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The Tired, Tired San Joaquin River

by *Marcia Rasmussen*

I've been told that the mighty San Joaquin River once bore steamships from the Delta upstream as far as Herndon. And her waters swarmed with spawning salmon each spring. But not in my lifetime. With construction of the Friant Dam in the mid-1900s, drought-stricken farmers sucked up water for their dry-land farms, and California's second longest river was reduced to a trickle.

Nonetheless, I was amazed to find the San Joaquin river to be a haven. A narrow ribbon of lush greenery on each bank provided me with shade and solitude as I paddled my kayak. I had come to the San Joaquin for the first time as part of a week-long river cleanup organized by River Tree Volunteers. I had expected to spend the next several hours hauling muddy old tires from the river bottom. What I didn't expect was to discover a riparian paradise on the very doorstep of Fresno.

A paradise except for the tires, that is. The tires were hard to ignore. Hundreds of tires lay on the river bottom. They lined the banks. They were stacked as islands in the middle of the river. Car tires, truck tires, massive tires from heavy farm equipment. Cleanup volunteers hoisted them, one by one, onto canoes and ferried them downstream, where another crew waited to heft them into a dumpster.

My job as a kayaker was to tow the heavy tire-laden canoes downstream. In my mind, I wandered back to the 1860s and imagined myself to be a tugboat hauling barges downriver. I was beginning to see the salmon again, when a fast-moving riffle jolted me back to reality. I did a quick maneuver to avoid a piece of rusted-out machinery half-buried in the riverbed. My top-heavy load careened, the canoe tipped, and three large tires plopped back into the water. You see, the San Joaquin is not entirely a tame river. She may have lost much of her flow, and she may have lost her salmon, but she still has a mischievous streak that sent my load of tires back to the river bottom. She still has plenty of character, with peaceful meanders and gentle rapids, and small fishes darting through the shallows. She is still a fine river, in spite of the tires.



We removed 383 tires that day. Since January 2000, volunteers have removed over 5200 tires from our local river. What amazes me, though, is the number of tires that are still there. We've hardly made a dent. Clearly, we need to go back and finish the job. And we need YOU to volunteer. No, you won't see the mighty San Joaquin River of the 1800s, and no, you won't see salmon. But you might find one of Fresno's best-kept natural secrets. Come with us and see! ☞

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National River Cleanup

by Richard Sloan

National River Cleanup Week is sponsored by the US Bureau of Reclamation and America Outdoors. In the Fresno area, the cleanup effort was organized by RiverTree Volunteers. The effort officially started on May 22 with four cleanup sites. Millerton Volunteers tackled the San Joaquin River banks in the Broken Bridge area. River Tree Volunteers, members of the Tehipite Chapter of the Sierra Club, Tree Fresno, Millerton Area Watershed Coalition, Central High School East Campus, and members of the public removed 577 tires and a dumpster load of trash from the stretch of river between Dickenson and Floyd Avenues. The San Joaquin River Parkway Trust, Valley Teen Ranch and River Tree Volunteers removed another 266 tires from the Herndon Bluff area just below Highway 99. The East Fresno Rotary Club, Sunnyside High School Interact Club and River Tree Volunteers also removed trash from the river at Riverside and Riverbottom Parks. Since January 2000, over 5,200 tires have been removed from the San Joaquin River, from Friant Dam to Floyd Avenue. There are still several thousand tires in the river between Highway 99 and Skaggs Bridge County Park. River Tree Volunteers will continue the cleanup efforts throughout the summer. If you would like to get involved in a floating cleanup on various stretches of the river using canoes, contact Richard Sloan with River Tree Volunteers at (559) 696-2971.



Chapter General Meeting

The Coast Belongs to Us All

presented by Owen Bailey

Wednesday, June 9, 2004

7:00 P.M.

The Sierra Club's Great Coastal Places Campaign will be visiting Fresno for the first time, featured at the Tehipite Chapter's June meeting. Come learn what this statewide network is doing to protect our threatened coast, and how you can get involved in the effort to protect our great coastal places for future generations.

Unitarian Church
4144 N. Millbrook-
Fresno, California

Merced Group

Conservation Committee and Executive Committee Meeting

June 10th, Thursday, 7:00 P.M.

Merced School Employees Federal Credit Union

1021 Olivewood Dr., Merced

General Meeting

June 17th, Thursday, 7:30 P.M.

