked 6.4 miles to our future base camp at Staniford Lakes (8810'). See photo below. We camped adjacent to large glacier-smoothed rock slabs above Staniford Lake where we enjoyed both colorful sunrises and sunsets.

On our way to our base camp at Staniford Lakes, we stopped at



Vandenburg Lake (8650'). From our base camp we day-hiked to six other nearby lakes: Lady Lake (8908'), Chittenden Lake (9182'), Lillian Lake (8868'), Flat Lake (8920'), Anne Lake (9503') and Rainbow Lake (9258').

One of our stranger experiences was dealing with isolation. We saw no other

people or contact with the outside world during our five-day stay in the Ansel Adams Wilderness; however, we did see deer and other smaller creatures, but no bears. We saw other backpackers only upon entering and exiting the Wilderness. Five days without contact with the busy world! What a wonderful experience!

If you would like to visit the Ansel Adams Wilderness in 2015, be sure to contact Ed Caliendo, at dogs111@msn.com.

Mojave Group By Jenny Wilder, Group Chair

Explore Enjoy Protect

This November, the Mojave Group is holding their elections to the Executive Committee. Please take the time to find the Mojave Group ballot, cut it out and send it in before Nov 30.

The ExCom works hard to provide many services to our members. We plan and organize a selection of walks and hikes, we keep track of some of the important issues that affect our area, and we provide updates for the members at our monthly meetings and on our Facebook Page (Mojave Group Sierra Club). If you would like to join our efforts on the ExCom please email Jenny Wilder JensOasis@aol.com or call 760 220-0730. Did you know that you can look at the page without having to “sign in” to Facebook. If you do have a Facebook page yourself, you can click “like” and receive updates from us on a regular basis, post comments and join our discussions. Facebook is just one more way that we are trying to touch base with as many of our members as possible.

**MOJAVE GROUP EXCOM ELECTION
FOR 2014 - 2015
PLEASE VOTE!!**

Please vote for no more than 7 persons to serve on the Executive Committee, sign your ballot, and mail it so that it is received no later than **30 November** to:

Jenny Wilder
19607 Sandy Ln, Apple Valley, CA 92308

Susan Stueber _____; Carol Wiley _____; Bryan Baker _____;
Bill Spreng _____; Sheila Garrison _____;
_____ (write in vote);
_____ (write in vote)

Remember to print your name and address and sign your name on the outside of the envelope so ballots can be verified. If two ballots from a joint membership are enclosed, be sure to print names and address and for each ballot.

Rush for renewable energy on public lands:

The most significant threat to the Mojave Desert at this time is the “gold rush” for renewable energy. Not everyone is able to read the 8,000 page Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS documents (<http://drecp.org/>), but together we can make a difference. The deadline for comments is Friday, January 9, 2015, please read as much as you can to become more informed and share your findings with us. Join us at the Executive Committee meetings at 6pm just prior to the general meeting at 7pm on the second Wednesday of every month (except July and August).

Wind farms, solar plants, or National Landscape Conservation System lands?

There is growing support to include the Juniper Sub Region and nearby Granite Mountains in the National Landscape Conservation System lands. The Juniper Flats Area south of Apple Valley offers fantastic hiking opportunities and views. There are fields of majestic boulders and the many hills

Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

November 4 is Election Day. Voters in Moreno Valley will have a chance to decide the recall for district 5 and select a new councilmember at the same time as voting on the recall. The person with the highest vote total will become the new council member if the recall passes. Other items on the ballot include electing councilmembers for districts 2 & 4, electing MVUSC board members, a school bond issue, & reapportionment of the councilmembers' districts from the current five down to four and the direct election of the mayor. Make sure you read the information about a direct election of the mayor. There is much more in this

VOTE SMART!

that the title leads you to believe. All of these are important issues & taking the time to vote makes a difference.

Our fall newsletter will have a ballot for our group elections.

Please take time to vote and make a donation to support the Moreno Valley Group's work. Thank you!

The Moreno Valley Group will be selling 2015 Sierra Club wall and desk calendars to support Sierra Club work. These beautiful calendars (see samples below) make wonderful gifts for family and friends. Please e-mail us at movalleygroup@yahoo.com if you would like to purchase some calendars.

The Moreno Valley Group has been following the approval process for the proposed World Logistics Center (WLC). The proposed 41,600,000 square foot warehouse project would put 41,600,000 square feet of warehouses on 2,710 acres of land south of Highway 60. If built, it would share a two-mile border with the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, home to threatened/ endangered species as well as more than 20 species of raptors. The final environmental documents may be released sometime in November for all to review. Please plan on attending planning commission and city council public hearings on the WLC. You can speak or attend and to support those who speak. It is important that all voices be heard in the planning process. Please contact planner Mark Gross at: markg@moval.org & (951) 413-3215 for more information & to be notified of all meetings.

Donations are needed to help us as we work to provide strong comments on the World Logistic Center project. Your very important donations will and have been used to support our ability to hire experts to review the documents. 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 who have made donations—your strong support makes a difference!

