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## Membership Meetings

**Tuesday, May 4**

**“Xeriscape Tour & Festival”**

Speaker: Susan Frommer (see write-up Page 2)

**Tuesday, June 1**

**“My Green Home: Sustainable and Happy”**

Speaker: Revonne Bauwens (see write-up Page 2)

**Programs begin at 7:30 p.m.  
at the San Bernardino  
County Museum in Redlands  
(California St. exit off 10 Fwy)**

**Please join us at our . . .**



**S**aturday, May 22 will be an exciting day in Riverside as the San Gorgonio Chapter introduces the First Annual Xeriscape Garden Tour and Festival. We really hope you'll mark this date down in your calendar as the day will be educational and offer a treasure trove of beauty as well as elevate your Water-wise consciousness.

And we really need your help too! Please consider volunteering to help produce or staff this one-day event. There are two parts: The Tour and the Festival. The tour of award-winning low-water landscapes throughout the city is free and the map will be provided at the Sierra Club booth at the Festival Event.

The Festival itself will be held at the action spot in Riverside – the Riverside Plaza. Main Street will be closed and the street will be lined with booths sponsored by non-profits and businesses, all selected to provide ideas and resources to help you convert your home or business landscaping into a dollar and water-saving visual delight.

Volunteers are needed for both the Tour and The Festival and can contact Chapter Chair Rick Estes at 951-314-



One of the mystery gardens spotlighted on the Garden Tour. To find out which one, pick up your FREE map on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Sierra Club booth, Riverside Plaza.

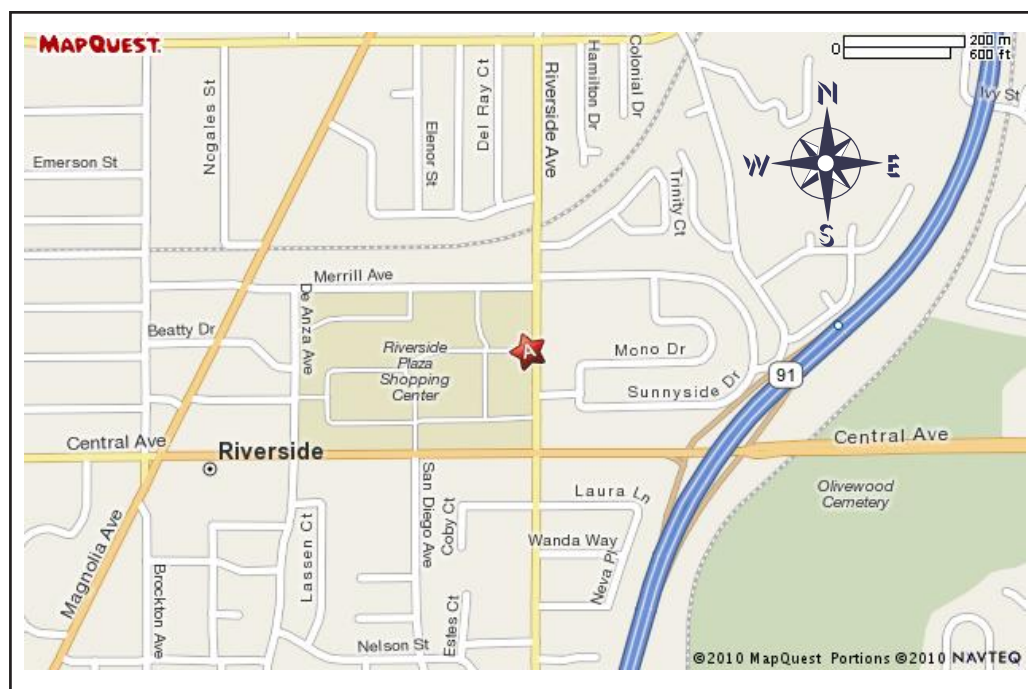
3328 or rickestes\_92595@yahoo.com.

Teaming up with the Sierra Club will be the masters of xeriscaping, Western Municipal Water District and the “Emerald City of Riverside.” Western Municipal Water District is well-known for their one-acre Water Conservation Demonstration Garden in Riverside. The garden is open 7 days a week, has loads of ideas for your garden and turf

conversion if you choose to do so, and is free to visit.

Riverside Public Works Department is also helping in sponsoring the event and will have a booth at the Festival. Lots of information to help you conserve water will be available, and for Riverside residences and businesses, information on rebates to help you financially convert your household or business with water saving technology. Additionally, Riverside Public Works will have a composting display.

Despite recent rain, drought will be a permanent fixture in California and combined with the recession, this will help you save water and money at the same time – a win/win event! Perhaps the recession is making it difficult for you to financially assist the San Gorgonio Chapter this March during our Fund Appeal. This would be a perfect opportunity to contribute by volunteering. Contact Rick today!







**Volunteers who enjoy fundraising activities and working with people, call the chapter at 951-684-6203 or contact Rick Estes at rickestes92595@gmail.com for our 2010 activities.**

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There are many gift options available. We can even help you plan a gift for your local Chapter.

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## Mark Your Calendars for Two GREAT Chapter Programs Set for May & June!

### “Xeriscape Tour & Festival” – March 4<sup>th</sup>

Award winning landscape designer Susan Frommer will be speaking at the May 4<sup>th</sup> membership meeting about the many advantages of drought tolerant landscape. “Plants that are natural to the climate don’t struggle; they’re not weak and they don’t get attacked by bugs, so there’s no need for pesticides,” Susan says. “Plus, since I didn’t disturb the land, I have virtually no weeds. Emphasis will be on drought-tolerant plants that are well suited for the Inland Southern California region.

Susan, owner of Plants for Dry Places Landscape Design shows homeowners how to phase out their grass front yards and replace them with inviting natural landscape designs for our Mediterranean climate then pay for the new landscaping with the water savings over time. “With water restrictions now in effect in many communities now is the time to replace your sod lawn with colorful drought-tolerant plants” says Frommer.

### My Green Home: Sustainable and Happy” – Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

Revone Bauwens will present an illustrated program, “My Green Home: Sustainable and Happy.”

The presentation is based on her home in Floyds Knobs, Indiana, which had a host of features for renewable energy, efficiency and sustainability and had a yard with nationally certified wildlife habitat. She will discuss how you can make your own home more energy efficient, save money



and help preserve the environment.

Recently returned to her native Southern California, Revone resides in Palm Springs and has also lived in the San Bernardino Mountains.

She has researched renewable energy for more than 20 years. A former Navy pilot and school teacher, Revone flies 747s for the United Parcel Service. She devotes her energies to promoting alternative energy and sustainable lifestyles.



## Sign Up Now For Leadership Training June 5-6

by Ralph Salisbury

*Outings leaders are special and really enjoy their experiences; consider becoming one.*

Our annual training required to lead Sierra Club outings is fast approaching. I’m sure all chapter members are familiar with our outings program, but you may not be aware of where you fit in. It’s a misconception that outings leaders need to be fit athletes into strenuous outdoor recreation. In fact our greatest needs are somewhat the opposite.

Our members constantly request more outings that are very easy. They ask about outings designed for them and their children and many inquire about special interest outings such as those emphasizing photography, natural science or other outings such as canine outings. One of our greatest needs is outings that take members to places of special conservation importance.

The training takes place at the Sierra Club-owned Keller Hut near Running Springs and includes courses in Outings Administration, Map and Compass, the Psychology of Leadership and Environmental Considerations. Sunday, the second day is a field exercise depicted in the photograph.

Applicants need to be at least 18 years old and current members of the Sierra Club. There is a \$34 fee for the Sierra Club Outing Leader handbook, the Chapter’s Leader Manual, continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and the use of the facility.

For an application you may e-mail [ralphsalisbury@att.net](mailto:ralphsalisbury@att.net) or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Ralph Salisbury, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507.



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## Group News

### Los Serranos Group Picnic in the Garden

by Mary Ann Ruiz

Chapter members and friends are all invited to the Los Serrano's Group meeting June 15<sup>th</sup> at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. This is the fourth year now that our friends at the Garden are opening at 5:00 for this Sierra Club event. After the Xeriscape Tour on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, this is a great chance to see more native plants in many different groupings, everything from desert to wildflower meadow, to oak woodland, on over 80 acres of land.

Bring a picnic dinner and come in any time after 5:00 pm. Tables will be set up for our use under the big sycamores and oaks at the east end of the main building. Enjoy your dinner with Sierra Club friends. At 7:00 pm we will gather at the back of the main building for a quick update on our local group happenings. Then we will break up into a couple of groups for docent-led tours of the garden. June evenings are long, and will afford us plenty of time to see the native landscape designs and great variety of plants in this local treasure. This is an event you will not want to miss!! For information contact Mary Ann Ruiz at [ruizmaryann@gmail.com](mailto:ruizmaryann@gmail.com)



### Mojave Group

by Jenny Wilder, Mojave Group Chair

*Unmanaged OHV recreation is destroying the beauty, quiet and long recognized "clean air" of the Mojave Desert:*

Every empty lot, every hill, and all of our public land in San Bernardino County are noticeably scarred by illegal off-road vehicle riding that is not easily nor cheaply repaired. This is an expensive and unwanted result of being the County with the largest OHV areas in the United States. Consequently, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's department finds it necessary to beef up their efforts to combat this lawlessness. Below are excerpts from the Victor Valley Station's request for a grant from the Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Department of the California State Parks (where your gas tax dollars go):

*The greater Victor Valley region contains the largest Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) recreation areas in the continental U.S. This particular aspect draws OHV enthusiasts from the counties of San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside as well as our own county residents and those traveling from Nevada and Arizona.*

*"The Victor Valley Station area has shown a substantial increase in recreational use over the past year. It is expected to rise over the years to come due to passing of Riverside County's and several local cities' strict OHV ordinance. An increasing area of concern is the OHV activity on private property and public roadways. Often, users of the OHV areas will stray outside the boundaries of the designated use area and commit trespassing violations. This is an ever increasing issue, as the developments come closer to open OHV areas. Additionally, local residents known as "garage riders" will ride their OHV's on or along city side streets, county roads, or across private property to get to the desert to recreate. In our area, we have documented approximately 534 law enforcement calls*

*for service in the last year in regards to OHV activity." Find out more at: [http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=1140](http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1140)*

*They are requesting funding for one sergeant, one corporal, one deputy, a reserve deputy, a Polaris Ranger and associated costs to help with regular patrols of their vast and remote area. The total cost of this activity is \$240,885. As we all know this is a drop in the bucket of what is currently needed. So how many of those calls *didn't you make because there would be no response?* If we are ever to get the response that is needed then we need to make the calls and be sure they are counted. If there are no calls to the Sheriff, there is no problem. Where neighbors call in complaints about lawless activities such as off-road vehicle trespass, the squeaky wheel gets the attention.*

*However, despite the facts of the growing problem, Supervisor Mitzelfelt and Supervisor Derry pushed for changes to the San Bernardino County OHV Ordinance that will make it even easier to disrupt the peace, quiet and well being of our rural neighbors with OHV issues. These supervisors did this because a small group of OHV riders sent letters and attended the County Board of Supervisor meetings demanding that the requirement for a staging permit be removed. Please read about the March 23 hearing:*