M.S.E.F.C.U.

1021 Olivewood Dr., Merced

Featured Speaker: Cynthia Hughes, Director of Construction, UC Merced "UC Merced's Sustainability Program for Construction."

Cynthia Hughes, Director of Construction for UC Merced, will explain the new campus' efforts to incorporate green building practices into their design. Her PowerPoint presentation will provide details on the efforts being made to reduce the environmental impact of building development. Also on display will be drawings of the new buildings.

The U.S. Green Building Councils has set forth guidelines called LEED—Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. By their building practices and ongoing environmental friendliness when operational, U.C. Merced is seeking a "silver" rating designation under the LEED evaluation guidelines. Come find out what methods of energy conservation and recycling will be used to attain that goal. Besides information specific to the new campus, there will be items of interest to anyone considering the incorporation of green building practices in new structures.

Annual Planning Meeting

July 17th, Saturday, 10:00 A.M. at Marsh Pitman's home, 2832 E. Arden Lane, Merced. Everyone is invited to brainstorm ideas on programs, outings, and events for next year. Bring something to lunch on if you can stay through the noon hour.

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Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

Draft General Management Plan

by John Rasmussen

The full title of this *must read* document is:

“Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and Middle and South Forks of the Kings River and North Fork of the Kern River Tulare and Fresno Counties, California

Draft

General Management Plan and Comprehensive River Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement”

The length of the title, in this case, may actually indicate the importance of the document. This management plan will set the direction for management in Sequoia and Kings

Canyon National Parks for the next 15 to 20 years. You can request the plan on CD or download the documents from <http://www.nps.gov/seki> under “Management Docs”. The Park Service lists the following reasons why the plan is needed:

- Lack of a Comprehensive River Management Plan.
- An outdated Master Plan.
- Issues concerning management of cultural resources.
- Unresolved issues for specific developed areas.
- Special Use Permits on Public Land in Mineral King.
- The changing context of the Parks in the regional ecosystem.

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A Skull in the Woods

by John Rasmussen

Marcia and I and occasionally wander the lesser traveled areas in search of caves. On this trip we decided to drop down into the Kings River Canyon from the Evans Grove area in the Giant Sequoia National Monument.

About halfway to our destination we came across a bear skull near a blooming dogwood tree. No other bones were to be found.



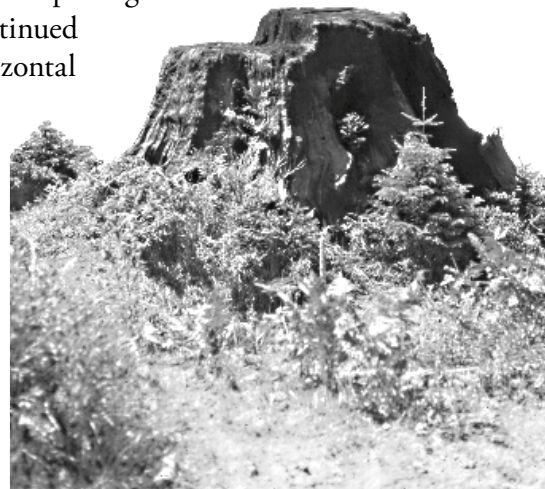
I wondered if it was the same bear I ran into (well, almost ran into) a number of years ago in the same area. We—the bear and I—stood

on opposite sides of the creek with a big Giant Sequoia log bridge between us. From the expression on the face of the bear, he was quite surprised to see me there. I think we were both wondering what the intentions of the other were. Eventually we went our separate ways.

After Marcia and I spent some time contemplating what had happened to the bear, we continued on to our destination. One mile of horizontal travel, 2,000 feet straight down, and four hours later, we reached our destination—but alas, no cave.

A long hard uphill scramble past huge, beautifully shaped sequoia trees

and past huge stumps from turn of the century logging had us back at the car just before dark. As the darkness falls, you wonder about the ghosts that haunt these ancient groves. Do the Sequoias still cry out from the loggers' saws? Does the ghost bear still prowl these last wild places? ❧



Five alternatives are listed:

- The no-action alternative would continue current management direction, and it is the baseline for comparing the other alternatives. (It was originally alternative B when the alternatives were first presented to the public in the winter of 2000.)
- The preferred alternative is the National Park Service's proposed action, and it would accommodate sustainable growth and visitor enjoyment, protect ecosystem diversity, and preserve basic character, while adapting to changing user groups. The preferred alternative was developed by combining elements of other alternatives through a process known as "Choosing by Advantages." It would bring additional benefits to the Parks, and it would be the most cost-effective.
- Alternative A would emphasize natural ecosystems and biodiversity, with reduced use and development.
- Alternative C would preserve the Parks' traditional character and retain the feel of yesteryear, with guided growth.
- Alternative D would preserve the basic character and adapt to changing user groups.

