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Election Endorsements for June 3rd

National:

- ✓ **Jared Huffman**
Congress, District 2
- ✓ **John Garamendi**
Congress, District 3
- ✓ **Mike Thompson**
Congress, District 5

Statewide:

- ✓ **John Chiang**
State Treasurer
- ✓ **Betty Yee**
State Controller
- ✓ **Dave Jones**
Insurance Commissioner
- ✓ **Tom Torlakson**
Superintendent of Public Instruction

State:

- ✓ **Mike McGuire**
State Senate, District 2
- ✓ **Jim Wood**
State Assembly, District 2
- ✓ **Joe Krovoza**
State Assembly, District 4

Local:

- ✓ **Deb Fudge**
Sonoma County Supervisor, District 4
- ✓ **Diane Dillon**
Napa County Supervisor, District 3
- ✓ **YES on Lake**
County Measure L
The Healthy Lake Tax

Rep. Thompson: President Should Protect Berryessa Snow Mountain if Congress Won't

Late in March, just as the previous edition of the Redwood Needles was going out, the Sacramento Bee published a fervent editorial castigating Congress for its failure to protect our public lands, and praising President Obama's recent use of his Antiquities Act powers to add the Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands on the Mendocino coast to the California Coastal National Monument.

The editorial went on to single out the 350,000 acre Berryessa Snow Mountain region (currently proposed for National Conservation Area status, and a top Sierra Club conservation

priority) as suitable for inclusion in the President's public lands legacy.

Congressman Thompson evidently agrees: on March 31 he posted a link to this editorial on his Facebook page, stating emphatically "I've introduced legislation to protect the Berryessa-Snow Mountain Region, but if the House Majority won't pass it the President should use his authority to preserve this area for our kids and grandkids."

Stay tuned for more about this great idea!

SEEKING WILDERNESS VOLUNTEERS



The Wilderness Act of 1964 was a turning point in the conservation movement. This legislation originally set aside 9 million acres of wilderness for the enjoyment of present and future generations. Today, more than 107 million acres are under the management of Federal land management agencies.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is responsible for nearly 35% of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Ten years ago, the Wilderness Stewardship Challenge was implemented in an attempt to maintain and increase the wilderness character of these lands to ensure they may stay wild forever. Ten key elements were identified to help define successful wilderness character and strategies were prescribed in order to help managers implement the Wilderness Stewardship Challenge. Initially, only about 20 percent of all wildernesses managed by the USDA Forest Service met even

the minimum stewardship level which is defined as achieving success in 6 out of those 10 elements. Our goal is to meet all ten elements by the end of the decade-long Challenge which ends this year— the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

Managers of the Snow Mountain Wilderness located within the Mendocino National Forest have focused on two of these elements for this year: ensuring that invasive species (particularly plants) are successfully treated and the implementation of a successful wilderness education plan. This summer, surveys of noxious invasive species are continuing to be conducted along trails and roads within the Snow Mountain Wilderness in order to plan removal projects with employees and volunteers. Also, we plan to continue implementing a wilderness education plan developed for our Forest in 2012. Our goal is to teach employees, volunteers, and the general public about the importance of our Wilderness, its ecological role, and proper use of its resources in hopes of instilling effective and efficient habits which will maintain and protect this majestic wild land. It is our hope that these two elements will go hand-in-hand since many invasive species are brought in and spread by human activities within the Wilderness.

How can you help? We hope to attract volunteers to help survey and remove invasive species along our trails within the Wilderness this summer. You can get more information about this project by contacting me, Joshua Hamrick – Student Conservation Association intern/AmeriCorps member for the Mendocino National Forest – at my email joshuahamrick@fs.fed.us. I am also available to come speak with your group about our other goal, wilderness education. We at the Forest Service want to encourage sustainable use of our Nation's wildernesses and it is our pleasure to discuss available resources and proper habits with you in order to keep our wildernesses wild forever.

Your Vote: More Important Than Ever



Anyone who doubts the importance of Sierra Club political support should look at this photo: Assembly District 4 candidate Joe Krovoza has given his endorsement pride of place on his yard signs!

Sierra Club political activists have been busy this spring with the grass roots investigation that precedes a Club endorsement, and are very proud of the candidates that have been chosen: please check their statements on page 3 to learn more about them.

We think that the election of candidates endorsed by the Sierra Club offers the best hope of protecting the best qualities of the North Coast—abundant open space, towering forests, free-running rivers, charming, friendly small towns with a rural atmosphere—so we're asking our members to support those individuals who appear on the endorsement list to the left of this article. Please also consider making a personal endorsement, volunteering a few hours of time, or donating money: the future of all our communities hangs in the balance this year, and action by Club members can potentially tip that balance. That's especially true because as usual in a non-Presidential year, turnout is expected to be in the dismally low 30 percent range. Although discouraging from a civic perspective, this participation rate means that every ballot cast will really matter—so please be sure to VOTE on June 3!

Lake Group members are also urged to check out the Group Report to learn more about Measure L, which is strongly supported by the Sierra Club.

—VICTORIA BRANDON, REDWOOD CHAPTER POLITICAL CHAIR



Sierra Club Sonoma Group & Sonoma County Conservation Council

Summer Gathering & Potluck

Sunday, July 20, 2014

Spring Lake Park, Santa Rosa
4:00pm to 7:00pm

Free! All friends of the environment welcome!

Bring: A plate and fork, and food or drink to share.
Questions? Ask Wendy at 544-4582, wlk@sonic.net
Directions to the **Shady Oaks Picnic Area** at Spring Lake: 393 Violetti Road ~ near the Spring Lake Environmental Discovery Center, Montgomery Dr. to Channel, then Violetti

Parking \$7 or free with Regional Parks Pass

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Statements of 2014 Sierra Club Endorsed Candidates



Sonoma Group's Choice for 4th District Supervisor

Deb Fudge is a Windsor Town Councilmember and former Mayor of Windsor. Deb has served on the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) Board, the Sonoma County Water Agency Water Advisory Committee, the Local Area Formation Commission, and as a Public Policy Member for Greenbelt Alliance. She is currently a Board Member for the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency. Deb has also been active in cleaning up the Russian River Watershed, serving on the Russian River Watershed Cleanup Committee for over twenty years.

Deb was instrumental in the creation of Windsor's Downtown Plan, the visionary document behind the building of Windsor's national and regional award winning Downtown and Town Green. The Town of Windsor has received a number of awards for its land use planning efforts including the National Sierra Club's "Best New Development 2006" for downtown Windsor, and the Governor's Award for Environmental and Economic Leadership. Deb also helped establish the pioneering conservation program Windsor Efficiency PAYS. Through her dedicated service over more than twenty years, Deb has helped transform Windsor from an exit on the highway to a town with a heart.

