

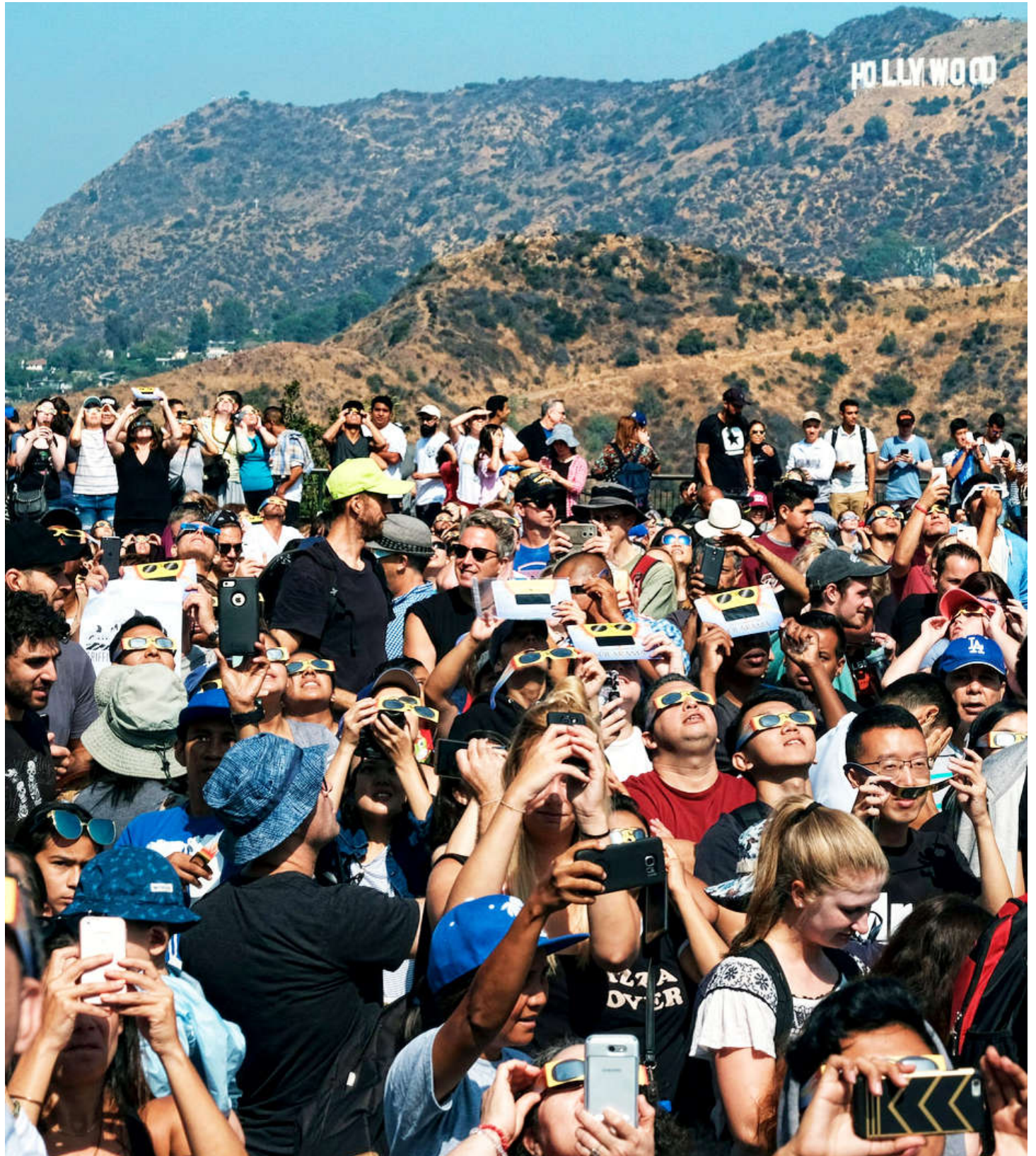
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Delta-Sierra Group Newsletter

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Stockton Earth Day

Sunday, April 21, 2024 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Join Delta-Sierra Group at Victory Park (It's FREE)

Care for our Planet! Preserve natural resources! Stockton Earth Day Festival has a long history of helping people recognize the importance of protecting our planet. It is also an opportunity for the community to get together and address environmental issues that affect us locally and nationally such as clean air, clean water, and energy efficiency. This year's call to action is "Choose Planet Over Plastic."