Related to the proposed WLC project, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing the "SR-60 Truck Climbing Lanes Project" through The Badlands east of Moreno Valley. The project would construct truck climbing (eastbound), truck descending lanes (westbound) and make road shoulder improvements. Caltrans held a public hearing and comments were due August 11. Caltrans is still working on addressing the public comments submitted on the project. The Project Development Team will make

a decision on the project; but their decision is not final until the environmental review process is complete and the environmental document is approved. The environmental document may be completed during the first quarter of 2015. Information related to the proposed project can be found at the District 8 web page, information below. Contact for the project is: James Shankel, Caltrans, 464 W. Fourth St., 6th Floor Mail Station 827, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400, email: Climblinglane@dot.ca.gov You should request a full environmental impact report be done to fully analyze all of the project's impacts and ask that warehouse developers should pay a large portion of the cost instead of having taxpayers pick up the tab. Planning documents can be found at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist8/projects/riverside/sr60truckclimbing/index.htm>

Information on the Riverside County General Plan Update, schedule of public outreach & public hearings before the planning commission and county supervisors can be found at: <http://planning.rctlma.org/Portals/0/Production%20Schedule%209-1-14.pdf> Public outreach meetings will be held January 2015–February 2015 before the final environmental documents are released. Please consult their web page to confirm the dates & locations of all meetings. Contact for more information: Kristi Lovelady, KLOVELAD@rctlma.org ,



tel: (951) 955-0781. E-mail her to be sent all notices of meetings and documents related to the general plan update.

The ProLogis Eucalyptus Industrial Park, a project which would put six distribution warehouses (2,244,419 square feet) on 122 acres of land south of Highway 60 between Moreno Beach Road and Redlands Blvd. The final environmental impact report on the updated project is now available & should be posted on the

city's web site, www.moval.org The project was continued until the October 14 council meeting. For more information contact: Jeff Bradshaw, Assoc. Planner, City of Moreno Valley, (951) 413-3224, jeffreyb@moval.org

Riverside County planners are still working on the revised version of the 9,000 unit Villages of Lakeview project on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. The revised environmental documents may be available by April 2015. Contact Matt Straite at MSTRAITE@rctlma.org or (951) 955-8631 for more information.

For information hours and visitors fees for Lake Perris State Recreation Area please see: <https://www.facebook.com/Lakeperris> & http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651 Notice that Bernasconi Beach access will be closed due to the repair of the dam.

There is a Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board

hike, Saturday, January 25, 2015, Hike to Lake Terri Peak (Difficult), 7:30 a.m.; meet in the parking lot in front of Landmark Middle School, 15261 Legendary Drive, MV. Verify all information at (951) 413-3703 and http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/resident_services/park_rec/trails.shtml#hikes to see their listing for more hikes.



Check our group Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/MorenoValleySierraClub> & our web page http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley



Mountains Group Ballot

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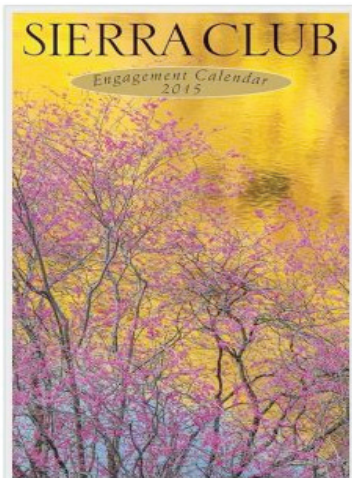
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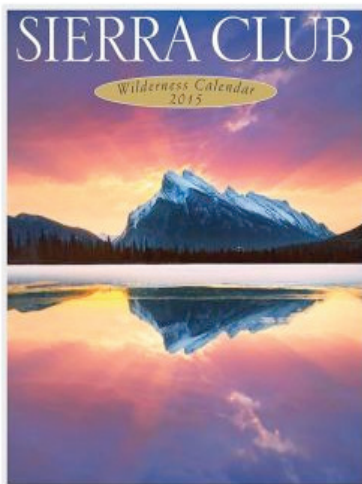
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DEC 6-7 (SAT-SUN) 1:00 PM S B MTS KELLER HUT GATHERING
You are invited to join us for our annual holiday celebration at Keller Hut. You may arrive any time after 1 PM on Saturday. We provide turkey and dressing for dinner, plus tea and coffee. Please BRING a suitable potluck dish to serve six, and cold beverages, plus a "white elephant" gift to exchange. You are welcome to stay overnight, and join us for a communal breakfast, followed by a hike on Sunday AM. RESERVATIONS & INFO: OVERSEER: DAVE BARRIE, 909-337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

DECEMBER 8 – DECEMBER 14
Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

DEC 9 (TUE) 9:00 AM POTATO MOUNTAIN HIKE
Let's "peel" up together and visit the potato. This moderate, 5 mile R/T jaunt, has a 1,200' elevation gain. It starts off in shady Evey Canyon and after reaching the saddle, we have exposures offering great views of the cities of Upland and Claremont. BRING: water, sturdy boots, hiking sticks and layered clothing. Please call to CONFIRM by DEC 8, 5:00 p.m. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 or e-mail jmwandjw@hotmail.com . LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DEC 9 (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