The Plan's cover letter was dated May 7, and the Park Service is allowing 90 days for public comment. Volume One of the Plan is 239 pages and Volume Two is 429 pages.

The Tehipite Chapter will submit comments. Send in your personal comments also. We need your help to review this plan and determine if the Preferred Alternative presented by the Park Service is the best choice for protecting these very special Parks.

If you would like to help with the Tehipite Chapter's comments, please contact John Rasmussen at (559) 332-2419 or John@BigBaldy.com. Past experience isn't necessary. This can be a rewarding way to learn about your Parks! ↗

A word from the editors...

By now, no doubt, you've noticed the changed format of *Tehipite Topics*. As your volunteer editors, it is our aim to make this publication informative, interesting, and of course, readable. In particular, it is our wish to publish articles of local interest. That means we depend on our members, as well as others from the area, to submit material. We need your articles, photos, trip reports, and other items of interest. Submissions need not be perfect. We also invite your comments and suggestions. This is YOUR newsletter. Help us make it better.

Beginning in September, *Tehipite Topics* will accept a limited number of paid advertisements, as space is available. Submissions must adhere to the Sierra Club's strict guidelines for advertising. Contact us for more information.

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Enjoy beautiful mountain trails and vistas, wildflowers, lakes and streams. Come on your own or join one of our exciting workshops or hiking weekends. Built by Sierra Club members in 1934, this rustic, hostel-style lodge stands atop historic Donner Pass, just an hour and a half from Sacramento. Expect excellent family style meals, a friendly staff and a casual atmosphere.

Featured Programs

June 25-26 Wildflower Photography Develop your outdoor photography skills whether you shoot 35mm or point and shoot. Price: \$145 members, \$175 non-members.

July 2-4 Celebrate July 4th Guided hikes, a classic BBQ, and a fireworks display at Donner Lake will be the highlights of this weekend.

July 9-11 Yoga Weekend A combination of certified yoga instruction, meditation and guided hikes. Price: \$145 members, \$175 non-members.

July 23-25 History Hikes Hike moderate trails on historic Donner Summit and then enjoy an illustrated and interactive evening talk about rails and trails. Price: \$125 members, \$155 non-members.

August 20-22 Navigation Workshop Learn or polish navigational skills using maps, compasses, GPS receivers and altimeters. Price: \$145 members, \$175 non-members.

September 10-12 Tai Chi Weekend Experience the serenity of Tai Chi in sessions led by a certified instructor. Guided hikes will also be offered. Price \$145 members, \$175 non-members.

September 17-19 Fly Fishing Workshop Learn and practice the art of fly fishing from a professional fishing guide. Price \$145 members, \$175 non-members.

For more information about these programs or to receive a full schedule and description of Clair Tappaan programs please visit our website at www.ctl.sierraclub.org or call (530) 426-3632.

Diesel, Dust and Dung

by Kevin Hall

Diesel Fumes

A significant new rule is under development at the valley air district. The first draft of the Indirect Source Review rule is expected sometime in June. It would require most new residential and commercial developments to offset the pollution impacts of their newly generated traffic. Statewide building interests are now fighting hard to either defeat the rule outright or see it gutted.

A major question to be resolved will be construction impacts. Although these are short-term impacts on a project-specific basis, the sector's annual activities have an enormous impact. More than 20,000 new homes are being built every year in the San Joaquin Valley. The construction phase is the dirtiest, due to the lax diesel emission standards for the heavy duty off-road equipment and the disturbances to the dust.