Check out the Eco Arts Village, a collaboration of local artists and makers who demonstrate how we can relieve stress, express ourselves, and find joy through arts. All festival goers are invited to take part in the activities.

Victory Park is located at 1001 North Pershing Avenue in Stockton. It's a 24.4-acre park with play areas, ball fields, picnic sites, BBQ pits, and ponds. The park is also home to the Haggin Museum, an art and history museum founded in 1928 and opening in 1931.



Explore & enjoy the planet,
but only leave behind the dust
from your footprints.

Tracy Earth Day

"Electrify Tracy" EVs Drive Electric Earth Month

Saturday, April 27, 2024, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Downtown Tracy Farmers Market at 9th Street and Central Avenue

Join us for a fun-filled day celebrating our beautiful planet at the Downtown Tracy Farmers Market. Get ready for an exciting event packed with activities, workshops, and live performances.

Discover a variety of interactive exhibits showcasing sustainable practices, renewable energy, and conservation efforts. Participate in engaging workshops where you can learn about composting, recycling, and gardening. Don't miss the chance to connect with local organizations like Delta-Sierra Group to discover ways to make a positive impact on the environment.

The Tracy Earth Project also has an Earth Day Challenge, where winning projects receive \$1,000 to spend on science-related materials or activities for their classroom.

Throughout the day, enjoy live music performances by talented local artists. Indulge in delicious food from eco-conscious vendors, offering a wide range of organic and locally sourced options.

Tracy Earth Day 2024 is a fantastic opportunity to come together as a community and show our love for Mother Earth. Whether you're a nature enthusiast, eco-warrior, or simply curious about sustainable living, this event is for you!



Common Ground

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 @ 7:00 pm
First Unitarian Universalist Church
2737 Pacific Avenue, Stockton
(Corner of Bristol and Pacific Avenues)

Free and open to the public

If you'd like to join us for a potluck supper at 6:00 pm, bring a dish to share. The movie will start at 7:00 pm.

The Delta-Sierra Group of the Sierra Club and the First Unitarian Universalist Church are co-hosting a screening of a new award-winning environmental documentary about how regenerative agriculture can help heal the soil, our health, and the planet.

The film reveals how unjust practices forged our current farm system in which farmers of all colors are literally dying to feed us. The film profiles a hopeful and uplifting movement of white, black, and indigenous farmers who are using alternative “regenerative” models of agriculture that could balance the climate, save our health, and stabilize America’s economy before it’s too late.



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Saving
the planet,
one acre
at a time.



COMMON GROUND

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BITS AND PIECES

Bits and Pieces is like the junk drawer in your kitchen or elsewhere in your home. It's where you put stuff when you don't know where to put that stuff.

B&P On The Cover

Probably the greatest thing about the eclipse of the sun on April 8, 2024 was that people of all colors, ages, education and political persuasions came together to witness the event.

B&P UFOs INVADE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA!

That's right; you heard right! Unidentified floating objects have come ashore on Southern California beaches. These little blue creatures have a natural built in sail and are called velella velella. They live on top of the open ocean. Velella is a marine organism that belongs to the phylum Cnidaria, which includes jellyfish, coral, and anemone.

They are less than 3 inches long with a flattened, oval-shaped deep blue disc as a base, and a thin translucent membrane rising out of the base that resembles a small sail. Velella are carnivores that feed on plankton. They are a food source for other marine organisms, including sea snails and sea slugs.



Velella are not dangerous to humans, however, it's a good idea to avoid touching your eyes or mouth, as their tentacles do have toxins and can cause skin and eye irritation.

B&P How To Grow Better Marijuana, Tomatoes And Mushrooms

We saved this information from September 2022 for a rainy day and April 13, 2024 it poured down.

Warning: The content of this article may be disturbing for some readers.

Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law a bill that will allow human composting, a "green burial" option that is slowly gaining recognition. California is the fifth state to legalize the practice, following Colorado, Oregon, Vermont and Washington.