DEC 10 (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: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

DEC 11 (THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July and 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

DEC 13 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT, SOLEDAD CANYON RD TO AGUA DULCE HIKE
This is the final segment of our PCT Section D challenge (Soledad Canyon Road to Agua Dulce). This final segment is 9.7 miles. This hike gets high marks because the last 1.5 miles pass through the spectacular Vasquez Rocks County Park. After leaving Soledad Canyon road, we quickly ford the Santa Clara River (2,205') and cross Southern Pacific railroad tracks (2243') before reaching a trio of power lines and Young Canyon road (2960'). The PCT turns NW for 4.9 miles to a tunnel under Antelope Valley Highway 14(2370') in Escondido Canyon road (2510'). Only one more mile to reach Agua Dulce post office and general store, were Section D ends. RATED: Moderate, Those individuals completing all thirteen segments will be eligible to receive a recognition patch signifying the accomplishment and the completion of 110.2 miles. BRING: the ten-essentials, sun-protection, 2.5 liters of water, and lunch. MEET: U.S. Post Office in Russ, CA located off of Hwy 14 and Soledad Canyon Road, in the parking lot at 7:30 AM. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, L.J. FOSTER at (951) 845-9440 or eljayeff@verizon.net. BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER BOTTOM BIRD WALK
MEET: at Sierra Club Office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside 92501. LEADER: BILL ENGS (909-338-1910). Bill will guide you to the birds. Breakfast at local restaurant after walk (optional). SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

DEC 13 (SAT) 9:00 AM WEST FORK MOJAVE RIVER RIDGE HIKE
This easy 5 mile outing has wonderful views across Summit Valley including the River and the historic Los Flores Ranch. On the ridge there is an abundance of wildlife and wild life 'sign'. It is an exposed area so participants must BRING warm clothing. Also, water, a snack, sturdy footwear and a camera. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 at 9am. Any questions call LEADER NORMAN BLOSSOM on 760-912-3725. MOJAVE GROUP

DEC 14 (SUN) 8:00 AM JUNIPER FLATS HIKE
Hike up the Bonita Vista Trail and on to Cottonwood Canyon in the Juniper Flats ACEC (Area of Critical Environmental Concern). RATING: this hike is 6+ round trip and is rated moderate. There are nice views of the High Desert and many interesting rock formations. MEET: Hikers are to meet at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Bring 2liters+ of water per person, snack/lunch, sun protection. WEAR: comfortable hiking shoes/boots and layered clothing. CONTACT: APPRENTICE HIKE LEADER QUINTIN LAKE phone (951) 315-7691 or email susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com or contact CAROL WILEY at (760) 245-8734 or email desertlily1@verizon.net MOJAVE GROUP

DECEMBER 15 – DECEMBER 21
Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

DEC 16 (TUE) 9:00 AM GREEN VALLEY LAKE RIDGE SNOWSHOE/HIKE
Join us for a snowshoe/hike around Green Valley Lake with beautiful views of the high desert. We will hike or snowshoe depending on conditions. Distance: about 5 miles, easy to moderate. No snowshoe experience necessary. BRING your own snowshoes, layered clothing, water, and snack. MEET: in Green Valley Lake across from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341) at 9:00 A.M. RESERVATION & INFO: CALL for information, weather conditions and to confirm you are coming. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 or <fsellis67@gmail.com>. CO-LEADER, KARLA BARTON, 760-805-0782 or <kbarkus2000@yahoo.com>. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

DEC 16 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except August, The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. The September 2013 meeting will be held at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens in Claremont and not at the church. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DEC 20 (SAT) 7:30 AM JTNP: LOST HORSE MINE LOOP TRAIL HIKE
This hike takes you past the abandoned stamp mill of the Lost Horse Mine about 2 miles from the parking area, then climbs a small ridge for some really great views of Joshua Tree National Park, including Pleasant Valley and volcanic Malapai Hill. From there, we'll descend past a few smaller

claims, up another ridge, and across pinyon/juniper habitat which leads to a fairly flat wash lined with Joshua trees and nolina. This is an 8.4 mile loop hike so we'll end where we park without backtracking. RATING: Moderate due to relatively rough trail segments. MEET: We will meet at the Joshua Tree Visitor Center, 6554 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree, CA 92252 in the parking lot at 7:30 AM. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, 3 liters of water, lunch, snacks, sun protection, sunglasses, camera, and trekking poles. Rain or snow cancels. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER, L.J. FOSTER at (951) 845-9440 or eljayeff@verizon.net BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 20 (SAT) 9:00 AM OZZIERS TRAIL HIKE
This moderate 6 mile outing starts with a climb of 1000 feet over two miles. The views over the Victor Valley and surrounding area are spectacular. The flats at the top of this Trail are excellent so bring your camera. Also, bring warm clothing, water, a snack and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 at 9am. INFO: call LEADER NORMAN BLOSSOM on 760-912-3725. MOJAVE GROUP

DECEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 28
Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

DEC 29-JAN 2 (MON-FRI) HOLIDAY IN CARRIZO PLAIN SERVICE
Once again we return to the Carrizo Plain to celebrate the end of the year and to offer service to the pronghorn antelope in this National Monument. Lying between Bakersfield and San Luis Obispo, this vast grassland is home to pronghorn antelope, tule elk, kit fox, and a wide variety of birds. A welcome hike Dec. 29, two and a half days of service modifying barbed wire fencing, and a full day for hiking and exploring are planned. Use of accommodations at one of the old ranch houses is included. LIMITED to 12 participants, \$30 covers four dinners and breakfast on New Year's morning. RESERVATIONS & INFO: contact LEADER: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, (310-477-6670) CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 29 – JANUARY 4
Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

JAN 4 (SUN) 8:00 AM PUSHAWALLA PLATEAU HIKE
This moderate hike up to Pushawalla Plateau and pass area affords great views of Pleasant Valley area of Joshua Tree, and in the opposite direction, Mt. San Jacinto and the Santa Rose Mountains and Palm Springs valley. About 6.5 miles round trip, we gain 1000 feet up to the pass. Trailhead is at the end of Geology Tour Road, a dirt road that can be impassable after rain. We will do an alternate JT hike if road is not passable. WEAR layers, hiking boots, bring plenty of water, snacks and lunch. Carpooling recommended, \$15 park entrance fee or National Parks pass required. MEET: Contact leader for meeting place. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379 or ruizmaryann@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

COMING UP
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FEB 8-10 (SUN-TUE) 8:30 AM JOSHUA TREE SAMPLER CAR CAMP
Save these dates and come out to Joshua Tree, spend Sunday through Monday camping at Sheep Pass Group Campsite. We will hike, explore, relax and have a "Best Camping food Cook-off" potluck to share Sunday night. Campsite is reserved, \$10 per night per participant for site, any extra will go to Los Serranos group. COST: \$15 park entrance fee or National Parks pass required. INFO: Contact leader for more info and watch Jan-Feb Palm and Pine for further info. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379 or ruizmaryann@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

(1ST FRI) 8:00 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 I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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NOV 7 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
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NOV 19 (WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
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NOV 21 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
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DEC 5 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
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DEC 17 (WED) 6:30 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 I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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Santa Margarita Group

By Teri Biancardi

The Santa Margarita group kicked off its first meeting after the summer break with a presentation on a topic no Southern Californian can ignore — the drought. There was not a lot of comfort in what our Rancho Water representative had to say, but it's clear that this third year of drought is focussing minds and changing behavior. People have been ripping out their lawns in droves, maybe in response to high water bills, or because of the turf rebates, or both, but Rich Williamson told the audience the message of conservation is getting through, none too soon, as the prospect of a wet El Niño year fades.

We're continuing the theme of water with a presentation on climate-friendly landscaping for October, and in general, we're very excited about the speakers and subjects we have planned for the next eight months.

Our monthly meetings are only a small part of what the Santa Margarita Group gets up to, however. In September, Gary Marsalone led an early morning 9-miler in Idyllwild, while our newest hike leader Margaret Meyncke led a fun and gentle two-and-a-bit mile hike on the San Juan Loop trail which even managed to fit in a trip to a candy store! She's also leading a three-miler on October 11th on the Agua Caliente Trail in Warner Springs which is a section of the PCT. Margaret's hikes are aimed at people who want to get out and experience nature, but may not be quite as ambitious in their distance or elevation changes than some of the more sturdy of us. And they dovetail with our Outdoor Families program.

We've also got a bike ride to Oceanside and back on the San Luis Rey River trail on October 19th, and not to be outdone, our Activities Director Laurie Webster has organized a spooktacular event for that same evening, an Old Town Temecula Candlelight Walking/Ghost Tour, at 6:30 pm. Then on the 25th we have a challenging hike along the Fuller Ridge Trail in Idyllwild again. Finally, Bob Audiberg is leading a 7-miler at Cedar Springs on Nov. 15th.

Specific to Outdoor Families, our environmental education meet-up for homeschooled students, we've had a well-attended apple picking excursion in Sunshine Summit and later in October we'll visit Pelzer Farm in Temecula wine country, followed by a docent-led Santa Margarita River hike. For more information on this offshoot of our group, go to <http://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Families/>

Back in the city, the SMG has been asked by local middle and high school teachers to help with their environmental units. Pam Nelson, a former high school science teacher herself, met with a number of teachers and shared ideas — she's also hooking them up with other experts who would be willing to come speak to students.

The SMG also had a table at the September "Walk for the Wild" event in Claremont — which was an important event celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

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Political Update

By Jono Hildner, San Geronio Chapter Political Chair



SIERRA CLUB ENDORSEMENTS for November 4, 2014. IF WE DON'T VOTE, MOTHER EARTH LOSES!