Deb is endorsed by Sierra Club, the California Democratic Party and Sonoma County Conservation Action, and the Sierra Club Sonoma Group considers Deb's election its top political priority for 2014. The environment needs her vote on the Board of Supervisors!

To help with Deb's campaign, call her at 620-0141 or email deb@debefudge.com.



Dillon for Napa's 3rd District Supervisor

Napa County's special quality of life is something that we all hold very dear. Our way of life is firmly based in our unique local environment: our open spaces, our agriculture farmlands and our natural resources like water, which are all being threatened.

On the Board of Supervisors, I have been a staunch proponent of slow, sustainable growth in Napa County. I helped develop our County's 2008 General Plan that will help maintain and preserve our open space and agricultural preserve for future generations.

Our open spaces and parks are being threatened by irresponsible development proposals. That is why I have stood against inappropriate developments in Napa County, including working to block the unwanted Vegas-style casinos that would bring even more traffic – and be exempt from local laws, including the General Plan.

Our economy, and our livelihood, is tied to our agricultural farmlands and watershed. I am working to protect our farmlands by being a proponent of slow growth and supporting responsible, thoughtful plans that would benefit our farmlands, not harm them.

Now, more than ever, during this devastating drought, Napa needs a leader with the experience and understanding of our water needs and other natural resources. Protecting our watersheds is a top priority and I am working hard to get Napa County through this water crisis.

I am running for re-election on my experience, my accomplishments, and my passion to keep Napa County special. I'd appreciate your support. If you'd like to learn more or get involved in my campaign, please visit www.DillonforSupervisor.com.

State Senate

Mike McGuire, District 2



I want to thank the Sierra Club for the endorsement of our grassroots campaign for State Senate. As a Sonoma County Supervisor, I've been privileged to work closely with local members on a variety of issues and I'm grateful for their

invaluable input and guidance. I'm honored by the Sierra Club's support and I'm excited to start working on the state issues that the Sierra Club and our current Senator, Noreen Evans, have championed for many years.

The beautiful Second Senate District runs from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Oregon border comprising 40% of California's coastline, and includes both Lake and Trinity counties. I will be the voice of the coast in Sacramento, and I fully recognize that the coast must be protected for future generations.

As your state senator, I will work tirelessly to pass legislation to ban fracking in California.

As a founding member of the Regional Climate Protection Authority and Sonoma Clean Power, I know there is no greater environmental concern facing California than climate change. I will continue to be outspoken on this important issue and ensure California is a national leader on proactive climate change and GHG reduction policy.

Water and drought related issues will be at the top of my agenda for action in the Senate, and I will strongly support comprehensive conservation measures and a complete review of water supply.

Together, we'll continue to oppose the Delta Tunnel proposal which will cost taxpayers billions, impose irreversible environmental damage to the Delta and only add to Los Angeles' ability to sprawl.

The Second Senate District is home to more state parks than any other district in the entire State of California, and we must re-open these public lands and get residents back into their parks.

I will always continue my long practice of proactive engagement with the Sierra Club on all of these issues and truly appreciate your support over the many years we've worked together.

Jim Wood, District 2



Jim Wood is running for the 2nd Assembly District, which includes Del Norte, Trinity, Humboldt and Mendocino Counties, plus northern and coastal Sonoma County.

We need proven leadership in Sacramento. Jim served on the Healdsburg Planning Commission for four years and was elected to the City Council in 2006. Currently serving his second term as Mayor he focuses on environmental protection, increasing energy efficiency, conserving water, and expanding Healdsburg's

renewable energy portfolio.

Jim co-founded the Healdsburg Green City Committee to implement green building principles, increasing water conservation standards, and expanding energy efficiency rebate and education programs. Healdsburg is a member of the Northern California Power Agency and has the highest renewable power of any city in Sonoma County and committed to grow green power for the community. As Chair of the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency he is focusing on waste diversion and composting. Jim worked with Sonoma County Supervisor Mike McGuire and the Sonoma County Agriculture and Open Space District to preserve 288 acres on Fitch Mountain as public-access open space within city limits. During this historic drought, Healdsburg has taken a leadership role in the region in efforts to conserve water.

Jim is also active in state and national health care causes. He serves on the Board of Advisors for the Pediatric Dental Initiative, a dental surgery center for children with severe dental problems. He is a nationally recognized expert in forensic dentistry.

In the State Assembly he will continue to fight for natural resource protection, greater access to quality healthcare, job creation, and education. Jim is proud to have earned the support of Congressmen Jared Huffman and Mike Thompson, State Senator Noreen Evans and Assemblymember Wesley Chesbro. Jim would be honored to have your support for State Assembly.

State Assembly

Joe Krovoza, District 4



I'm Joe Krovoza, mayor of Davis, Sierra Club member, and a candidate for the 4th Assembly District.

District 4 represents all of Napa and Lake Counties; most of Yolo County; and parts of Sonoma, Colusa, and Solano Counties. I believe that environmentalism and conservation are shared values that tie together this beautiful district.

That's why I am particularly proud to have the Sierra Club's

endorsement. If you've seen my signs throughout the district, you've seen that every one of them says three words across the top: "Sierra Club Endorses...". I include these words on every one of my signs because there are no other three words that more succinctly and completely express my values and priorities.

These values guide all aspects of my life: my decades of community volunteerism, my day job building academic environmental programs at UC Davis, and my night job as mayor, where I have defended open space and spearheaded major water conservation initiatives.

With your help, I will extend this commitment to the State Assembly, where I will work tirelessly to protect our environmental treasures and lead the fight against climate change.

I am proud to be the environmental candidate in this race. To learn more about my environmental record and priorities, or to sign up to help the campaign, visit www.joekrovoza.org.

I would be honored to have your vote on June 3rd. Thank you.

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Sierra Club Supports Betty Yee for State Controller

The race for State Controller is shaping up to be one of the most exciting and hotly contested this June. While the office can tend to fly under the radar, there are several key reasons that environmentalists should be excited to have the opportunity to elect a true environmental champion to this position. Betty Yee, currently a member of the State Board of Equalization, is prepared from day one to tackle Climate Change. Ms. Yee knows Climate Change is the overarching environmental problem we face, and will, for instance, promote clean and renewable energy standards for public works projects throughout California. Furthermore, she

will use her office to alert public officials around the state that climate disruption is not only an environmental disaster, but is going to cost taxpayers a lot of money. Beyond climate change, Ms. Yee will use her office seat on the State Lands Commission to address uncontrolled fracking, water conservation, landfill waste and recycling, and income inequality. Sierra Club strongly supports Ms. Yee's campaign for State Controller and urges you to vote for the only candidate who has promised not to accept campaign contributions from oil companies.