#### **San Bernardino County Off Road Vehicle Ordinance**

*On March 23, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors ignored the pleas of county rural residents to protect their health, safety and welfare by keeping the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) ordinance strong. After hearing testimony from more than 40 individuals (many of whom attended the special hearing on less than a week's notice), and presentation of hundreds of signatures on a petition, photographs, letters etc, the supervisors decided not to discuss this matter further and Supervisor*

*Neil Derry made the motion to adopt a new OHV ordinance and Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt seconded the motion. Supervisor Josie Gonzales voted against this motion, stating that she favored more time to review possible alternatives. Supervisor Gary Ovitt sealed the fate of countless rural residents by voting in favor of moving the new ordinance towards adoption on April 13, 2010. He stated that he doesn't have much knowledge but that the motion makes sense and he hopes the OHVers are respectful. Recognizing that this new ordinance may have a negative effect on the rural residents in San Bernardino County, Supervisor Mitzelfelt said he would like to see increased enforcement. However, he stated he had listened for 2-4 years to information from residents and "was tired of it". He said that the section of the ordinance requiring a staging permit was flawed, was an infringement of the people's right to assemble, contrary to property rights, that there were not enough permits issued to show that the permit process was effective, and that other parts of the ordinance can deal with the nuisance of an influx of OHV riders. The new ordinance will allow code enforcement to collect administrative fines which he hopes will increase the number of code enforcement officers. He believes that a collection of junk cars and stacks of tires next door impact the neighbors more than people gathering to ride OHVs. He stated that it is a "good idea to make a change today."*

*The controversial permit process required a property owner to apply for a Temporary Special Event Permit 30 days in advance and pay a fee of \$155 when they planned to have 10 or more people with the intent to ride Off Highway Vehicles (non street legal) on their property or surrounding areas. This staging permit process was put into effect in June 2006 because it was found that previously rural areas were rapidly urbanizing and there was a growing popularity of OHVs resulting in*

*the unregulated use of OHVs within San Bernardino County which increasingly jeopardized the health, safety, and welfare of many residential neighbors due to the secondary effects of off-highway motor vehicle use such as noise, dust, smoke and fumes.*

*More than 26 of the people who attended the hearing spoke of negative impacts to their health and well being caused by unregulated OHV use in rural areas both on private and public lands. Many testified to how the situation had improved with the passage of the requirement to obtain a permit. Many speakers represented groups of residents, including the Friends of Juniper Flats, Round Mountain Property Owners, Western San Bernardino County property Owners, Community Off Road Vehicle Watch (COW), The Chemehuevi Tribe, Fort Mojave Tribe and environmental groups including the Defenders of Wildlife and Wildlands Conservancy. Some residents testified about retaliation and bullying (from OHV riders) resulting from speaking out about OHV abuse near their property. Almost all expressed a willingness to look into alternatives for the staging permit process, but that they didn't want it repealed.*

*The 16 speakers who were in favor of repealing the staging permit spoke about their right to use their property, their service in the military to keep such rights, their commitment to help "educate" OHV riders to be respectful and their involvement in search and rescue operations. They stated that the staging section was poorly written and didn't serve the purpose intended, but punished those who abided by the law and that other sections of the ordinance can deal with the problem. Several of those speakers live in other areas (Glendora, Chino), and most owned vacation property in rural neighborhoods where they like to ride. They objected to not being able to welcome family and friends to their property and to*



**Mojave Group** from Page 3 . . .

be subject to inspection. They were not open to looking at alternatives for the staging permit process; they just wanted to “get rid of it.”

Repealing the staging permit process means that up to 199 people can now assemble with the intent to ride OHVs on their private property (providing it is 2.5 acres or more) without a permit for up to 6 days in any calendar month. The nuisance portion of the ordinance will take care of any associated problems. This means that the neighbors must document the problem, call the sheriff or code enforcement, the officer must then witness the “nuisance” in order to make a citation (presumably an administrative citation which doesn’t have to go to court). If the officer doesn’t witness the “nuisance” then there will be no citation. But take heart, the code enforcement officer will be able to instruct you on how to make effective documentation, including video tapes, and then make additional calls to the sheriff or code enforcement.

One of the issues discussed at the meeting, and which the Supervisors promised to find out more about, is whether it is legal to drive an OHV on any of our dirt roads. Some dirt roads are county maintained, and others are privately maintained. Apparently the Sheriff Department has determined that it is NOT okay to drive a non-street legal vehicle on

county maintained roads, but a different answer is received from the California Highway Patrol. You can also read about the OHMVR guidebook which contains definitions of roads/highways and many laws and penalties associated with OHV use: <http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/1140/files/ohvlawsbook-2008.pdf>

**Forgotten health issues associated with OHV use:**

OHVs inherently create a dust cloud that does not stay within the boundaries of one’s 2.5 acres, but blows onto neighboring residences. This dust cloud is unhealthy for all residents, and we already have enough dust from dirt roads and construction so that most of the rural county has unhealthy air most of the time. Construction sites are required to have in place a way of controlling potential dust problems.

Many OHVs do not comply with the same standards imposed on street-licensed vehicles for exhaust, subjecting many rural residents to harmful fumes as well as dust. All OHVs require a registration sticker from the DMV. If the vehicle manufacturer has shown that the vehicle complies with air quality standards, it will receive a *green* sticker. Non-compliant vehicles, such as race bikes and two stroke engines will get a *red* sticker and are restricted to specified riding areas and at certain times of the year (Sept to May for Stoddard Valley and

Johnson Valley OHV areas). To learn more about the DMV’s Red and Green Sticker OHV registration: <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/vr/ohvredgreen.htm>. Or find out more at the Air Resources Board: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/cyclecert/cyclecert.htm>

OHVs create a noise that may well exceed the 96 decibel which is the state limit (82 dBA for vehicles manufactured after 1986 at a distance of 50 feet from the centerline of travel), and when there are more than a few OHVs this noise is multiplied. Numerous studies show that noise (above 85 dBA) contributes to hearing loss and can adversely affect mental well being, and can lead to severe depression.

When large groups dry camp for several days there must be some precautions regarding disposal of waste especially in rural residential areas. The Staging permit process documented those precautions, but the new ordinance does not address this issue.

People who are particularly susceptible to any of the above impacts (elderly, disabled, very young etc.) now have no warning when their health and welfare in their own home will be jeopardized. The Staging permit process addressed this aspect, but the new ordinance does not protect the rights of these residents in their own homes. Supervisors Mitzelfelt, Neil

Derry and Gary Ovitt said the county would continue to enforce nuisance violations. They also agreed to revisit the change after a year if it appears that problems increase.

I suggest that we persistently remind our elected officials of the statements that were adopted by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on September 30, 2003 and let them know what appeals to us and our families:

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the government of the County of San Bernardino is to satisfy its customers by providing service that promotes the health, safety, well being, and quality of life of its residents according to the County Charter, general laws, and the will of the people it serves.

**VISION STATEMENT**

Our vision is to create a safe, clean, and healthy environment that appeals to families and individuals, and attracts the best in business and industry. We will create, support, and enhance vibrant communities that emphasize beauty, culture, art, recreation, education, and a sense of history.

If you or your family are suffering from the secondary effects of uncontrolled off roading and you would like to join our growing group of activists who seek real solutions, please contact Jenny Wilder, email [JensOasis@aol.com](mailto:JensOasis@aol.com) or call 760 220 0730. We need all the help we can muster.

## Moreno Valley Group

by Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the 1.8 million square foot Skechers USA Inc. facility in Moreno Valley on March 12, 2010. The public was not invited. The local newspaper received a press release for the event the morning it took place. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger attended, made comments and took part in the showcase



San Jacinto Wildlife Area

Photographer: Ann McKibben

shoveling event. A 15:00 minute video of the event was posted on governor’s web site. Many local elected officials attended and touted the economic benefits of the project. The developer also made comments and stated that he intends to develop 30 million square feet of his corporate park in eastern Moreno Valley. According to The Press-Enterprise article there is 18.9 million square feet of industrial

space in the cities of Perris and Moreno Valley. About 17 percent is vacant. Please check the city of Moreno Valley web site for more information on the fifteen warehouse projects planned throughout the city: [http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/do\\_biz/new-development.shtml](http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/do_biz/new-development.shtml) on page 11.

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved the 11,000 unit Villages of Lakeview (VOL) Specific Plan 342 at the February 23 board meeting by a vote of 3-1-0 (Supervisor John Tavagilone was absent). Supervisor Bob Buster made extensive comments, wondering how the project could possible benefit the county when 30,000 homes have been approved by cities and the county and are not yet

built. He also sharply criticized placing so many homes next to the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Supervisor Marion Ashley was the most enthusiastic supporter of the project, reading a long statement touting its benefits. The communities of Lakeview and Nuevo will pay higher taxes once the project is built. And the county taxpayers will subsidize the development of the infrastructure through taxes and utility rate

increases. Supervisor Ashley is running unopposed for reelection in June.

If you would like to make a donation to help fight the Villages of Lakeview project, make your check payable to the Sierra Club. Your donation will be used only for the expenses related to fighting this project. No amount is too small. Mail your check to the Sierra Club; P.O. Box 1325; Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. **If you wish to have your donation remain anonymous, please indicate that and we will respect your wishes.** Thank you for your help.

The Moreno Valley Group has a number of outings planned for May and June. There is a Conditioning Hike/Olive Mountain Hike on May 13 and Hidden Springs Conditioning Hike on May 20. For more details check the chapter Calendar of Outings and the group web site at: <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/outings/index.html> or <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/moreno-valley/index.html> You can also contact Group Outings Chair Theresa Carson at: (951) 660-7246 or [tcarsen22@msn.com](mailto:tcarsen22@msn.com) and Dan Clark at (951) 924-2454 for more information.

The Moreno Valley Group submitted comments on the Motte Lakeview Ranch

Specific Plan. The proposed project plans to put 1,500 homes north of the Ramona Expressway next to the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. The project lands are partially in the



Moreno Valley Group Hike – March 2010  
Photographer: Theresa Carson

flood plain of the San Jacinto River, subject to ground cracks and ruptures. Endangered plants are adjacent to the project. Planner for the project is Matt Straite, (951) 955-8631.

Riverside County has scaled back its Household Hazardous Waste collection events due to budget cuts. The next event in Moreno Valley will be held on May 7 and 8 at the city Maintenance Facility, 15670 Perris Blvd. For more information call the county’s Household Hazardous Waste Office at: (800) 304-2226 or check their web page at: [http://www.rivcowm.org/hhw\\_schedule.htm](http://www.rivcowm.org/hhw_schedule.htm)

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# Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

## MAY / JUNE 2010

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

### CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the July / August 2010 Calendar are due by June 1, 2010.  
 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

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

### CARPOOLING POLICY

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

### LIABILITY WAIVER

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

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

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

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

- I have read any rules & conditions applicable to the Outing made available to me; I will pay any costs & fees for the Outing; & I acknowledge my participation is at the discretion of the leader.
- The Outing begins & ends at the location where the Outing officially commences with leader & participants in attendance, as designated by the Sierra Club ("Trailhead"). The Outing does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to & from the Trailhead, & I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel. This does not apply to transportation provided by the Sierra Club after the commencement & before the end of the Outing.
- If I decide to leave early & not to complete the Outing as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision. Likewise, if the leader has concluded the Outing, & I decide to go forward without the leader, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to go forward & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision.
- This Agreement is intended to be as broad & inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision or any part of any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby & shall remain valid & fully enforceable.
- To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to WAIVE, DISCHARGE CLAIMS, & RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, & to INDEMNIFY & HOLD HARMLESS the Sierra Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders from any & all liability on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries & Damages, even if caused by negligence of the Sierra Club its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders, in any way connected with this Outing. I understand & intend that this assumption of risk & release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators & assigns, & includes any minors accompanying me on the Outing.