Proposition 1 – State Water Board
No position

Statewide Offices

- Attorney General Kamala Harris
- Controller Betty Yee
- Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones
- Secretary of State Alex Padilla
- Supt of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson
- Treasurer John Chiang

Congressional Offices

- Congressional District 31 Pete Aguilar
- Congressional District 36 Dr. Raul Ruiz
- Congressional District 41 Mark Takano

State Senate Districts

- Senate District 20 Connie Leyva

Assembly Districts

- Assembly District 40 Kathleen Henry
- Assembly District 42 Karalee Hargrove

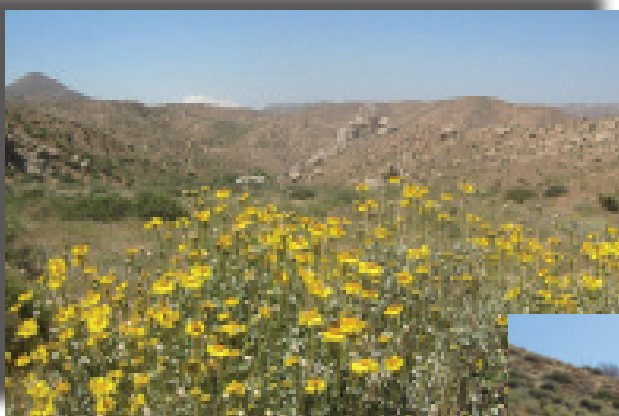
Local Elections

- City of Riverside Measure L NO
- City of Temecula City Council Matt Rahn



Mojave Group . . . from Page 6

hide numerous seeps and springs in the dips showcasing unusual plant assemblages (UPAs). In the spring we look forward to lovely wildflower displays and Arrastre Canyon (pictured here) is home to the grey-green Mojave Indian Paintbrush (*Castilleja plagio-toma*) which is included in the CNPS Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants. This area is threatened by a foreign company (E.ON Climate & Renewables) which would like to develop the North Peak Wind Farm. The E.ON map even shows a



wind turbine on top of Round Mountain which is listed in the Hundred Peaks Section of the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club (<http://www.peakbagger.com/list.aspx?lid=5052>).

Come hike with us!

We are pleased to announce that three new leaders successfully completed the Outings Training this year (Carol Stubblefield, Susan Stueber and Quintin Lake). Look for their hikes in the calendar section and please support them with your



Dodge Bullet . . . from Page 1

are burned alive in flight or, alternatively, have their feathers melted, resulting in a lingering death.

There are three of these power towers at the controversial Ivanpah Solar project in San Bernardino County, developed by a company called BrightSource. The towers are immense: each 450' high, surrounded by tens of thousands of mirrors on 6 square miles. Workers at Ivanpah callously call the flaming birds "streamers." Federal investigators mounted a sting operation where they observed these incineration events very few minutes. Expert testimony before the California Energy Commission (CEC) estimated that the mortality caused by a fully functioning Ivanpah power tower could be 28,000 birds a year.

But in addition to its extreme environmental impacts, the evidence shows that the Ivanpah power towers are having significant technical problems. According to the California Independent System Operator daily reports, Ivanpah has been plagued with outages since it came online in January. During the month of September for instance, there wasn't a single day that all three Ivanpah units were generating at rated capacity. On 21 days of the month, one or more units reported as completely offline. And for 6 of those days, all three units were out! This project got some of the biggest federal stimulus monies of all, so one has to wonder: will Ivanpah prove to be the next Solyndra?

Palen SEGS is Ivanpah on steroids

Not withstanding Ivanpah's unsettling track record, its developer BrightSource recently applied to CEC for a permit to build more power towers—this time on the southern flank of Joshua Tree National Park, and within the Pacific Flyway for migratory birds on their epic journey between the southern and northern hemisphere each year. The project was named Palen SEGS, and this time the towers were to be twice as tall as Ivanpah—an astounding 750' high each, and potentially twice as deadly to birds according to CEC staff.

The troops rallied when the CEC initiated its review of the Palen power towers. Joshua Tree National Park wrote a letter enumerating the project's impacts to resident Golden Eagles and other protected species, as well as the fact that the painfully bright light from the towers would be visible from a vast proportion of the Park's pristine wilderness areas. The Colorado River Indian Tribes hired the top law firm of Shute Milhaly to defend against the landscape-level damage this project would inflict on their cultural heritage. The Center for Biological Diversity countered the developer's specious claims that the technology would be biologically benign. Stalwarts, Basin and Range Watch and La Cuna de Azatlan intervened. Sierra Club and National Parks Conservation Association also petitioned to intervene against the project, but were denied.

Mysterious withdrawal of application

Then, in a surprise move late last month, after receiving a potential green light from CEC, BrightSource summarily withdrew its application for Palen! What was that all about?

