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### **June 5 Primary Election Sierra Club Endorsements**

<b>Governor</b>	Gavin Newsom
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<b>AD 43</b>	Laura Friedman
<b>House District 28</b>	Adam Schiff
<b>Proposition 68</b>	Yes
<b>Proposition 70</b>	No

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## **Teahouse Trekking the Annapurna Foothills Fall 2017, Part III**

By Bruce Hale

The moment to start the trek finally came the last week of the trip. Pokhara, described in Part II is the gateway for trekkers. We take our bus along the bumpy, dusty roads during a 30-minute drive to Kunde where we head out on the well-marked trail. Our starting group of 24 had 3 guides and 12 porters. Our regular Nepalese guide in Kathmandu, Udas, also accompanied our group. We trekked during a week from one teahouse to another around the base of the Annapurna Range. In effect we did a loop in the foothills of the Annapurna Conversation Area. Usually we would hike 5 to 6 miles per day. But in this region distance is not measured so much in miles as it is in elevation gain. We encountered groups of Chinese, Norwegians, French, Germans, but no other American groups except once for several individual Americans.

We would stop at a teahouse during the mid-day for lunch and then resume trekking to arrive at our overnight teahouse during the afternoon. The porters would get there first so that our respective duffels were already waiting for us. The porters carried our big duffel bags between the teahouses, so that all we had to carry was a regular daypack with items needed for the day's trek. The porters, very strong, capable and enthusiastic, impressed all of us. Each porter carried two duffels and each duffel was limited to a max of 33 pounds. Sometimes guides start out as porters and work their way up to become guides. But sometimes porters like to stay porters and will work into their 60s. On account of heavy loads on their back, porters always have the right of way on the trails. Ordinary hikers must take to the side and let them pass.

Fred had warned us not to expect much of the teahouses. But in fact, the teahouses exceeded our lowered expectations. Some of them were almost like hotels. Tourists call these accommodations teahouses, but they call themselves guest houses or lodges, a term which to Americans suggests a more substantial facility. Remarkably, the teahouses all had wifi (but whether my iPhone would connect or not was a different matter). Only one teahouse had an outhouse for toilet facilities; the others had facilities inside the buildings and had showers (for a fee) with some degree of hot water. The rooms were rather spartan, but adequate. There was electricity, but not always any outlet in the rooms. Rooms had no heat; one would stay by the wood stove

### **Grayson Power Plant Updates**

**The Glendale City Council voted 4-1 to pause the expansion for 90 days!**

**See p 3-5 for updates and information on the steps we need to take during the next 90 days.**

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in the dining room after dinner until the staff stopped tending the fire. It was really cold at night at the higher elevations. Some teahouses, perched high on hillsides came with stunning panoramic views.

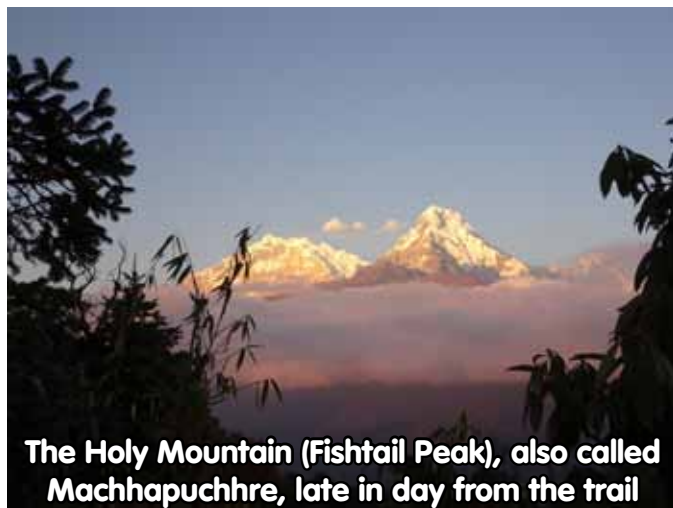
The meals provided were quite good, although the menu was limited and uniform for all the teahouses. Still, we could select items off the menu to suit us. As vegetarian, I found the standard menu satisfactory. The menu offered “heavy” breakfasts for those who wanted them. I usually chose porridge and fruit. My favorite dinner selections were garlic soup, roasted potatoes, and steamed cabbage. I used a common green hot chili sauce liberally. The lemon-ginger-honey tea was my favorite tea. The staff would serve tea soon after our arrival and then dinner would be served at 7. One had to purchase bottled or purified water. After all, supplies here must be carried up either by porter or by mule.