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

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

## RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS

Look in Calendar for dates.

**(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
 Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 1, Apr 5, Jun 7, Oct 4, Nov 1, 2010. Also at Shady Cove Campground on Aug 7, 3 PM & at Keller Hut Dec 4, 3 PM. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**(1ST TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
 The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

**(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
 PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. CHAPTER

**(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, <kimfloyd@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

**(3RD TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
 Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net> SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

**(3RD TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
 Monthly meeting. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site [www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org](http://www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org). PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

**(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
 Monthly meeting except August. Note that the June meeting will be a no host picnic starting at 5:00 PM at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> (909) 815-9379. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
 Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <rickestes\_92595@yahoo.com>. CHAPTER

**(4TH THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
 Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

## WEEKLY REOCCURRING OUTINGS & FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings.

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

**MON 7:00 PM APPLE VALLEY CONDITIONING HIKE HIKE**  
 Please join me for a 3-6 mile *fast paced* conditioning walk along the Mojave River. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road in Apple Valley. BRING flashlight, jacket & comfortable walking shoes. Rainy/Foul weather cancels, so please call before hike. LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 963-4430 <Lbelady@msn.com> MOJAVE GROUP

**WED 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING WALK**  
 MEET: Victor Valley Museum every Wednesday except second Wednesday of each month. Walks are paced for participants. Enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on a 3-mile walk around Jess Ranch & along the Mojave River. LEADERS: BILL SPRENG <bspreng@gte.net> (760) (951) 4520 & JENNY WILDER (760) 220-0730 <jensoasis@aol.com>. MOJAVE GROUP

## APRIL 26 – MAY 2

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listing. (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

**APR 27 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
 Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <rickestes\_92595@yahoo.com>. CHAPTER

**APR 28 (WED) 6:00 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE HIKE**  
 Approximate 3.5 mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns through the arroyo of the housing tract BRING: jacket, flashlight, water, sturdy shoes MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Follow Hidden Springs Drive to Hidden Springs School on the left. Park in the school parking lot. Full moon rises at 8:17. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 <tcarson22@msn.com> MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**APR 30-MAY 2 (FRI-SUN) KINGSTON MNTNS WLDRNS RESTORATION SERVICE**  
 We will assist the BLM in restoring a cultural site in this wilderness area just a little north of Mojave National Preserve. MEET mid-afternoon Friday and car-caravan on gravel roads to the campsite. Project organization from BLM staff Friday evening. Saturday, the BLM range specialist will provide guidance and interpretation of the area and explain the need for the project. Work will end around lunchtime on Sunday. BRING camping gear, work gloves and clothing for a range of temperatures from very cold to very hot. Central Commissary available (\$15), otherwise participants are responsible for their own food. LEADER: VICKY HOOVER (415) 977-5527 <vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org> CO-LEADER: CAROL WILEY (760) 245-8734. MOJAVE GROUP

**MAY 1 (SAT) 9:00 AM SANTA ROSA ECOLOGICAL RESERVE HIKE**  
 We call this our new member hike but all are welcome. Enjoy an easy 5.5 and 6 mile hike over various trails in the reserve. We will vary the route to take advantage of blooming flowers and the wonders of the vernal pools at their best. When available we invite guest speakers from the Reserve's staff to enlighten us and give us some background about what we are seeing. MEET at the Hidden Valley Trail head. Rain Cancels. BRING water a lunch and dress in layers. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER BOB AUDIBERT, Email <bob.takeahike@gmail.com> (951) 302-1059 or check our Santa Margarita Group web site at <<http://sierraclubsmg.org/>> for more information concerning this and all our upcoming outings. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**MAY 1-2 (SAT-SUN) CARRIZO PLAIN FENCE REMOVAL & HIKING SERVICE**  
 To allow pronghorn antelope greater mobility on the Carrizo Plain, we will help remove fences left from earlier ranching days. Weather may be warm, flowers may, or may not, be still blooming. Work Saturday, camp and potluck dinner that evening. Hike Sunday. Leaders will be at Selby Camp on Friday night for those who want to arrive early. INFO: LEADERS: CAL & LETTY FRENCH, Prefer e-mail <lettyfrench@gmail.com> (805) 239-7338. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**MAY 1-2 (SAT-SUN) LONE PINE LK, ALABAMA HILLS & MANZANAR ADVENTURE**  
 Join us at our beautiful creekside camp in the high desert near Lone Pine. On Sat, we'll hike a moderate 6 mi round trip, 1600' gain from Whitney Portal to beautiful Lone Pine Lake, followed by Happy Hour, a potluck feast and campfire. On Sun, we'll caravan to Manzanar, the WWII Japanese internment camp to visit the museum with its moving tribute to the internees held there during the war. Group size strictly limited. RESERVATIONS: Send \$8 per person (Sierra Club), 2 large SASE, H&W phones, email, rideshare info to LEADER LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 294726, Phelan, CA 92329, (760) 868-2179. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

## MAY 3 – MAY 9

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings. (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

**MAY 4 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
 The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 4 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
 PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. CHAPTER

**MAY 6 (THU) 8:30 AM SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL TO ASPEN GROVE HIKE**  
 This moderate 8 mile hike will utilize portions of the Santa Ana River Trail and the Fish Creek Trail to take us to our Aspen Grove destination. MEET at 8:30 am in the Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake. INFO: LEADER ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407 BIG BEAR GROUP

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**MAY 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

**MAY 8 (SAT) 7:30 AM TOUR OF SPRINGS IN JUNIPER FLATS 4X4 TOUR/HIKE**  
We will drive to several of the numerous springs in the Juniper Flats Area. This requires 4x4 or at least high a clearance vehicle and some walking. The hikes will include several of about a mile and the tour will take all day. The Juniper Flats Area is in the foot hills of the San Bernardino Mountains, close to Apple Valley. The area offers excellent hiking opportunities, varied terrain, varied vegetation, wildlife, boulder fields and fabulous views. Fill your vehicle with friends, BRING plenty of water, lunch, snacks, WEAR layered clothing and hat. MEET: For meeting place, call LEADER: JENNY WILDER, <JensOasis@aol.com> (760) 220 0730.  
MOJAVE GROUP

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

**MAY 8 (SAT) 8:00AM STODDARD PEAK HIKE**  
This is an easy hike in the local mountains south of Baldy Village. The hike is 6 miles round trip with an elevation gain of 800 feet. WEAR long pants as the trail may be brushy. MEET: Call for meeting place: LEADER JOE WHYTE (909) 949-0899.  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAY 8-9 (SAT-SUN) 11:00 AM S B MTS, KELLER HUT SPRING GATHERING**  
Join us at Keller Hut for group meals, hikes, bird and nature walk, games, and conversation. BRING food for the weekend including a dish (salad, desert or main dish) for a potluck dinner on Saturday. We furnish hot beverages and table service. We will provide breakfast on Sunday. INFO: Call OVERSEER HEATHER SARGEANT (909) 336-2836.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

## MAY 10 – MAY 16

*Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings. (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)*

**MAY 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

**\*\*MAY 11 (TUE) 9:00 AM GRAY'S PEAK HIKE**  
This is a moderate 7-mile round-trip hike with an 1100-foot elevation gain. The trailhead is located on the west side of Highway 38, about \_\_ mile west of Fawnskin, across from the Grout Bay picnic area. A National Forest Adventure Pass is required for parking. BRING 2 quarts of water, snacks, hat, sunscreen layered clothing and sturdy hiking boots. MEET at the trailhead at 9:00 am. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER DICK BANKS (909) 866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 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

**MAY 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, <desertily1@verizon.net>  
MOJAVE GROUP

**MAY 13 (THU) 5:00 PM OLIVE MOUNTAIN CONDITIONING HIKE**  
Enjoy the view from beautiful Olive Mountain with a 3-mile round trip hike. Elevation gain about 1,000 ft. BRING: Water and sturdy shoes. MEET: From 60 fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Perris to right on Kalmia, left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 <tcarson22@msn.com>  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**MAY 15-17 (SAT-MON) BRIGHT STAR WILDERNESS SERVICE & HIKING**  
This little known Wilderness Area (northeast of Ridgecrest, CA) climbs from riparian canyons, to sagebrush hills, to pinyon and ponderosa forests. Our first day will be spent helping Marty Dickes from the BLM in monitoring and signing a small northern unit of this wilderness. The next day we'll work along the interior Open Vehicle Corridor. On the third day, those that can stay, will take a long, loop hike in one of the riparian canyons and then over the highlands. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER CRAIG DEUTSCHE (310) 477-6670 <craig.deutsche@gmail.com> CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**MAY 16 (SUN) 9:00 AM S B MTS, LITTLE BEAR CREEK HERE AND NOW HIKE**  
While on this moderate hike, we will focus on what is around us at the moment; sights and sounds of the forest, and our reactions to them. While on the trail, by talking about only what we see, hear and experience, we should be able to better appreciate what is out there. We will hike the North Shore Trail to Little Bear Creek. Distance: 5 miles RT. Elevation loss and gain: 600 feet. WEAR: hat and boots. BRING: water, snacks and lunch. MEET: For meeting place, call LEADER BILL ENGS, (909) 338-1910.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

## MAY 17 – MAY 23

*Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings. (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)*

**\*\*MAY 18 (TUE) 8:30 AM GRINNEL RIDGE VIA LOST CREEK TRAIL HIKE**  
A 10-mile hike with a 1800 ft elevation gain. This is a relatively new hike that has only been on the schedule twice before. This hike requires a wilderness permit so you must register with the leader in advance of the hike. MEET at 8:30 am in the Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake. INFO: LEADER ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 18 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net>  
SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

