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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Wow, what an amazing year it's been! These past few months have been more wild and exciting than I could have expected. The election was a delightful turnaround for us as a country, as more progressive candidates made it into office — with more women heading to Congress than ever before. Meanwhile here in the Chapter area, the Sierra Club endorsed a whopping 88 candidates at the local, state, and federal level, with over 75% of our endorsed candidates winning election. Our ballot measures fared even better, with a 95% success rate!



Our successful ballot measures include affordable housing bonds at the state level (Prop 1) and in the City of Berkeley (Prop O); funding to enhance and protect the East Bay Regional Parks system (Regional Measure FF); and a plan to tackle San Francisco's homeless crisis (Prop C). We're also happy that voters saw through some bad state-level ballot measures, rejecting Prop 3, the very poorly crafted, pay-to-play water bond; and Prop 6, which would have overturned the gas tax and made it nearly impossible to impose a future tax to fix bridges and roads and fund transit and bikeways.

We've had other great successes this year beyond our electoral work. We helped launch East Bay Community Energy, the locally run, non-profit electric power supplier now bringing cleaner energy to Alameda County. We've helped pass regulations in cities all around the Bay to limit disposable foodware waste. We helped shut down the last oil drilling operation in Alameda County. We helped protect 1,400 acres of beautiful wildlife habitat in Antioch from sprawl development. And we helped protect public access to Treasure Island's Clipper Cove and preserve its sensitive marine ecosystem.

Our work, though, is far from complete. As you'll read in this issue of the Yodeler, we have to protect against threats to our urban growth boundaries, while encouraging affordable infill development near transit. We still have a battle ahead in order to prevent the Delta tunnels from destroying an endangered ecosystem. And we have to stop coal exports through our region once and for all.

It's supporters like you that have allowed us to get as far as we have, and in 2019 we'll need you more than ever before. As you start to plan your year-end giving, please include the chapter in your charitable donations. There are many ways to donate to the chapter. You can make a tax-deductible donation into our 'SF Bay Chapter' account with the Sierra Club Foundation**; you can support our political work with a gift straight to the chapter; you can donate a car, RV or yacht (seriously!) through our CARS program; and more! To learn more about how you can support our chapter, check out our website at sierraclub.org/sfbay/give or contact our development manager at matt.bielby@sierraclub.org.

Thank you for your support of the San Francisco Bay Chapter. We look forward to working for you and the environment in the year to come!

Minda Berbeco

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Urban hiker at Twin Peaks, San Francisco, by Sergio Ruiz



WINTER 18-19 CHAPTER NEWS



Come to the Bay Chapter holiday party

Fri, Dec 7, 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Chapter office, 2530 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley

Save the date for the Bay Chapter's annual holiday potluck to celebrate the season and all the work we do. Please bring finger food — savory or sweet — and beverages to share. There will be live music, a free raffle, gifts, and of course, lively conversation. Organizers will provide the plates and cups. Family and friends are welcome.

To make this event a success, we need your help. To volunteer (before, during, or after the party) please contact Joanne Drabek: joanne1892@gmail.com or (510)530-5216.

Gathering & orientation for new members

Sat, Jan 19, 10:00 to 11:30 am

Berkeley Library Community Room, 2090 Kittredge St

In the new year we'll be hosting a gathering to welcome our newest Sierra Club members — or members of any duration who want to learn more about the Club, our history, the chapter, and how you can get involved.

Please RSVP at bit.ly/newmembermeeting. Questions? Contact chapter director Minda Berbeco at (510)848-0800 or minda.berbeco@sierraclub.org.

Vote for your local Sierra Club representatives — ballot on page 31

In order for the Sierra Club to make an impact commensurate with the enormity of the threats facing the environment today, we need our members to be active and engaged. Today, that means voting in the election for your local Sierra Club representatives. These volunteer leaders represent you in deciding local Club policy on issues ranging from transportation to conservation. Make sure they speak for you!

Voting instructions are on page 23 and your ballot is on page 31. You can also vote online at www.sierraclub.org/sfbay/2018chapterelections. However you vote, make sure your ballot is received by Friday, December 14th.



Plant a tree & improve local air quality

After enduring weeks of smoky skies from the devastating Camp Fire, air quality is at the top of many people's minds right now. One way to improve air quality locally is by planting trees. Join the Sierra Club Tree Team at our monthly planting parties in Oakland. No experience is required, but volunteers should be ready to do some digging and get a bit dirty. Please register in advance at the sierraclub.org/sfbay/events if you would like to join us for our last two planting dates of the season: Sunday, December 9th and Sunday, January 13th.

We are also in need of volunteers who have trucks to help transport trees and materials to their locations. If you are able to help, please contact sctreeplanting@gmail.com.

If you live in Oakland and want to request a tree, fill out the form at bit.ly/sctreerequest. Some financial assistance is available for those who can't cover the costs.

Learn to snowcamp in our training series' 50th year

BY JENNIFER FLATTERY

“Oh, Sierra Club. You people have been causing us lots of trouble lately, getting lost and injured.” It was early in the winter of 1969, near Lincoln Peak on the way to the Sierra Club’s Bensen Hut. The Forest Service ski ranger’s remark to snowshoers Frank Quinn, Andy Husari, and Carl Wisener was the catalyst for the founding of the Bay Chapter snowcamping training series, now in its 50th season.

Frank, Andy, and Carl were experienced winter campers. They understood that the increasing number of accidents came from the backpacking explosion of the 1960s. Inexperienced hikers were encountering the windy, wet conditions of spring and autumn storms. And when trails were obliterated by snow, they often had no idea how to use the map and compass they might or might not have brought along.

And so that spring the friends came to launch the Sierra Club SF Bay Chapter snowcamping training. The idea was to safely extend the average backpacker’s season beyond July and August. “The first one,” Frank Quinn recalled, “was out of a motel in Kingvale just west of Soda Springs. We had two or three times the response we expected. We had a seminar inside and gave instruction in proper clothing, map and compass, and avalanche awareness. We went outside to practice snow shelter construction and proper ice axe technique.”

Today the training series offers seven different adult



subgroup options with different trip dates, plus a group for families and youth groups for scouts. The training consists of a one-day classroom session followed by two trips to the mountains. Students are expected to use snowshoes. The first trip is just a few miles, since the focus is practicing new skills. The second trip is longer, with two nights out.

We have had 49 seasons without a serious accident, and as this 50th season begins, over 3,000 people have taken the course. We recruit assistant leaders and eventual leaders from previous years’ students. Some of our leaders have been teaching the course for over 25 years.

We are here to help you extend your horizons into winter. Be part of snowcamping history by joining us for our 50th season! All students must apply and we ask that all applicants be in good physical shape and have backpacking experience. The application due date is December 16. The mandatory full-day classroom training is January 12. Trip dates vary by group. A limited number of scholarships are available. For more information and to sign up, visit www.snowcamping.org.

Stuff our stocking with stocks!

MINDA BERBECO

Many of our supporters don’t realize that there are many ways to give to the chapter. You can give monthly or quarterly and even give gifts of stock. You can easily donate stocks (and get a nice tax deduction too!) through our fiscal sponsor at the Sierra Club Foundation.

Visit www.sierraclubfoundation.org/stocks to fill out the form and authorize your broker to transfer your shares. Make sure that when you fill out the form you enter the purpose of the gift as “SF Bay Chapter,” otherwise we won’t receive your donation. It’s as easy as that!

Chapter office volunteers needed

WALTER POPE

We’re looking for a few good people to staff the front desk at our Berkeley storefront location on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. You’d be fielding questions and concerns from members of the public in person and on the phone. We’d also ask you to help out with administrative tasks like data entry, as well as phonebanking to inform members about events and issues. We ask for a regular shift of at least three hours and at least a three-month commitment. If you’re interested, email walter.pope@sierraclub.org. Visit sierraclub.org/sfbay/volunteer to see other opportunities.

Remembering two incomparable local leaders

The chapter mourns two longtime activists and Club leaders who passed away this autumn.

JANIS KATE TURNER worked for decades as a leader in the Sierra Club's Tri-Valley Group. At the time of her death she was serving as the group's chair. She also served on numerous chapter committees in efforts to leave a better world for our children.



In her advocacy, Janis helped to establish urban growth boundary lines, protect groundwater from pollution by treated sewage, and most recently, stop oil drilling in Livermore. She actively opposed the expansion of landfills in the Tri-Valley. She always led by example; she recycled everything she could long before it was mandated.

Janis loved the outdoors and was a gifted athlete. For years, she hiked every week with the Hill Hikers and knew every trail in the Tri-Valley. She cherished the beautiful vistas and wildlife one could see from Brushy Peak and Sycamore Grove Park. She backpacked and loved being in the Sierras.

In addition to hiking, Janis was an inspirational cyclist, swimmer, and cross-country skier. With a group of friends, she rode her bike across the United States from the Pacific Ocean to Virginia Beach, Virginia in sixty days.

Janis was constantly giving of her time to support others. She taught math at East Avenue Middle School for years and continued to work as a substitute after retirement, always nurturing young students. She volunteered for the Laundry Ministry, helping the homeless so they would have clean clothes and bedding. As a master gardener, she volunteered at the farmer's market teaching others how to grow organic and sustainable produce. She replaced her front lawn with California native plants and grew fruit trees in her backyard, sharing the fruits with all of her friends.

Most of all, Janis loved her family and friends; she was devoted to her granddaughter Piper, her son Dr. Brian Betencourt and his wife Leslie, and her brother Steve Turner. She cherished her friends, especially Stu Fine, her significant ex-husband with whom she remained very close. Janis's

caring nature, indomitable spirit, positive attitude, and hard work helped create a safer environment for all of us and she will be greatly missed.

MARK LEE WOODBURY was an avid outdoorsman, Sierra Club hike leader, map enthusiast, high school English teacher, political junkie, and eclectic songster who imparted to friends and family his love of words, of singing, of nature, of justice, of humor and so much more.



Mark discovered a love of wild places early on. As a boy, he was smitten by the White Mountains of New Hampshire and Maine. After serving in the Navy during WWII on the USS Siboney, he attended Reed College, roomed with beat poets Gary Snyder and Phillip Whalen, and befriended the Murie brothers, with whom he climbed and skied in the Grand Tetons.

In Berkeley, in the 1950s, Mark helped start a folk singing group and formed lifelong friendships strengthened by a shared commitment to civil rights and environmentalism. He also started exploring the many hiking trails of the Bay Area with the Sierra Club.

Mark taught English at De Anza and Richmond High Schools, in later years branching out into a popular comedy course, and a class in "Western Days & Ways."

Throughout much of his adult life, he continued his own studies at UC Berkeley, where he pursued his passions for history, politics, and nature photography.

Mark was a devoted dad, taking his children Brian and Heather on extraordinary backpacking and camping journeys, to the Olympic Mountains, Yosemite and Alaska.

Mark led over 300 hikes for the Sierra Club, and was active in environmental campaigns including efforts to preserve the Sierra forests that ultimately led to passage of the California Wilderness Act.

Mark is survived by his brothers Peter and Chris Woodbury, stepson Mark Evans, his son and daughter Brian and Heather Woodbury and their spouses Elma Mayer and Roberto Palazzo, his grandchildren Juniper and Moss Woodbury, his nephews Tony and Patrick Woodbury, and his beloved Dolores Gruenewald, long-time companion and light of his life for the past 25 years.

Thank you to Donna Cabanne for Janis Kate Turner's memorial, and to Heather and Brian Woodbury for Mark Lee Woodbury's.

San Francisco interests clash over Bay-Delta restoration plan

CHRIS GILBERT

The San Francisco Bay Delta and its tributaries are in severe decline. Salmon and other fish counts have plummeted; the commercial and recreational fishing industries are on the brink of collapse, with direct impacts on San Francisco-based businesses and jobs; farmland is becoming degraded due to excess salinity; and water quality for drinking water systems that depend on the Delta is suffering.

To address this ecological crisis, the State Water Resources Control Board developed a plan to restore the San Francisco Bay Delta — the largest freshwater estuary on the Pacific coast of the Americas. The plan, developed through a decade of research and extensive public outreach, would increase fresh water flows through the Lower San Joaquin River and its tributaries, including the Tuolumne River, from which San Francisco gets its water.

Shockingly, San Francisco's water agency has sided with the Trump administration to oppose the Bay-Delta restoration plan — even though the science is clear that we can protect water supplies for San Francisco *and* revive our waterways.

After years of work by dozens of environmental, fishing, labor and other groups, including the Sierra Club, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors finally weighed in on the State Water Board's Bay-Delta Plan to require increased freshwater flows. On October 30th, Supervisor Aaron Peskin, with co-sponsors Mandelman, Kim, and Brown, put forward a resolution in support of the Bay-Delta Plan. In consultation with the SFPUC, the resolution was amended to allow the agency to negotiate with the State Water Board over the City's water allocations. The supervisors then approved the resolution unanimously.