Our first overnight stop was at “Paradise Lodge” at Tolka. After all the ups and downs of the first day, it seemed like Paradise. In fact, however, it was the most primitive of all the teahouses since it had outhouses and walls of the rooms were just single boards with cracks on could see though. But from the patio we enjoyed a glorious view of Annapurna South in the early morning rays of sunlight. We had to cross a canyon in the morning to get to our next teahouse on the other side. Our descent traversed millet and rice terraced fields.

The trek of the second day proved to be the most intense with the greatest elevation range; we descend 1600’ and ascend 2200’, before we arrive for lunch at our destination, “Milan Hotel” at Ghandruk. In the



**My favorite teahouse — the Milan Hotel**



**The Holy Mountain (Fishtail Peak), also called Machhapuchhre, late in day from the trail**



**A langur monkey on the cliffs above the trail. Langurs live in the Himalayas up to 11,000’**

afternoon, we walked into the nearby village where we visited a Buddhist temple and a primitive little museum. I bought a decorative canister of Zambala incense at the museum.

The next day’s route was a lot easier. We walked through forested areas thick with rhododendrons, with twisted tree trunks damp with mud and moss. We covered the 5 miles in only 2½ hour to arrive for lunch at our lodging at Tadapani. We enjoyed glorious views of the peaks from the windows of the dining room.

From Tadapani to Dhaulagiri the next morning we enjoyed more views of the Dhaulagiri Range of the Himalayas. Our lodge, called Dhaulagiri Lodge, is perched on a hillside. In the late afternoon some of us climbed the numerous slate steps to Poon Hill, a famous viewpoint 1000 ft. above the village where our lodge is. We saw the Dhaulagiri Range and the Annapurna Range highlighted by the waning sunlight. We got back to the

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lodge after dark to enjoy the warmth of the wood stove in the dining room. But the stove goes cold after 8:30 pm. The temperature inside drops fast. There is nothing to do but to put on the long underwear and go to bed and stay warm under the covers.

In the early morning we headed for Poon Hill again, this time to see the ranges in the sunrise. Annapurna 1, Annapurna South, and Himchuli particularly stand out in the sunrise. Annapurna 1 is the 10th highest peak in the world. The temperature at dawn is below 30°F. I had on all my layers of clothing. There were still crowds of trekkers now as compared to last night when our group had the whole place to ourselves. After breakfast back at the lodge, we resumed our route by a descent of 2800' in the morning over 4.8 miles. The temperature noticeably warms up and continues to warm as we descend a further 2000' during the afternoon. Our overnight stay—already the last night on the trek—is at a teahouse called See You Lodge in a village called Hile which is in the midst of picturesque terraced rice fields.

Our final morning trek is virtually all downhill, steep at times. We had an early lunch at Hotel Everest by the Bhunrunadar River. We said good-bye to our porters and guides in a tipping ceremony presented by Fred. They all had served us so well! We proceeded by van to Pokhara and from there took a 30-minute flight back to Kathmandu. Much easier than enduring hours of dusty, bumpy roads.

Thus, this remarkable trip ended, having reminded us all of the beauty of nature, and the essential spiritual essence of life, and how elemental life really is. Besides, I have never gone up and down so many slate steps at one time. Despite the potential hazards of the trek, no one sustained any injuries or significant illnesses. Nor did any glitches occur under the careful planning of Fred and Stephanie. I look forward to re-visiting Nepal in a few years and seeing what progress their road construction projects have made.

We completed the trek, coming down in a descent of 4600 feet in the morning of November 13 from the foothills of the mountain ranges.

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Determine the thing that can and should be done, and then we shall find the way.