**MAY 18 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting. 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. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 18 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Friends of the Desert Mountains is the nonprofit support arm for the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, the parklands that provide such spectacular scenery, wildlife, and recreation for the growing Coachella Valley communities. Come hear about what they do and learn more about this diverse landscape. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> (909) 815-9379.  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**MAY 20 (THU) 5:00 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS CONDITIONING HIKE**  
Approximate 3.5 mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns through the arroyo of the housing tract. BRING: water and sturdy shoes MEET: From 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Follow Hidden Springs Drive to Hidden Springs School on the left. Please park in the school parking lot. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 <tcarson22@msn.com>  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**\*\*MAY 22 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT: VINCENT GAP TO BADEN POWELL HIKE**  
Come join other hikers for an 8 to 9 mile hike along the PCT from Vincent Gap to Baden-Powell and back. Great 360 degree views. BRING 2 to 3qts of water, sturdy boots and lunch/snacks. MEET at the McDonalds in the Cajon Pass off Interstate 15. INFO: Call LEADER TERENCE MCCORKLE at (760) 252-2194 or (760)412-1683 or <oldhikerdude@verizon.net>  
MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*MAY 22 (SAT) 3:30 PM RED ANT CANYON / PINEKNOT TRAIL WALKABOUT**  
A great day for a local walkabout type hike. Roughly a 5-mile round trip, 700 foot elevation gain, moderate, with a few short steeper up hills. Could be a cool day, so be prepared for cold to mild temperatures. Layered clothing is always best. BRING Good hiking boots, plenty of water, snacks/lunch, and layered clothing for cold to possibly warm temperatures. MEET at 3:30 pm at the Aspen Glen Picnic Area Parking Lot, off Mill Creek Road, in Big Bear Lake. You will need a Forest Adventure Pass to park here. INFO: Contact LEADER ROBBIE BOS (909) 866-5006.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 23 (SUN) 8:00 AM S B MTS, LAKE GREGORY SPRING BIRD WALK**  
MEET: South Shore parking lot, just east of the water slide. See new spring arrivals and year-round residents as we walk around the lake. Optional breakfast afterward. LEADER: BILL ENGS (909) 338-1910.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**MAY 23 (SUN) 9:00 AM TENAJA FALLS HIKE**  
Take short hike to Tenaja Falls then a moderately difficult one along the San Mateo Creek to fisherman camp and back. We will meet at the first trail head and carpool to the third trail head (the one nearest the falls) "Rain Cancels." BRING water. WEAR comfortable hiking shoes and dress in layers. DIRECTIONS: From 1-15, take the Clinton Keith exit. Go west. The road eventually turns into Tenaja Road. Turn right on Cleveland Forest Road. You will see the Tenaja Trail parking lot on the left. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER BOB AUDIBERT <bob.takeahike@gmail.com> (951)302-1059 or check our Santa Margarita Group web site at <http://sierraclubsmg.org/> for more information concerning this and all our upcoming outings.  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**MAY 23 (SUN) 6:00 PM MOONLIGHT HIKE**  
Come for a 2 to 3 hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the "full" moon. (Actual full moon is May 27.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 and 5 miles rt, 400 to 1200 ft elev. Hike locations will vary. MEET: North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, at NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Blvds. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, and wear sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. INFO: LEADERS PATTY & DAVID THORNE (909) 981-5813.  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

## MAY 24 – MAY 30

*Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings. (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)*

**\*\*MAY 25 (TUE) 9:00AM SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN HIKE**  
This is a difficult 10-to-11-mile round-trip hike with a 2000-foot elevation gain. We will meet at Von's in Big Bear Lake at 9:00 AM and carpool to the trailhead near Greenspot Campground. A National Forest Adventure pass is required for parking. BRING 2 quarts of water, snacks, sun protection, layered clothing and sturdy hiking boots. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER DICK BANKS (909) 866-9232.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**MAY 25 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <rickestes\_92595@yahoo.com>.  
CHAPTER

**MAY 27 (THU) 5:00 PM CONDITIONING HIKE TO THE "M" HIKE**  
4 mile round trip hike to the "M" on Box Springs Mtns. Difficult trail with some very steep areas. BRING: Water and sturdy shoes. MEET: From 60 fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Driveway into Box Springs Park on the left off Hidden Springs Drive. Drive up the gravel road and park near the picnic tables. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 <tcarson22@msn.com> MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**MAY 27 (THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**MAY 29-31 (SAT-MON) BIRCH CANYON BACKPACK**  
Birch Canyon descends through a steep and narrow canyon into the Hammil Valley north of Bishop. We'll backpack to the mouth of the canyon on Saturday and spend Sunday exploring upstream, returning on Monday by the route we came in on. Participants are responsible for their own meals. LEADER: JOHN WILKENSON <johnfw1mac.com> (408) 876-8295.  
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**MAY 29-31 (SAT-MON) DEATH VLY WILDERNESS RESTORATION SERVICE**  
Help with wilderness restoration in the Panamint Mountain area of the park. Continuation of the cleanup of mining debris from a site between Middle and South Park as well as a couple of wilderness restoration of old roads and cleaning up of trash at Madeline's cabin in South Park. MEET Saturday at noon, car caravan to the campsite and begin some of the cleanup. Work Sunday and half a day on Monday. Happy hour / potluck Sunday night. BRING: Work gloves, camping equipment, and food and water for the weekend. LEADER: KATE ALLEN <kj.allen@wildblue.net> (661) 944-4056.  
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

## MAY 31 – JUNE 6

*Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings. (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)*

**JUN 1 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUN 1 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>.  
CHAPTER

**JUN 3 (THU) 5:00 PM OLIVE MOUNTAIN CONDITIONING HIKE**  
Enjoy the view from beautiful Olive Mountain with a 3 mile round trip hike. Elevation gain about 1,000 ft. BRING: Water and sturdy shoes. MEET: From 60 fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Perris to right on Kalmia, left on Kitching. Park at the end of the road on Kitching. Rain cancels. INFO: LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 <tcarson22@msn.com>  
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**JUN 5 (SAT) 9:00 AM SANTA ROSA ECOLOGICAL RESERVE HIKE**  
We call this our new member hike but all are welcome. Enjoy an easy 5.5 and 6 mile hike over various trails in the reserve. We will vary the route to take advantage of blooming flowers and the wonders of the vernal pools at their best. When available we invite guest speakers from the Reserve's staff to enlighten us and give us some background about what we are seeing. MEET at the Hidden Valley Trail head. Rain Cancels. BRING Water, a lunch and dress in layers. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER BOB AUDIBERT <bob.takeahike@gmail.com> (951) 302-1059 or check our Santa Margarita Group web site at <http://sierraclubsmg.org/> for more information concerning this and all our upcoming outings.  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**\*\*JUN 5-6 (SAT-SUN) LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE**  
If you have enjoyed the Chapter's Outings program as a participant, consider now becoming a Chapter Outings Leader. The course involves an overnight stay at Sierra Club-owned Keller Hut near Running Springs & includes classes in Outings Administration, Map & Compass, the Psychology of Leadership, Environmental Considerations & a field exercise. Applicants need to be at least 18 years old & current members of the Chapter. COST: There will be a \$34 fee for training materials, food & the weekend use of the facility. RESERVATIONS: For an application form, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: RALPH SALISBURY, LTC Chair, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507 or <ralphsalisbury@att.net> CHAPTER

**JUN 6 (SUN) 8:30 AM SAN ANTONIO CANYON CLEANUP SERVICE**  
Los Serranos Group members have organized several trash cleanups in the canyon, with Ranger Sarah telling us it is making a difference! This time we are partnering with the San Gabriel Mountains Forever campaign to pull in a full crew to help with this work. Come and help and learn how you can also help with adding wilderness protection to more of the San Gabriel Mountains. MEET at 8:30 am at the lower fire station where Mt Baldy road crosses the bridge heading to Claremont or Upland. BRING: Sturdy shoes or hiking boots, sunscreen, hat, gloves, water, snacks. Bags and pickers will be provided. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379 <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

## JUNE 7 – JUNE 13

*Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings. (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)*

**JUN 7 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 1, Apr 5, Jun 7, Oct 4, Nov 1, 2010. Also at Shady Cove Campground on Aug 7, 3 PM & at Keller Hut Dec 4, 3 PM. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**\*\*JUN 8 (TUE) 8:30 AM GRINNEL MOUNTAIN HIKE**  
A moderate to strenuous 14 mile round trip hike with 3000 ft elevation gain. We will start at the Aspen Grove Trailhead and hike to the Fish Creek saddle. From there we will follow the trail-less ridge 2 mile to the 10,284 foot peak with its expanded views of the San Gorgonio Wilderness. BRING Water, snack, layered clothing and hiking boots. Because a wilderness permit is required, please call in advance. MEET at the Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:30 am. RESERVATIONS & INFO: Call LEADER ED WALLACE (909) 584 9407.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUN 8 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimffloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385.  
CHAPTER

**JUN 9 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertily1@verizon.net>  
MOJAVE GROUP

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# VOTER GUIDE

## Statewide:

- **Debra Bowen - California Secretary of State**
- **Bill Lockyer - California State Treasurer**
- **John Chiang - California State Controller**
- **Pedro Nava - California State Attorney General** (see last page of of this VOTER GUIDE)

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## Legislature:

### Assembly

- **Michael Allen - AD 7**
- **Tom Ammiano - AD 13**
- **Nancy Skinner - AD 14**
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### Senate