But the celebration didn't last long, as Mayor London Breed was quick to veto the resolution, saying she "wouldn't support a state river restoration plan that would mean giving up some of the city's pristine Hetch Hetchy water" and that "the SFPUC should not be handicapped by environmental concerns," according to the San Francis-

co *Chronicle*. It could be possible to override the veto, but it would require eight of the eleven supervisors.

The State, for its part, has again delayed its decision on whether to adopt the Bay Delta Plan — this time postponing a vote to December 12th. In a letter to Water Board chairwoman Felicia Marcus, Governor Brown and Governor-elect Newsom asked the Board to postpone their decision, originally scheduled for November 7th, so that voluntary negotiations can progress. They wrote, "A short extension will allow these negotiations to progress and could result in a faster, less contentious and more durable outcome [...] During this time, we pledge to actively and meaningfully engage to bring this vital matter to a successful closure."

It is very concerning that one of the five members of the

Board, who is thought to be sympathetic to backing the Bay-Delta Plan, left the Board mid-November. Who will replace him will undoubtedly affect the final decision.

Meanwhile, several moves by the federal government with regard to the Bay-Delta Plan

have caused particular concern within the environmental community. These include President Trump's original campaign promise to Central Valley agricultural interests to "solve all your water problems," and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's more recent meetings with San Joaquin legislators where he was asked to step in to make sure that California agriculture gets the California water it requests, unimpeded by California's own environmental laws.

Unfortunately, Trump and Zinke have now made good on their intentions to solve agriculture's perceived water problems with an order to the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to rescind its flow recommendations and instead embrace Central Valley water agencies' misguided proposal based on non-peer-reviewed "science" commissioned by the water agencies themselves. No matter that the USFWS's own scientists had determined that increased flows were called for to satisfy the Bay Delta Plan "co-equal" priorities of water for both the environment, and cities and farms. Politics trumps science again.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

If you live in SF: Please send Mayor Breed an email at MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org expressing your disappointment in her veto of the resolution in support of the Bay-Delta Plan. Contact your Supervisor and ask them to override Mayor Breed's veto.

Chris Gilbert is co-chair of the Bay Chapter's Water Committee

"SHOCKINGLY, SAN FRANCISCO'S WATER AGENCY HAS SIDED WITH THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO OPPOSE THE BAY-DELTA RESTORATION PLAN."

Oakland terminates lease for would-be coal exporter

In a dramatic new challenge to developer Phil Tagami's plan to export coal through a new marine terminal at the former army base in West Oakland, the City of Oakland has announced that the 66-year lease on the city-owned property has been terminated for failure to meet critical milestones for beginning construction. City Attorney Barbara Parker said in a statement, "[The developer] had years to move this project forward and has used every excuse in the book to justify its failure to perform. This terminal is a critical project that will be an economic engine for West Oakland, our entire city and the region. The city must move this project forward with partners who are able to get the job done."

The Sierra Club stands with the community in our commitment to a plan for the Oakland Army Base redevelopment that will create good jobs without sacrificing our climate and our health. Sierra Club staff member Luis Amezcua points out that "if Tagami hadn't wasted so much time fighting with the city over whether the terminal should handle and store coal, perhaps he wouldn't be behind schedule in the first place."

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Join us at an upcoming community meeting where the grassroots group No Coal in Oakland will discuss the implications of the city's latest actions. The meeting will also provide updates on:

- Legal developments, including Tagami's likely new

lawsuit against the city;

- The status of the campaign to get the Bank of Montreal to stop funding the coal terminal; and
- The formation of a regional No Coal coalition including Richmond and Vallejo.

Join us:

*Thursday, December 6, 7:00 PM
West Side Missionary Baptist Church
732 Willow Street, West Oakland*

SIERRA CLUB HIRING COAL ORGANIZER:

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Controversial Tassajara Parks development aims to breach urban limit line

BY JIM BLICKENSTAFF

The controversial 125-unit “Tassajara Parks” project planned for the protected side of the County’s Urban Limit Line, next to Danville, has been on hold for months. Now that the elections have settled some political questions bearing on ultimate approval of the project, we can expect movement, again, on the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and hearings scheduled to move it toward a decision.

The Urban Limit Line is a powerful tool that Contra Costa voters passed as Measure C in 1990 to ensure that new development occurs within certain boundaries, thus protecting the county’s remaining agricultural lands and open space from sprawl. Most proposals to build outside the Urban Limit Line would need voter approval. But there is a loophole whereby developments of 30 acres or less can get the go-ahead as long as the County Board of Supervisors can make a “finding” from a list of specified circumstances. Tassajara Parks is being sold to the County as a trimmed-down 30 acres to slip through this loophole (even though the actual building/grading envelope is 50 acres). The “finding” that the developer aims to qualify under is a “Preservation Agreement.” The great irony is that the area in question doesn’t need further preservation as it is already preserved by the county’s General Plan, zoning ordinances, and the Urban Limit Line — layers of protections that would be seriously eroded by approval of Tassajara Parks.

The key document required to qualify the developer for the loophole is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that needs to be signed by Danville, San Ramon, and Contra Costa County. San Ramon has given indications of supporting the project; so has the County. Danville is strongly opposed, since most of the traffic and service demands will fall on them. And that should be the end of it.

But not so fast; a questionable interpretation of the governing County statutes implies that only one city need approve the MOU. This interpretation basically gives San Ramon the right to tell Danville what to do with land directly adjacent to its border. Just one of many questionable legal issues that may have to be decided in court.

The election had put in doubt San Ramon’s support.

But now, though two people opposed to the project have been elected to the Council — incumbent Dave Hudson and Sierra Club-endorsed Sabina Zafar — the key third vote will likely fall to the re-elected mayor, Bill Clarkson. That’s unfortunate, since Mayor Clarkson has a history of approving development projects when they come before him. A few years ago, Clarkson was in favor of Measure W, which would have opened up 1,600 acres of open space outside the urban limit line in Tassajara Valley to City development. It lost, 72% to 28%.

So the stage seems set for the County to move this plan forward, with the expectation that they will form a “majority” with San Ramon and force the development on Danville. Nasty stuff — and there’s more. In addition to the development area being 20 acres more than the maximum allowed, there is an environmental document that won’t tackle the terrible precedent of opening up the protected side of the county Urban Limit Line to development; a wholly inadequate MOU pretending to be a Preservation Agreement; and the undermining of East Bay Municipal Utility District’s ability to control its service boundary.

Dozens of development and corporate interests have purchased property or development rights on the protected side of the line. A rational person would wonder: Why? Simple: In the past, the urban limit line has done its job and stopped virtually any movement into the protected areas. It’s been the best tool against sprawl the County has. But with Tassajara Parks’ pending approval, the floodgates will be opened for a series of other similar sprawl plans that “save” land already well protected by the County’s urban limit line.

Calls for the County and developer to take steps necessary to protect the County’s growth boundary and eliminate the precedent for more Tassajara Parks-style developments in protected open space have fallen on deaf ears. Again, a rational person would ask: Why? And the answer is the same: A lot of well monied development interests are waiting in the wings for their turn to break through the Urban Limit Line. Turns out, incentivizing sprawl is an inherently bad idea.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Sierra Club members in Contra Costa County (particularly members in Federal Glover’s district): Contact your Supervisor and ask that they do everything they can to protect Tassajara Valley and the integrity of the County’s urban limit line.

Questions? Contact Sierra Club Mount Diablo Group chair Jim Blickenstaff at jpblick@comcast.net.

New trails serve as "linear parks" in southern Alameda County

WILLIAM YRAGUI

Fremont was recently ranked seventh-greenest city in the US. In response, a city of Fremont staffer stated: "We've scored pretty high on green-cities ratings in the past. Part of that is we have a very high percentage of parkland compared to other cities... We have a population that's supportive of making Fremont a green and healthy place to live."

The Sierra Club wants to expand access to southern Alameda County's parklands. One way to do that is to encourage the development of more multi-use trails known as "linear parks," used by cyclists and pedestrians. There are many promising sites for new trails in southern Alameda County.

Currently, work moves ahead on the Niles Canyon and East Bay Greenway trails, but it will be many years and many miles before they're fully completed. The Niles Canyon trail project, which will one day connect Niles and Sunol, is still in the first of three phases. The East Bay Greenway trail will eventually connect seven BART stations from Lake Mer-



ritt to South Hayward.

Meanwhile, a new trail has become possible on Morrison Canyon Road in the hills outside Fremont. Last month, the Fremont city council voted to temporarily close a mile-long portion of Morrison Canyon Road to cars due to safety concerns. This road was documented by two Vargas Plateau residents as "narrow, dangerous and substandard" in a 2008 lawsuit. Just nine feet wide in some areas, with two-way traffic allowed, Morrison Canyon Road is a threat to public safety and a liability for the city.

Take away the cars, though, and Morrison Canyon Road would be perfect as a trail for those wanting to walk or bike on a tree-shrouded lane. As a trail, it would offer improved access to both Vargas Plateau Regional Park and the new East Bay Greenway trail.

The Sierra Club is dedicated to fostering transformational experiences in the outdoors that inspire people to protect our natural spaces. We continue to

work to provide opportunities for all citizens to connect with nature, in order to improve their mental and physical health. We are committed to an even greener southern Alameda County.

William Yragui is chair of the Bay Chapter Activities Committee



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Environmentalists aren't hoppy about flawed microbrewery ordinance

DICK SCHNEIDER

In an effort to promote agriculture and agricultural tourism in Alameda County, the county Planning Department has proposed an amendment to the county's zoning ordinance that would permit microbreweries in unincorporated agricultural areas. The Sierra Club would like to support the zoning amendment, but as currently drafted it is dangerously flawed. The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to make a decision on Tuesday, December 4th, at 1:00 PM. Our goal is to have the board modify the zoning amendment and then adopt it.

Currently, wineries and olive mills are permitted on unincorporated land zoned as 'Agriculture.' The draft amendment would add microbreweries and associated visitor-serving commercial uses (tasting rooms, catered events, concerts, etc.) to the list of permitted uses on agricultural land.

The first problem with the draft ordinance is that it does not distinguish between different land use designations as they exist in the county's General Plan. In amending the county General Plan in 2000, the voter-approved Measure D established a 'Large Parcel Agriculture' designation that permits agriculture, agricultural processing facilities, and visitor-serving commercial uses. That designation allows microbreweries and associated commercial uses like tasting rooms.

Measure D also created a 'Resource Management' designation designed primarily to protect biological and other natural resources. The 'Resource Management' designation permits low-intensity agriculture like grazing but it does not permit processing facilities or associated visitor-serving uses.

Here's the rub: the proposed zoning amendment currently before the County Supervisors would allow uses on



'Resource Management' land that are not permitted by Measure D. State law requires that zoning be consistent with the general plan. It's vital to maintain distinctions between land use designations. We don't want the resource protections enacted by the voters to die a death by a thousand cuts.

The second problem is that Measure D, as well as other policies of the general plan, require that agricultural processing facilities (microbreweries in this case) be directly related to and primarily support in-county agricultural production — that is, that they use some agricultural crop grown in the county. Without this connection, there is no reason for a processing facility to be located in the 'Agricultural' zoning district; it should be located in a commercial or industrial district without taking up limited agricultural land. Wineries in Alameda County, for example, use grapes mostly grown in the county even if some grapes are brought in for particular blends of wine.

Hops are used in beer production and are the obvious crop to be sourced from within Alameda County. Some hop plants are grown now in southern Livermore, and at one time, the largest hops farm in the world was located on what is now Hopyard Road in Pleasanton. A zoning requirement that microbreweries located on agricultural land use some county crop ensures compliance with general plan policies as well as stimulating more agricultural production, which is the goal of the policies.

The third problem with the draft zoning amendment is that it does not require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for all visitor-serving commercial uses especially tasting rooms. Microbreweries will be a new use in rural Alameda County. They may or may not resemble the wineries and olive mills to which they are being compared, especially in how and when they attract customers. Hours of operation may more resemble a tavern than a winery tasting room — that is, staying open late into the night as urban brewpubs do. Impacts on nearby rural residents and agricultural operations (disturbance of farm animals at night, for example) could be substantially different. Nighttime lighting requirements, vehicle noise, and so on

are hard to predict for a new use without the long experience that exists for wineries.

There is good reason to treat microbreweries differently at this stage of their evolution. Unanticipated impacts will be much easier to control by requiring a Conditional Use Permit than if one is not required. A CUP involves periodic review, especially soon after it is initially granted, which will make any needed alterations in operating conditions or site development relatively straightforward to implement.

These three modest changes to the draft zoning amendment would enable the Sierra Club to support rather than oppose the amendment: (1) That microbreweries in the Agricultural district are not permitted on 'Resource Management'-designated land, (2) That microbreweries in the Agricultural district are required to obtain some ingredients grown in Alameda County for their beer production, and (3) That tasting rooms be added to the list of visitor-serving

commercial uses that require a Conditional Use Permit.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

If you live in Alameda County, contact your county supervisor and urge that these three modest changes be made to the draft microbrewery zoning ordinance amendment when it goes to the board on December 4th. If you can, please attend the 1:00 PM hearing to state your opinion publicly. The hearing will be at the Alameda County Administration Building, Board Chambers, 5th Floor, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland.