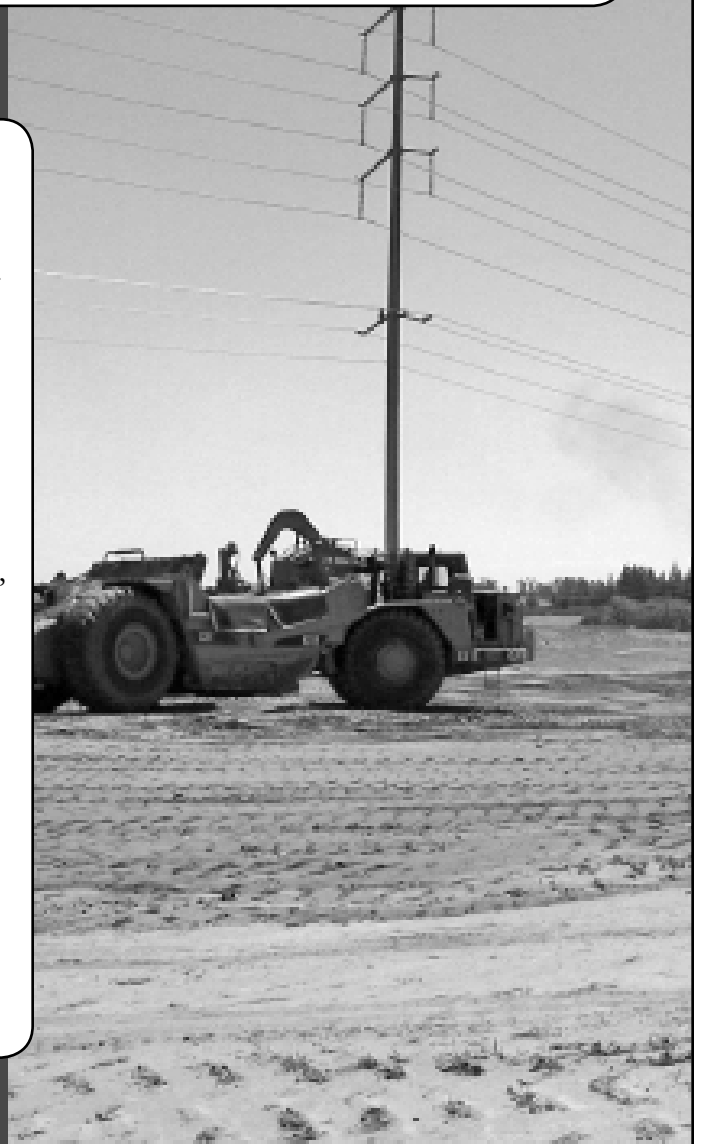
The other half of the rule will deal with post-construction impacts. These are mostly caused by traffic, whether the source is a new residential subdivision, regional big-box shopping center or large-scale distribution center. The goal of the rule is to require as much on-site mitigation as possible and the payment of air pollution impact fees to reduce pollution off-site.

Farm Dust

More than a decade late and diluted to near meaninglessness, the valley's first-ever rule to reduce dust emissions from farms was unanimously approved in May by the air district's board of directors. You know it's a bad sign when the lobbyists of the industry to be regulated stand up and thank the air district staff and EPA for doing such a great job, and the board chairman in return thanks every lobbyist for his or her "leadership."