Did Palen fall of its own weight? BrightSource claimed the reason was uncertainty that the 30% investment tax credit would be renewed at the end of 2016 — but didn't they know that all along? Did the withdrawal have more to do with all those outages that have continued to plague its Ivanpah project? Did united environmental and Native American opposition tip the scales?

We may never know what brought Palen down, but one thing is for sure: there has to be a less destructive way to ramp up solar energy than these Rube-Goldberg power tower contraptions creating huge cones of heat just to run a conventional generator. Three cheers for Sierra Club's new "My Generation" campaign to ramp up rooftop solar PV. Local renewables and energy efficiency are the optimal way to protect the environment and also put jobs where they belong—in our communities!



participation. We look forward to many varied and interesting hikes in the local area. Carol has already braved her first hike in the Juniper Flats area to enjoy the views and to take a closer look at where the North Peak Wind Farm is being proposed. Susan has planned a relatively easy hike to explore the rock formations and views in the Juniper Flats area and Quintin has



planned a hike on the PCT in the Cajon Pass. Norman Bossom, who completed the training last year, continues to offer several hikes with a touch of local history.

We look forward to seeing you on the trail!

Measure L . . . from Page 1

certainly lead to more efforts to pave over other irreplaceable open spaces and agricultural areas unique to Riverside, damaging the quality of life.

Measure L claims to "save" the hills bordering Norco. But the hills' scenic value is amply protected now by existing low density zoning, home clustering incentives and city grading standards.

Riverside residents, with Sierra Club support, voted three times to protect these lands. First Prop. R in 1979 established zoning for the river area at one house per five acres. Then Measure C in 1987 maximized open space by grouping the homes allowed by Prop. R away from the hills and river. Developers tried to repeal the laws with Measure E in 1989. But Riverside voters again upheld R & C, rejecting E by 77 percent.

We urge Chapter members living in Riverside to urge all their family, friends and neighbors to Vote No on Measure L on November 4th. All Chapter members need to urge family and friends who live in Riverside to Vote No on Measure L.

Visit www.protectriverside.com for more information or call (951) 780-4749 to volunteer. And please use social media to encourage family and friends to Vote No on L also.



Santa Margarita Group . . . from Page 9

The team on the Murrieta Creek Trail project is announcing a logo contest, based on the concept of "connections" with the river connecting the four cities and its residents to nature. It will be offered to art and design students in the region and carries a \$500 prize for the winner.

And after the sheep, come the owls. SMG's Meadowview project is utilizing the skills of local woodworkers to build 50 artificial homes for burrowing owls that used to populate the 370 acres of common area in the heart of Temecula, but who largely disappeared after the HOA began disking the land as fire abatement. This year, they used sheep to comply with city fire regulations and eat the native grasses that the owls don't like obscuring their view. In November, the burrows go into the ground and we hope the owls will find their new accommodations luxurious.

Our Santa Margarita Group general meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month except in July and August at the Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula, starting at 6:00 PM.

For more information, please email us at sierraclubsmg@gmail.com and visit our web site: www.sierraclubsmg.org and www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup and for Outdoor Families information visit www.meetup.com/outdoorfamilies.



How Muir Are You?

By Jess Krager • Source: www.sierraclub.org

A self-described “poetico-trampo-geologist-botanist and ornithologist-naturalist etc. !!”

John Muir was such a well-rounded guy, nearly everyone has something in common with him. The real question is, just how similar to the father of our National Parks are you? Go through the checklist below to find out how you match up. We guarantee you’ve got at least a couple things in common with our beloved Sierra Club founder.



The Muir Checklist

You...

- are self-taught.
- are an inventor.
- are consumed with an interest in botany.
- have published your own book.
- have hiked the Sierra Nevada mountain range.
- prefer hands-on learning.
- have been to Yosemite National Park.
- are Scottish.
- write articles on nature or other environmental topics.
- have three siblings.
- enjoy mountain climbing.
- have floated down the Sacramento River.
- consider yourself an adventurer.
- are a lecturer or have spoken in a guest lecture series.
- are married.
- are a rancher or fruit farmer.
- are the recipient of an honorary degree.
- have traveled to Alaska.
- consider yourself a poet.
- have a beard.
- have walked across America.
- have something that has been named after you.
- have traveled to other countries.
- love the Sierra Club.
- prefer hiking with a minimal amount of supplies.

Finished?

Now it’s time to tally up your score and find out just how Muir you are! If you checked:

Between 1 and 10 items:

You may not have such a wide variety of qualities under your belt, but you’ve still got some key things in common with the Sierra Club’s founder! Sure you may not have walked across America quite yet, but what’s stopping you? Now’s the time to take a page out of Muir’s book and sign up for an adventure. At the very least, you’ll make some great memories, see some interesting places, and make new friends along the way.

Between 11 and 19 items:

You are well on your way to being just as eclectic as Mr. Muir! Take a look at some of the things that you didn’t get checked off the list. Do any of them sound appealing to you? Well, then, perhaps it’s time to use some of his experiences to inspire some of your own. Anyone has the potential to be a citizen of the universe; just let your love for nature guide you and keep going after what makes you awesome and unique.