Abraham Lincoln

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## The Sierra Club's Beyond Dirty Fuels Initiative

Through the Beyond Dirty Fuels Initiative, the Our Wild America campaign works to protect our communities and public lands by moving away from dirty fuels and toward an economy built on clean, renewable energy. Through legal action, legislative advocacy, public education campaigns, media outreach, and on-the-ground organizing, the Sierra Club is working across the country to push back against the construction of dirty fossil fuel infrastructure that would lock America into decades more of climate-polluting oil and gas production. By fighting projects that would lock in continued carbon emissions and mar our special places, Beyond Dirty Fuels is working to safeguard America's natural beauty, preserve wildlife habitat, help keep our air and water clean, and combat climate disruption.

Click [HERE](#) to go to the Sierra Club web page.

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## Grayson Polluter Loses Round One

By Michael Beck

At its April 10 meeting, Glendale City Council voted 4-1 to put the Grayson Power Plant Expansion on pause for 90 days. We'd been holding our collective breath for months as the City Council put off a decision originally scheduled for late January. Would they listen to outraged Glendale citizens who'd turned out by the hundreds at council meetings—or to the relentless insistence from GWP management that only a monstrous new fossil-fuel plant could meet future power needs?

Things broke our way on April 2 when GWP management presented the final EIR to their own advisory commission—and the commission opposed it unanimously. It found that the EIR had way too large a carbon footprint, so it recommended that the City Council put the project on hold for 90 days while a Request For Information on renewable energy went out to independent companies. This recommendation is what the Council put into effect with its 4-1 vote.

**Round One goes to the planet**



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Of course the Grayson Expansion had never made any sense. Global warming has already plastered a bull's-eye on California with unprecedented heat, drought and wildfires that many scientists now say could never have happened before climate change. But try telling that to fact-blind, gigabuck pushers of fossil fuels.

Which brings us to Round Two. Natural-gas enthusiasts at GWP are not going to give up easily, especially since the Council authorized GWP itself to conduct the search for renewable energy suppliers. Just imagine the enthusiasm they will pour into that search!

So now the real work begins. Glendale Environmental Coalition, Sierra Club, Earthjustice, and countless fellow environmentalists have come together to bring this mad project to a pause. And in the process we have built a battle-hardened movement equal to the challenges of the next phase:

- Keeping an eagle eye on GWP to assess how diligently they look into real clean-energy solutions.
- Continuing to research and publicize carbon-free energy to hold up as a model.
- Increasing our local outreach to maintain pressure on city leaders.
- Spreading the message outward. It seems that this project is the last big fossil-fuel plant getting pushed on the public anywhere in California. The Grayson threat needs wider notoriety, for starters throughout the L.A. basin.

Slowing global warming has been the Sierra Club's top priority since 2005. Verdugo Views will be doing its part by publishing at least one major article on Grayson in each issue, with update alerts in between. Naturally we invite you to do your part as well by means of this campaign. (Think of it as your gift to the planet, a thought that came to me since I'm writing this on Earth Day). We're pleased to offer you a buffet of choices.

## What You Can Do

- Contact the four City Council members who voted for the pause to thank them and to encourage them to stay vigilant. Zareh Sinanyan, Vrej Agajanian, Paula Devine, Vartan Gharpetian. (The Council Switchboard is 818-548-4844. Email [zsinanyan@glendaleca.gov](mailto:zsinanyan@glendaleca.gov), [vagajanian@glendaleca.gov](mailto:vagajanian@glendaleca.gov), [pdevine@glendaleca.gov](mailto:pdevine@glendaleca.gov),

[vgharpetian@glendaleca.gov](mailto:vgharpetian@glendaleca.gov)). There's no need to be a Glendale resident since carbon pollution is global. However, if you're a resident, be sure to say so.

- Become more involved. Contact Michael Beck or David Eisenberg ([VerdugoHillsGroup@gmail.com](mailto:VerdugoHillsGroup@gmail.com))
- Talk up the Grayson threat with friends, family, and acquaintances if they live in California, and especially if they're in the L.A. basin.
- Stay informed. Check out [stopgrayson.com](http://stopgrayson.com) for info and updates.