—AMANDA WALLNER AND MATT WILLIAMS
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Outings

On-Going Thursdays- Napa Group. Weekly Hiking to keep (or get) in shape.

Let's hike in Westwood Hills before work. This hike will be on-going Thursdays 7-8 am. Trail choice and pace will vary depending on participants. Don't let the hills scare you! Meet in the parking lot on Browns Valley Rd. Non Sierra Club members are very welcome! RSVP on-line: <http://www.meetup.com/Redwood-Chapter-Sierra-Club-Outings-Group/events/169993482/> or contact Leader: Isabelle: napabelle@gmail.com Heavy rain cancels.



TUES.-FRI. JUNE 3 - 6 - MENDO GROUP. YOLLA BOLLY WILDERNESS BACKPACKING TRIP #1.

The Yolla Bolly Wilderness is in the Mendocino National Forest outside of Covelo, CA. We will backpack 5 miles into a beautifully shaded area with a spring and pond. We will stay here 3 nights and do day hikes as desired or hikers may stay in camp. Must have backpacked within the last 5 years. Must be at least an intermediate hiker. Must have own backpacking gear including a camp stove, water filtration, sleeping gear, mosquito repellent, rain gear, and good boots. Bear canisters are optional. A day pack would be helpful. Bring all your own food for 4 days and 3 nights. We will meet at a turnoff from Highway 101 and decide how to carpool. Class M-5-A. By reservation only. Limit 10. Leader Val Nordeman, nordeman@willitsonline.com 707 477-4199.

Sat. June 7 Mendo Group. Angelo Coast Range Reserve Hike.

The ACRR, set along the headwaters of the S. Fork of the Eel River, is a historically interesting property, originally purchased by The Nature Conservancy, transferred to UC Berkeley, and now serves as a UC Berkeley research facility. It is stunningly

beautiful along the Eel River and Elder Creek with riparian, meadow, oak, Douglas fir, and redwood habitats with tall coast range mountains overlooking all-a truly magnificent place that we will experience on our hike ending at one of the historic residences in the reserve. Mostly level hiking on the graveled path that bisects the Reserve but depending on water level in the Eel, we may hike a trail for part of the time. Bring lunch, snacks, adequate liquids, raingear, and wear layered clothing and sturdy boots. Class: M-8-A. No dogs. Carpools: Meet 8:15 am Raley's parking lot, Ukiah or 10:15 am visitor parking lot at the Reserve. Take Branscomb Rd. west of Laytonville to 3 mi past (west) of tiny Branscomb, then right turn at unmarked, paved, and only road you will see on right, and drive about 4 miles to Reserve parking lot. Leader: Jonah Freedman. By reservation only. 467-1877. jonahfreedman@sbcglobal.net. Rain cancels.

Sat. June 7 - Sonoma Group. Bartholomew Park Loop Hike.

To celebrate National Trails Day, hike into a hidden gem behind Bartholomew Park Winery. We will make our way through oak and bay forest, down to redwoods and an easy creek crossing, and up through manzanita and madrone. A great showcase of Sonoma County flora and feeling. Bring water and lunch. Class M-3-B. Carpools: Meet 9:15am NE Santa Rosa (call for location) or 10am trailhead Bartholomew Park Winery, 1000 Vineyard Ln, Sonoma. Leader Tiffany MacNeil 707-696-3387 or tiffany.macneil@sonic.net.

Sun. June 8 - North Group. Prairie Creek State Park, Friendship Ridge Hike.

Loop route includes ancient redwoods, flowers, waterfalls, possibly elk. Some steep, rough or soggy sections. Bring food, water, hiking footwear. No dogs. Class M-8-A Carpools: 9 am Arcata

Safeway parking lot. 10:30 am Fern Canyon Trailhead (exit Davison Rd. off Hwy 101) Leader Melinda (707)668-4275 Rain cancels.

Sun. June 8 - Napa Group. Nature & Art.

We will combine a visit to the Di Rosa Preserve (on Sonoma Hwy near Napa) and a 3 mile hike (E-3-A) at the Buchli Station in Napa. Tickets to the museum are: \$15. The purchase of tickets and time of visit need to be arranged in advance, so do not wait to RSVP. Carpools will be encouraged. Leader: Isabelle: napabelle@gmail.com

Thurs.-Sun. June 19-22 - Escalante Backpack.

This a moderate 3 night/4 day backpack into one of the unique places of the desert southwest. Cottonwoods and some pines line the river. Wading shoes will be needed as we will be constantly in and out of the river. Meet at the BLM Visitor Center noon Thurs west end of Escalante to get permit. The first day we will hike in about 6 miles. The next day we will explore a scenic side canyon with nice narrows and swimming holes. On the third we will move a couple of miles and do some more side hiking. Last day hike out. Route requires a car shuttle. Limit 12. David Hardy, hardyhikers@embarqmail.com, 702 875-4826, email preferred. S. Nevada Group/CNRCC Desert Committee

THURS. JUNE 26 - NORTH GROUP. TRINITY WILDERNESS CANYON CREEK HIKE.

Out and back along tumbling creek to meadows above Lower Falls. Bring plentiful food and water, sun protection, hiking boots. Class M-9-B. Carpools: 7:30 am First & G St., Blue Lake, 10 am Canyon Creek Trailhead parking (13.5 mi N of Junction City on CR401) By reservation only. Leader Melinda 707-668-4275

Thurs.-Sun. July 3-6 - Independence Day Weekend in the Black Rock Desert.

Come visit this beautiful desert 100 miles north of Reno. Activities TBD but probably include hot springs, the Emigrant Trail and other explorations. Leader is very familiar with the area! Primitive camping, bring your own food, water & shovel. It's a busy weekend on the Playa as many people use this weekend as a "shake-down" for Burning Man! There will be big

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fireworks. Possible Ham Radio class one day. Hams, bring your radios, there will be lots of Ham activity on the Playa! RV's & Trailers OK but no facilities. Dogs on leash only. Sign-ups 6/15 thru 7/1, David 775-843-6443 Great Basin Group/CNRCC Desert Comm.

Sun. July 6 - Napa Group. Nature & Art.