You can look up your supervisor and their contact information at acgov.org/board.

For more information, contact Dick Schneider at richs59354@aol.com or call (510)926-0010.

Dick Schneider serves on the Executive Committee of the Sierra Club's Tri-Valley Group

Band-aid on a broken leg? Chevron settles with EPA over 2012 Richmond refinery fire

DAVID MCCOARD

Unknown to personnel in Richmond's Chevron refinery, the walls of an eight-inch pipe carrying a 450-degree, high-sulfur oil distillation were getting dangerously thin. Refinery personnel were aware that sulfur in material flowing through a carbon steel pipe gradually reacts with and corrodes the steel, and there were inspection procedures in place. But this pipe had not been inspected for a long time.

On August 6, 2012 liquid began dripping from this pipe. Efforts to deal with the leak led to a cascade of events culminating in the eruption and ignition of a cloud of dense vapor and of the contents of the pipe itself, which was still flowing. Workers barely escaped with their lives, but thankfully their injuries were minor. A column of black smoke rose above the refinery, visible for miles. An estimated 15,000 people sought medical attention after breathing hydrogen sulfide fumes.

Chevron's Richmond refinery is part of a huge organization which has been in business since 1879. Over time, communications between units and levels of the company

became lacking, and authority became scattered. In Richmond, recent warnings and recommendations by a separate technical research unit didn't get sufficiently communicated to or acted on by process authorities.

Fast-forward to Spring 2018 — Chevron and the City of Richmond reached a settlement of the City's suit, resulting in a payout to the City of \$5 million. Then in October the company settled with the EPA for violating the Clean Air Act resulting in accidents in Richmond, Southern California and Mississippi.

According to the EPA, as part of the settlement, Chevron will spend \$150 million to replace vulnerable pipes, improve its corrosion inspections and trainings, conduct pilot studies of safety controls, and make other safety improvements to all its U.S. refineries. This will include extensive pipe work and training of personnel here. In addition, the company will pay \$2.95 million in fines.

All this may come as cold comfort for refinery-adjacent communities breathing toxic air on a daily basis — not to mention everyone impacted by climate change-fueled wildfires, hurricanes, droughts, and sea-level rise. Chevron reported earnings of \$9.2 billion in 2017. The recent settlements don't even represent a drop in the bucket compared to the damage they've done. We've got to keep working to transition away from the dirty fuels that are poisoning the most vulnerable among us and destabilizing our planet.

David McCoard is chair of the Bay Chapter's Energy & Climate Committee

Park at your own risk: What we all have to lose from parking-rich city planning

BY JULIA FOOTE

It can be as simple as two lines painted on asphalt. But the humble parking space has much more to do with climate action than one may think. Of course there are better known environmental impacts of paved surfaces, such as exacerbated heat island effects, increased stormwater runoff, and degraded water quality; but when it comes to creating successful transit-oriented development — the key to “smart growth” — parking is a crucial planning element.

Parking is a tricky element to consider because it can be contradictory to the goals of transit-oriented development. Residents of transit rich areas are twice as likely not to own a car compared to other U.S. households, and two to five times more likely to commute by transit. Providing parking within a mixed-use, transit-oriented community can serve as an enabler for people to use a vehicle to get around to places they could otherwise access by foot, bike, or public transit.

Providing parking for a residential development can make it more appealing for someone to own a car if the spot is coupled with their unit. In fact, excess residential parking is tied to higher rates of automobile ownership, vehicle miles traveled, and traffic congestion. Parking tends to increase housing costs as well, and it also results in lost development opportunity because space and funds could have been used for residential units, commercial development, or public space.

Of course people opting to take BART for part of their commute is conducive to goals of reducing emissions. However, massive parking projects are costly; they consume land and resources needed for dense, mixed-use development in a region facing a housing shortage; and they take away from the walkability and vibrancy that transit-oriented communities should possess.

We’re used to seeing parking as an ordinary feature

of the urban landscape, in lots, garages, and all along our streets. But it’s time to reimagine our cities. We must shift our focus away from fulfilling the extreme demand for parking and towards improved transit connections, bike lanes, and pedestrian connectors. Changing the way our cities are designed will change residents’ behavior — hopefully creating more sustainable habits.



Parking is on people’s minds all throughout the Bay Area. The kickoff of the Walnut Creek Transit Village features a \$42-million parking garage with over 900 parking stalls — an excessive number for just 596 housing units located just steps from BART. The new Antioch BART station now has a proposed \$16.4-million parking lot that will include more than 800 new parking spaces, nearly doubling parking capacity at the station.

That lot will take up space that could be put to better use for transit-oriented development, and will eat up resources that could otherwise improve BART access by bike, by foot, and by transit. With BART planning to add 20,000 housing units at its stations by 2040 — including on current parking lots — the parking issue is sure to remain hotly contested.

Cities must balance the demand for parking with an enhanced transportation network and other strategies to support green mobility. Of course, parking is an accessibility issue, and should be provided and prioritized for those with mobility impairments who need a vehicle to get around.

The Sierra Club recommends:

- Reducing parking requirements and eliminating parking subsidies;
- Greatly reducing or eliminating parking in areas served well by public transit;
- Unbundling parking charges from rents;
- Limiting or raising the cost of parking in business, commercial and industrial centers in order to encourage transit use, walking, and alternative modes such as bikes and scooters;
- Providing station access by foot, bicycle and public transit, with minimal, but full-priced, public parking;
- Encouraging compact mixed-use land use patterns that prioritize walking and biking over vehicles; and
- Building and supporting public transit.

Julia Foote is a staff organizer at the Bay Chapter

Member Survey: What's Your Bay Area Neighborhood Experience?

We're working hard to make sure our urban areas grow in the most sustainable and environmentally friendly way possible: with development concentrated in transit-rich urban areas; with housing proportional to the demand from different income levels; and robust transit, pedestrian, and bike infrastructure that reduces the need to drive. Please help us learn more about your corner of the Bay Area by filling out this survey. You can return it with your chapter election ballot (see page 31). To fill out the survey online, please visit tinyurl.com/sierraclubsurvey. Questions? Contact julia.foote@sierraclub.org / 510-848-0800 ext. 304.

1. What city/neighborhood do you live in?
2. Do you live in a transit-rich area? (within ½ mile of a BART station or transit stop for a frequent bus line)
3. How often do you use public transit?
 - a) Always (every day/every trip)
 - b) Often (5-8 trips per week)
 - c) Sometimes (2-5 trips per week)
 - d) Rarely (0-2 trips per week)
 - e) Never
4. Do you have a car?
5. Do you use a bike/scooter to travel short distances or get to public transit?
6. Do you commute into a job center for work? If so, what mode(s) of transportation do you use?
7. Why do you think dense development near transit is necessary throughout the region?
8. What are some opportunities for increased density near transit in your community?
9. How successful do you think your city has been developing multi-unit housing?
10. How successful do you think your city has been developing affordable housing for low income residents?
11. What concerns do you have or have you heard from your neighbors (displacement, property values, etc)?
12. What barriers to development do you see in your community?
13. What barriers to the use of green modes of transit do you see in your community?
(i.e. lack of bike lanes, insufficient transit service, etc.)
14. What actions would you like to see at the local level to address the need for dense, infill development?

YOUR NAME:

YOUR PHONE NUMBER:

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS:

As the crows—and other birds—fly

KATHY HOWARD

We tend to think of birds as very similar, but according to Eddie Bartley, they can be as different from each other as a giraffe is from a mouse. Bartley is a docent at the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory in Marin and teaches Master Birder classes in migration at the California Academy of Sciences.

This difference in bird species is especially true when it comes to migration, a stressful and risky venture for birds. We still need to learn a lot about the how and why of migration. We can deduce that the birds are searching for plentiful food, for a climate conducive to raising young, and for safety from predators. Overall, birds are like people — they are looking for a good income and a safe neighborhood in which to raise the kids.

There are many kinds of bird migration, and the type of migration can even vary within a species. Some birds migrate thousands of miles and others just hop over to a nearby nesting area. However, within a given species there is a typical pattern. According to Bartley, "Every species has its own story."

For example, the Orange-crowned Warbler lives high in the Sierras in the summer and drops down in elevation in the winter. This is an example of elevation migration — birds moving uphill and downhill, according to the season.

The delightful Sooty Fox Sparrow is a mid-distance traveler. The mid-distance migrants can move from southern Alaska to British Columbia or even as far as the Bay Area.

The neo-tropical migrants, such as the North American Warblers, can move from the northern boreal forests and tundra to Central America or even South America. Wilson's Warbler breeds in the Bay Area and then journeys to Mexico for the winter.

Swainson's Hawks breed in Northern California and then fly off to Argentina for the winter.

Some birds don't migrate. They are the permanent residents or sedentary birds. The California Towhee likes to

hang out around home, as does the Wrentit. In fact, the Wrentit is such a couch potato that it rarely travels more than a mile from where it first fledged.

Although migration is stressful, not migrating can also present survival problems for a species. At one time, Wrentits were common in San Francisco. They have since been almost eliminated from the City (or extirpated, in bird lingo) due to loss of their preferred habitat.

Some birds within the same species migrate differently from each other. Our Anna's Hummingbird can be seen zooming around San Francisco year-round, but some Anna's fly off to winter in the desert and then return to San Francisco in the summer. Other Anna's breed high in the Sierras and drop down to the desert in winter.

And then there is post-breeding dispersal. It is not really a migration but rather the kids moving out of the house to find a new place to live, court, and produce grand-birds. They won't return home, to live in that spare room. Many raptors raised in Northern California end up dining on rodents in the Salinas Valley for their

first winter and fan out from there to find new territory.

And some birds are either independent minded or just get lost, usually in their first year. They are the vagrants. These are the birds you read about in the newspaper, with photos of large groups (flocks?) of people with giant, long-lens cameras gathering for a glimpse of the bird of a lifetime. Vagrants may act as pioneers, looking for a new home to extend the range of their species.

If you like looking at birds, San Francisco is the place to be. The Bay Area is located along the Pacific Flyway, a major north-south migratory route extending from the Arctic tundra to South America. According to Bartley, almost one-half of all species of birds in the United States have been seen in San Francisco.

Many birds raise their young here in the spring and summer, and so autumn is when we have the most birds. Sadly, the first winter for young birds is when they are most likely to expire. Some species have only a 30% survival rate! They are lost over the winter mainly due to star-



vation, predation, and disease.

You can help the birds who are just passing through on their arduous journeys as well as those who stay for the winter (or the summer). Bartley advises that you can "paint your garden" with birds by growing those plants that attract the birds that you want to see. Keep your house cat indoors (better for the cat, too), provide fresh water, keep your bird feeder clean to prevent the spread of disease, and don't use rodenticides, herbicides, or pesticides. Songbirds, in particular, rely on insects. As Bartley says, "They don't call them flycatchers because they eat fruit."

Support legislation on "bird-safe" windows and the Lights

Out for Birds campaigns. Many birds navigate by the stars, and artificial light can be a big problem for them. And the crows — how do they fly? Well, according to the Cornell bird website, some migrate, some are resident, and sometimes both behaviors take place in one population of crows.

Want to learn more? Both migrating raptors and the raptor dispersal can be seen from the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory in Marin, which hosts birdwatching during the migration seasons (parksconservancy.org/programs/ggro). You can reach Eddie Bartley at eddie@naturetrip.com.

Kathy Howard is a member of the Executive Committee of the Sierra Club's San Francisco Group. Special thanks to the Castro Courier and Westside Observer.

Get free goodies for choosing 100% renewable electricity!

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The benefits of clean energy speak for themselves: a cleaner planet and a guilt-free conscience! But to sweeten the deal even more, the Sierra Club is offering free gear to our members who sign up for the 100% renewable electricity program offered by their electricity supplier.

Electric power is tied with the transportation sector as the largest contributors of greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. Choosing an electric service with 100% renewable sources can easily eliminate your electricity-related carbon footprint. Your 100% renewable energy service provides a cost competitive way for you to make that choice—for the average household, it costs between \$2 and \$5 more than PG&E per month. So sign up today and get your free Sierra Club swag, too!

Here's how to sign up for 100% renewable electricity:

FIRST: FIND YOUR POWER PROVIDER

Nearly every Bay Area electricity customer is now served by a locally run, non-profit Community Choice energy program. Community Choice is the game-changing, planet-saving alternative to the investor-owned utility model (AKA PG&E). Community Choice programs enable cities and counties to pool electricity customers and form a local power agency. Who's yours?

* If you live in San Francisco: **CleanPowerSF** (cleanpowersf.org/enroll or 415-554-0773)

* If you live in Marin or Contra Costa Counties: **MCE** (mcecleanenergy.org/100-renewable or 888-632-3674)

* If you live in Alameda County: **East Bay Community Energy** (ebce.org/opt-up or 833-699-3223)

SECOND: SIGN UP

Sign up for your power provider's 100% renewable electricity program at the URL or phone number above. Make sure to have your PG&E account number handy.