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## Update from the Glendale Environmental Coalition

By Dan Brotman

It's now been over a week since our "win" at City Council on April 10. For those who were there or watching from home, it was a long and suspenseful evening, and we honestly didn't know how things would go from moment to moment. Fortunately, four of five Councilmembers backed our call for GWP to take a harder look at clean energy alternatives. Thanks to everyone who wrote, called or came out to show support!

But this fight is far from over. Council did not vote to shelve the plant, as some reports suggested. All they agreed was to pause for a few months and investigate alternatives through a Request for Information (RFI). And they handed responsibility for the process to GWP which has always been strongly partial to gas. It's not hard to imagine them going through the motions and ending up right back where we started with an all-gas proposal.

This means that we need to "bird dog" the process to ensure it's done thoroughly, transparently and even handedly. We only get one bite at this apple.

Fortunately, we have real firepower behind us with Sierra Club and Earthjustice. They are already gathering information on best practices to share with Council. They are also reaching out to the clean tech community—press, industry associations, and individual companies—to make sure the market is poised to respond with their best solutions. And they are researching legal and regulatory issues related to GWP's reserves obligations and potential for additional transmission capacity (technical stuff, but critical if we want to get to zero gas).

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Those of us on the ground in Glendale will also have an important role to play. Once the RFI is out, we'll need to draw on local relationships to connect the clean tech community with potential end users for rooftop solar, energy storage, or efficiency products. A big part of the solution will involve attacking the demand side of the energy equation, and that needs to be done at the community level. We'll have more details about this soon.

Of course, there is always the chance we'll need to regroup and use our political muscle to dislodge any barriers that emerge. I hope it won't come to that, but we should be prepared.

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## The Dixon Report and Its Implications for Griffith Park

By Carol Henning

**D**riving to the Griffith Park Advisory Board (GPAB) meeting on March 8, I had approached Park Central from the north. On the golf course that flanks both sides of Crystal Springs Drive, was a group of seven or eight deer. They were nibbling the grass that had been refreshed by recent rain. I was glad to see the park residents enjoying a snack, but my good feelings diminished when I remembered that, whenever an issue involving the park arises, the last "stakeholders" to be considered are the plants and animals that live in Griffith Park. They cannot speak for themselves and cannot hire attorneys to represent them. They are often forgotten, and that seems largely to be the case when studies such as the Comprehensive Strategies Report from Dixon Resources Unlimited—the reason for this special GPAB meeting—are released and discussed.

I recalled an editorial in the *Los Angeles Times* (Times Editorial Board, Jan. 16, 2018) titled "Los Angeles needs open space for wildlife and for our sanity). I couldn't agree more with the statement made and defended by the editorial. It points out that, for years, "residential developments in the hillsides and canyons of Los Angeles have encroached on wildlife as our neighborhoods have spread into, well, theirs." The editorial explains how an alliance of community groups and wildlife advocates raised \$1.6 million to buy a 17-acre mountain ridge in

the Hollywood Hills in order to preserve it as open space. L.A. City Councilmembers Paul Koretz and David Ryu contributed from their discretionary funds and County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl persuaded the Board of Supervisors to approve a grant. A nature-cam in the area has photographed deer, quail, coyotes, a bobcat, a fox and an untagged mountain lion on the land now managed and preserved by the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority. Reflecting on the fact that we share this ever-expanding megalopolis with wildlife, including an apex predator, elicits wonder and gratitude. The editorial concludes: "Los Angeles County is an extraordinary mix of urban and wild, humans and wildlife. It's challenging, but it's possible to leave space in the bustling metropolis for the wildlife that was here long before us."