We will combine a visit to the Legion of Honor museum (to see the "Intimate Impressionists" and two Matisse exhibits), and a 3 mile (with optional staircases) hike in San Francisco. Tickets to the museum are: \$22 FAMSF member's free, 10% discount as a group. The purchase of tickets and time of visit need to be arranged in advance, so do not wait to RSVP. Carpools will be encouraged. Leader: Isabelle: napabelle@gmail.com

TUES.-FRI. JULY 8 - 11 - MENDO GROUP. YOLLA BOLLY WILDERNESS BACKPACKING TRIP #2.

We will use the same trailhead as in trip #1, but veer off onto a side trail to get us to an equally if not more beautiful base camp amidst wildflowers and a racing stream. While there for 3 nights we might choose to do various day hikes or just stay in camp. Must be at least an intermediate hiker. Must have backpacked within the last 5 years and have own backpacking gear including camp stove, water filtration, sleeping gear, mosquito repellent, rain gear and good boots. A day pack would be useful. If you have a bear canister, bring it and we'll decide if we need them before packing them in. Bring all your own food for 4 days and 3 nights. We will meet at a turnoff from Highway 101 and decide how to carpool. Class M-5-A. By reservation only. Limit 10. Leader Val Nordeman, nordeman@willitsonline.com 707 477-4199.

FRI.-MON. JULY 11-14 - EASTERN NEVADA WILDERNESS SERVICE.

Once again the California/ Nevada Wilderness committee partners with BLM Ely office to enjoy camping in an Eastern Nevada Wilderness area and doing a valuable service project there. Join us! This year's special feature -- not only work, but celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act--don't miss it. Where? Latest word: Most likely location is Mt. Grafton Wilderness. (The summit of Mt. Grafton is the highest point in Nevada on BLM land.) Central commissary offered.

Contact Vicky Hoover. (415)977-5527, vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org. CNRCC Wilderness Committee

Fri.-Sun. July 18-20 - Napa Group & Sequoia Paddlers. Canoe/Kayak Campout.

Camping and boating at a Sierra lake. Destination to be determined. This will be either car camping, or boat camping, depending on location. Info <http://www.meetup.com/Redwood-Chapter-Sierra-Club-Outings-Group/>. Leaders Isabelle Saint-Guily izstguily@gmail.com and Carl Inglin chinglin@sonic.net, 707 538-8271.

Fri.-Sun. Aug. 8-10 - Perseid Meteor Shower at Black Rock Desert.

Meet in Reno Friday evening and drive the 100 miles north to Black Rock. Contact leader if you want to meet us on the Playa. Burning Man setup will be going on so the playa will be pretty busy. There will be 50+/- people camping at Mid-Playa to watch the meteor shower. Unfortunately, it's close to full moon, but we'll be visiting hot springs and having a potluck, possible dutch oven cook-off. Dogs on leash, Ham radio activity, we'll have portapotties but no other facilities. RV's & Trailers OK, no hookups+ expect dust! Sign-ups 7/25 thru 8/5, David, 775-843-6443. Great Basin Group/CNRCC Desert Comm.

Fri.-Sun. Aug. 15-17 - Napa Group & Sequoia Paddlers. Loon Lake Boat in/Camp out.

Loon Lake is a granite bound lake on the edge of the Desolation Wilderness. We'll canoe/kayak to the primitive camps on the east end of the lake. Opportunities for day hiking, photography, drawing, and just kicking back. Info. <http://www.meetup.com/Redwood-Chapter-Sierra-Club-Outings-Group/> Leaders: Isabelle Saint-Guily izstguily@gmail.com and Carl Inglin chinglin@sonic.net, 707 538-8271.



Instructions to hikers

Outings will start not later than 15 minutes after scheduled meeting time. The leader is in charge of the trip and is responsible for your welfare and the good name of the Club. He/she must have your cooperation to make the trip safe, pleasant and rewarding. Never charge ahead of the leader and keep within sight or shouting distance of the person ahead of you so you do not miss an intersecting trail. Do not lag behind rear leader: if you need help, the rear leader will remain to assist you. Do not leave the group without the leader's permission.

Be adequately equipped and prepared. You should carry lunch and liquids. Wear footwear appropriate for the outing. In most cases that would be hiking boots.

Guard against fire. Do not smoke on Sierra Club outings. Build fires only with the leader's permission, and extinguish them completely. Guns, pets, or radios are not to be brought on hikes.

The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Participants assume the risks associated with travel. Reimburse the carpool driver. Carpools are not part of the outing but a means of conserving natural resources.

All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the liability waiver please go to: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>, or contact the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.

Visitors are welcome

All Sierra Club trips are open to the public unless otherwise announced. You are free to bring all members of your family and guests. Children are usually welcome, but please call the leader to make sure it is an appropriate hike.

DIFFICULTY	MILEAGE	ELEVATION GAIN
E - Easy	Actual	A - Less than 1,000
M - Moderate	Mileage	B - 1,000 to 2,000
H - Hard		C - 2,000 to 3,000
S - Strenuous		D - over 3,000
V - Very Strenuous		

The actual mileage will be listed for each trip. Elevation gain will reflect the gain from the start of the hike to the highest point. If you need to know the cumulative gain, please contact the leader.

To submit outings write-ups

Send all outings write-ups to: Carol Vellutini, Outings Chair, carolvsr@sonic.net by the 8th of the month. All leaders must coordinate their outings with their Group Outings Chair.

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Ratings for Outings Leaders

How fast or slow do you go?

Wonder if an outing leader walks fast or slow? Keep in mind that the leader's speed is but one part of hiking. How high up a mountain the hike starts, the total mileage and elevation gain (up hill) and loss (down hill) greatly affect the difficulty of a hike, regardless of how fast or slow you walk. If you have any doubts about being able to do a hike or have other questions, please call the leader to discuss your concerns. These ratings only serve as a guide and are not a substitute for you being in appropriate physical condition before participating in an outing.

Leaders are grouped according to how fast they normally hike. Please keep in mind that this info is to help you decide if a hike is right for you. The outing rating instructions to hikers is also important for participants to read. Look at the difficulty of the hike. If the rating is moderate with few or more frequent stops a fast pace hiker must hike slower to accommodate that rating.