THIRD: COLLECT YOUR PRIZE!

Reach out to chapter organizer Melissa Yu at melissa.yu@sierraclub.org or 510-848-0800 ext. 328 to schedule a time to pick up your choice of a water bottle, backpack, reusable tote bag, t-shirt, or fanny pack (while supplies last).



ABOUT THIS CALENDAR

Activities listed here are abbreviated. For full listings, visit: sierraclub.org/sfbay/activities. The online calendar will also include changes, cancellations, and outings submitted after the print deadline.

Hike and backpack ratings

Hike ratings are based on distance and elevation gain (the sum of all gains in elevation per day):

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| 1. up to 6 miles | A. under 1,000 feet |
| 2. 6 - 10 miles | B. 1,000 - 2,000 feet |
| 3. 10 - 15 miles | C. 2,000 - 3,000 feet |
| 4. 15 - 20 miles | D. over 3,000 feet |
| 5. over 20 miles | E. over 3,500 feet |

Backpack ratings include a third digit for travel:

- T. trail
1. limited/easy crosscountry
 2. moderate crosscountry
 3. strenuous/difficult crosscountry

What to bring

For day hikes always bring lunch and enough water. Consider layered clothing, sunscreen, good hiking boots with treads, and hiking poles. Non-service dogs are allowed only if specified in the listing; canine hikers should bring leashes, litter bags, and water for their dogs.

Liabilities

To participate on a Sierra Club outing, you will need to sign a liability waiver. To read a copy of the waiver form, call (415)977-5630, or visit <http://tinyurl.com/outingswaiver>.

Problem resolution

If you have an outing-related concern that you are not able to address via the outing's leader, please contact the chair of the sponsoring section or group. If that is not sufficient, you can contact the Activities Committee ombudsman, Seth Feinberg, at sethfeinberg@yahoo.com or (510)969-7151, or the Chapter office at (510)848-0800.

Carpooling

Carpooling helps the environment and allows people without cars to participate. If you are driving to a hike, please stop by the carpool point to pick up others. If you're a rider, pay a share of expenses. Many activities are listed on the Chapter's Meetup site a couple weeks in advance of the event. Join the Meetup group and post a comment requesting or offering a ride: www.meetup.com/sanfranciscobay.

WINTER 18-19 OUTINGS CALENDAR

TUESDAYS

Lake Chabot Reservoir 1A hike. Scenic weekly three-mile hike followed by optional dinner at a local restaurant. MEET: 4 pm at boathouse/cafe. LEADER: Dolores Gruenewald, (510)351-6247 or doloresgru@aol.com. (Solo Sierrans)

WEDNESDAYS

Lafayette Reservoir 1A hike. We have both faster and slower walkers, or walk at your own pace. Optional dinner afterward. MEET: 4 pm in parking lot (takes five quarters or annual pass). LEADER: Lee Cowden, (925)934-6357. (Solo Sierrans)

DEC 1 • SAT

Henry Cowell Fall Creek 2C day hike. Join Steve Bakaley on a leisurely to moderately paced day hike to the Lime Kilns and then on to Big Ben. Explore the Lost Empire (trail). Any rain cancels. MEET: 9:30 am at Henry Cowell Fall Creek Unit trailhead. ENDS: 4:30 pm. LEADER: Steve Bakaley, sbakaley@gmail.com. (Mount Diablo and Santa Cruz County Groups)

Three Open Spaces in urban SF canine hike. Strenuous hike given the distance, duration, and variety of terrain. Be prepared for many, many staircases and steps, single-track trails, and busy streets. Enjoy vistas from Tank Hill, then skirt Cole Valley to enter the Interior Green Belt and walk around Mount Sutro Open Space. Summit Twin Peaks and explore Glen Canyon Park. Ends at Glen Park BART station. Any rain cancels. MEET: 9:30 am in the Castro District at Market and Castro Streets. LEADER: Marina Dicerbo, marina.dicerbo@gmail.com. (Rainbow Sierrans)

DEC 2 • SUN

Berkeley hills and architecture 2A hike. An educational walk featuring hidden parks, plus many houses designed by Bernard Maybeck and other architects. Bring: Money for optional post-walk dinner. MEET: 10:30 am at NW corner of Euclid and Bayview by the Rose Garden. ENDS: 5 pm. Leader: Guy Mayes, (510) 522-1590. (Hiking)

DEC 5 • WED

Mount Tamalpais East Peak 3C hike. Weave up to the summit for lunch at the fire tower, then make our way to West Point Inn before heading back. 13 miles with shorter option of 10 miles. Heavy rain cancels. MEET: 9 am at Old Mill Park, 352 Throckmorton Ave. (at Cascade Dr.), Mill Valley. ENDS: 4 pm. CARPOOL: Depart CVS Pharmacy, 2151 Meeker Ave., Richmond at 7:45 am sharp. Email Katy in advance to confirm. LEADERS: Katy Christie, katybike@gmail.com; Don Baker, (510)708-4371 or drperc@earthlink.net. (Hiking)

DEC 8 • SAT

Pre-party coastal walk. Visit with old friends, make new ones, and enjoy vistas on an out-and-back walk along the coast before our holiday party. If the weather is clear, we will have wonderful views of the Pacific Ocean and the coast. Any rain cancels. **MEET:** 10 am at the Muir Beach Community Center, 19 Seacape Dr. **LEADER:** Hennie Sholars, (415) 420-1613 or sholarsb@aol.com. (Rainbow Sierrans)

Rainbow Sierrans holiday party potluck. If you've been to one of our previous celebrations, you know it's filled with food, drink, music, dancing, merriment, and friends. **COST:** \$5 for members, \$20 for non members. **MEET:** 12 pm at the Muir Beach Community Center, 19 Seacape Dr. **ENDS:** 5 pm. **LEADERS:** Paget Valentzas, (415)271-2945 or pagetvalentzas@gmail.com; Beth Bittle, (510)759-6225 or callingu2@gmail.com. (Rainbow Sierrans)

Chinatown and North Beach 1A hike. Hike through side streets. Any rain cancels. **MEET:** 10 am at the Ferry Building, San Francisco. **ENDS:** 3 pm. **LEADER:** Gloria Navarra, (415)731-6144. (Hiking)

Point Reyes Bear Valley 3B hike. This 12-mile loop begins with a long, slow climb through dense woods up to Mount Wittenberg. Then make our way over to Coastal Trail, with expansive views of the Pacific. Finish with a pleasant walk along wooded creeks. **MEET:** 10:30 am at Bear Valley Visitor Center, at the far end of the large parking lot where the Bear Valley trail begins. **LEADER:** Jeffrey Sanchez, (510)599-5238 or amagi@pacbell.net. (Sierra Singles)

DEC 9 • SUN

Plant trees with the Sierra Club! Green the community by planting trees along sidewalks and streets in Oakland. Bring your friends and/or make new ones. No experience needed, but you should be able to lift 30 pounds. Wear closed-toe shoes, clothes that you can get dirty, and a hat; bring your own water and a snack. We'll provide everything else. If you are bringing a minor, please let us know in advance. If we cancel for heavy rain, we'll announce it on our Meetup page by 8 am. **MEET:** 10 am in parking lot of Epic School, 1045 Derby Ave, Oakland (near Fruitvale BART) for orientation and safety briefing, before heading out to other locations. **ENDS:** 2 pm. **LEADER:** Soo-Rae Hong, (847)903-9874 or streeplanting@gmail.com. (Northern Alameda County Group)

Las Trampas 2C hike. Hike through woodsy areas then enjoy sweeping vistas of Mount Diablo and the East Bay hills on this moderately paced hike up to Las Trampas Peak and along the ridge. Some steep, narrow trails so poles are suggested. Any rain cancels. **MEET:** 10 am at Ringtail Cat Staging Area, 560 Hemme Ave., Alamo. **LEADER:** Robin Miles, (925)786-8427 or robinmiles7@yahoo.com. (Sierra Singles)

DEC 15 • SAT

Corona Heights Natural Area habitat restoration. Join our regular volunteers as we remove invasive plants, nurture/plant natives, and/or perform light trail maintenance. Rain or shine. All tools and gloves provided. Children welcome with adult. **MEET:** 10 am on north side of Randall Museum (parking lot is on south side) at end of Museum Way, just off Roosevelt. Short walk from Castro MUNI Station. **ENDS:** noon. **LEADER:** Russell Hartman, (650) 242-2679 or rph1917@comcast.net. (Rainbow Sierrans)

DEC 22 • SAT

Sunset at Martinez Regional Shoreline 1A bike. Enjoy a leisurely stroll along scenic Carquinez shoreline and marina. Optional stop after for dinner and sociability. Rain cancels. **MEET:** 3:30 pm in front of former Amtrak Station at intersection of Ferry Street with railroad tracks. **ENDS:** 5 pm. **LEADER:** Lidia Campos, (925) 240-5795. (Solo Sierrans)

Moonlight on Mission Peak 2C hike. Moonlight hike from Ohlone College to Mission Peak summit on Peak Trail. Not a beginners hike; seven miles with significant elevation gain. Heavy rain cancels. **BRING:** Headlamp or flashlight. **COST:** \$4 parking fee in Ohlone College garage. **MEET:** 6:30 pm at Mission Peak trailhead near parking garage. **ENDS:** 10 pm. **LEADER:** William Yragui, (650)642-5150 or wyragai@infobond.com. (Southern Alameda County)

DEC 23 • SUN

Berkeley Hills 3B loop hike. Take a break from your Christmas shopping and join us on a route featuring the best of both city and greenbelt. Explore both hidden urban pathways and parkland trails. Great views of the Bay on a clear day. 12 miles, 1,800 feet of elevation gain. Steep descents. Any rain cancels. **MEET:** 10:30 am at University Ave. and Oxford St., southeast corner (two blocks from Downtown Berkeley BART). **ENDS:** 6 pm. **LEADER:** Bob Solotar, (510) 525-2110 or bob_solotar@hotmail.com. (Hiking)

DEC 29 • SAT

Mount Diablo 'round the mountain 2C hike. This classic loop circling the Diablo summit provides views in all directions (even if the lowlands are socked in with tule fog). Allow six hours for this eight-mile hike with an elevation gain of about 2,100 feet. Steady, relaxed pace with breaks. Be prepared for mud and poison oak. Any rain cancels. **COST:** \$10 park entry fee. **MEET:** 10 am at parking lot at entrance to Juniper Campground on Summit Road. **LEADER:** Jake Van Akkeren, (925)933-3486 or jvanakkeren@comcast.net. (Mount Diablo Group)

JAN 1 • TUE

Mount Diablo State Park two summits 2C hike. Start off the New Year with an outing on the north side of Mount Diablo featuring spectacular views of the main peak and adjacent canyons. Hike up to Black Point (4.5 miles, 1,200' gain); then trailhead lunch alongside lovely Mitchell Creek; then climb Twin Peaks (4.5 miles, 1,200' gain). Do both hikes or just one! Steady, relaxed pace. Any rain cancels. **COST:** \$6 park entry fee (exact change required). **MEET:** 9:15 am at Mitchell Canyon Visitor Center. To hike only Twin Peaks leg, meet at Visitor Center at 1 pm. **LEADER:** Jake Van Akkeren, (925)933-3486 or jvanakkeren@comcast.net. (Mount Diablo Group)

JAN 5 • SAT

Mount Diablo necklace 2B hike. Climb above the winter fog on a leisurely to moderately paced hike around the mountain. Includes optional half-mile walk around the Summit Interpretive Trail. Any rain cancels. **COST:** \$10 parking fee. **MEET:** 10 am at Juniper Campground. **ENDS:** 4:30 pm. **LEADER:** Steve Bakaley, sbakaley@gmail.com. (Mount Diablo Group and Santa Cruz Group)

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JAN 12 • SAT

Marine Mammal Center Marin Headlands 3C bike. Hike up the Morning Sun Trail and follow the ridgeline to the Vortec and Hill 88 for stunning views. Descend the Coastal Trail to the Marine Mammal Center for lunch. January begins the season for rescue of abandoned elephant seals, sea lions and harbor seal pups. See the pups nursed back to health on fish and whipping cream milkshakes. Heavy rain cancels. MEET: 9 am sharp at Spencer Ave Bus Pad, Sausalito. ENDS: 4 pm. CARPOOL: Depart CVS Pharmacy, 2151 Meeker Ave, Richmond at 8:15 am sharp. Email Katy in advance if you want a ride. LEADERS: Katy Christie, katybike@gmail.com; Don Baker, (510)708-4371 or drperc@earthlink.net. (Hiking)

Glen Park BART to 24th Street BART 2B hike (new route). BART-to-BART walk via Holly Park and Cortland Avenue plus lower 24th Street neighborhood. Any rain cancels. MEET: 10:15 am at Glen Park BART Plaza, San Francisco. ENDS: 3:30 pm. LEADER: Gloria Navarra, (415)731-6144. (Hiking)