With this in mind, I attended the Special Meeting of the GPAB on March 8. Joe Salaires selects GPAB members from a pool of applicants. When the initial selection took place in 2014, two officers of the Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter, Griffith Park Section Management Committee applied to serve on the Griffith Park Advisory Board. Neither was chosen. One wonders why since the Chapter's Griffith Park Section has long been active in the park—leading evening hikes every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and sometimes Friday throughout the year. Initially the GPAB had lots of members. Resignations have cut the number to six or seven. (For an excellent summary of GPAB history and issues, read Emmy Goldknopf's article, "Accusation, Frustration and Resignations at Griffith Park Advisory Board," in the *Griffith Park Guardian*, Winter 2018).

The featured attraction at the special meeting was Dixon Resources Unlimited's "Comprehensive Strategies Report on Improving Access, Safety and Mobility Around Griffith Park and the Hollywood Sign." No one who lives in metro L.A. would deny that improved mobility is a consummation devoutly to be wished. But, this study focuses on Griffith Park and the hillsides nearby because of the Hollywood Sign. This icon has become a must-have background for tourists taking selfies in L.A. The city has tried closing gates (such as the one at the top of Beachwood Canyon), restricting parking, installing "No Access" electric signs and even

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removing the destination from GPS mapping systems, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. So far, none of these tactics has worked.

Therefore, L.A. City Councilmember David Ryu commissioned a study by Dixon Resources Unlimited, a transportation consulting firm out of San Diego. The 64-page report cost \$120,000, and is primarily meant to address the growing number of visitors, 48.3 million last year, who flock to L.A. each year. The goal, according to city officials and business interests is to lure 50 million tourists hither by 2020. Many of these tourists swarm through the park and through hillside neighborhoods in their quest for the perfect Hollywood Sign photo.

The Dixon Report was created after two meetings with community “stakeholders.” These included the Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association, Friends of Griffith Park, Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council, Hollywood Knolls Community Club, Hollywood Sign Trust, Hollywood United Neighborhood Council, Hollywoodland Homeowners Association, Lake Hollywood Homeowners Association, Los Feliz Improvement Association, Los Feliz Neighborhood Council, The Oaks Homeowners Association and the Griffith Park Advisory Board. The Sierra Club was not invited to participate; nor was anyone—biologist, ecologist, environmentalist--to represent the permanent residents of Griffith Park.

A press release from Councilmember Ryu’s office claims that the “Dixon study marks the first time a comprehensive study, replete with data and strategies relating to visitor access to the Hollywood Sign and reducing negative impacts on nearby neighborhoods, has been made available to the City of Los Angeles.” The press release quotes Michael Shull, General Manager for Recreation and Parks: “This study provides tremendous opportunities to achieve these goals [regarding traffic, access, mobility] by focusing on community concerns and potential strategies to improve the park and the surrounding neighborhoods.” The report contains 29 suggestions for improving access to Griffith Park trailheads, facilitating emergency vehicle access, expanding transit options, enhancing pedestrian safety, hastening traffic flow, increasing parking efficiency and

compliance and proactively managing visitors to the park and Hollywood Sign.

As Friends of Griffith Park points out in its Response to Comprehensive Strategies Report: “One of the most important ideas proposed is a small electric shuttle to take visitors from the Metro stations in Hollywood up Beachwood Canyon through the gate to the Hollyridge Trail (p. 13). This proposal could be implemented relatively quickly and would reduce the number of vehicles significantly by providing easy public transit. From the trailhead, visitors would have a very short, safe hike on a wide trail to the park’s premier vista for Hollywood Sign viewing.” The Dixon report explains that this shuttle route would “allow the City to transport visitors to the Hollyridge Trail without requiring any roadway or trail reconfigurations.” The report remarks that the shuttle could also have a stop within the residential area near the Beachwood Gate to allow nearby residents easier access to the trail. An added suggestion by Dixon that the shuttle “could play a narration of the history of Hollywoodland and the Hollywood Sign as it travels to the Gate,” elicited moans of protest from Hollywoodland residents speaking at the GPAB meeting. “Who wants to listen to Alex Trebec all day?” snarled one, referring to the Dixon report’s mention of the “Jeopardy” host’s narration on the shuttle carrying visitors to Hearst Castle.