Varies, see hike description for details: Jim Gannon Isabelle Saint-Guily

Fast-pace with few or no stops: Paul Bozzo Carol Magill

Moderate-pace with few stops: Don Anderson Tiffany MacNeil Boone Lodge Lorrie Lagasse

Moderate-pace with more frequent stops: Pete McGee Tim Bartice Melinda Groom Val Nordeman Carol Vellutini Yvonne Kramer Martin Farber Brian Collett Carl Inglin Tom McFarling Nanette DeDonato Jonah Freedman Steve Devoto

Slower-pace: Allison Bronkall



CACHE CREEK HIKE CELEBRATES WILDERNESS

Last Fall, the hike leaders from the Redwood Chapter met at a regional hike leaders meeting on the Mendocino coast for a weekend retreat. During



that meeting, Victoria Brandon made a request to us leaders to plan a hike sometime in 2014 into one of the nineteen wilderness areas in our Redwood region to honor the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act and thereby promote those areas to our members and the general public for recreation.

I immediately thought of the hike I would lead; into the Cache Creek Wilderness of eastern Lake County. So on a sunny Saturday in April of this year, 10 of us left our cars at the Lynch Canyon trailhead on Hwy. 20 just east of the Lake-Colusa county line and headed south through the old Payne ranch, now BLM's Bear Creek unit, towards our entry point into the canyon of Cache Creek. After an hour's hiking, we reached the Road Kill Cafe, an old hunting/line camp from ranch days, now a hiking shelter and storage structure for restoration projects. On the wall is the "menu" for the "cafe"; "Awesome Possum, Poodles and Noodles, The Chicken that Didn't Cross the Road, Slab of Lab, German Shepard Pie", etc. You get the picture. Another three miles down easy ranch road trails brought us to the rim of the canyon at Bulldozer Junction. Here is the final resting place of a classic old bulldozer from the 50's, most likely responsible for creating most of the ranch roads and ponds that the public enjoys today (picture).

Almost a thousand feet below us lay Cache Creek in its wilderness canyon. After a short lunch and a photo opp with the old caterpillar, we descended into the canyon down a fading old Cat trail. A two-mile hike brought us to

the large flat at a bend in the creek, a nice rest-stop and halfway point in our 12 mile round-trip from the cars to the creek. Before we ended the hike, I read this short paragraph to the hikers;

"On Sept. 3, 1964 President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Wilderness Act. This historic bill established the National Wilderness Preservation System and set aside an initial 9.1 million acres of wildlands for the use and benefit of the American people. Since then due to public support, Congress has added over 100 million acres to this unique land preservation system. The Act defines wilderness as "areas where the earth and its communities of life are left unchanged by people, where the primary forces of nature are in control, and where people themselves are visitors who do not remain."

"On October 17, 2006, President George W. Bush signed the Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Act, designating 27,245 acres within the Cache Creek Natural Area (CCNA) located in Lake County, as the Cache Creek Wilderness."

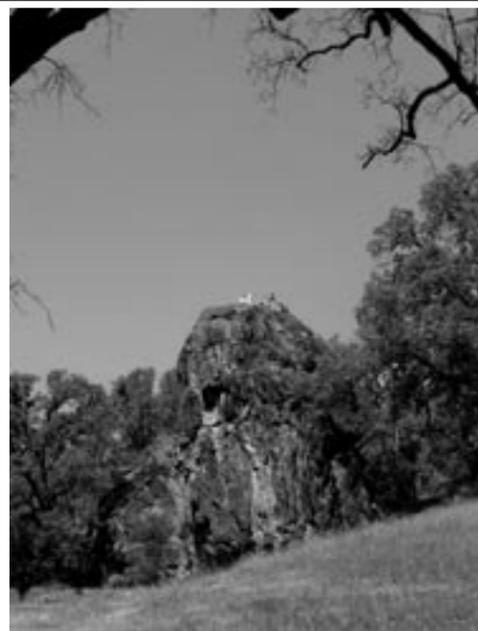
Back at the trailhead, after handing out the Redwood Chapter's Wilderness Guidebook to all the hikers, we said our goodbyes.

-TOM MCFARLING, LOWER LAKE

Outings Chair Report

I received sad news April 15th. Retired hike leader Becky Kent had passed on. Then April 24th more sad news. Our North Group outing chair Bill Knight had passed on. Bill was only 48 years old. Read articles in Needles and read comments on the Redwood Chapter web page (thank you Melanie). One of many regrets is that Bill had to miss our October Chapter retreat at Jughandle last year. Bill was looking forward to meeting other group leaders, but had to fly to Billings, Montana (minus 25 weather) at the last minute, for his work. Typically efficient Bill put together a yearly report for the north Group from Montana, emailed it and I read it at our retreat. Brings to mind the many wonderful leaders who have passed on. The most recent that come to mind are Steve Stocksteder, Doug Porter and Susan Peterson. Having great adventures outdoors, hiking, camping, paddling, backpacking, etc., forms lasting bonds. It hurts to know that we will not see them anymore.

-CAROL VELLUTINI, REDWOOD CHAPTER OUTINGS CHAIR



Hikers on Goat Rock just off the Glen Eden Trail/Cow Mountain BLM Recreation Area. Leader Jonah.

Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park

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So Long, Becky & Bill



Long-time Sierra Club hike leader Becky (Lina) Kent passed away on April 15 at the age of 84. At her memorial service—where one of her daughters read Becky's self-penned eulogy—several North Group members recalled

backpacking hikes she had led, as well as less-strenuous outings closer to her McKinleyville home. Among her favorites were the Patrick's Point State Park Rim Trail, Trinidad State Park, and Lyon's Ranch and Skunk Cabbage Trail mushroom hikes in Redwood National Park, as well as Mother's Day rambles in Prairie Creek State Park and New Year's Day walks along the Hammond Trail, capped by a potluck at her house. Born in Calgary, Becky moved to San Diego, where she received degrees in music—a lifelong love—and nursing. After the death of her first husband, she joined the Sierra Club and led wilderness outings. In the mid-1990s, she moved to Humboldt with her second husband and continued leading hikes, as well as serving as North Group membership chair. In August 2006, she contracted Lyme disease from a tick bite while picking blackberries at the Blue Lake Fish Hatchery, which recurred and contributed to her demise.

Bill Knight, North Coast outings chair and long-time hike leader, passed away April 24 after a struggle with cancer. Bill was an avid backpacker who loved the outdoors, particularly the North Coast. He had hoped to recover enough from his illness to end his days among his beloved redwoods and dunes, but that did not happen. Bill was an outgoing, adventurous spirit who loved to travel and had lived in such exotic places as Africa, India, and New Zealand. Yet he always said that his favorite place to live and hike was the North Coast. A favorite hike was from Manila Dunes to the Mad River, but he also loved Big Lagoon (for hiking and paddling) and Tall Trees. He was happy that he had scaled back his life to enjoy nature and hike, and the rewards he got from this far exceeded anything money (or prestige) was worth. His enthusiasm for the outdoors led him to give up a lucrative, demanding career to spend more time outside. Bill was 48 when he passed and will be greatly missed by the many whose lives he touched.