- **Noreen Evans - SD 2**
- **Leland Yee - SD 8**
- **Ellen Corbett - SD 10**

## June 2010 Ballot Measures

### Sierra Club California Supports Proposition 15: The California Fair Elections Act

**Cleaning up our political system is crucial to cleaning up our air**

**and water and preserving**

**our coast, parks, forests**

**and deserts. Presently,**

**wealthy developers, oil**

**companies, utilities and**

**other special interests**

**hold too much**

**influence over our**

**elected officials, so**

**Californians do not get**

**the environmental**

**policies that we want.**

**The Fair Elections**

**Act on the June 2010**

**ballot would create a**

**pilot project to make**

**voluntary public**

**financing available**

**to Secretary of**

**State**

**candidates in**

**2014 and 2018.**

**Public financing is a**

**way to get politicians out of**

**the fundraising game and back to**

**solving California's problems.**

**Replacing special-interest money**

**with clean money would ensure**

**elected officials are accountable to**

**voters, not donors, and open up the**

**political process so the best**

**candidates, not just the wealthiest**

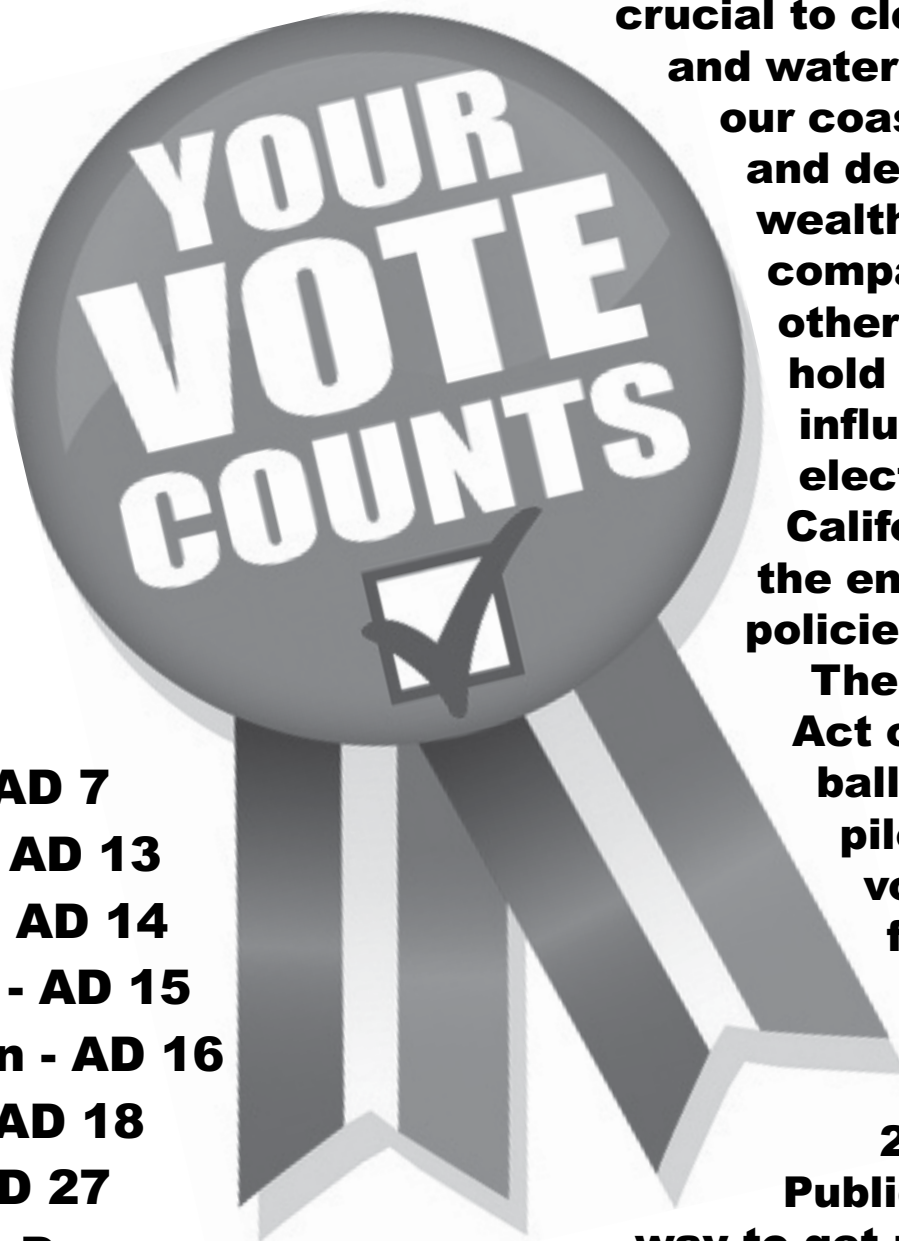
**candidates, can pursue elected**

**office.**

**Go to <http://www.yesfairelections.org/>**

**for more information and to volunteer**

**or contribute to the campaign.**





## **Sierra Club California Opposes Proposition 16:**

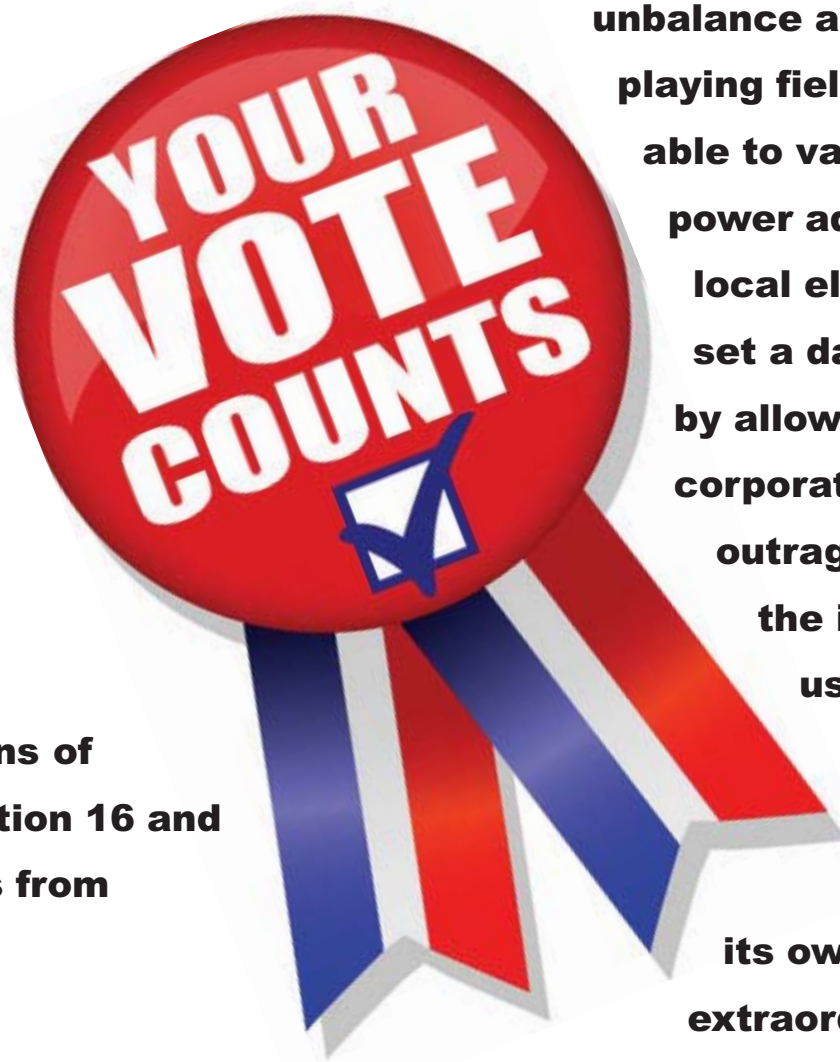
### **Sierra Club Defends Green Power and Consumer Choice, Opposes Proposition 16**

**Sierra Club California has joined a growing coalition of consumer, environmental and economic justice groups in opposing the ballot initiative on the June ballot that would lock in high utility rates by locking out local community choice. Current law allows communities seeking clean, green and affordable energy to vote on alternatives to their utility. PG&E, the dominant utility in Northern California, is spending tens of millions of dollars to pass Proposition 16 and stop local communities from exercising that right.**

**The targets of this measure are municipal utilities and an innovative program that most Californians have never heard about: Community Choice. Community Choice is a right — under state law — that allows local governments to contract for electric power and make this service available to all local utility customers. Some California communities are already using this choice to bring far more renewable energy into their grids than PG&E has done.**

**The initiative, if passed, would amend the California constitution to require a 2/3 vote before communities could break away from their utility. This anti-democratic obstacle would further unbalance an already unequal playing field; PG&E has been able to vastly outspend public power advocates in every local election. It would also set a dangerous precedent by allowing a private corporation, in an outrageous perversion of the initiative process, to use the constitution to restrict competition from public entities and give its own high rates extraordinary protection.**

**We believe that the law should protect renewable energy and consumer choice, not obstruct them. PG&E wants to purchase a constitutional amendment that will stop local efforts to choose clean, green and affordable energy. This June, Sierra Club asks you to vote “NO” on Proposition 16.**





## SIERRA CLUB ENDORSES BILL HEDRICK FOR CONGRESS

The San Geronio Chapter of the Sierra Club announced on February 18 the endorsement of Democrat Bill Hedrick, 2010 candidate for the California 44th Congressional District seat.

"We are very pleased to announce today the Sierra Club officially endorses Bill Hedrick," said Rick Estes Chapter Chair. "We are confident that Bill will continue work to protect California's environment, for our families and for our future."

- Bill Hedrick is a strong advocate of clean air and water. While on the Corona-Norco School Board he demanded action be taken to test for and then remove toxic pollutants from school sites.
- Bill Hedrick has been a strong supporter of green jobs for our local economy and supports research and development of green alternative fuels and technologies utilizing solar, wind, and geothermal power.
- Bill Hedrick supports additional resources to encourage public transportation and to develop comprehensive,

integrated infrastructure to reduce dependence on private cars and reduce the effects of harmful greenhouse gases.

"We are deeply grateful to Bill Hedrick for his many years of dedicated public service and standing up for a clean environment for our children," said Estes "Bill is a true environmental champion who not only votes correctly on environmental issues, but also leads the fight to protect California's clean air, clean water and special places."

Along with the endorsement, the Sierra Club will lend its volunteer strength to Bill Hedrick's campaign.

"We pledge to do all we can to help ensure Bill Hedrick is elected," concluded Rick Estes. "Scores of Sierra Club volunteers will contact voters on his behalf and we will speak to the public as often as possible about his exemplary environmental record."

We look forward to a victory party for the environment on election night, and to many years of Bill Hedrick fighting for the environment as a member of Congress."



*I am proud to be the first 2010 Congressional candidate challenging a sitting incumbent to receive the endorsement of the Sierra Club, one of the oldest, largest, and most influential grassroots environmental organizations in the United States.*

*It is an honor to have my work on behalf of the environment recognized by this prestigious organization. And when you consider Mr. Calvert's record, the choice is clear.*

*My opponent has supported offshore oil drilling near Orange County beaches and opposed funding to fight wildfires. I will work to protect California's pristine coastline by opposing any offshore drilling and provide local officials with the resources needed to prevent and stop wildfires.*

*We must preserve our air, water, and natural environment. It is the legacy we leave for our children and grandchildren.*

Sincerely,

*Bill Hedrick*

### **BILL HEDRICK NEEDS YOUR HELP**

**To make a donation, volunteer, endorse Bill, or just to find out more about Bill, please contact *Bill Hedrick for Congress*. His website is packed with information. You can sign up for weekly e-mail campaign updates or connect with Bill on Facebook and Twitter.**