The shuttle up Beachwood Canyon seems a very good idea. Perhaps stricter parking regulations, more Draconian than the ones that already exist, ones that would be clearly posted and then enforced, could work in concert with the shuttle to bring some relief to besieged Beachwood residents. Installing a sidewalk bulb-out along Beachwood Drive sounds like a good way to “regulate visitor behavior” and to “address pedestrian safety concerns.” It might encourage sign seekers not to stand in the middle of the road in order to take their photos. However, it would still allow heavy vehicular traffic on Beachwood.

Other suggestions—a sidewalk along Canyon Drive, which has no sidewalk leading towards the Canyon Drive Gate, speed humps in certain areas, striping on crosswalks, painting “SLOW” on roadways, walkability signage, extending DASH lines or shuttle routes to

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and from congested areas—seem worthy of serious consideration. Implementing the Alternative Access Trail Plan proposed by GPAB and other stakeholder groups would permit hikers to bypass the existing gate to Sunset Ranch, now closed to pedestrians, and access the Hollyridge Trail via a new, nearby gate. The Dixon report claims that creating an alternative trail would require “a significant amount of engineering and construction work and would require environmental review to ensure compliance with CEQA,” the California Environmental Quality Act. These considerations, along with current litigation involving the gate closure, almost guarantees that the city will not embark on this project soon, if ever. As the Friends of Griffith Park response observes, “The proposal does not recognize the importance of providing access to the park for hikers and local residents,” some of whom were attracted to Beachwood Canyon because they could walk out their front doors into Griffith Park.

Dixon’s Strategy #3 is to “supplement the Griffith Park circulation system with an aerial tram.” Like the undead, this idea rises from its grave at least once every decade. A scheme in the late 1960s had an aerial tramway depositing patrons at a revolving restaurant atop Mount Hollywood. Before or after dining, they could visit a Hollywood Hall of Fame sharing space on Mount Hollywood with the restaurant. “Currently there is not an up-close view of the front of the [Hollywood] Sign, which leaves many visitors disappointed,” says the Dixon report. It argues that an aerial tram and viewing platform for the Hollywood Sign would “likely decrease neighborhood congestion by becoming the optimal viewing point and experience.” It cautions that the route “should not interfere with the cemeteries or any nearby residential areas.” But the park itself is a residential area for the plants and animals that depend on it. Locations proposed for the base of the tram and a Griffith Park Transit Hub are the Wilson/Harding Golf Courses, the Los Angeles Zoo and Martinez Arena. What hardships will a transit hub, serving crowds of tourists, visit upon golfers, zoo animals and visitors or equestrians and their horses? Why should traditional park users be sacrificed in order to pull in some tourist dollars?

As was pointed out by a Griffith Park Section member during the public comment period, the aerial

tram, carrying all those visitors over wild areas in the park, could cause ecological damage and is “an affront to the wilderness identity of the park.” It goes without saying that the construction of an aerial tram system would take time, cost plenty, and require environmental impact evaluation as well as a structural viability assessment. It is a grandiose idea of the sort that appeals to certain city officials and celebrities. Every time it has been proposed thus far, prudence has prevailed. One can hope it will prevail again.

Two members of the Griffith Park Advisory Board asked questions that I would have asked. Chris Laib asked if consideration of Griffith Park’s City of L.A. Historic-Cultural Monument status had been included when the aerial tram plan was broached. (Also, one would do well to remember that Col. Griffith envisioned his gift to the city as a quiet retreat from the sounds and stresses of the urban metropolis surrounding it.) Lucinda Phillips wondered why the Dixon report did not include locations in Hollywood for sign viewing. It might be difficult to identify venues with all the construction going on in Hollywood, but certainly the roof or the top floor of one of the high-rise hotels or office buildings could offer a Hollywood Sign viewing area where, for a small fee, selfies could be taken without the photographers having to hike, find parking, block traffic, search in vain for a porta-potty or get hit by a car. This is a suggestion oft made by me and countless others in articles and during public comment periods in meetings.