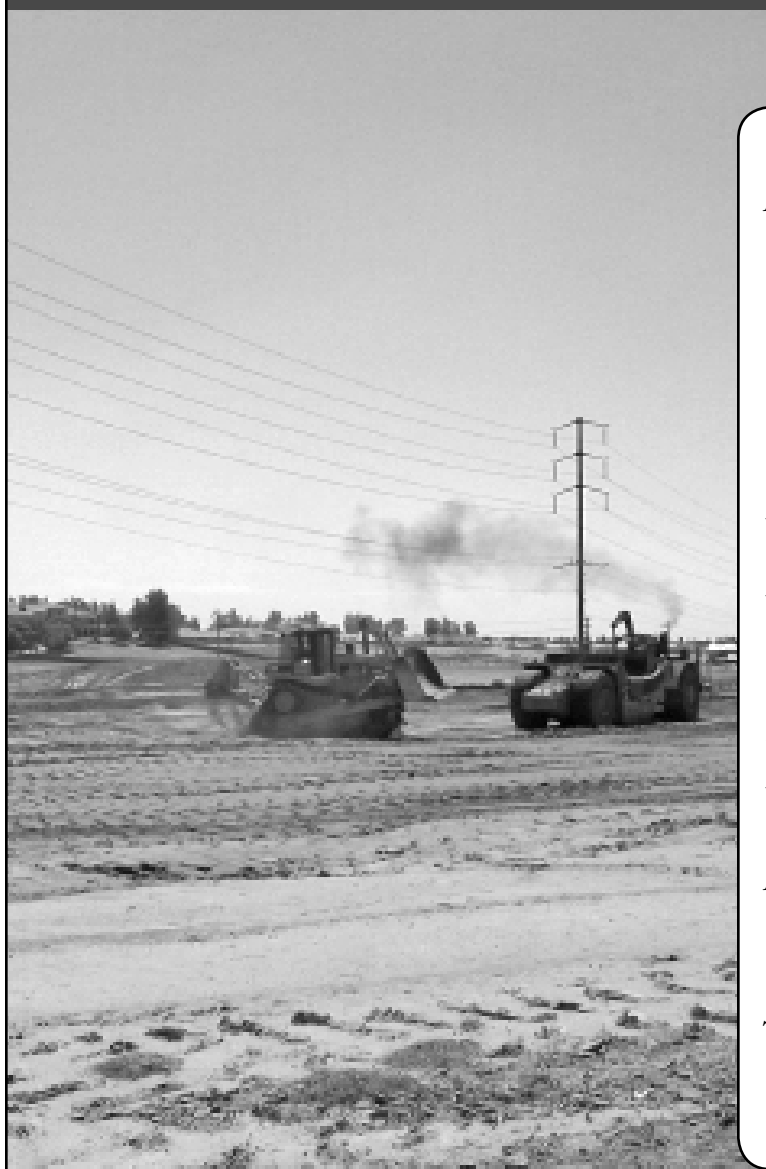
Known as Ag CMPs (Conservation Management Practices), the measures contained in the rule are essentially a list of existing farm practices and will result in no new reductions. Instead, the air district will take credit for them as reductions because growers will have "committed" in writing to these CMPs.

Sadly, these pseudo-reductions are the backbone of the 2003 Particulate Matter Attainment Plan. The projected 34 tons per day of "reductions" account for nearly all reductions in particulate matter for the next five years. The EPA has announced its intent to approve the plan and has submitted it for publication in the federal register. At that point the window opens for a citizens' lawsuit.





Dirt and diesel fly in northeast Fresno at the 2,700 home Copper River development site. Hundreds of tons of toxic air pollution from such construction activities are the valley's last major, unregulated source and the target of a new rule under development at the local air district.



Ozone Hole

A huge hole has opened in the valley's ozone cleanup planning process. The air district has drafted only one such plan in its thirteen year history. Written in 1994, it has proven to be a miserable failure. The required follow-up plan was never even attempted, and now there's a chance we won't see a plan until 2007, with an attainment deadline of (brace yourselves) 2019!

If the local and federal regulatory agencies had their way, that's exactly how it would play out. You see, we're moving to the new eight hour standard for ozone, as we should be. However, the Bush EPA would like to completely drop the deadlines for the existing one hour standard, which would relieve the valley air district of its responsibility to draft the "extreme" ozone plan by this November, with a cleanup deadline of 2010. The Bushies would also like to lose the sanctions that accompany failure to meet that deadline.

Adding insult to death, the valley air district's first response to the proposed 2013 attainment deadline for an eight hour ozone plan due in 2007, is to suggest bumping up to the worst category and seek a 2019 cleanup deadline. These people give full meaning to the word *deadline*. ☛

EcoView

by *Marian Orvis*

Ah, Summer...hope it holds all the downtime that you need and deserve...

Member, Betty White, wants to know if any of you readers have logged on to The Freecycle Network. It is a project of RISE, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization reducing waste, generating employment training, and fostering cooperation between other nonprofit organizations and the public. Perhaps you have the time to sign our fair city up for inclusion in what seems to be a legit electronic forum for recycling? Check it out. Thanks for the info, Betty.

WATER, WATER everywhere...but is it clean, and how safe is it to drink? As citizens, it is our right to have clean, safe drinking water. We should not be forced to settle for bottled water which costs up to 1,000 times more than tap water. The best way to ensure clean and safe drinking water is to protect our watersheds, which act as natural filters absorbing chemicals, pollutants and sediments. A temporary solution is to filter the water in your home, which involves three simple steps:

- Find out what contaminants are in the local water supply (check with the City's Utilities Dept.) and your home's water (lead can leach from pipes).
- Remove these contaminants through treatments or filtering.
- Maintain equipment, changing filters regularly.