Between 20 and 25 items:

You could be John Muir’s twin! That’s right, my friend, you have so much in common with the wilderness prophet you could be two peas in a pod. Whether it’s hiking, writing, educating, or generally just reveling in the wonders of the natural world, you are an adventurer at heart. Now get out there and share your passion with friends, family, and anyone else who will listen.



Tahquitz Group

By Jeff Morgan, Group Chair

SAVING CHINO CANYON

Chino Canyon is the last undeveloped alluvial fan in the urbanized areas of the Coachella Valley. Located at the northern entrance to Palm Springs west of Highway 111 and easily viewed from the iconic Palm Springs Visitor Center and Tramway Road. It is the perfect backdrop to the increasingly popular and rapidly developing city.

The Canyon was first inhabited by the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians and it is named after Pedro Chino, a powerful shaman who made his home there.

Developers have always eyed the canyon, first it was for water for a growing Palm Springs and a road was constructed to facilitate the extraction process. This was relatively minor and

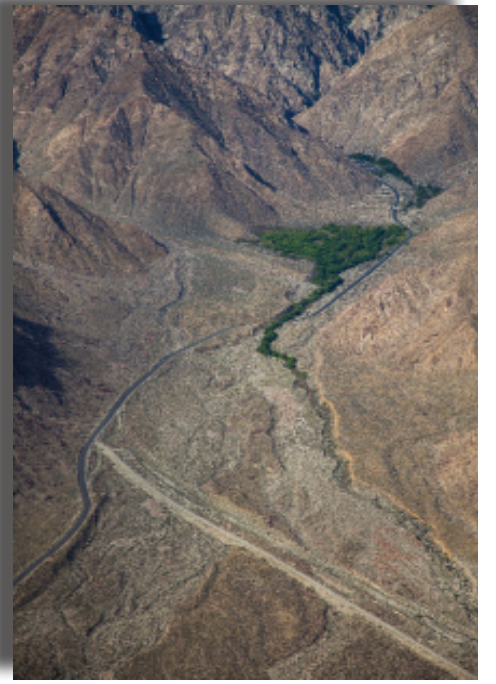
caused little immediate change. The next major challenge was the construction of The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway which was highly controversial and was strongly opposed by environmental groups, but to no avail and the tram opened in 1963. Around this time, Riverside County Flood Control built a levee that further fragmented the Canyon. It would be more than 25 years until the next serious threat.

In 1989 another developer, Mark Bragg, envisioned “Shadowrock,” a major golf/hotel/housing project and purchased 960 acres in the heart of the Canyon, along with a smaller parcel along Highway 111. After discussions with the city, a Development Agreement was announced that would allow this project to be built on both sides of Tramway

Road. As part of this Agreement the steep and rocky hillside slopes to the north and south were transferred to the city as “mitigation.” Local residents and environmental organizations led by the Tahquitz Group of The Sierra Club reviewed the development plans and it was quickly determined this would be the beginning of the destruction of Chino Canyon. We were not about to sit back and let this happen.

When the Agreement started to move forward, the (then) California Department of Fish and Game filed suit against the project on the premise that it would harm or cause the death of Peninsular bighorn sheep in the area. Ultimately, the suit was unsuccessful and the development agreement was extended until 2006. In 1997 the Tahquitz Group with Chapter support filed suit against the project extension and after a long drawn out battle in the courts the suit and subsequent appeal, it was not successful and the developer continued to refine his plans.

In 2004 a group of citizens concerned about Shadowrock and other major hillside developments formed Save Our Mountains, this group was dedicated to limiting growth in the hills and mountains surrounding Palm Springs. The tactics used were the election process and initiatives and referendums were placed on the ballot in 2005. This was partially successful and another development in south Palm Springs was rejected by the voters. The second measure which would have prohibited all large hillside developments, including Shadowrock,



Aerial view of Chino Canyon.
Courtesy of Tom Brewster

the voters with a 60-40 margin rejected the city council decision and also voted for major changes in the city council.

At this time a private investment company acquired the Shadowrock properties and again threatened to start the development process, though they eventually realized that this would be extremely difficult. Friends of Palm Springs Mountains then stepped in and hired Pete Dangermond, a former director of California State Parks and a very experienced facilitator in purchasing lands for conservation, having worked on preserving the Indian Canyons in Palm Springs and similar work for the Riverside

Lands Conservancy among many others. Pete saw this not just as Shadowrock, but in the big picture as Chino Canyon as a whole and began negotiations with many landowners in the area. At the same time, he was consulting with Federal and State wildlife agencies and the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy to bring together funding sources if land was available from willing sellers.

The first success was the purchase of 210 acres along Highway 111 which included Angel Cove and Shiprock which was scheduled for a major residential development. The Friends, pleased with this success, continued negotiations with the investment company (via Pete Dangermond and his assistant, Karin Winters) and eventually after much wrangling over price, legal issues and terms of sale, the Shadowrock properties were finally purchased and the sale recently closed. Along with City-owned conservation lands, more than 75% of Chino Canyon is now preserved. Further acquisitions are being negotiated.