When public comments were allowed during THIS meeting, many residents of Hollywoodland (Beachwood Canyon) and other Hollywood Hills communities told of the problems brought to their neighborhoods by sign-seeking tourists. These include traffic congestion, damage to vehicles and property, break-ins of cars and storage sheds, irresponsible smoking and littering. Hollywoodland residents argued that these communities do not have the infrastructure needed to accommodate swarms of tourists. The residents admonished the city and the Dixon report for placing emphasis on the promotion of tourism and valuing the convenience of tourists over the safety and comfort of local residents. They have a point.



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That said, there was a disturbing tendency of some hillside residents to want to shift the tourists and the problems they present into (and over) Griffith Park. A couple of speakers advocated re-opening Mount Hollywood Drive to private vehicular traffic. This was attempted not all that long ago, resulting in the transformation of a safe and pleasant refuge for hikers and bikers (and wildlife) into a combination parking lot, traffic jam, trash dump and Hollywood Sign customer service center. Over 800 cars per hour were clocked at peak evening hours. Roads used by motor vehicles cause habitat fragmentation and result in animals becoming road kill. We live in a city clogged with traffic. Do we want to ruin a quiet refuge where locals can enjoy low-impact recreation so that the city can accommodate more tourists in private cars? This was tried a while back. It did not work well.

Joe Young, formerly a hike leader for the Griffith Park Section and currently a leader of Inspiring Connections with the Outdoors hikes for young people, made a useful suggestion. He recommended that sign-seeking hikers avail themselves of the ample parking north of Fern Dell

and then ascend via the West Observatory Trail—neither difficult nor very long—to the observatory parking lot, from which good photos of the Hollywood Sign can be taken. Bonuses include the Observatory itself, great views of the city below, a bust of James Dean to pose with, restrooms, a café, etc.

L.A. City Council District 4 has attempted to make consideration of the Dixon report a truly public process. Perhaps those who really know Griffith Park should be listened to as much as are neighborhood councils and business interests. Why does it seem necessary constantly to reiterate the fact that the park is a public trust that should be preserved and protected for the people of Los Angeles and for the wildlife and plants that call the park home?

## Italian Holiday at Harwood Lodge

Sat–Sun, June 2–3, 2018

**It is a long trip to the Italian Alps, but Harwood Lodge is right in our backyard! Celebrate the Festa della Repubblica which marks the birth and unification of the Italian Republic.**

**Enjoy a selection of easy to strenuous activities or just sit and enjoy the clean crisp mountain air. Listen to Italian music. Eat Italian food.**

**Stay in the dorms (separate male and female) or camp out under the stars.**

**Price includes Sat happy hour, dinner, and Sunday breakfast.**

**\$40 SC members/\$50 non-members/\$30 children under 12.**

**To sign up, send names of all participants, email or 2 sase, check (made out to Verdugo Hills, Sierra Club), interest in rideshare to**

**Leader: David F Eisenberg  
501 W Glenoaks Blvd #824  
Glendale, CA 91202**

**Co-Leaders: Delphine Trowbridge, Annette Kargodorian.**



# ACTIVITIES

**May 6 Sunday**

## **Angeles Chapter Awards Banquet**

Verdugo Hills has 2 awardees. Reserve your place at a Verdugo Hills table by emailing David Eisenberg, then sending \$40 (Payable Verdugo Hills Group) to David Eisenberg.

**May 7 Monday**

## **Monthly Meeting**

Ten Tips for Better Wildlife Photography is the title and the subject of the program for the Verdugo Hills monthly meeting. Award winning photographer Karen Schuenemann will discuss ways each of us can improve our photos. Based on ten years of mistakes and experience she has learned ways to compose and improve images so that the picture that she wants to see is the one that she will winds up with. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM. Meet in the Library community room (2809 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta). Enter from rear.

**May 14 Monday**

## **Hike in Griffith Park**

We will do the “Witches’ Whimsy” stair walk with a few modifications. Meet 10 am at the corner of Boy Scout Rd & Vermont Ave. across from the Roosevelt Golf Course snack bar. The hike is about 3.8 miles and 463 steps. We will see a Frank Lloyd Wright home and the 1950’ murder house. Bring \$\$ for optional lunch. Ldrs: Delphine Trowbridge, Bruce Hale, Carol Henning and Evelyn Alexander, Charlotte Feitshans

**June 2-3 Sat-Sun**

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**June 4 Monday**

## **Monthly Meeting— Changed to June 18**

Date change due to Primary Election on June 5 in the library auditorium.