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Lake Group Report

Support Measure L

Over these past few months most of Lake Group's time and energy has been invested in promoting Lake County Measure L, a ballot initiative to fund invasive species/weed and algae control/water quality programs in Clear Lake. This proposal, placed on the ballot by unanimous vote of the Lake County Board of Supervisors, and officially endorsed by the Club early in February, would impose an additional county-wide half cent sales tax, and use the money to strengthen efforts to prevent quagga and zebra mussels from infesting Lake County waterways; provide the county's share of the critical Middle Creek wetland restoration project funding; conduct a number of specific projects designed to improve water quality; and maintain existing programs to combat toxic algae blooms and control nuisance aquatic weeds.

In most respects Measure L is strikingly similar to Measure E, which was also endorsed by the Club and which narrowly failed to reach the necessary two-thirds majority vote in November 2012. It differs in three significant ways:

- a detailed expenditure plan for the first two years is included in the ballot measure;
- projects must be approved in advance by the oversight committee and Board of Supervisors;
- the oversight committee is now

structured to include stakeholders from a wide variety of community organizations, with the Sierra Club being among those named.

A reliable source of funding is essential for success in the effort to protect Clear Lake from invasive species and reverse the conditions that have allowed noxious cyanobacteria (AKA "algae") to proliferate. Restoring the health of the lake is imperative for its own sake, and also vital for the well-being and economic future of the community.

At press time, Lake Group was preparing to host a Town Hall meeting on the Measure, to be held at the Board of Supervisors Chamber in Lakeport on May 14. To learn more about Measure L, visit savethelake.info

Lake Group Offers Scholarships

Early in April the Group announced its third annual scholarship program. Two \$1000.00 scholarships will be awarded to graduating Lake County seniors whose career goals address the missions of the Sierra Club, which include creating a safe and healthy community in which to live; supporting smart energy solutions to combat climate change; and protecting America's wild places. The winners, who will be selected by the Lake Group Executive Committee, will be announced at the end of May.

—VICTORIA BRANDON, LAKE GROUP CONSERVATION CHAIR

Sonoma Group Report

The Sonoma Group went public on Earth Day, tabling at the celebrations in downtown Santa Rosa and Montgomery Village. We thank former Sonoma Group ExCom member Veronica Jacobi for loaning us a shade canopy for these events.

We voted to co-sponsor, along with North Bay Institute for Green Technologies, a bilingual educational tent at the Roseland Farmers Market, which started in May.

We are advocating some major changes to the county's vineyard conversion (VESCO) ordinance. Our immediate concern is a 49 acre ridge top vineyard proposed by Kendall-Jackson, on land owned by the Ohlson Family Trust. The development is proposed under the ordinance which avoids CEQA review and allows ministerial approval. Our position is that VESCO does not provide adequate environmental review for vineyard development in hilly, forested areas like those in the west county. We want the county's approval process for vineyard development of ridge top land to include

rigorous environmental impact reporting.

We sent a letter to County Supervisors expressing our opposition to County Permits for the Ratna Ling print factory project near Cazadero. The religious order has grown its publishing and warehousing operation to include 5 printing presses, numerous dwellings, & security fences in a remote forested area. Our position is that a printing operation of this scale is not appropriate in this RRD zoning. Any such project should be subject to an EIR, and intensive use such as this should be relocated to a more urban area. Despite these concerns, Supervisors allowed the project to go forward.

We voted to produce and send a post card to our members in the 4th Supervisorial District, endorsing the candidacy of Debra Fudge as Supervisor.

In response to a request by 350.org, we voted to make a donation to sponsor the showing of "Gas Land 2", a film about fracking, at the Rialto Theater in Santa Rosa.

—DAN KERBEIN, SONOMA GROUP CHAIR

Changes Ahead for Redwood Needles Delivery

Starting with the October issue, all members who have provided their email addresses will begin to receive the Redwood Needles electronically rather than on paper. This shift offers several advantages: we can include live links to web-based information and email addresses, graphics can be offered in full color, and we'll save a few trees and a little gas. It will also provide a significant financial benefit to the Chapter, allowing us to use more of our limited funds for the direct protection of the environment. If you really would rather continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter through the mail, or have any comment, please contact: ERedwoodNeedles@gmail.com.

Napa Group Report

Our popular bi-monthly member meetings at the Napa Library have featured a variety of programs, including the Napa River, Trail Volunteers, and Afghanistan Farmer Outreach. Next up in July 17th: Climate Change. A Napa Valley bike tour, co-sponsored with Greenbelt Alliance and Friends of the Napa River is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 22nd. A coffee gathering in St Helena is set for the afternoon of June 7th. And hikes are on-going! To receive timely notice of these and other events via our **monthly e-newsletter**, send your email address to napavalleyclub@gmail.com. "Like" us on **Facebook**, where we are **Sierra Club Napa Group**. Join hikes on **Meetup** at the **Redwood Chapter Sierra Club Outings Group** link.

We have awarded money to a Napa 4H

Summer Camp scholarship fund to sponsor a child who would otherwise be unable to attend. This annual weeklong sleepover camp in Las Posadas near Angwin gets kids out into the forests to experience and learn to protect our gorgeous local wildlands.

The drought has us all thinking about conserving our precious water resources. Increasingly we are hearing from concerned Napers regarding proposed projects which will increase demand on local water. These include the Walt Ranch on Atlas Peak, the Calistoga Hills Resort, the Mountain Peak Winery on Soda Canyon, and Mt Veeder's Woolls vineyard. Neighbors are questioning whether planning commissions should be more cautious in approving water-hungry projects.

—NANCY TAMARISK, NAPA GROUP



WILDERNESS GUIDEBOOK AVAILABLE

As mentioned previously, to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the landmark federal Wilderness Act, Redwood Chapter has published a Guidebook to the 21 officially designated wildernesses in our territory. Copies are available at the Environmental Center (55A Ridgway) in Santa Rosa and at Watershed Books (304 N. Main) in Lakeport for a suggested donation of \$5, and may also be ordered by mail by sending a \$6 check (to cover postage and handling) made out to Sierra Club Redwood Chapter to Victoria Brandon, 15995 Lucy Circle, Lower Lake CA 95457.