JAN 13 • SUN

Plant trees with the Sierra Club! Green the community by planting trees along sidewalks and streets in Oakland. See full details in Dec. 9 event description. MEET: 10 am in parking lot of Epic School, 1045 Derby Ave, Oakland (near Fruitvale BART) for orientation and safety briefing, before heading out to other locations. ENDS: 2 pm. LEADER: Soo-Rae Hong, (847)903-9874 or screeplanting@gmail.com. (Northern Alameda County Group)

JAN 19 • SAT

Central Point Reyes 3C loop bike. Scenic day hike through varied terrain. Highlights include the top of Mount Wittenberg and Kelham Beach. Any rain cancels. MEET: 8:30 am at Bear Valley trailhead. ENDS: 5:30 pm. LEADER: Steve Bakaley, slbakaley@gmail.com. (Hiking and Santa Cruz Group)

Marin Headlands full moon 2C bike. This five-mile hike through the dark begins at Rodeo Beach just before sunset. Take a slow climb up Coastal Trail to Wolf Ridge. After a stop at Hill 88 for stunning views, descend on Miwok Trail and finish with a stroll beside Rodeo Lagoon. Strong, experienced hikers only. MEET: 4:15 pm at Rodeo Beach parking lot. LEADER: Jeffrey Sanchez, (510)599-5238 or amagi@pacbell.net. (Sierra Singles)

JAN 20 • SUN

Alameda Bay Farm Island & Harbor Bay Shoreline 1A bike. Explore the Bay shoreline and lagoons of Harbor Bay Isle, with great views of the open water and San Francisco skyline. Five-plus flat and very scenic miles. Transit accessible via 12:55 pm #21 AC Transit bus from Fruitvale BART station to Otis and High Streets. Any rain cancels. MEET: 1:30 pm at Towata Park, Alameda. ENDS: 4:30 pm. LEADERS: Bob Solotar, (510)525-2110 or bob_solotar@hotmail.com; Caprice Solotar (510)525-2110. (Mount Diablo Group)

JAN 26 • SAT

Muir Woods / Steep Ravine 3C loop bike. Explore the south side of the mountain on a route with great vistas and old-growth redwoods. Approximately 12 miles and 2,500 feet of elevation gain. Moderate pace, but not a beginner's hike. Any rain cancels. MEET: 9:15 am at Mountain Home trailhead. Transit accessible via 7:22 am #30 Golden Gate Bus from SF Civic Center (McAllister and Hyde Streets). Transfer to 8:20 #61 West Marin Stage at Marin City. ENDS: 5:30 pm. LEADER: Bob Solotar, (510)525-2110 or bob_solotar@hotmail.com. (Hiking)

FEB 10 • SUN

Walnut Creek regional trails 1A bike. Leisurely walk on scenic paved canal trails. Optional refreshment stop after the hike. Wheelchair accessible. Rain cancels. MEET: 10 am at Heather Farms Park in terminal parking area on right, near preschool and restrooms. ENDS: Noon. LEADER: Lidia Campos, (925)240-5795. (Solo Sierrans)

FEB 16 • SAT

Eagle Peak and Mount Diablo Falls 2C bike. Climb Eagle Peak from the wild north side and return via Donner and Back canyons on a strenuous, leisurely to moderately paced loop. Any rain cancels. There are some steep, slippery down-hills. Cost: \$6 parking fee. MEET: 9:30 am at Mitchell Canyon trailhead. ENDS: 5:30 pm. LEADER: Steve Bakaley, slbakaley@gmail.com. (Mount Diablo Group and Santa Cruz Group)

Yosemite overnight to Dewey Point snowshoeing trip. Spend Friday night at a location near the park, then hike 3.5 miles from Badger Pass to Dewey Point, where we should enjoy inspiring views of the Valley. Snowshoe back to the car on Sunday morning after breakfast. Trip is limited to 12; participants must be alumni of the SF Bay Chapter's Snowcamping Training Series (see page 4) and must apply via online form at sierraclub.org/sfbay/events (click on event entry). Participants accepted to this outing will be provided with additional information. Cost: \$35. LEADERS: Michael Bandrowski, (510)834-3235 or mike.bandrowski@gmail.com; Danielle Henkel, (614)406-1329 or danielle.henkel@gmail.com. (Snow Camping)

MAR 23 • SAT

Henry Coe Madrone Soda Springs and China Hole 2B/3B bike. All but 1.6 miles of the 10.3-mile hike is narrow trail with wonderful views; the rest is fire road. If you wish to hike fast and return early, this is probably not the hike for you. Mellow, tolerant hikers welcomed. Any rain cancels. Cost: \$8 parking fee. MEET: 10 am at Henry Coe Ranch Visitor Center. ENDS: 4:30 pm. LEADER: Steve Bakaley, slbakaley@gmail.com. (Mount Diablo and Santa Cruz County Groups)

APR 13 • SAT

Tomales Bluff 2B bike. The bells toll as bay meets sea at land's end on a leisurely paced hike along the moors of the northern tip of Point Reyes. Ten miles with 1,000 feet of elevation gain. Any rain cancels. MEET: 11 am at McClure's Beach lower parking lot at the end of Pierce Point Road. ENDS: 5 pm. LEADER: Steve Bakaley, slbakaley@gmail.com. (Hiking and Santa Cruz Group)

WINTER 18-19 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS



MT. DIABLO GROUP PROGRAM

Wed, Jan 9 – Protecting places that make the East Bay special

MEET: 7 pm at Ygnacio Valley Library, 2661 Oak Grove Rd., Walnut Creek. Programs are free and open to all and no reservations are necessary. LEADER: Ken Lavin, (925)852-8778 or ken_lavin@hotmail.com.

Join the Mount Diablo Group at our next general meeting for an armchair tour of the parklands, farms, and ranches preserved and nurtured by the John Muir Land Trust. Our guide is Linus Eukel, Executive Director of the JMLT. Linus will show us photos of the 13 beautiful East Bay properties held by the JMLT and tell us about great hiking opportunities in locales such as Fernandez Ranch and Carr Ranch. He'll also bring us up to date on the campaigns to preserve Almond Ranch and Painted Rock.

GREEN FRIDAY PROGRAMS

Green Friday programs feature speakers and presentations on the most important environmental issues of our time. ALL PROGRAMS MEET: Bay Chapter office, 2530 San Pablo Ave., Suite I, Berkeley. Doors open at 7 pm, program runs 7:30 to 9:00 pm (9:30 pm for the September program only), including questions and discussion. Refreshments are served. COST: \$3 requested donation.

Fri, Jan 11 – EBMUD's wastewater energy production program

Our January presenter will be the East Bay Municipal Utility District's John Hake, Supervisor of Wastewater Energy Production. EBMUD's wastewater treatment plant is more than a treatment plant—it's a green factory. Biodegradable wastes in sewage, food scraps, and

grease from local restaurants, plus waste streams from wineries and poultry farms, are mixed together in large tanks and "digested" by microorganisms. The biogas emitted by the microorganisms is captured and used to generate renewable energy.

In 2012, EBMUD became the first wastewater treatment plant in North America to produce more renewable energy onsite than is needed to run the facility. The District sells excess renewable energy back to the electrical grid to cut fossil fuel use and greenhouse gas emissions, and provide savings for EBMUD ratepayers. Biogas production saves EBMUD approximately \$3 million each year by reducing electric power demand.

Fri, Feb 8 – Community science: connecting people with their watersheds

Community science, also known as 'citizen science,' is taking the scientific research and public education arenas by storm. What does this new form of scientific inquiry have to offer to watershed research? What kinds of deep connections are made by the general public engaging in projects like ongoing whale or owl monitoring, a single day "bioblitz," or water quality monitoring for microplastics? Come and learn more with Wholly H2O's director, Dr. Elizabeth Dougherty.

Dr. Dougherty is determined to make innovative approaches to localizing water sustainability all the rage in California. Via Wholly H2O, Dougherty delivers interactive educational and training programs in green infrastructure, citizen science, and art to connect people more dynamically with their watershed ecosystems.

EAST BAY DINNERS

ALL PROGRAMS MEET: Berkeley Yacht Club on the Berkeley Marina for no-host cocktails/social hour at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm, program at 8 pm, intermission at 9:00 pm, and after-hours group discussion 9:15 – 11:00 pm. DIRECTIONS: Take bus #81 service to Marina from Ashby BART. COST: Dinner and program is \$30, including tax and tip; \$10 for program only. RESERVATIONS: Send your check, payable to "Sierra Club, S.F. Bay Chapter," with your name, telephone number, and the names of your guests, to: Jane Barrett, 170 Vicente Road, Berkeley, CA 94705. With questions, call 510-845-8055. Attendance is limited to 115. Reserve early; programs fill up.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EAST BAY DINNERS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

Thu, Jan 24 – Building Califia: a model arcology in California

(Rescheduled from Sept. 27)

Urban designer Paolo Soleri developed a methodology of ecological city design in the late 1960s he called “arcology” (architecture+ecology). Soleri sought to test his ideas with Arcosanti, a pioneering model town in the Arizona desert. Although the full build-out has never been realized, Arcosanti has served as an inspiring “urban laboratory.”

In the early 2000s the San Francisco-based Green Century Institute on sustainable communities explored the development of Califia, a model arcology in Northern California. The idea was (and still is) to learn from Arcosanti and related projects, and tap into the substantial cultural and business resources of the Bay Area to create something truly extraordinary: a model community that the rest of the world can participate in, learn from and build upon. With the specter of sea-level rise at our doorstep and the prospect of millions of climate change refugees, might now be the time to initiate such a visionary enterprise?

Come join us as sustainable community expert Michael Gosney provides an in-depth exploration of ecocity concepts and the vital import of city design and the built environment in the overall sustainability and human needs equations.

Reservation deadline is January 17.



Thu, Feb 28 – The Philippines

With over 7,000 islands, the Philippines sits culturally and geographically far away from nearby Southeast Asia. With its passionate Catholicism, 350 years of Spanish rule, and over a century of American influence, the country presents an enigma. Is it America's 51st state? With its air conditioned shopping malls, fast food chains, and widespread spoken English you might think so. But scratch the surface and you will see a complex society in a land of breathtaking beauty.

Join Don Lowrey and Jackie Minor as they bring us to a family reunion in Bulacan Province, on the big island of Luzon, just north of Manila. We'll see a Good Friday procession as vivid as any in the Catholic world. Easter dinner will feature lechon (spit-roasted pig). Then we'll fly south 300 miles to Panay Island in the Visayas region, whose capital Iloilo City is the size of Oakland. We'll cel-

brate a son-in-law's graduation from nursing school, enjoy great parties, and spend a day island hopping around the nearby Gigantes Islands. Finally, fasten your seat belts as we will drive 90 miles north to Carles and more island hopping aboard a bangka, stopping at deserted islands, swimming, snorkeling, eating delicious local seafood, and a spectacular sunset over the Sibuyan Sea.

Reservation deadline is February 21.

SAN FRANCISCO DINNERS

ALL PROGRAMS MEET: *Grace Lutheran Church, 3201 Ulloa St. at 33rd Ave. for social hour at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm (includes coffee and dessert), program at 8 pm.* COST: *Send a check for \$24 made out to "Sierra Club, S.F. Bay Chapter," to Gerry Souzis at 1801 California St., #405, San Francisco, CA 94109. Please indicate the program date, number of guests, vegetarian meals requested, and your phone number. Non-members welcome. Checks must be received five days before event.* BRING: *Wine or soft drinks. Glasses and ice available.* LEADER: *For questions, contact Gerry between 4 and 9 pm at (415)474-4440 or gsouzis@hotmail.com.*



Thu, Jan 17 – Annapurna rhapsody & Siberian tigers

Join us for a rare double-header SF Dinner!

For Part I, let's join Nancy Crane on the Annapurna Circuit, a 17-day, 128-mile trek around the Annapurna Massif. The circuit opened to the public in the 1980s and is considered the holy grail of trekking. The circuit follows an ancient trade route for salt and piglets. The high point is Thorong-la Pass, at 17,769 feet. At the end, we watch the sunrise over Dhaulagiri (26,795 feet) and Annapurna (26,700 feet) from Poon Hill. This will be presented as a music meditation.

Nancy Crane has been trekking and backpacking for years. Highlights include the Milford Sound in New Zealand, the Swiss and French Alps, Haleakala National Park, Maui, Brooks Range, Alaska, North Cascades National Park, WA, and the John Muir Trail.

For Part II of our January program, see some of China's most majestic wildlife with Vilma Balbuena. For the love of tigers, Vilma endured sub-zero temperatures in a photography workshop in Harbin, China, taught by physicist and award-winning photographer, Oliver Klink. With special access to the Siberian tiger reserve, the workshop participants showcased the exquisite animal from portraits — revealing face patterns that repeat on its back — to high-burst shots of them running at high speed to catch a bird in mid-air.

PHOTO CREDIT: Left - Boating in the Philippines, by Donald Lowrey. Right - Siberian tiger in Harbin, China, by La Priz via Flickr Creative Commons.

The workshop extended to the Zhalong Nature Reserve (820 square miles of wetland) to photograph the endangered red-crowned cranes feeding, jumping, and dancing on the marsh as well as in flight.