**June 18 Monday**

## **Monthly Meeting**

Assembly woman Laura Friedman will speak about California and the US in the age of Trump and what we can do about it. In the event the assembly woman cannot attend, her deputy will speak in her place. 7:00 Social hour, 7:30 program. Meet in the Library community room (2809 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta). Enter from rear.

**July 11-13 Wed-Fri**

## **Car Camp at Dogwood**

Escape from the hot, smoggy city and camp with us in the beautiful San Bernardino Mountains with its tall pine trees. We will camp at the Dogwood Campground named after the trees with beautiful flowers which bloom in June but may still be in bloom. The campground has flush toilets, hot showers, hiking trails and is a short distance to Lake Arrowhead Village. Pick up a flyer and make your reservation. Spaces is limited. Ldrs: Evelyn Alexander, Delphine Trowbridge and Frank Atkin

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**July 9 Monday**

## **Ballona Wetlands and Playa Vista**

Enjoy an easy paced hike as we explore Ballona Discovery Park, the freshwater Marsh and the new planned community of Playa Vista. Wear comfortable shoes, bring \$\$ for lunch. Heavy rain cancels. Meet at 8:30 at Verdugo Hills rideshare point or 10:00 at Discovery Park, 13110 Bluff Creek Drive, Playa Vista. Take Lincoln Blvd to Bluff Creek Dr., turn east and the park is located next to Playa Vista Elementary School. Park on Bluff Creek Drive or nearby streets. Ldrs: Evelyn Alexander, Carol Henning, Charlotte Feitshans, Delphine Trowbridge

**August 5 Sunday**

## **Long Beach Museum of Art, Naples Canals, Belmont Shores**

Enjoy a visit to Long Beach Art Museum. Stroll along the canals of Naples and see the shops of Belmont Shores. Heavy rain or excessive heat (90+ in Long Beach) cancels. Meet 10 am at Verdugo Rideshare point, or 11 am at Long Beach Museum of Art, 2300 E. Ocean Blvd. Bring \$ for museum and lunch. Ldrs: Evelyn Alexander, Bruce Hale

**August 6 Monday**

## **Monthly Meeting**

Bruce Hale will present "Spain from Bilbao to Gibraltar" with slides and commentary from his month-long trip in Spain last fall. Highlights of the program include Bilbao and the Basque Region; the Camino de Santiago (famous pilgrimage route); Seville and Granada, and the site of the most-visited spot in Spain, the Alhambra. During this armchair tour, enjoy Spain's distinctive culture on the Iberian Peninsula. Social at 7 pm and the meeting starts at 7:30. Meet in the Library community room (2809 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta). Enter from rear.

### **Volunteers Needed**

**Verdugo Hills Group is always looking for new people for our Management Committee.**

**We are looking for hike leaders, event planners/leaders, committee members, etc.**

**If you would like to help in directing our wonderful group, please talk to our membership chair, JUDY ANDERSON ()**



**The Courtyards in the Alhambra in Granada. This will be one of the pictures in Bruce Hale's August 5 Slideshow.**

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# VERDUGO VIEWS

## Meetings

Verdugo Hills meets first Monday of each month except July and January. Meetings are located at the La Crescenta Library (2809 Foothill Blvd—Enter in the back). Social Hour: 7 pm, Meeting: 7:30

## Web Page

[angeles.sierraclub.org/verdugo](http://angeles.sierraclub.org/verdugo)

## Support Committee

*(Directory of Support Committee and Leaders is on inside back page.)*

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Carol Henning, Michael Beck, Gene Paulin, Evelyn Alexander, Delphine Trowbridge, Judy Anderson, Marlene Vella, Charlotte Feitshans


## Submission Instructions

Deadlines are the 15th of even numbered months (Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec).

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