Due to budget deficits and intensive lobbying from water companies, many U.S. cities face increasing pressure to let private companies manage public water supplies. Don't let it happen here! We must protect our public water supply from private takeover. Support the Congressional resolution for water as a human right at Public Citizens' website, <http://www.citizen.org/cmep/Water/>.

Don't buy bottled water, except as a last resort. We all are guilty of this not even thinking about last resorts! If you must have bottled water, check the recycling number on the bottom of the container. The following list shows plastics to avoid and the better plastics to consider. (Contact me for a detailed description of why.)

AVOID	BETTER
#3 Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)	#1 Polyethylene Terephthalata (PET or PETE)
#6 Polystyrene (PS)	#2 High Density Polyethylene
#7 Polycarbonate	#4 Low Density Polyethylene
	Best reusable bottles: Betras USA Sports Bottles, Brita Fill & Go Water Filtration Bottle, Arrow Canteen. Better baby bottles: Choose tempered glass or opaque plastic made of polypropylene (#5) or polyethylene (#1), which do not contain bisphenol-A.

Tips for use: Sniff and taste; keep bottled water away from heat; use bottled water quickly; do not reuse bottles intended for single use; and choose rigid, reusable containers.

For more info, see Product Reports on "bottled water" and "baby bottles" at <http://www.thegreenguide.com>.

Six Things You Can Do:

- Protect the watershed from development! Find out about the state of our watershed and join the nearest watershed preservation society at <http://www.epa.gov/win> and <http://www.epa.gov/adopt>.
- Buy the products of local and organic farms that use sound watershed protection practices. Go to http://www.care2.com/near_home/getlocal_list_all.html.
- Don't buy bottled water; use thermoses or reuseable hard plastic bottles instead.
- Conserve water; take shorter showers, don't let taps and hoses run. See <http://www.thegreenguide.com> for water-saving appliances.
- Prevent water pollution by reducing runoff and using non-toxic home and yard pest control.

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Trip Schedule

June 2004

June 5th - Saturday

Day Hike
Half Dome (4E) Very strenuous.
Out-and-back to some of the Valley's most spectacular views. Beautiful waterfalls.
Carolyn Ordway (559) 449-7780 or cell (559) 281-8223

June 5th - Saturday

Day Hike (2A) Moderate
Redwood Canyon.
Don Redmond (559) 268-1537

June 12th - Saturday

Day Hike (1A or B)
Muir Grove & Little Baldy.
A great twofer. Hike around three miles out to the Muir Grove. Stand in a circle of Giant Sequoias. Gaze over to Chimney Spire and Big Baldy. Back to the trailhead and hike a mile or so round trip to Little Baldy, a great view for little effort.
Steve Cosner (559) 281-5983

June 12th - Saturday

Day Hike (1A)
Walt's easy trip. Look into Yosemite Valley from Taft Point, follow along the Valley rim to Sentinel Dome.
Walt Taguchi (559) 435-2818

June 19th - Saturday

Day Hike (3C) Moderate
Twin Lakes in Sequoia National Forest. Trailhead is at the Lodgepole campgrounds. 2,800 foot elevation gain and 13.6 miles in and out.
Aimee Leyva (559) 438-8670 or (559) 301-3977

June 19th - Saturday

Day Hike (1A)
Panoramic Point.
We drive up to the ridge behind the Village near Grant Grove In Kings Canyon NP. A very short walk to an

astounding view deep into the Sierra. We could amble an extra 2-4 miles along the ridge to the fire lookout if we want. Too easy to classify.
Dave Wallace (559) 284-2586

June 26th - Saturday

Day Hike (2B) Moderate
Hike in the Ansel Adams Wilderness to Lady Lake.
Bruce Busch (559) 225-8935

June 26th - Saturday

Day Hike - Very Strenuous (4E)
Yosemite Valley Floor to Clouds Rest. We will climb up the Mist Trail, passing Vernal Falls and then to Nevada Falls. Clouds Rest needs an early start, but you will be rewarded with stunning views of Half Dome from its most dramatic angle.
Carolyn Ordway (559) 449-7780, cell (559) 281-8223