Thu, Feb 21 – Sicily, The Gem of History

Sicily is the most magical, mistreated, and misery-plagued place in the Mediterranean. Here, for three thousand years, heroes from Ulysses and Æneas to Giovanni Falcone battled monsters from Cyclops to Mafiosi. We will look at Sicily's Golden Age as the wealthiest place in the ancient Greek world, as the great current of Western Civilization passed through Sicily to Rome. Then we'll see Sicily trampled by Romans and Byzantines, made the glory of Europe a second time by Muslims, Normans, and Germans; then left to rot by the French and Spanish. We'll conclude with the arrival of Garibaldi, Patton, and Francis Ford Coppola (not all at the same time).

Douglas Kenning received a PhD from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and has lived and taught at universities in Tunisia,

Japan, and Italy. He lives half the year in the San Francisco Bay Area, giving Fromm and OLLI lecture series on subjects related to the histories and cultures of the Mediterranean area, and half the year in Siracusa, Sicily, where he runs Sicily Tour.



OUTDOOR ED. COURSES

WILDERNESS FIRST AID

Sat, Jan 19, 8 am - 5 pm and Sun, Jan 20, 9 am - 5 pm
Bay Chapter office, 2530 San Pablo Ave, Suite I, Berkeley

Two options: Take the two-day class for WFA certification (\$80 for members/\$100 for non-members); or the one-day class for Basic WFA certification (\$50/\$60). These are practical courses that prepare you to recognize and avoid wilderness hazards, and do first aid outdoors with whatever equipment you have or can improvise. The two-day class adds many more hands-on skills and role-playing scenarios to help you put your skills together.

Textbook by Steve Donelan, available on Amazon: *Wilderness Emergency Care, Third Edition Revised* (which has everything) or *Wilderness First Aid* (which has just what's taught in WFA). You can use the old edition of Steve's WEC book if you have it.

REGISTRATION:

Current chapter outings leaders should call (510)848-0800 or email firstaid@sfbaysc.org. Then mail a \$50 deposit check to the chapter office, which will be returned in class. The chapter pays for both days. All others should email Steve Donelan (donelan@sonic.net) and pay him in class (cash or check).

Steve's website is: www.wildernessemergencycare.com.

SNOWCAMPING TRAINING

Information on the Winter 2019 Snowcamping Training is printed on page 4 and available online at www.snowcamping.org.

BEGINNER'S BACKPACKING

Application deadline: Friday, March 8, 2019

Indoor seminar: Saturday, March 23, 2019

Field trip dates: April 20-21, May 4-5, May 11-12, or May 18-19, 2019 (choose one)

Learn how to travel safely and comfortably with only a pack on your back during the annual Beginner's Backpack course run by the Backpack Section. We are offering this opportunity for folks who have little or no experience in backpacking but who want to explore backcountry trails and get away from the crowds.

The course consists of:

- A full-day (9 am to 5 pm) indoor session at the Nature-bridge Conference Center on Saturday, March 23, 2019 including short lectures, discussions, and an equipment show.
- One overnight backpack trip in the greater San Francisco Bay Area on a weekend in April/May (see dates above). You'll go out in small groups led by experienced instructors. You will have the opportunity to try out your gear, learn how to set up a tent and operate a backpack stove, practice basic navigation skills, and, most important, experience what it feels to hike with a heavy pack on your back. Attendance at the indoor session is a prerequisite.

Participants should be in good physical shape and have no serious health conditions. A good background in day hiking is necessary. Families with children ages 12 and older are welcome.

Cost is \$110 per adult or \$55 for ages 12-22. Early registration is recommended as space is limited. Download the application at sierraclub.org/sfbay/backpacking.

Questions about the course? Contact Thomas Meissner by email at meissner.thomas@sbcglobal.net or (707)795-7980 (please call only if you do not have access to email).

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2018 CHAPTER ELECTION

Voting Instructions:

All members of the Sierra Club who live in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, or Marin Counties, and who were registered as a member of record in the Club database as of November 6th, are eligible to vote. You may choose to vote by paper ballot or online. If we receive both electronic and paper ballots for the same membership number, only the electronic ballot will be counted. All ballots must be received before 2 pm on Friday, December 14th.

HOW DO I VOTE ONLINE?

The chapter will email a link to the online ballot to all members whose email addresses we have on file. If you do not receive this email but wish to vote electronically, go to the online voting site at www.sierraclub.org/sfbay/2018chapterselections. You will need to provide your membership number (the eight-digit number printed on the address label of this Yodeler, above your name). Full instructions for voting electronically are listed there.

HOW DO I SUBMIT MY PAPER BALLOT?

Your paper ballot is printed on page 31. Once you have made your selections, place the ballot in an envelope, stamp it, and mail it to: Ballot Submission, Sierra Club SF Bay Chapter, 2530 San Pablo Ave, Ste I, Berkeley, CA 94702. Ballots sent by fax or email will not be counted.

HOW DO YOU KNOW I'M A MEMBER?

The mailing label printed on the reverse of your ballot will indicate it's valid. The mailing label includes your unique membership number. We cannot accept any ballot lacking a membership number.

WHAT AM I VOTING FOR?

Each Bay Chapter member can vote in the chapter-wide Executive Committee election and in the election for the Executive Committee of their local group (see below for finding group affiliation). The ballot indicates how many candidates you may vote for in each race. You may not select more candidates than indicated on the ballot or your ballot will be considered spoiled and will not be counted. You may vote for fewer candidates than the maximum.

WHAT GROUP DO I BELONG TO?

To determine which group you belong to, look at the mailing label on this Yodeler. If you are a Bay Chapter member, a three-digit number beginning with "10" should appear in the line above your name, following your eight-digit membership number. This number designates your local group: 100 = No group membership; 102 = Marin; 103 = Mount Diablo; 104 = San Francisco; 105 = Delta; 106 = West Contra Costa; 107 = Southern Alameda County; 108 = Northern Alameda County; 109 = TriValley.

WHAT IF I HAVE A JOINT MEMBERSHIP?

Just after your group number, your mailing label also indicates whether your household has a single (SNGL) membership or a joint (JNT) membership. Each section of the ballot has two columns for votes. If you have a single membership, mark only in the first column. For joint memberships, each member makes their selections in their own column. Both members in a joint membership must vote in the same medium (either paper or electronic ballot).

WHAT CAN "SPOIL" MY BALLOT?

Your ballot will be considered spoiled and will not be counted if:

- you vote in the incorrect group election (spoils group vote);
- you vote for more candidates than the maximum indicated;
- your ballot is illegible; or
- you have already cast your ballot (your most recent ballot will be counted; for joint membership voting rules, see above).

WHAT IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, contact the Chapter office at 510-848-0800 or email the Elections Committee at elections@sfbaysc.org.

HOW CAN I HELP?

We always need help counting the ballots. To volunteer to help at the ballot-counting party at 10 am on Saturday, December 15th at the Chapter office in Berkeley, contact elections@sfbaysc.org, or just show up! Your participation helps ensure that the Sierra Club remains a truly democratic, grassroots organization.

Candidate Statements:

Candidate names are listed alphabetically. The membership dates listed for each candidate are those listed in the Club membership database, but may not be completely accurate, especially for earlier time periods.

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There are three candidates. You may vote for three or fewer.

Laura Einowski

RESIDENCE: Berkeley
OCCUPATION: Architectural color designer
SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 2016



ACTIVITIES: SF Bay Chapter Vice Chair; SF Bay Chapter Executive Committee member since 2017; Financial Committee member; Hiking Section hike leader

STATEMENT: After moving to the Bay Area 12 years ago, I started looking for opportunities to be more proactively involved with my community and in protecting our environment, while also finding opportunities to take people outside. Since becoming a member in 2016, I have been involved in many different aspects of the club. Currently, I am Vice Chair of the SF Bay Chapter Executive Committee, as well as an At-Large Member voting member. I also sit on the Financial Committee and the David Brower Dinner Committee.

Last fall I completed a Team Sierra Hike (which raised over \$1,000 for the Chapter), and I recently became a Hiking Section hike leader.

I've had the honor of being a member of the SF Bay Chapter Executive Committee since 2017. It is important for me to remain involved and to be an active voice on the issues brought to the Sierra Club, as protecting our environment and raising awareness of issues threatening our lands is very important to me. The Executive Committee allows me to speak for our environment. As a hike leader, I have the amazing opportunity to take members, and non-members, directly into nature to show them what the Sierra Club works so hard to protect. This summer, I co-lead an informational walk to raise awareness on issues regarding Sand Creek in Antioch, and Middle Harbor Shoreline Park in Oakland, with more outings planned for the fall.

I would like to continue to be an advocate in following the club's motto to explore, enjoy, and protect our planet. I would like to focus on making the club as inclusive and welcoming as possible, and work towards bringing in new members who are determined to work towards the club's goals of protecting our planet. I humbly ask for your vote so I can continue to do good by nature.

Becky Evans

RESIDENCE: San Francisco

OCCUPATION: Retired paralegal

SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 1969



ACTIVITIES: Chapter Executive Committee since 2011; Chapter Chair, 2014-16; San Francisco Group activist since 1993; Chapter Political Committee; environmental work recognized by the San Francisco Bay Chapter, San Francisco Tomorrow and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; member of Bay Area Water Stewards, People for the Parks Board; Sierra Club Colby Library volunteer

STATEMENT: I ask for you to re-elect me to the Chapter Executive Committee. I will focus on mentoring new activists, strengthening our awesome staff, encouraging regional smart growth and working to preserve our diminishing public lands.

I'm proud to be a life member in the Sierra Club. Working at all levels of the Sierra Club, my focus has been for parks, waterfront and water issues and community efforts on sewage and transportation.

The Chapter's successes are yours — you attend hearings, write letters, meet with elected officials and make phone calls. Your dues and contributions make the Chapter's work possible. Serving on the Bay Chapter Executive Committee and its sub-committees is demanding, exhilarating and requiring infinite patience. I play well with others.

There are nine members elected by the Chapter membership — now at 35,000 — plus representatives from the Chapter's 8 groups. We are volunteers — consultants, scientists, civil servants, attorneys, tech experts and retirees. We are responsible for Chapter staff, budget and conservation campaigns as well as political endorsements and approving litigation.

Together we need to meet the challenges of sea level rise, climate change and a growing Bay Area population. It takes all of us working together to meet these challenges.

Arthur Feinstein

RESIDENCE: San Francisco

OCCUPATION: Environmentalist

SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 1981

ACTIVITIES: Chapter and San Francisco Group Executive Commit-



tee member, 2006 to present; ExCom chair, 2010 to 2013; Chapter Director: 2012 (Interim); SF Group PolCom Chair, 2008; SF Group ConsCom chair, 2009 to 2012; Sierra Club California Conservation Committee Chair, 2017 to present; SC California Executive Committee member, 2016 to present; Awarded National Sierra Club's Susan Miller Award, 2014; Awarded Clean Water Network's 30-Year Heroes Award; Awarded National Audubon Society's Bay Champion Award.

STATEMENT: The Bay Area needs a strong Sierra Club as never before. Climate change, our climate change denying President, sea level rise, extreme weather, drought, species extinction, fracking, the list goes on and can seem overwhelming. But the answer is not despair but rather to accept the challenge, seek solutions and implement them. To do this will require a strong Sierra Club that will lead the effort to reduce and then eliminate dependence upon non-renewable fuels. That will advocate for answers to sea level rise such as creating new wetlands to reduce storm surges and act as levees. That will work to preserve our natural world in the face of increased development.

When Chapter chair I helped establish an energetic and successful Energy Committee. I have worked on wetlands issues on local, state and federal levels helping save and restore thousands of acres of wetlands around the Bay. I played a key role in saving two square miles of East Bay habitat in our 14-year struggle to save Gateway Valley in Orinda. With many others, I helped establish the McLaughlin East Shore State Park.

The Club makes a difference. The Bay Area is a healthier place for us and for the critters with whom we share this world thanks to our efforts. I believe I have the skills and experience to help the Club continue this essential work.

DELTA GROUP CANDIDATE

There is one candidates. You may vote for one or fewer.

Paul Seger

RESIDENCE: Oakley

OCCUPATION: Retired teacher

SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 2017



ACTIVITIES: Delta Group chair, 2018; SF Bay ExCom, 2018; SF Bay PolCom, 2018; Grassroots organizing: Pulled together a Board of Directors to reinstate the Sierra Club Delta Group.

STATEMENT: I'm completing my first year as a member on SFBAY's Sierra Club leadership team. In the short time that I have been leading the Sierra Club Delta Group, serving on the SFBAY Executive and Political Committees I am inspired by the positive influences that the Sierra Club leaders have on local communities around the Bay area. I am confident that I will expand our SC's influences and services, furthering our mission to protect the environment and extend equanimity far into Eastern Contra Costa County's communities.