**<<http://www.hedrickforcongress.com/>>**

**Bill Hedrick for Congress**

**P.O. Box 2855, Corona, CA 92878**

**951-218-1227**

**Bill Hedrick is running a grassroots campaign against a well funded incumbent. Any help you can give is appreciated.**

## **SIERRA CLUB ENDORSES PEDRO NAVA FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL**

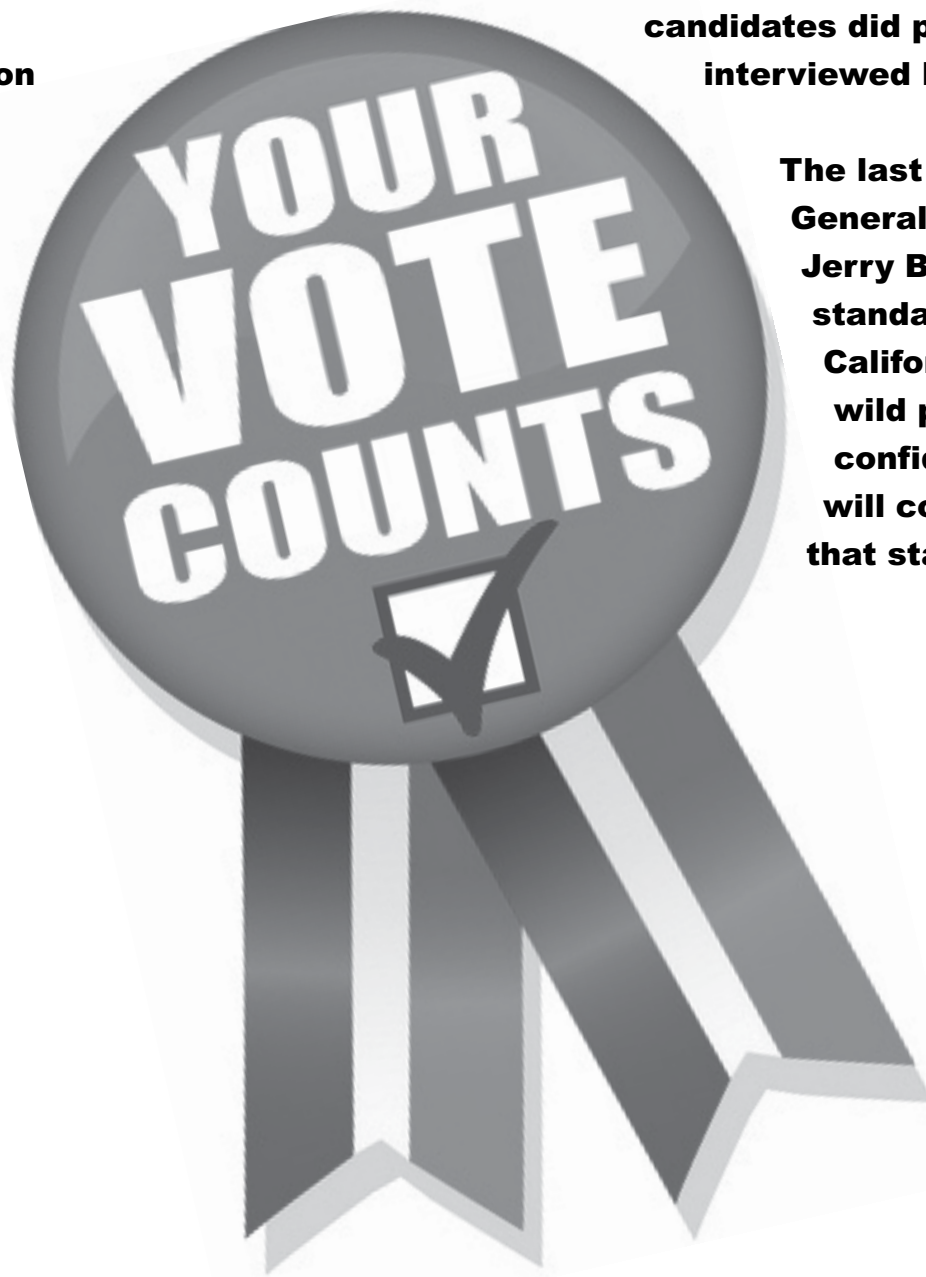
Sierra Club California's volunteer leaders have endorsed Assemblymember Pedro Nava for state Attorney General, which is probably the second-most important position in the state government, next to Governor. As the top lawyer for the state, the AG enforces our environmental laws, from the Environmental Quality Act to the Global Warming Solutions Act and the Coastal Act.

As an Assemblymember, Nava has introduced important environmental legislation including bills banning the use of lead ammunition in Condor Country, establishing a comprehensive oil spill prevention program, and strengthening watershed protection. Additionally, he has been a staunch

opponent of offshore oil drilling in California Coastal Sanctuary waters. Prior to his service in the Assembly, Nava served on the California Coastal Commission for eight years where he had the highest coastal resource protection voting record.

Sierra Club California sent questionnaires to all nine viable candidates in this race. None of the three Republicans returned the questionnaires. All six Democratic candidates did participate, and were interviewed by our team.

The last two Attorneys General, Bill Lockyer and Jerry Brown, have set a high standard of standing up for California's air, water and wild places. We are confident that Pedro Nava will continue and enhance that standard.



### **A FINAL REMINDER . . .**

#### **Sierra Club endorsements**

##### **U. S. Senate**

- **Barbara Boxer**

##### **Congress**

- **Bill Hedrick in the 44<sup>th</sup> CD**

#### **California state offices**

- **Debra Bowen - Secretary of State**
- **Bill Lockyer - Treasurer**
- **John Chiang - Controller**
- **Pedro Nava - Attorney General**

#### **California propositions**

- **Support – Proposition 15**
- **Oppose – Proposition 16**

**For more information, go to <<http://www.sierraclubcalifornia.org/>>.**



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**JUN 10 (THU) 5:00 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS CONDITIONING HIKE**  
Approximate 3.5 mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns through the arroyo of the housing tract. BRING: Water and sturdy shoes. MEET: From 60 fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Follow Hidden Springs Drive to Hidden Springs School on the left. Please park in the school parking lot. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or <tcarson22@msn.com> MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**JUN 12 (SAT) 7:30 AM ARRASTRE CANYON OAK GLEN HIKE**  
The lovely hike to a small oak glen in Arrastre Canyon is about 5-6 miles round trip. Arrastre Canyon is in an important watershed that drains from the San Bernardino Mountains into the Milpas Highlands area and Lucerne Valley. The hike includes visiting unique plant assemblages, clusters of huge boulders and lovely views of the Victor Valley. WEAR Sturdy hiking boots, layered clothing, sunscreen and hat. BRING At least 2-3 quarts of water, lunch/snacks and a hiking stick. Don't forget the camera and binoculars! MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 7:30am. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER JENNY WILDER <JensOasis@aol.com> (760) 220-0730. MOJAVE GROUP

### JUNE 14 – JUNE 20

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings. (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

**JUN 14 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**JUN 15 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net>  
SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

**JUN 15 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting. 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. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUN 15 (TUE) 5:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
A chance to spend a summer evening at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden is something you don't want to miss! Join us for our fourth annual picnic in the Garden, beginning at 5:00 pm for Sierra Club members and guests. BRING your picnic dinner, bring your friends, and enjoy dinner under the trees. Then, we will have a docent-lead tour of the gardens. PLACE: Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> (909) 815-9379. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**\*\*JUN 16 (WED) 8:30 AM FORSEE CREEK TO JOHNS MEADOWS HIKE**  
Join us on this pleasant moderate 8-mile hike to Johns Meadow trail camp. The wild flower display along Forsee Creek can be spectacular at this time of the year. BRING Water, snack, layered clothing and hiking boots. Because a wilderness permit is required please call in advance. MEET at the Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:30 am. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER ED WALLACE (909) 584 9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUN 17 (THU) 5:00 PM CONDITIONING HIKE TO THE "M" HIKE**  
4-mile round trip hike to the "M" on Box Springs. Difficult trail with some very steep areas. BRING: Water and sturdy shoes. MEET: From 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Driveway into Box Springs Park on the left off Hidden Springs Drive. Drive up the gravel road and park near the picnic tables. Rain cancels. INFO: LEADER THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 <tcarson22@msn.com> MORENO VALLEY GROUP

**\*\*JUN 19 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT: ONYX SUMMIT TO COON CREEK HIKE**  
Come join other hikers for an 11- to 12-mile hike along the PCT from Onyx Summit to Coon Creek and back. Beautiful hike thru wooded area. BRING 2 to 3 qtrs of water, sturdy boots and lunch/snacks. MEET at Von's Supermarket in Big Bear at 8:00am. INFO: LEADER TERENCE MCCORKLE (760) 252-2194 or (760) 412-1683 or <oldhikerdude@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*JUN 20 (SUN) 9:00 AM S B MTS: MT. SORENSON HERE AND NOW HIKE**  
While on this light hike, we will focus on what is around us at the moment; sights and sounds of the forest, and our reactions to them. While on the trail, by talking about only what we see, hear and experience, we should be able to better appreciate what is out there. Wildflowers will be in bloom and we will see how the area has recovered from the 2003 fire as we hike to Mt. Sorenson. Distance: About one mile RT. Elevation gain: 300 feet. WEAR: Hat and boots. BRING Water and snacks. MEET: Arboretum, east of Running Springs on highway 18. INFO: Call LEADER BILL ENGS (909) 338-1910. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

### JUNE 21 – JUNE 27

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings. (Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

**JUN 22 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <rickestes\_92595@yahoo.com>. CHAPTER

**JUN 24 (THU) 9:00 AM CASTLE ROCK AND GUNSIGHT HIKE**  
This is a moderate to difficult 6- to 7-mile round-trip hike with a 1200-foot elevation gain. In route we will see Castle Rock, Champion Lodgepole Pine, Bluff Lake and Siberia Creek. BRING 2-quarts of water, snacks, clothing appropriate to the weather and sturdy hiking boots. MEET at the east parking lot of the Performing Arts Center in Big Bear Lake at 9:00 AM and carpool to the trailhead. RESERVATIONS & INFO: Call LEADER DICK BANKS (909) 866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUN 24 (THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**JUN 25 (FRI) 6:00 PM MOONLIGHT HIKE**  
Come for a 2- to 3-hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the "full" moon. (Actual full moon is June 26.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 and 5 miles rt, 400 to 1200 ft elev. Hike locations will vary. MEET: North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, at NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Blvds. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, and wear sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. INFO: LEADERS PATTY & DAVID THORNE (909) 981-5813. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**\*\*JUN 26 (SAT) 5:30 PM HOLCOMB VALLEY BY FULL MOON WALKABOUT**  
This walk through the Holcomb Valley will be an easy adventure. A 3- to 4-mile round trip hike with elevation gains of less than 100 feet. The full moon will light our way. This will be a casual and easy walk in this fabulous valley. BRING Good hiking boots, plenty of water, snacks, and layered clothing for cool evening temperatures. MEET at 5:30 pm at B's Backyard B-B-Q for dinner before the hike and carpool from there to the trailhead. Drivers will need a Forest Adventure Pass, as we will drive up Van Dusen Canyon Road to the Holcomb Valley Campground. INFO: Call LEADER ROBBIE BOS (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

### JUNE 28 – JULY 4

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**JUN 29 (TUE) 9:00 AM BERTHA PEAK VIA COUGAR CREST TRAIL HIKE**  
This is a moderate to difficult 6- to 7-mile round-trip hike with a 1400-foot elevation gain. BRING at least 2-quarts of water, appropriate clothing, snacks and sturdy hiking boots. MEET at the Cougar Crest Trailhead (1/2 mile west of the Discovery center) on highway 38 at 9:00 AM. RESERVATIONS & INFO: Call LEADER DICK BANKS (909) 866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

### FUTURE SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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**AUG 21-22 (SAT-SUN) WHITE MTNS BRISTLECONE PINES HIKE & CAMP**  
Come with us to the beautiful White Mtns to camp, hike and just relax. On Saturday, we'll hike the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest on a moderate 5 mi round trip interpretive trail, followed by a picnic lunch and a short optional hike to a nearby old mining cabin. Back at camp, we'll enjoy happy hour, a potluck feast and a campfire. Sunday, pack up and head home. Group size strictly limited. RESERVATIONS: Send \$8 per person, 2 large SASE, H&W phones, email, rideshare info to LEADER: LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 294726, Phelan CA 92329, (760) 868-2179. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**OCT 30-31 (SAT-SUN) DESERT GHOST TOWN EXTRAVAGANZA ADVENTURE**  
That could be more appropriate this Halloween weekend than to visit the ghosts of California's colorful past? Come with us to this spooky desert landscape near Death Valley. Camp at the historic ghost town of Ballarat (flush toilets & hot showers). On Sat, do a challenging hike to ghost town Lookout City with expert Hal Fowler who will regale us with eerie tales of this Wild West town. Later we'll return to camp for happy hour and a special holiday potluck feast, followed by a midnight visit to the ghosts and goblins in Ballarat's graveyard. On Sun, a quick visit to the infamous Riley town site before heading home. Group size strictly limited. RESERVATIONS: Send \$8 per person (Sierra Club), 2 large SASE, H&W phones, email, rideshare info to LEADER: LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 294726, Phelan, CA 92329, (760) 868-2179. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE



