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Sierra Club Lake Group

November-December 2022 Newsletter

Community Forum November 10

On Thursday November 10 Anderson Marsh Interpretive Association board member Henry Bornstein will join us to provide a progress report on the reforestation program underway at the Park. A collaboration between State Parks, the City of Clearlake, and AMIA, the project will result in 100 or more native Valley Oak (*Quercus lobata*) saplings being planted and cared for until established. The oak restoration project is financed by fees paid to the City of Clearlake under its Native Tree Protection Ordinance, which requires developers who cut down native oaks either to replant trees of the same species or pay a fee to fund replanting elsewhere.

Although the meeting is free and open to the public as always, registration is required: everyone who signs up will receive confirmation and Zoom connection details, and a followup email a day or so before the event. To RSVP, go to the Lake Group website at sierraclub.org/redwood/lake and click the link in the embedded calendar.

Breaking news on Molok Luyuk

On October 17 Congressman John Garamendi and Senator Alex Padilla asked President Biden to use his authority under the Antiquities Act to add the land now known as “Walker Ridge” to the adjacent Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument and to rename the area Molok Luyuk, meaning “Condor Ridge” in the Patwin language.

“The sacred lands within and around the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument are central to thousands of years of indigenous origin stories,” said Senator Padilla. “. . . It is our duty to protect the abundant natural resources and the rich history of Molok Luyuk for today’s children and for future generations.”

Members of the Molok Luyuk coalition expanded on the reasons why protecting this area is so important: “Many of the plant and animal species within Molok Luyuk are traditionally important to the lifeways of the Patwin people, and we consider their protection and stewardship to be part of our sacred responsibility to the land,” said the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Tribal Council. Molok Luyuk “was home to California Condors as well as Bald Eagles, Golden Eagles, and Peregrine Falcons, and provides wildlife corridors and vital habitat for other culturally important species. The recent reintroduction of the California Condor to the north of Molok Luyuk gives hope that condors will once again soar (con’t)

(**Molok Luyuk, con't**) over the ridge." Now there's an aspiration we can all applaud! For more details, and lots more quotes from supporters, check out the extensive article that appeared in Lake County News.

And if you haven't done so already please take a moment to express your support for protecting this very special landscape by signing on to the petition posted at www.expandberryessa.org

Calendars!

Lake Group's order of 2023 Sierra Club calendars has just arrived: we again have both wall and appointment versions for sale at the discounted price of \$14, or just \$13 for Sierra Club members. Since it is no longer possible to return unsold calendars we have again placed a comparatively small order, so prompt action may be necessary to obtain the kind and quantity you want. Calendars can be purchased at Watershed Books, 305 N. Main in Lakeport, or in Lower Lake by making advance arrangements with Victoria, vbrandon95457@gmail.com or 707 994 1931.

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Let's Go Digital

Lake Group members are invited to help fight deforestation by receiving this bimonthly newsletter electronically rather than on paper. To get it as an email attachment in pdf format instead, send a request to join the "Lake Group Paper Free" list to vbrandon95457@gmail.com—not only does this save some trees, it also benefits the Group financially.

Lake Group Executive Committee

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ExCom meetings are usually held at 5:00 PM on the third Tuesday of the month, on the Zoom platform. All members are cordially invited to attend, but requested to contact the Chair first to confirm the time and get connection details



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Help Wanted: Social Media Coordinator

As part of our efforts to appeal to a broader and more diverse community, Lake Group would like to increase our presence on social media. Currently we have a Facebook page that is occasionally updated by some executive committee members, but aside from our website that page represents our only online presence.

Besides more frequent Facebook posts, it would be great to be able to reach out on Twitter and Instagram, and maybe even TikTok, but none of the Group's current leadership has the capacity to make that happen, so we are looking for a media-savvy supporter who can help out.

If that sounds like YOU please send a text to Deb at 707 235 9011—she would love to hear from you!

County Parks and Trails Master Plan

Lake Group was recently invited to participate in one of the small group focus meetings organized by the Department of Public Services to kick off the development of a long-delayed countywide parks, recreation, and trails master plan. We are fortunate to have an abundance of public recreational facilities managed by all levels of government and suitable for a wide variety of uses—but these wonderful resources aren't always as accessible as they could be, nor are their contributions to the health, cultural richness, and economic vitality of the community always maximized.

Now is the chance for significant improvements on all levels. A series of public workshops is planned in 2023, and the Sierra Club hopes to feature a presentation by Public Services Director Lars Ewing at one of our community forums. Please stay tuned!

Sierra Club Endorsements, November 8, 2022

Federal

US Senate
Congressional District 04

Alex Padilla
Mike Thompson

State

State Senate District 02
Lt. Governor
Secretary of State
Attorney General
Insurance Commissioner
Superintendent of Public
Instruction
State Controller
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Mike McGuire
Elena Kounalakis
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Tony Thurmond
Malia Cohen
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Statewide Propositions

Prop 1: defend reproductive rights	SUPPORT
Prop 31: ban flavored tobacco products	SUPPORT

For more information about the Propositions, visit sierraclub.org/california/2022-endorsements



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Let's Celebrate!

On **Saturday November 12** Redwood Chapter is hosting its first in-person social event since January 2020. This FREE carbon-neutral, zero waste, family-friendly event will be held at the Grace Hudson Museum in Ukiah from 5-8PM and will feature local finger food and nonalcoholic drinks, informal music, cultural demonstrations, exhibitions from regional organizations—and above all, a chance for our community to celebrate, together. All Sierra Club members and other supporters are invited.

For more information and to register (not required but highly recommended) visit sierraclub.org/redwood