July 2004

July 3rd - Saturday

Day Hike (2B) Moderate
Jennie Lake, in the Jennie Lakes Wilderness. 1,500 foot elevation gain over 10 miles. Beautiful lake, bring swimming wear for a cool dip.
Aimee Leyva (559) 438-8670 or (559) 301-3977

July 3rd - Saturday

Day Hike(2A) Moderate
Lewis Creek. Join us for Don's signature hike.
Don Redmond (559) 268-1537

July 10th - Saturday

Day Hike (3B) Moderate
Walt's spectacular Wawona Loop. Wawona Hotel to Mariposa Grove by shuttle bus. Lunch at the outlook, return to the Wawona Hotel for a barbeque.
Walt Taguchi (559) 435-2818

July 11th - Sunday

Day Hike(1A) Moderate
Sierra Point. Look for an abandoned trail, with views of Vernal and Nevada Falls.
Steve Cosner (559) 281-5983

July 17th - Saturday

Day Hike(2B) Moderate
Watchtower or Heather Lake.
Dave Wallace (559) 284-2586

July 24th - Saturday

Day Hike(3B) Moderate
Nelson Mountain.
Walt Taguchi (559) 435-2818

July 30th - August 1st

Friday to Sunday
Car Camp At Courtright Lake
Cliff Lake (2B) Moderate on Saturday.
Bruce Busch (559) 225-8935

July 31 - August 1st

Saturday Night
Night Hike (3C) Strenuous
Half Dome by moonlight. We will meet at the Happy Isles Bridge at 9:30 p.m. on July 31 (Saturday) and proceed to the top of Half Dome by the horse trail. After watching the moon set and the sun rise, we will return by the mist trail. There will be an opportunity to swim in the Merced River, for anyone who is interested. Trip size will be limited to 25. There will be carpools for those traveling from Fresno.
Gerald Vinnard (559) 431-5780 or 431-9606 or gvinnard@cvip.net

August 2004

August 7th - Saturday

Day Hike (2A)
Mist Falls. Location: Kings Canyon National Park. It's a stellar 4.2 mile walk to an impressive cascade on the South Fork Kings River, with only

650 feet in elevation gain.
*Aimee Leyva (559) 438-8670 or
(559) 301-3977*

August 8th - Sunday

Day Hike (3B) Moderate
Dinkey Lakes. Dinkey Lakes is an absolute treasure chest. Pretty lakes, mountains, cliffs, streams and meadows. Join Walt for a truly pleasant jaunt flitting cross-country from lake to lake.
Walt Taguchi (559) 435-2818

August 14th - 15th Saturday to Sunday

Car Camp. Forest of Nicene Marks and Wilder Ranch. We will leave Fresno at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, August 14. After setting up camp in the Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park, we will hike to the epicenter of the Loma Prieta earthquake in the Forest of Nicene Marks State Park. On Sunday we will bicycle from Santa Cruz to the Wilder Ranch State Park and visit the ranch buildings—about a twelve mile round trip. Bicycles can be rented in Santa Cruz. Participants should provide one breakfast and two lunches. Dinner will be in camp or at a nearby restaurant, at the pleasure of the group. Costs of the campground fee and dinner (if in camp) will be divided *pro rata*.
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431-9606 or gvinnard@cvip.net*

August 14th - Saturday
Day Hike (1A) Moderate
Cross-country to Bear Island Lake.
Don Redmond (559) 268-1537

August 15th - Sunday
Day Hike (3B) Moderate
Little Shuteye. Join Walt on his annual Little Shuteye cross-country adventure.
Walt Taguchi (559) 435-2818

August 21st - Saturday
Day Hike (3B) Moderate
Ostrander Lake.
Steve Cosner (559) 281-5983

August 28th - Saturday
Day Hike (2B) Moderate
Mt. Givens.
Walt Taguchi (559) 435-2818

August 29th - Sunday
Day Hike (1A) Easy to Moderate
Evans Grove.
Dave Wallace (559) 284-2586

September 2004

September 4th - Saturday
Day Hike (2A) Moderate
Weaver Lake. Location: Jennie Lakes Wilderness, just outside the border of Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks. This is a 4.2 mile hike, with a small incline to the Lake.
*Aimee Leyva (559) 438-8670 or
(559) 301-3977*

September 11th - Saturday
Day Hike (3C) Strenuous
Pear lake.
Walt Taguchi (559) 435-2818