East Contra Costa County is one of the country's fastest sprawling regions in the country and our local municipal governing bodies are practically giving it away with little care to health/well-being, safety or the environment/climate change. We have protected Ag/Equestrian areas that are regularly targeted by developers. Delta-Bay: We are on the front lines fighting for the health of one of the Western Hemisphere's most significant estuaries; sitting right on the Delta, the Bay's "doorstep", to which we must coordinate smarter campaigns to fight for the ecology of the Delta.

I now have a year's worth of learning what is possible with the

cooperation of SFBAY SC's leaders, by their commitment to create and enforce solid, environmentally sound and sustainable, jurisdictional policies. We are already gearing up for action and activities to increase the Delta region's understanding of SC issues through educational outreach and increased SC membership.

MARIN GROUP CANDIDATES

There are five candidates. You may vote for five or fewer.

Mickey Allison

RESIDENCE: Sausalito
OCCUPATION: Retired teacher
SIERRA CLUB LIFE MEMBER SINCE: 1985



ACTIVITIES: Sierra Club Marin Group Executive Committee, 2017 to present; Chapter Federal Parks Committee, 2015 to present; Sierra Club Inspiring Connections Outdoors (ICO), 1998 to present.

STATEMENT: An Oakland native with a bachelors in biology, masters in zoology from UC Davis, I taught regular and advanced placement biology in public schools and Bio 101 in community college. I have spent a lifetime outdoors - horseback riding, hiking, camping, backpacking, canoeing and spending summers in Canada on a small island with no electricity. In 2004 I moved into a floating home in Sausalito adding solar, shredded denim insulation and other upgrades to make my home greener thus lowering my energy footprint to minimum charges.

During my first term I supported the efforts of other Executive Committee members as well as accepted help from others on projects I was the lead or worked on in tandem. I've learned a great deal in the process, but recognize that I still have a lot to learn. I'm more familiar with the issues in Sausalito and Marin City, but enjoy learning about and working with my colleagues in other parts of the county as a member of the Climate Solutions Committee, and as one of two representatives to the Marin County Parks and Open Space Roundtable.

I have developed a deep attachment to Marin City through its library, and recently as a volunteer science lab aide at Bayside/Martin Luther King Academy and by providing weekly, mostly physical science experiments for the younger kids in the Boys and Girls Club program. I still love teaching, being a Sierra Club Inspiring Connections Outdoors (ICO) leader, and researching environmental science issues for the Marin Group.

Barbara Bogard

RESIDENCE: Mill Valley (unincorporated)
OCCUPATION: Teacher, computer analyst
— retired
SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 1995



ACTIVITIES: Sierra Club Marin Group Executive Committee 2017-present, Group Conservation Committee 2016-present, Group Climate Solutions Committee Co-chair 2017-present, Group Parks & Open Space Committee Co-chair 2016-2018, Pesticide Free Zone Board of Directors 2015-present, Marin Green Party Co-chair 2016-present, 350Marin co-founder 2014, YardSmartMarin Steering Committee 2016-present, The Real News Network Climate Crisis Bureau Advisory Board 2018-present, Marin Water Coalition 2013-present, Friends of Golden Gate Village Residents' Council 2017-present.

STATEMENT: I have been a full-time activist and organizer for nearly 20 years. I have worked on many environmental issues during that time as well as managed political campaigns for local

elected environmental leaders. Currently I am focused on climate change, regenerative agriculture, pesticides and GMOs, protection of open space and wildlife, and environmental justice.

I am committed to helping the Sierra Club take the lead on these and other issues as well as to increase the visibility of our group so that our contributions are better acknowledged and respected by our local community. I am also working on building alliances and working collaboratively with other groups who share our goals and values since our power and influence increase with our numbers.

I am especially concerned about the lack of diversity that so often characterizes our environmental movement. To try to address that, I spend much of my time and energy these days working with communities of color in Marin on environmental issues of concern to them including environmental toxins, sea level rise and flooding, housing and development, nutrition and access to healthy food, and health disparities.

As we face critical challenges to our environment, to our democracy, to our values, and to the very survival of human life on this planet, I am committed to doing everything I can to heal people and planet.

Bob Johnston

RESIDENCE: Inverness, Marin County
OCCUPATION: Professor of Environmental Planning, UC Davis, retired
SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 1995



ACTIVITIES: Vice-Chair, Marin Group Conservation Committee, 2018-19; Member, West Marin Tourism Working Group for State Senator McGuire, 2017-18; Board, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, 2009-present; Board, Sierra Nevada Alliance, 2000-2005; Expert in NEPA lawsuits for the S. Club re. the growth-inducing impacts of new highways (Chicago, Salt Lk. region, others), 1980-2000; Member, citizens groups, Davis 1973-1990, protecting the downtown from road widenings; Davis Regional Planning Commission (advisory on land use and transportation), 1980s; Board, Mountain Area Preservation Foundation, Truckee, 2003; Truckee Planning Commission, 2004-2010; Town Affordable Housing committee, 2008-10; Marin County Supervisor's campaign, 2016; Marin County C-SMART sea level rise committee, 2013-14; Board, Inverness Association and Foundation; Good understanding of the Countywide Plan and development code, including the coastal program elements.

STATEMENT: I have experience on national, State, and local advisory committees. With expert testimony, I helped get AB889 adopted (California, 1988), which added the mitigation monitoring requirement to CEQA. I helped write the USDOT/USEPA Clean Air Act rule for metropolitan transportation modeling in the late 1970s.

I have attended meetings of the Marin Group Conservation Committee and Executive Committee for 18 months and agree with their priorities and approach to meetings. I'm on the Legal Committee. I can contribute to the ExCom in general and, specifically, by working on West Marin issues. I am the head of a citizens group suing Caltrans over the EIR for a bridge project. I have testified on the Local Coastal Program revisions for several years, the San Geronimo Valley golf course restoration, grazing in the Seashore, aquaculture, and the Stream Conservation Ordinance.

Kristen Shannon

RESIDENCE: Sausalito
SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 2016



No candidate statement submitted.

Brian Staley

RESIDENCE: Woodacre
SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 2016



STATEMENT: I have spent my adult life fighting to preserve the character and the beauty of Marin. I would like to have the chance to continue that work with your help. I respectfully request your vote for a seat on the Executive Committee.

I am running for the seat to continue the long fought efforts protect the remaining open spaces and natural resources in Marin. There has never been a time when threats of major change to our communities and open spaces has been so great. As reported in the media and as reported by every County environmental organization, the California coast and Marin in particular is under enormous development pressure. Pressures from developers, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTC), The Association of Bay area Governments (ABAG), increasing property values, and new State requirements are all contributing to these pressures to build much more high-density complexes throughout Marin. Marin ranches and farms are a central battleground for these new suburban development pressures, yet they need protections and our help. The Executive Committee of the Sierra Club is a unique place from which one can effect positive change in this area.

We have a choice whether to protect our community character for future generations. I for one feel strongly that working within the current governmental system is the best option. With my 3 decades of experience as a green designer, planner and builder, I believe I have the necessary experience to help make a difference. Using my technical familiarity with water quality, water treatment, habitat restoration, and other subjects I will fight to keep Marin's rural character intact while understanding that there are limits to respectfully working within the system.

I feel that I have many worthwhile strengths to contribute towards the great works the Sierra Club will accomplish and I have always believed that a clean protected environment doesn't have to be in conflict with local economic interests. There are always solutions to be found that protect this place we call home.

MT. DIABLO GROUP CANDIDATES

There are three candidates. You may vote for up to two.

Beth Bittle

RESIDENCE: Walnut Creek (unincorporated)
OCCUPATION: Adventure tour guide
SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 2014



ACTIVITIES: Rainbow Sierrans (GLS) Governing Committee member, 2015 - present; Rainbow Sierrans (GLS) Outings Leader, 2014 - present; National Sierra Club Outings Leader, 2015 - present; Certified California Naturalist, 2018, Michener Award for outings leadership, 2018

STATEMENT: I would like to become more involved in the local chapter, focusing on policy issues in my area. I have been very involved in Rainbow Sierrans (GLS), but am eager to work on conservation issues near home, in the Mount Diablo Chapter.

I am an avid outdoors person. I love to spend as much of my time as possible camping, hiking, kayaking or cycling. I hope to bring in new people into Sierra Club by promoting access and inclusion. I will advocate for preservation of parks and open spaces, habitat and wildlife

protection in the Mt. Diablo region. Thank you for your vote.

Jim Blickenstaff

RESIDENCE: San Ramon
OCCUPATION: Letter Carrier, USPS
SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 1982



ACTIVITIES: Chair, Mount Diablo Group, 1993 to present; Co-leader, San Ramon for Open Government; Activist for, The 'No "Tassajara Parks" Coalition'

STATEMENT: I would like to continue in my role as Chair of the Mount Diablo Group of the Sierra Club, San Francisco Bay Chapter. There are current and upcoming environmental challenges in our region that will require a strong Sierra Club presence and response. I believe, from my many years of experience, that I can continue to be an effective leader on the issues, not only critical to the Sierra Club, but to other organizations, with whom we will need to coordinate in order to maximize our impact and success.

The Contra Costa County Urban Limit Line has been a valuable tool in holding down sprawl. But, it is under constant threat from well moneyed interests. The 30 acre exception rule is vulnerable to misuse, and threatening the very premise of the U.L.L. Nothing exemplifies this better than the ill-advised 50 acre, 125u, "Tassajara Parks" exemption right next to Danville. Also, the development planned for the Concord Naval Weapons Station is about to start it's next phase. Proper implementation of the 3,200 acres set aside as parks and open space will be critical. Public and environmental input will be as important as ever. It will require close monitoring by the Mt. Diablo Group, as well as other key environmental organizations. We've seen in the past how a lack of transparency has led to problems and controversy.

Whatever it may be; from maintaining a strong County U.L.L., or overseeing a huge project next to Concord; I ask for your vote; so that I may continue to represent the Mount Diablo Group, and the Sierra Club principles of conservation, so critical to smart growth, and a green and healthy future for our children.

Sarah G. Butler

RESIDENCE: Orinda
OCCUPATION: Environmental planner, retired,
and current education advocate
SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 1996



ACTIVITIES: Mount Diablo Group Executive Committee Member. 2017-18; SF Bay Chapter Political Committee 2018, & current alternate; CNRCC, Sea Level Rise Task Force, May 2018- present; CA Democratic Party Environmental Caucus Member, 2012-2018; Democratic Party of Contra Costa County, elected member 2012-2020; former elected school board member, Orinda School Board, 2012-2016; Citizen's Climate Lobby of Contra Costa County, 2016-2018

STATEMENT: I have always been an environmentalist with a high regard for the Sierra Club. I am glad to have been able to serve for the past year on the Mount Diablo Group's Executive Committee, and hope to earn your vote so that I can continue that work.

I ran for a seat on the Sierra Club Executive Committee after the wake-up call of the Nov. 2016 presidential election, and the urgent desire to join with others in my area to work more effectively for environmental causes, and to curb climate change.

I have a Bachelors of Science in Environmental Planning and Man-

agement from UC Davis, and experience in that field, as well as in education and in politics. My experience gives me the background to be effective in focusing on our priority issues including: transportation, affordable housing, water, climate change, and wildfires.

Feel free to contact me with any questions at SarahGButler@hotmail.com. It would be an honor to continue to serve you on the Mount Diablo Group Executive Committee.

NORTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY GROUP CANDIDATES

There are four candidates. You may vote for up to four.

Jonathan Bair

Petition Candidate



RESIDENCE: Oakland
OCCUPATION: Health care communications
SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 2014

ACTIVITIES: Group Executive Committee, Group Conservation Committee, Chapter Political Committee, Chapter Picnic

STATEMENT: Serving on the Northern Alameda County Group Executive Committee for almost two years has been a great privilege. I've worked hard to ensure that Northern Alameda County's voice was heard at the Chapter level. I've promoted waste reduction efforts, advocated for developing consistent sea level rise adaptation policies, tried to find common ground on housing controversies, and kept a close eye on the A's stadium proposal process. I volunteered to join a regional committee and have worked very hard to make sure that our processes are followed and Northern Alameda County has a voice in environmental decision-making. It's been a lot of work but I am eager to continue.

Before joining the leadership of the Sierra Club, I was President of the Board of Walk Oakland Bike Oakland and Chair of the City of Oakland Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. I've long been active in the fight to create a progressive majority on the BART Board. I led a grassroots effort to improve public transportation in East Oakland in 2012 in partnership with the Sierra Club. And I carry around reusable straws!

I'm the only lifelong Oaklander on the Northern Alameda County Group Executive Committee which is helpful when providing context around some of the issues we grapple with. I believe that I am the only openly gay person running for the Executive Committee this year, which is a valuable perspective to bring to some discussions. In the coming years I will continue to work hard at the Group and Chapter level for environmental stewardship and justice. I ask for your vote to continue working hard to improve the environment in the East Bay.

Olga Bolotina

Nominating Committee Candidate



RESIDENCE: Oakland
SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 2000

No candidate statement submitted.

Chris Jackson

Nominating Committee Candidate

RESIDENCE: Oakland
SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 2014

No candidate photo or statement submitted.