In conclusion, preserving Chino Canyon is an exercise in persistence, tenacity and determination, with strong support of the residents of Palm Springs and judicious use of the legal and political systems.

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Chino Canyon from Highway 111.
Courtesy of Greg Day

failed by a narrow margin. Also in 2004 another organization was formed by a group of citizens “Friends of Palm Springs Mountains” which was also dedicated protecting local hillsides and mountains. This group would eventually become key players in the Chino Canyon battle.

In 2006, the City Planning Commission voted 5-0 rejecting any extension as it was not in compliance with the current zoning ordinance. The City Council then voted 3-1 and approved another 10 year extension. This resulted in a further lawsuit by the Tahquitz Group and the Center for biological Diversity particularly regarding bighorn sheep issues. Also at this time Save Our Mountains was planning for the next election and with more than enough signatures gathered for a measure to be placed on the ballot to overturn the council decision. In the following election in 1997,

Tahquitz Group Excom Election

Please vote for no more than three candidates, and mail in by
December 31, 2014, to POB 4944, Palm Springs, CA 92263.

Please also sign your name on the outside of the envelope. Thanks!

___ Jeff Morgan

___ Kathy Kelley

___ Joan Taylor

People's Climate March Draws Over 400,000

Source: Sierra Club Insider – September 21, 2014



At the Sierra Club stage at 75th St., Club president David Scott, Beyond Coal director Mary Anne Hitt, national program director Sarah Hodgdon, former president Allison Chin, and Congressman Keith Ellison of Minnesota were among the speakers, and members of the Sierra Student Coalition fired up the crowd with call-and-response cheers like, "What do we want?" "Clean energy!" "When do we want it?" "Now!"

"We're not going to tolerate lies and obstruction! We're not going to sit back and let a climate catastrophe happen!"

So said Sierra Club president David Scott, above, at a Sierra Club rally on Central Park West just before the start of the People's Climate March in New York City.

"Social justice demands action," Scott said as the crowd pressed in. "For people in low-lying nations, for indigenous people in the Arctic, and for many others, climate catastrophe isn't some far-off threat. It has already started."

"We have solutions," he said to cheers and applause as the crowd swelled in numbers and energy. "What we need now is the political will."

"What do we want?" Scott shouted. "Climate justice!" the crowd roared back.

"When do we want it?" "Now!"

Scott then turned the stage over to fellow emcees Karissa Gerhke and BoRa Kim of the Sierra Student Coalition, who introduced several more speakers, including former president Allison Chin. Ten of the fifteen members of the Club's Board of Directors -- vice-president Spencer Black, Loren Blackford, Lane Boldman, Michael Dorsey, Jim Dougherty, Chuck Frank, Jessica Helm, Robin Mann, Susana Reyes, and Scott -- participated in the march.

But the Board set the stage for the Sierra Club's deep involvement with the event months beforehand. "Back in May, we voted to postpone both our annual meeting and our September

meeting, both of which would have conflicted with the People's Climate March," says Spencer Black. "This sent a strong message to Club members of the importance of the march."

Board members played an active role in publicizing and promoting the march in their states, both internally and with partner groups, and several members contributed financially to help with transportation costs. Typical was Board member Chuck Frank, who helped sponsor several Club members to attend the march and rode the overnight bus from Chicago to New York.

"As a Board we supported the Club's deep involvement with what was a very significant strategic opportunity," says Robin Mann. "Our goal from the start was to have a major mobilization right before the UN Climate Summit and partner with a broad diversity of civic organizations to make the march reflect our values of inclusiveness and commitment to climate justice."

Mann's involvement leading up to the march was also typical of Board members: She recruited an environmental justice organization with which her local group was partnering, she helped captain a bus to New York City, and she was deeply involved in local and chapter recruitment efforts in the weeks leading up to the march.

And the work and commitment paid off, as more than 25,000 Sierra Club members participated in the march -- the largest-ever Sierra Club gathering. Meanwhile, Sierra Club volunteers and staff helped organize hundreds of solidarity events around the country the same weekend as the big New York march.

"I think we made an emphatic statement to global leaders and the world," says Scott. "And we were involved from the get-go."

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The plant in the background is the native California grape "Rogers Red" and will be at the plant sale!



Shadowrock and Chino Canyon will be Discussed at the December 2nd Chapter Meeting

Join us as Jeff Morgan, Chairman of our Sierra Club Tahquitz Group, will provide a first-hand account of the efforts involved in preventing the destruction of beautiful Chino Canyon. The Tahquitz Group covers the Coachella and Morongo Valleys.

The meeting will be held on December 2nd, 7:30 PM, at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.

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Prior to this meeting, we encourage readers to turn back to page 11 and check out Jeff's detailed account of this important effort.

We hope to see you on December 2nd!!