2014 Sierra Club Endorsed Candidates

John Chiang for Treasurer

Sierra Club California endorses John Chiang for Treasurer because of his record on environmental issues as Controller, and his continuing personal commitment to combat climate disruption. As Treasurer he will promote investment in distributed generation and support other environmentally beneficial activities. He is sponsor of AB 2045 (Rendon) to create a statewide "Building the Economy through Energy Retrofits" (BETER). He

will sit on a variety of state boards and commissions including the California Pollution Control Financing Authority and the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority. The Treasurer influences a wide range of public and private investment and policy decisions that affect environmental concerns.

—GAYLE EADS

Dave Jones for Insurance Commissioner

The Sierra Club endorses Dave Jones for reelection as Insurance Commissioner based on his environmental record during his first term. Jones has promoted assessment of the impacts of climate change on insurance risks, and encouraged insurance companies to provide

lower automobile insurance rates to people who drive less. Before his election as insurance Commissioner, Jones compiled an outstanding environmental record as a member of the California Assembly, including authorship of the Green Insurance Act of 2010.

—ANDY SAWYER

A complete list of Sierra Club endorsements for the June 3rd election appears on page 1. See page 3 for more local and statewide candidate statements.

Non-Sierra Club Outings

The following activities and events are not sponsored nor administered by the Sierra Club. The Sierra Club has no information about the planning of these activities and makes no representations or warranties about the quality, safety, supervision or management of such activities. They are published because they may be of interest to the readers of this publication.

Saturday Saunters for Santa Rosa Area.

Every Saturday. Meets 9 am and usually ends around 11:30. These walks are moderate. Fun way to exercise with friends. For info call Bob Martin 707-539-6300.

Sonoma County Regional Parks trail work days.

On the day of the project you can call 707-548-4424 for an update or if you get lost coming to the park. Your support and dedication to our County's trails really makes a big difference. To RSVP for any of these projects please call John at 707-565-3356. ParksVolunteer@sonoma-county.org

Volunteer Days Riverkeeper Stewardship Park in Guerneville, Every Wednesday.

8:30 - 11:30 am, for all or part of the time. Park is located on the north bank of Russian River directly upstream Guerneville pedestrian bridge. Access entrance from the driveway in front of Sonoma Nesting Co. (16132 Main Street, just east of Armstrong Woods Rd. At bottom of driveway look for blue & white "Russian Riverkeeper Stewardship Park" sign. Bring drinking water & wear sturdy footwear. Light refreshments provided. Info Victoria Wickle 865-2474 VictoriaWickle@usa.net.

Thanks for the CRV donations to Solano Group made by Alicia, John and Mary.

Thanks to Beverly McGain, Howard Hoffman and Nancy McCoy for Earth Day Help

EXCOM Members needed.

The Solano Group is in need of people who want to make a difference in Solano County. Put on your Sierra Club Hat and join us for monthly meetings where we review local issues and come up with plans to protect our local environment.

For more information, email sierraclubsolanogroup@gmail.com or leave a message at 707-319-6398.

Thanks to Adam Mangosing, Justin and Alicia Ashorn, Errol Dempster and Jane for staffing the March and April paper shredding events.

Solano Breeze Corner

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VALCORE Recycling and Confidential Paper Shredding 2014.

Solano Group will be working every 3rd Saturday of the month at 38 Sheridan Street, Vallejo from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (June 21, July 19, Aug 16, Sept 20). There is a charge of \$10 [CASH or CHECK ONLY] per twenty pounds of paper shredded. (maximum: 100 pounds). Sierra Club volunteers help tend the money and direct traffic. Once a year is all we ask and you only need work an hour

or so. Volunteers get free shredding. **NEW WEEKDAY SHREDDING.**

From 10am to 4 pm – closed 1pm to 2 pm for lunch, CREDIT or DEBIT ONLY.

We continually work at Lori's Native Plant Garden located at 225 Amador St, Vallejo. We weed, plant, prune and mulch year-round. If you have an hour, call Jane and she'll work with you to get you started. 707-319-6398

EXCOM: Come join us for our monthly meetings which rotate between Vallejo, Fairfield and Vacaville. We meet on the first Thursday of the month and are making a positive impact on our county and need a few more members to help carry the load. Call Jane (707) 319-6398 or Greg (707) 386-6411 for current meeting info.

—CONTRIBUTOR: JANE BOGNER & EDITOR: GREG PETERSON

North Group Report

Help Support Campers This Summer

North Group's Lucille Vinyard/Susie Van Kirk Environmental Education Fund has been providing a camping experience for children in our membership area of Humboldt, Del Norte, and western Trinity counties for the past 20 years. Our goal this year is to send four children to overnight nature camps in Orick: two to Towering Trees & Tidepools for grades 4&5 and two to Redwoods Ecology for grades 6-8. The camps in Redwood National & State Parks are operated by the Oregon Museum of Science & Industry.

Readers are invited to help fund campers by sending a check payable to "North Group Environmental Education Fund" to North Group at PO Box 238, Arcata CA 95518.

Science Projects Receive Awards

For the eighth year, North Group sponsored an award at the annual Humboldt County Science Fair held in mid-March. (The projects were so competitive in 2014 that a second prize of \$25 was given.)

The \$50 first-place award went to "Fresh Water from the Sea" by Ava Killoran, a 7th-grader at Pacific Union School in Arcata. She investigated how much fresh water a solar desalination device she built using funnels, drinking straws, modeling clay, coins, cling wrap, and a heat lamp would produce. She hypothesized that higher temperatures and larger surface areas would be more effective at removing salt. Ava tested the device at two temperatures: 80 and 90 degrees F. She found that the average yield at 90 degrees was triple that obtained at 80 degrees. She also tested

two sizes of desalination boxes, discovering that the box that was three times larger yielded four times the fresh water. Thus, both her hypotheses were found to be correct. Ava sent an ingenious pop-up thank-you card to North Group, informing us that she had been selected to take her project to the California State Science Fair in Los Angeles in May.

A \$25 second-place prize was awarded to "Cloudy with a Chance of Radiation" by Oliver Grant, a 7th-grader from Petrolia who attends Mattole Charter School. The purpose of his research was to discover whether West Coast residents were in danger from radiation from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant disaster. He wanted to find out whether rumors of seashore and seafood radiation were true. Oliver predicted that he would find no dangerous levels of radiation during Geiger counter readings of seafood, soil, homegrown food, regional produce, and air. He took measurements at home (carrots, celery, mushrooms, bananas, asparagus, raw milk, canned tuna/salmon, fresh albacore, coconut oil), the beach (plants, fire pit, car tire, bird carcasses, sand, shells, rope, beach wall boulders, salt residue, air), and the fish market (ling cod, ahi, two types of oysters, albacore, crab). As he predicted, no dangerous radiation levels were found. Oliver also sent North Group a thank-you note.