### 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**  
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: \$2 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>

**(1ST SUN) 3:30 PM RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE DANCE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE**  
(Note that there is no July dance because of the Independence Day holiday.) Join us in for an afternoon of contra dance to live music. Dance Instruction at 3:30. Dance from 4:00 to 7:00. Refreshment will be served at the break. Potluck at 7:00, so bring a dish to share. COST: \$9 general admission, \$7.00 students with ID. PLACE: Please call to verify the location. At this writing, the dance is still being held at All Saints Episcopal Church, which may be closed for renovation at any time. We don't know from month to month when the church hall remodeling will start. All Saints Episcopal Church, 3847 Terracina Dr., Riverside. DIRECTIONS: The church is on the corner of Terracina & Magnolia between 14th St. & Central Ave. From the 91 freeway, exit on 14th St., go north to Magnolia & turn left. The church will be on your right. Alternatively, exit at Central Ave., go north to Magnolia & turn right. The church will be on your left. ALTERNATE DANCE VENUE: While the church is being remodeled, we will meet at the Ballet Arts Studio in downtown Riverside. CALLER/BAND COORDINATOR: PATTY MCCOLLOM (714) 267-4567 or <mccollom@sbcglobal.net> INFO: SANDY GOSSELIN <SGOSSELIN@riversideca.gov> Riverside Contra Dance Website: <http://www.caldancecoop.org/riversidedance/index.html>

**(3RD TUE) 6:30 PM SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS OPEN SPACE MEETING**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS**  
Help us preserve Moreno Valley's northern skyline & secure a natural open-space corridor between the Box Springs Mountains & the Badlands, including the upper basin of Reche Canyon. We meet at the Coffee Grinder, 23580 Sunnymead Blvd., Moreno Valley. INFO: DAN CLARK, (951) 924-2454 <saveourskyline@roadrunner.com>

**(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 I 10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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### NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

**MAY 2 (SUN) 3:30 PM RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE DANCE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE**  
Join us in for an afternoon of contra dance to live music. Caller: Frannie Marr. Band: *Les Amis* (Ned Boyer-harmonica, recorder; Carol Burrill-hammered dulcimer; Mark Burrill-concertina; Jim Scheel-guitar) Dance Instruction at 3:30. Dance from 4:00 to 7:00. Refreshment will be served at the break. Potluck at 7:00, so bring a dish to share. COST: \$9 general admission, \$7.00 students with ID. PLACE: Please call to verify the location. At this writing, the dance is still being held at All Saints Episcopal Church, which may be closed for renovation at any time. We don't know from month to month when the church hall remodeling will start. All Saints Episcopal Church, 3847 Terracina Dr., Riverside. DIRECTIONS: The church is on the corner of Terracina & Magnolia between 14th St. & Central Ave. From the 91 freeway, exit on 14th St., go north to Magnolia & turn left. The church will be on your right. Alternatively, exit at Central Ave., go north to Magnolia & turn right. The church will be on your left. ALTERNATE DANCE VENUE: If the church is being remodeled, we will meet at the Ballet Arts Studio in downtown Riverside. CALLER/BAND COORDINATOR: PATTY MCCOLLOM (714) 267-4567 or <mccollom@sbcglobal.net> INFO: SANDY GOSSELIN <SGOSSELIN@riversideca.gov> Riverside Contra Dance Website: <http://www.caldancecoop.org/riversidedance/index.html>

**MAY 7 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**  
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**MAY 18 (TUE) 6:30 PM SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS OPEN SPACE MEETING**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS  
 Help us preserve Moreno Valley's northern skyline & secure a natural open-space corridor between the Box Springs Mountains & the Badlands, including the upper basin of Reche Canyon. We meet at the Coffee Grinder, 23580 Sunnymead Blvd., Moreno Valley. INFO: DAN CLARK, (951) 924-2454 <saveourskyline@roadrunner.com>

**MAY 19 (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 I 10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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**JUN 6 (SUN) 3:30 PM RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE DANCE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT** RIVERSIDE CONTRA DANCE  
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**JUN 15 (TUE) 6:30 PM SAVE OUR SKYLINE: BOX SPRINGS THRU THE BADLANDS OPEN SPACE MEETING**  
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**JUN 16 (WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING**  
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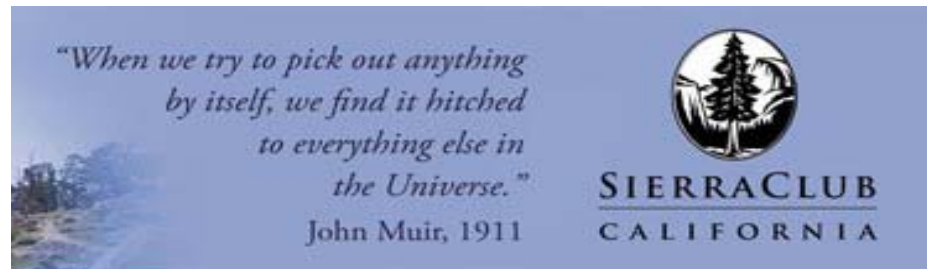
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## San Gorgonio Chapter Awards Presented

The annual chapter awards were presented at the April meeting. We have many dedicated people and this is our chance to recognize some of them for their outstanding work for the Sierra Club. Our thanks and appreciation go to the rest of you who have been working hard also.

The Joe Momeyer Conservation Award went to Sid Silliman for his outstanding contributions to the conservation effort. Sid was very active with Amnesty International before coming to the Sierra Club, where he has become a very involved activist. He has been on the San Gorgonio Chapter Conservation committee since 2007, working on many issues and also been working actively with the CNRCC Desert Committee on many desert issues, such as desert tortoise protection, the Fort Irwin expansion and energy projects. Sid was the chapter lead on the successful battle to stop Green Path North. He is also the chapter and Desert Committee point person on the infamous Ivanpah solar project, also serving as intervener for Sierra Club on that issue and testifying in Sacramento. Sid is also one of the main people working with the Superintendent of the Mojave National Preserve to see that the preserve is protected and properly cared for in the best possible manner and keeping unnecessary new roads from being opened in the preserve. He is currently on the Board of Directors of the Mojave National Preserve Conservancy. Sid has worked on many other issues too numerous to keep track of but including RS2477 and endangered species and is our chapter tortoise expert. He also represents our chapter at the RCC meetings in San Luis Obispo. Sid is also active in the Los Serranos Group, serving on the Excom since 2008 and serving as the group's conservation chair for several years.



Kim Floyd presented the Joe Momeyer Conservation Award to Sid Silliman (right).

The Marjorie and Clark Jones Service Award was presented to Rick Estes for his outstanding service to the chapter. Rick has served on the Chapter Excom since 2006, first as secretary in 2006-2007 and San Gorgonio Chair since 2008. He also serves on the Conservation Committee and the Litigation Committee and is a chapter outings leader. A long time Excom member describes Rick as always accessible, very supportive of Excom members efforts, is responsible and follows through, has good ideas, looks for and finds solutions, gets people involved and makes everyone better.



George Hague presented the Marjorie and Clark Jones Service Award to Rick Estes (right).

His great leadership style helps individuals, groups and the chapter to follow through. When chapter funds were cut Rick found solutions to running the chapter on less money. Rick was very supportive of the successful fight to stop 32 miles of freeway from San Jacinto to Corona, which would have gone through 5 Habitat Conservation Plan areas. This was a significant victory which earned the San Gorgonio Chapter and the other groups who worked together on this issue including the Audubon Society, Center for Biological Diversity and the Endangered Habitat League, the prestigious Land Use Award presented by Environment Now for the Top Achievements of Environmental Community in Southern California. Rick supported all of these efforts and made the process so much easier. Rick has now taken the lead on the Xeroscape project, starting at ground zero, meeting with officials and leaders to bring project to fruition.

The Ralph Salisbury Outings Award went to Patty Thorne for her long time commitment to outings. Patty has been a long time outings leader for the Los Serranos Group, leading over 100 hikes. Through her outings, Patty has brought in many new members, many who have gotten involved in the group. Especially popular are the moonlight hikes, which she has led for many years and were particularly successful in bringing in new members. She has been active in her group and has been very supportive of the group leader for at least 10 to 12 years. Patty has also served as host for the San Antonio Ski Hut for a long time.



Patty Ann Ruiz presented the Ralph Salisbury Outings Award to Patty Thorne (right).

The Alice Krueper Service Award was presented to Jenny Wilder for her long time commitment to working with the Friends of Juniper Flats. Jenny has been invaluable to the Mojave Group, serving as chair and leading many outings. She was the lead in organizing our Youth in the Desert program, which provides monthly educational hikes and outings for children. Jenny was the major organizer of the Friends of Juniper Flats and is on the Steering Committee, devoting incredible amounts of time and energy to this effort. She has continuously worked on monitoring the area, doing community outreach and education, sending reports to the BLM, meeting with the BLM to work on solutions to the problems in the area. She has organized work parties for clean-ups, fence repairs, graffiti removal and restoration work. She worked hard to bring property owners, equestrians, a miner, runners, hikers and other interested parties into the organization. Jenny's continuous efforts brought the attention of the BLM to the area which resulted in improvements to the area that would have never happened without her efforts. She also worked with Community ORV Watch and Alliance for Responsible Recreation on off-road issues.



Carol Wiley presented the Alice Krueper Award to Jenny Wilder (right).



## Mountains Group

by Dave Barrie, President

During a clear window in the otherwise stormy weather, on 7 March, Heather Sargeant and Bill Eng joined a Pacific Crest Trail Association work party to help maintain the trail north of Lake Silverwood. After brush saw operators cut the overgrowing vegetation, they picked up and dispersed the cuttings. Others members of the crew used hand tools to recondition the trail tread.

There was plenty of snow higher in the mountains, and on the next day Heather led a group on a snowshoe outing at Green Valley Lake. Conditions were perfect as Green Valley Lake had received plenty of snow this winter. Heather was ably assisted by Sandy Ellis, local resident and Sierra Club member.

They started out through the campground, and enjoyed the fresh air, blue skies and views across to Lake Arrowhead, the high desert, and Mount Baldy. They watched yet another



storm blow in from the Pacific while they were up on the ridge with the whole place to themselves.

Billie Wolff led a hike in Miller Canyon, at the eastern end of Silverwood Lake State Park, on the 14th. The Clocks Had Sprung Forward and a small group gathered in the Miller Canyon area. What time were they to meet - 8 or 9? It was 9 but that was yesterday's 8. They walked down the old road to Serrano Beach area, overlooking the old group campsites. It is a shame the State will not open them. They have big cooking pits, fire circles and room for several tents in each

site. The hike ended at trail's end and a snack was had on a beach just past the new dock area they are building. On the way there were wonderful views of snow-covered Mt. Baldy and the lake. The day before there had been an Eagle count so they watched for them, but they failed to appear. They did see Scrub Jays.

On March 28<sup>th</sup> Heather Sargeant led a group of mountain residents and people from below up the Pinnacles, north of Lake Arrowhead. The three-mile trail gains over 1,000 feet in elevation and culminates in some challenging rock scrambles near the summit. Along the way Bill Eng logged points along the trail for future upgrading. Everyone made it to the top, where they

enjoyed the 360-degree view. Then, climbing down, all faced rock challenges in reverse before hitting the less rigorous parts of the trail.