September 18th - Saturday
Day Hike
Surprise Hike in the Grant Grove area.
Don Redmond (559) 268-1537

September 25th - Saturday
Day Hike (3C) Strenuous
Mitchell Peak.
Bruce Busch (559) 225-8935

October 2004

October 2nd - Saturday
Day Hike (2B) Moderate
Nellie Lake.
Walt Taguchi (559) 435-2818

**October 8th - 11th
Friday to Monday**
Car Camp. Leave Friday evening and drive to Ballarat and camp out. In the morning hike 6 miles to Panamint City Ghost Town located in a juniper/pinion pine forest. That evening we will have steaks at Panamint City and camp at China Garden or the hot springs in the Saline Valley. Sunday we will explore the Saline Valley or Lookout ghost town depending on what the group wants to do. Monday morning will be exploring, then return to Fresno. Panamint City hike is a fast paced (3D) hike.
Richard Sloan (559) 696-2971.

These Sierra Club hikers, led by Walt Taguchi on Saturday, May 16th, converge for a lunch-time photo at Glacier Point in Yosemite before continuing their Panorama Trail hike.

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Chapter Chair’s Corner

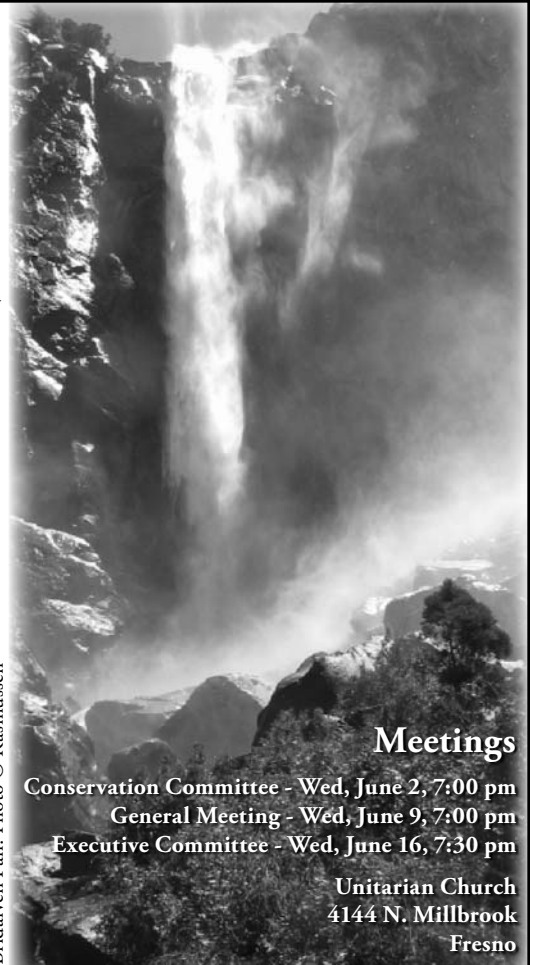
Some thoughts from the ExCom (Executive Committee) Chair. The Sierra Club is a volunteer organization. We have a core of volunteers who seem to do everything. These volunteers do a lot because they want to, but wind up doing still more for lack of other volunteers to help out. Please help if you can. Come to a conservation meeting or ExCom meeting and find out if there is an area of the club that you might want to help with. Conservation meetings are the first Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. ExCom meetings are the third Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Unitarian Church, 4144 N. Millbrook. No meetings in July or August. Richard Sloan, ExCom Chair.

Engaging Our Members

Volunteers are needed to participate in Sierra Club’s “Engaging Our Members” workshops. Specifically, “Engaging Our Members” is about holding gatherings in homes, community centers and other comfortable settings designed to encourage conversation and build relationships between Sierra Club members. Those who are interested or would like more information may contact JoAnne Armstrong at sierrafer@peoplepc.com (use EOM as subject) or call (209) 726-0636.

June Conservation Meeting

Hope you can all attend the next conservation meeting June 2, 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing High Speed Rail, along with other issues. We need to establish or develop specifically our ideas on location of route and stops, as well as other related questions.



Bridalveil Fall: Photo © Rasmussen

Meetings

- Conservation Committee - Wed, June 2, 7:00 pm
- General Meeting - Wed, June 9, 7:00 pm
- Executive Committee - Wed, June 16, 7:30 pm

Unitarian Church
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