So Long, Becky & Bill

See page 5 for a farewell to Becky Kent and Bill Knight, who recently passed away.

—NED FORSYTH, NORTH GROUP VICE CHAIR

Redwood Needles

August Deadline: Due July 8

Submit Articles/Reports/Ad Copy via e-mail to:

odavison@sonic.net (new email)

Send Outings to Carol Vellutini via email:
carolvrsr@sonic.net

Send Meetings to Carl Inglin: chinglin@sonic.net

Wanted:
Database volunteer, starting in July, to assist with transition of sending the newsletter electronically for many members. Some experience desired, but not absolutely necessary. Contact odavison@sonic.net for more information.

Sierra Club Volunteer/Activist Opportunities

Sonoma Group Hike Leaders: Sonoma Group outings leaders training. Always a need for more leaders for outings. If you would like a training, please email Tiffany at tiffany.macneil@sonic.net or call 696-3387 for info. People are requesting families with children, camping and easy hikes.

North Group Hike Leaders: North Group is desperately seeking hike leaders. Please contact Bill Knight, the Outings Chair, at bill.knight.email@gmail.com.

Meet with the Sonoma Group Water Committee! Meet with the Sonoma Group Water Committee! Help conserve water. Come to our meetings at the Environmental Center at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of most months. The Water Committee is working on measures to conserve, save, and reuse our water resources. Our goal is to preserve and improve the natural water environment, by promoting the responsible use of water and the safe reuse or disposal of our wastewaters. Help protect the quality of our water for people, wild life, fish and other aquatic life. Check for our meeting dates on page 8. To get on our Water Committee e-mail list, e-mail Len Holt at lholt@sonic.net. If you are not able to attend our meetings, you may e-mail Len Holt with your concerns and ideas.

Get CHARGED by attending the Climate & Energy Committee. Join us on the 1st of the month at 5:00-5:45 p.m. at the Environmental Center in Santa Rosa, learn about what is going on in our community to fight climate change through renewable energy programs. Contact Shirley Johnson-Foell Climate & Energy Committee Forum-Chair. Email: Shirlgirl707@Yahoo.com, home 206-1138, or call office 433-7651.



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Earth Day 2014 in the Redwood Chapter



Lake Group chair Ed Robey tabling at the Earth Day festival at CalPine in Middletown on Saturday April 26.



The next generation of Club members (Sonoma Group ExCom member Shirley Johnson's grandchildren Orion and Rylee) helping with tabling at Montgomery Village "Day on the Green" Earth Day festivities on Saturday April 26.



Earth Day at Yuba College in Clearlake, April 22: this little car is more than electric, it's completely solar-powered!



Solano Group staffed a hand-made paper-making table at the April 19 Earth Day celebration at the Vallejo Farmers Market. Club volunteers also salvaged over 30 water & coffee bottles from a lost & found and shared them with the public.



Earth Day at Yuba College in Clearlake on April 22, with Redbud Audubon President Marilyn Waits and Chapter Chair Victoria Brandon.



Napa Group tabling at Earth Day in downtown Napa on Saturday April 19: Group Membership Chair Isabelle Saint-Guily brought outdoor gear and set up a little campsite, dutch oven and all.



Sonoma Group Chair Dan Kerbein and executive committee member Jessica Jones tabling at Courthouse Square Earth Day in Santa Rosa on Saturday April 19.

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Meetings

Send all Meeting events by the 8th of the month to Carl Inglin: chinglin@sonic.net Sierra Club meetings are open to all members. You are welcome to participate or observe as often as you wish. Meetings are located in Sonoma County unless otherwise noted. Visitors should call the committee chair to verify time and place. The Sonoma County Environmental Center is located at 55A Ridgway Avenue in Santa Rosa (West of Hwy 101, two blocks North of College and 1 1/2 blocks West off of Cleveland Ave, South of Coddington).

Mon. June 2 - Sonoma Group.

Santa Rosa Environmental Center, 55A Ridgway is the site of three related meetings:

- The Climate & Energy Committee meets at 5:00 p.m. Info: contact Shirley, shirlgirl707@yahoo.com, 707-206-1138.

- Sonoma Group Conservation Committee at 5:30 p.m. Info: Dan Kerbein, dkerbein@sonic.net

- Sonoma Group Executive Committee at 6:30 p.m. Info: Info: Dan Kerbein, dkerbein@sonic.net

Thurs. June 5 - Solano Group ExCom.

Come join us for our monthly meetings which rotate between Vallejo, Fairfield and Vacaville. We are making a positive impact on our county and need a few more people to help carry the load. Call Jane for information. (707)319-6398.

Tues. June 10 - North Group ExCom.

The public is invited to attend the monthly meeting of our governing committee. Join us for a discussion of local conservation issues between 7:45 and 8:45 p.m., following the ExCom business meeting from 6:45-7:45 p.m.

Meet at Adorni Center Conference Room on Eureka Waterfront. For more info, call Gregg at 707-826-3740.

Tues. June 17 - Napa Group ExCom.

7 p.m. Our location varies; it is generally at a member's home. Anyone wishing to attend the meeting should contact the chair, Nancy Tamarisk at nancy@aya.yale.edu

Wed., June 18 - The Sonoma Group Water Committee.

7:00 PM at the Environmental Center, 55A Ridgway, Santa Rosa. Contact Len Holt: 707-527-7516 or lholt@sonic.net

Mon. July 7 - Sonoma Group.

Santa Rosa Environmental Center, 55A Ridgway is the site of three related meetings:

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- Sonoma Group Conservation Committee at 5:30 p.m. Info: Info: Dan Kerbein, dkerbein@sonic.net

- Sonoma Group Executive Committee at 6:30 p.m. Info: Info: Dan Kerbein, dkerbein@sonic.net

Tues. July 8 - North Group ExCom.

See June 10.

Wed., July 16 - The Sonoma Group Water Committee.

7:00 PM at the Environmental Center, 55A Ridgway, Santa Rosa. Contact Len Holt: 707-527-7516 or lholt@sonic.net

Thurs. July 17 - Solano Group ExCom.

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Sat., July 19 - Redwood Chapter ExCom.

Location: Willits Environmental Center. Conservation Committee meets at 10 a.m., ExCom meets 1-3 p.m. Info: Victoria vbrandon@lakelive.info

Wed. Aug. 20 & Sept. 17 - The Sonoma Group Water Committee.

7:00 PM at the Environmental Center, 55A Ridgway, Santa Rosa. Contact Len Holt: 707-527-7516 or lholt@sonic.net