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, a date that will live in infamy in our mountains, the San Bernardino Board of Supervisors (three of them anyway) voted to approve the controversial Royal Rangers theme park project. In an attempt to satisfy concerns of the local community residents the county has imposed close to 200 conditions of approval. We are not satisfied. The community (not just the environmental groups) has started fund raising for litigation and the suit has been filed.

Bill Eng provided Outings information for this report.



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## Join Us for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Idyllwild Earth Fair!

by Holly Owens

Join us and spend the day in the breath-taking San Jacinto Mountains and experience one of Riverside County's most unique community events. The 21st annual Idyllwild Earth Fair will take place on Saturday, May 15th from 12-5pm at the Idyllwild Town Hall (25925 Cedar Street). Admission is free!

Earth Fair 2010 promises a variety of attractions, including live musical performances throughout the day, great food, and activities for adults and children. Fair-goers can also enjoy a diversity of interactive booths featuring earth-friendly products, organic and ethnic foods, composting, wildlife conservation, henna painting and more! It's a day of fun and activism that the whole family can enjoy.

In conjunction with Earth Fair, we are having two special events this year. Our fundraising yard sale will be held in conjunction with the Friends of the Idyllwild Library book sale. Two great community causes on the same day, Saturday, April 17 from 9am-3pm. Once you're in Idyllwild, just look for the signs.

We will also have a night of desserts and music on Friday, May 14 at 7pm at the Idyllwild Town Hall. There will be an incredible spread of desserts from local restaurants, wonderful music, a raffle and the presentation of the Greenwood Award. Each year we honor an individual or group for exemplary action in service of our regional environment. This year's recipient is Sage Mountain Farms, one of two organic farms supplying Riverside County's CSA (Community Supported Agriculture).

The Idyllwild Earth Fair balances festivity and education as we celebrate the diversity of the natural world. Come celebrate our 21st year with us! For additional information, email [earthfair.holly@gmail.com](mailto:earthfair.holly@gmail.com) or visit [www.earthfair.com](http://www.earthfair.com)





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The Agua Mansa Regional Permanent HHW Collection Facility is located at 1780 Agua Mansa Road, Riverside. It is open on NON-holiday Saturdays only.

The state Department of Water Resources released the draft environmental impact report for the Perris Dam Remediation Project on January 11. Comments were due April 12, 2010. To see the draft EIR and for more information see: <http://www.water.ca.gov/lakeperris/>

The city of San Jacinto and the Riverside County Flood Control District have proposed to extend the San Jacinto River levee from State Street to Sanderson Avenue, a \$25 to \$30 million project. The draft environmental impact report may be released in April. The project would fill 1,900 acres of flood plain along the San Jacinto River so it could be developed by the city of San Jacinto. There are concerns that the project will eliminate San Bernardino kangaroo rat, burrowing owl and least Bell's vireo habitat. There are also concerns about the downstream effects on the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and south to Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore. For more information on the project, call the city of San Jacinto at (951) 487-7330.

Lake Perris State Recreation Area is now open seven days a week, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please check their web site at: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=651](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651) for their hours of operation, events, and nature walks.

The city of Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board will have a Hike to Olive Mountain on May 22 and a Hike to Hidden Springs on July 24. Please call (951) 413-3702 for more information and a schedule of their hikes.

The Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley sponsor nature walks at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area on the southeastern border of Moreno Valley. Please check their web site at: [www.northfriends.org](http://www.northfriends.org) for more information on their walks. The wildlife area is north of the Ramona Expressway in Lakeview. Take Davis Road 2.2 miles to the area headquarters. The wildlife area is open from dawn to dusk seven days a week. Please Do Not Drive on Davis Road if it is muddy or wet.

The Moreno Valley Group has many issues to follow, and we are looking for more volunteers. Any amount of time you could contribute would be appreciated. For more information about our group and volunteering with the Moreno Valley Group, contact Ann McKibben at (951) 924-8150, Theresa Carson, (951) 242-4752 or George Hague at (951) 924-0816 or e-mail us at: [movalleygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:movalleygroup@yahoo.com).

**Santa Margarita Group**

by Jim Mitchell

**A**s the Santa Margarita Group grows, we are adding many new and challenging projects to our schedule. And we need volunteers to give us a helping hand. Not only is it interesting and beneficial for the community, but it is also a whole lot of fun. We particularly need help developing an effective educational outreach program between the Sierra Club and our youngsters in local schools. If you are interested or just want more information, email me at ([sierraclubsmg@gmail.com](mailto:sierraclubsmg@gmail.com)). Also check out our webpage at [www.sierraclubsmg.org](http://www.sierraclubsmg.org).

Here is what some of our more active volunteers are doing:

- **Pam Nelson, Conservation Committee Chair**

We are concerned about the proposed use of eminent domain for the acquisition of private land for the Sunrise Powerlink in San Diego County. The route could travel north into our area and we could be experiencing the same battles. Some of us are writing letters to the Forest Service asking them not to approve the crossing of National Forest with these transmission lines.

At the March 3rd Riverside County Planning Commission meeting, the commissioners gave Bill Johnson, Vail Lake Resort project applicant, another continuation until May 5th. I commented about the Sierra Club's concern about the threat to the county's Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) and the water required for the proposed 6000 acres development.

The Steele Peak – Stephen's Kangaroo Rat Reserve cleanup volunteer opportunity occurred on Saturday, March 27. Illegal dumping and misuse of the area has resulted in an accumulation of garbage including household refuse, broken target boards and other items littering the ground. Removal of the garbage will return the area back to its natural setting, thus enhancing habitat. A handful of volunteers made a good dent in the area. This was arranged by Jennifer Taylor, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) volunteer organizer.

Another event planned by BLM's Jennifer Taylor is on April 17<sup>th</sup>. This is the Beauty Mountain volunteer opportunity that also offers the participants a chance to see the newly proposed Wilderness. Contact me ([pamela05n@peoplepc.com](mailto:pamela05n@peoplepc.com)) if you need additional information on this.

May 22nd is a busy weekend. The Xeriscape Tours and exhibits in Riverside will be on Saturday and the Sierra Club California/Nevada Wilderness get-together will be in Oak Grove (30 miles east of Temecula) on Saturday and Sunday. There will be presentations and great hikes.

Contact me if you have questions about any of these events or if you have a particular environmental concern. You can reach me at ([pamela05n@peoplepc.com](mailto:pamela05n@peoplepc.com)).

- **Teri Wagner, Energy Committee Chair**



Jackie Heyneman with Jean Dooley describing the Save Our Forest program at a SMG General Meeting.

We are joining the National Sierra Club, along with many other organizations in state, in opposing Proposition 16 on the June 8 ballot. If this measure is approved, Proposition 16 would make it much more difficult for local governments to purchase and resell electrical power to area residents. Pacific Gas & Electric is the primary financial sponsor of Proposition 16.

At our April 22<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting, we are holding an energy symposium to learn what Murrieta and Temecula are doing to become more green energy aware. Dale West, a city planner with Temecula, will outline the city's sustainability plan, and Brian Ambrose, a senior management analyst from Murrieta, will tell us about plans to make our valley one of the solar centers of the world. Join us and share your questions and ideas.

Also we are still looking for volunteers for the Solar Cup at Lake Skinner on the weekend of May 14<sup>th</sup>. Contact me at ([teriwagner1@hotmail.com](mailto:teriwagner1@hotmail.com)).

- **Lynn Davis, Program & Fundraising Committee Chair**

"Sierra Sunday," the Santa Margarita Group's signature social/fundraising series, scored another hit at the eco-friendly Stone Brewing Co. World Bistro (Escondido) on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Our theme of "sipping, savoring, socializing" ruled the event which included an entertaining brewery tour, spirited tasting and raffle. Watch for news of our next event this summer!

Spring was in the air at the March 25<sup>th</sup> General Meeting as Save Our Forests, a Fallbrook conservation and restoration group aligned with the Fallbrook Land Conservancy, presented their amazing story. Jackie Heyneman and Jean Dooley illustrated the group's history of activism, community involvement, educational outreach and exceptional partnering.

Also on the same evening program, Robin Reid anchored the meeting with a mental spring cleaning and brainstorming session which involved members input on shaping the issues, strategies and future direction of the SMG. Robin is the principal consultant of RAR Associates, a facilitator of organization development to small

business, government, Fortune-500 companies and non-profits for over 25 years.

Future programs will feature Keith Watson presenting his Mt Hood hiking experience on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Wallace Tucker, founder of the Fallbrook Land Conservancy, will speak at the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. The FLC is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the natural beauty of North County open space.

- **Laurie Webster, Activities Committee Chair**

The Santa Margarita Group has a couple of exciting activities planned for summer, including a trip to Heritage Square in Los Angeles, a picnic and hike to Palomar Mountain, and a stroll in Torrey Pines State Reserve. Stay tuned for additional details. For more information, please email me at ([laurie\\_r\\_w@yahoo.com](mailto:laurie_r_w@yahoo.com)).

- **Bob Audibert, Outings Committee Chair**

The Santa Margarita Group is off to a great year of hiking. On Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, we will do our regular monthly hike in the beautiful Santa Rosa Ecological Reserve just west of Murrieta. You can enjoy an easy 6 mile hike over various trails in the reserve. We will vary the route to take advantage of blooming flowers and the wonders of the vernal pools at their best. When available we invite guest speakers from the Reserve's staff to enlighten us and give us some background about what we are seeing.

Then on Sunday, May 23, we will be taking a short hike to Tenaja Falls the moderately difficult hike along the San Mateo Creek to fisherman camp and back. We will meet at the first trail head and carpool to the third trail head, the one nearest the falls.

And on Saturday, June 5, we will be off to the Santa Rosa Ecological Reserve again. On all our hikes, don't forget to contact me for reservations by email at ([bob.takeahike@gmail.com](mailto:bob.takeahike@gmail.com)). And check our Santa Margarita Group web site at ([www.sierraclubsmg.org](http://www.sierraclubsmg.org)).







## UCR Extension Field Nature Study Programs

**Learn Outdoors: UC Riverside Extension Courses in the Field**  
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**Date/Time:** Sat., 9 a.m.-6 p.m. & Sun., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. May 15 & 16 (2 meetings)

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**Preregistration:** Requested by May 11 • **Reg #:** 094SCFF33

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**Insects and Other Arthropods of the East Mojave Desert • Credit: 2 units**

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**Location:** Soda Springs

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**Preregistration:** Requested by May 10 • **Reg #:** 094SCFF64

**Lizards and Snakes of the East Mojave • Credit: 2 units**

**Date/Time:** Fri. 7-9 p.m.; Sat. 8:15 a.m.-6 p.m. & 7-8 p.m.; Sun. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., May 28-30 (4 meetings)

**Location:** Soda Springs

**Fee:** \$325 / \$305 each for couples and family members / \$295 each with PINE discount (Refund deadline: May 21.)

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**Location:** Bishop

**Fee:** \$725 (Refund deadline: May 11.)

**Preregistration:** Requested by May 24 • **Reg #:** 094SCFF29

\*These courses meet at the Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms

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Best regards,

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