Under Assembly Bill 351, human composting will be allowed starting in 2027. The process involves placing human remains in a steel box with biodegradable materials, which help the body naturally decompose. That produces soil, which is given to family members, who may spread it or use it to grow plants.

Supporters of green burial options say that conventional burials put massive amounts of embalming fluid, steel and concrete into the ground. Cremations produce significant carbon emissions. Allowing bodies to decompose and return their nutrients to the organic cycle is a more appealing option for some environmentally conscious people.

Articles on this topic omitted comments for what to do with bones, teeth, knee replacements etc. The bill itself is a jumble of laws, contractual requirements and penalties if permits and licensing isn't properly followed. RIP.



B&P Meeting Schedule

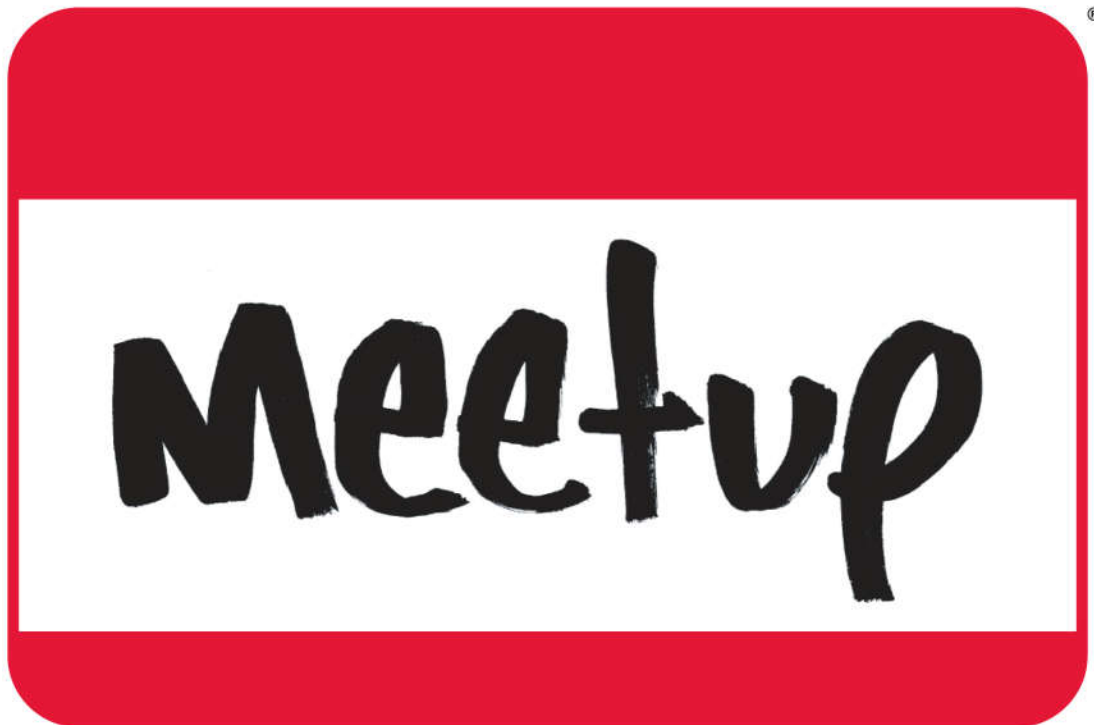
Yes, we have no meetings scheduled for May and June. Enjoy your summer.



Royal Gorge - Paul Plathe

Stockton, Modesto & Sonora Sierra Club Groups
Find us at this active link:

<https://www.meetup.com/S-M-S-SierraClub>



We have been in operation since October 2011 and now have 2615 members.



Please practice & promote the responsible use of ecosystems & resources.

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Paul and Mary terms expire December 2024.

Margo and Martin terms expire December 2025.

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The Chair, Vice Chair and Chapter Delegates must be Sierra Club and Executive Committee members.



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straws and lightbulbs,
we need to focus on
changing policy and
politicians.**

**We need large numbers
of people working
together for solutions
that work for the
climate.”**

JANE FONDA