Aaron Priven

Nominating Committee Candidate



RESIDENCE: Albany
OCCUPATION: Transit communications
SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 1994

ACTIVITIES: 1998-2000: Transportation and Compact Growth Chair, Bay Chapter; 2000, 2005: Bay Chapter Executive Committee; 2000-2001, 2004-2005: Northern Alameda County Group Executive Committee; 2001: Bay Chapter Conservation Chair; 2004-2005: Northern Alameda County Group Conservation Chair

STATEMENT: It is not news that climate change is the defining issue of our time, and the Northern Alameda County Group has done much on this — opposing the shipment of coal, supporting institutions devoted to sustainable energy production, and fighting to limit the emissions from oil refineries.

I believe that, in addition, the Sierra Club also needs to take an active role in promoting redirection of development away from wild and rural land around the edges of the Bay Area and toward infill development in Northern Alameda County's urban centers. This includes promoting the development, in our downtowns and transit corridors of, housing of all income levels and commercial projects that would discourage further sprawl.

While as environmental advocates it's tempting to hold out for more and more to try to make each project as perfect as possible, this just encourages developers to sprawl outward. We must oppose sprawl development and also take positive steps toward realizing the more livable, sustainable urban communities that Northern Alameda County cities must become if we are to avoid contributing to climate change and its catastrophic impacts.

Finding the balance between unattainable perfection and compromised values isn't always easy, but it's important that we try, and that we do our best to make as much difference in the real world as we can. That's what I've tried to do in my years as a Sierra Club leader. I believe I can do more to make this real, and I ask for your vote. Visit club.priven.com for more info.

SF GROUP CANDIDATES

There are four candidates. You may vote for up to four.

Becky Evans

RESIDENCE: San Francisco
OCCUPATION: Retired paralegal
SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 1969 (Life Member)



ACTIVITIES: Current Chair, San Francisco Group; Chapter Representative to the Council of Club Leaders 2013-2018, Chapter Executive Committee member since 2011; San Francisco Group leader since 1993; conservation work recognized by San Francisco Tomorrow, San Francisco Bay Chapter and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; member Bay Area Water Stewards, People for the Parks Board; Sierra Club Colby Library volunteer.

STATEMENT: San Francisco faces many environmental challenges: sea level rise; lack of affordable housing; traffic chaos in our neighborhoods; Spare the Air days and a Muni Week with transit failures.

We need to bring more members into activist roles for these important issues. Join me and the other members of the San Francisco Group ExCom and Conservation Committee to grow our activist corps working for improvement of local transportation, support of affordable housing, encouraging smart regional growth and preserving the California Environmental Quality Act.

I have volunteered at all levels of the Sierra Club. My major efforts as a San Franciscan have been for parks, waterfront, water issues and community efforts on sewage and transportation. I served on San Francisco's Environment Commission in its formative years, on the Clean Water Advisory Committee and on the city's Open Space Advisory Committee.

The seven members of the Group Executive Committee work with individuals and organizations to implement green goals and policies for San Francisco. Together we need to meet the challenges of sea level rise, climate change and a growing Bay Area population. It will take all of us working together to meet these challenges.

Kathy Howard

RESIDENCE: San Francisco

OCCUPATION: Landscape architect (retired)

SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 1980



ACTIVITIES: Sierra Club: SF Group Executive Committee, organizing outreach events; state-wide California Conservation Committee Steering Committee, serving as Northern Secretary.

Environmental columnist for the Castro Courier, interviewing experts on topics ranging from statewide water issues to plastics in our oceans to protecting our forests.

Co-founder of grassroots open-space advocacy groups: SF Ocean Edge, Healthy Soccer SF, Golden Gate Park Preservation Alliance, and Friends of the Music Concourse. Together, we fought to protect the western end of Golden Gate Park from artificial turf, loss of habitat, and 150,000 watts of stadium lighting. We worked with parents and players concerned with health impacts of artificial turf. We preserved the 100-year-old trees in the Music Course in Golden Gate Park and obtained landmark status for them. We kept a 40,000 square foot water treatment factory out of Golden Gate Park.

Member of Citizens' Advisory Committees for the following: San Francisco Recreation and Open Space Element (ROSE); Outside Lands Concerts landscape protection plan for Golden Gate Park; Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN) Open Space Committee; Golden Gate Park Music Concourse Authority; Ocean Beach Vision Plan / Local Coastal Program for protection of our western shoreline.

STATEMENT: Climate change must be dealt with vigorously if we are to save life on our planet. Effective political change starts at the grassroots level, through outreach, education, recruiting, and on-going activism. Political change also requires getting the attention of government officials and holding them accountable for their actions. I will continue to use my background in neighborhood activism, my experience with City policies and agencies, and my training as a landscape architect to help the Sierra Club in protecting our environment.

Kim-Shree Maufas

RESIDENCE: San Francisco

OCCUPATION: Post-Doctoral researcher

SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 2018



ACTIVITIES: Member, Sierra Club San Francisco Group; Ed.D. in International & Multicultural Education, USF w/TESOL Certification from UCB; Longstanding Member of the NAACP, BWOPA, the Harvey Milk LGBT & the Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Clubs. A Certified Level 1 Coach, USA Track & Field.

STATEMENT: Sharing, learning, mobilizing and advocating are **MUST DO STEPS** that we all can acquire to protect our communities, waters, and planet. I've been privileged to be able to use my abilities to communicate, persuade, organize, and mobilize diverse coalitions from underserved communities and communities of color in the Bay Area. Many in these communities simply don't know how powerful an ally the Sierra Club can be.

During my tenure (2007-2015) on the SF Board of Education, I worked with communities in demanding "a temporary stoppage and an independent health and safety assessment to protect our SFUSD students and their families" from bearing the brunt of the health issues during the Lennar Corps' Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Development (#79-25A1). I also persuaded the Superintendent to implement the California UC/CSU "A-G" Course Sequence as a graduation requirement (#811-20Sp1) for all Students and led in the creation of groundbreaking Restorative Justice Resolution (#96-23A1) – taking it from 2 years' worth of community conversations to districtwide implementation. I collaborated in creating the SFUSD District Sustainability Office in 2008 supporting all students' "Eco-literacy" while reducing the District's environmental footprint.

I'm helping my granddaughter, Marley (7yrs), understand the **BIG ISSUES** destroying our planet, as well as recycling, composting, and keeping our water clean for all living plants and creatures. I am a well-known as a relationship builder and would love to bring my advocacy and skill sets to the Sierra Club. I would consider it an honor to serve on the Executive Committee and am asking for your support to do so.

Linda Weiner

RESIDENCE: San Francisco

OCCUPATION: Retired, air quality and public health policy

SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 1999



ACTIVITIES: San Francisco Group Executive Committee: 2010-2018, Conservation Committee Member 2010-2018; Group Diversity Committee 2011-2012; Alternate to San Francisco Bay Chapter, 2014-2016; Group Representative to Chapter, 2018; Vice Chair of Political Committee, 2018.

I bring experience in air quality regulations, global warming legislation, and Communications, having previously worked at the American Lung Association in California as Director of Air Quality Advocacy (including direct advocacy work on AB 32, the Global Warming Solution Act) and as Bay Area Director of Communications, as well as a producer at KQED and many years working in community public health policy and health communications at Stanford University.

STATEMENT: During my 8-year tenure on the SF Group Executive Committee, I have been actively involved with a wide variety of Sierra Club issues on the policy level, as well as supporting action: Last 2-year term activities include:

- Led SF SC Group campaign: Divest Fossil Fuels from SF Retirement Pension System
- Wrote support letters; testified at Board meeting; wrote Action Alert; spoke at Wells Fargo divestment rally; organized volunteers

for campaign

- Testified at EPA hearing in support of the Clean Power Plan
- Represented SC SF Group on video in support of Prop E (banning candy-flavored tobacco)
- Promoted Sierra Club at SF climate change movie premiere
- Joined SC for 2 days in Get-Out-the-Vote national election effort in Reno Nevada
- Spoke at local SF activist group about Sierra Club SF Group
- Helped organize Sierra Club contingent at Rise Up Climate March in SF, 2018
- Actively participated in all interviews & endorsements for candidates/measures

If re-elected, I will continue to use my skills, energy and passion for advancing Sierra Club policies, particularly in working on environmental justice issues, where the impact of climate change and air pollution is most severe.

SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY GROUP CANDIDATES

There are three candidates. You may vote for up to three.

Jannet Benz

RESIDENCE: Fremont

SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 2014



ACTIVITIES: Member, Southern Alameda County Group Executive Committee 2016-present; Member, Transportation and Compact Growth Committee 2016- present; Member, East Bay Public Lands Committee 2016- present; Participated in Candidate Endorsement Interview process for various offices 2014, 2018

STATEMENT: The Bay Area is in the midst of some of the most expansive development in decades. There are issues in our area that need input, guidance and follow-up from a strong environmental organization like the Sierra Club. I am running for this position to continue to be involved in decisions that impact sustainable development, transportation, energy and water resources, preservation of our parks and open spaces, and our quality of life. I continue to be active in local land use issues, advocate for more sustainable new developments, Class I trail networks and improved public transportation to reduce VMT/GHG. I also participate in Fremont City Council and community meetings on issues/projects with environmental concerns.

I believe it is vital to teach our youth to appreciate and respect nature. This is how we “grow” the next generation of environmentally-conscious adults.

Much of my prior environmental work has been done with the children in school and Girl Scout settings. I developed, organized, and managed the annual Earth Week program at Sunol Glen School (K-8). The program required collaboration with many organizations, Save the Bay, Alameda Creek Alliance, local organic farmers, and others to set up learning experiences for students in all grades, as well as classroom activities throughout the week. The program continues, today.

As a member of the Executive Committee, I will continue to increase and leverage activities in our local community and pursue the goals I share with the Sierra Club.

I would be honored to continue to serve on the Southern Ala-

meda County Group Executive Committee as we continue to work:

- to preserve our parks and open spaces;
- for more sustainable development;
- for improved public transportation options;
- to elect environmentally-aware officials.

Glenn Kirby

RESIDENCE: Hayward

SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 1978



STATEMENT: I am an East Bay native, growing up in West Contra Costa County and living in Hayward for the past 30 years. My wife and I have been Sierra Club members since the 1978.

I formerly served on the SF Bay Chapter Executive Committee and was Vice Chair for two years. I serve on the Chapter's East Bay Public Lands Committee and I am a qualified Hiking and Cycling Leader and lead Outings for the Chapter.

I am retired from city government and I served on the Alameda County Planning Commission for twelve years. Prior to that, I served as a Planning Commissioner for the City of Hayward. I served on and chaired the East Bay Regional Park District's Park Advisory Committee (PAC). I was formerly on the Board of Directors for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, and the East Bay Area Trails Council. I view preservation of open-space as fundamental to our quality of life in the Bay Area. I also support public access, where appropriate, through trails and the expansion of parklands.

I enjoy hiking and bicycle riding and would usually rather be outdoors than in meetings or public hearings. But, whether I am considering a proposal for development or reviewing plans for improving our regional parks, I know that the decisions we make today will determine the future for the Bay Area. The Sierra Club has provided leadership in protection of parklands, agricultural lands and critical habitat. I have had the privilege of serving on the Southern Alameda County Executive Committee and ask for your support to continue to do so.

Laurie J. Price

RESIDENCE: Hayward

OCCUPATION: Anthropology professor (retired)

SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 2018



ACTIVITIES: Southern Alameda County Group; Citizens Against Pollution; Society for Applied Anthropology; Center for Biological Diversity.

STATEMENT: As a professor for 30 years, I taught environmental anthropology, grant writing, public health, climate change, research methods, community development. I have worked with many California students to complete their M.A./undergraduate research on environmental and human rights topics. I retired June, 2018.

As a board member of Citizens Against Pollution, I have been a clean energy activist since 2008, first opposing Eastshore Gas Power Plant (which we defeated) and then opposing Russell City Energy Center (RCEC). RCEC is a 600-megawatt gas fired power plant on the ecologically delicate Hayward shoreline just north of the San Mateo Bridge. A “peaker plant,” RCEC sometimes emits far more than the approved air pollutants; better air quality monitoring is needed to protect marshland species and nearby human communities. RCEC's permit for 2 million tons of CO2 emissions annually also conflicts with California's commitment to carbon-free electricity by 2045. In

addition to council meetings on the power plants, I made presentations to promote PV solar in city task force meetings and Earth Day programs. Happily, Hayward recently launched a cleaner community choice energy program (East Bay Community Energy). Other relevant experience includes work with Child Family Health International as a board member and global health curriculum developer, and consultant work with the nonprofit, Pacifica Botanical Garden.

As a Sierra Club chapter member, I have participated in discussion of legislative positions and in interviews with local candidates to identify those deserving Sierra Club endorsement. In southern Alameda, communities have serious environmental and health challenges due to persisting oil/gas/coal technologies, road and electronic infrastructure expansions, and housing shortages. Longer range climate change challenges also must be realistically addressed.

If elected, I will intensify my efforts to protect the environment through policy work, leadership development, and public education.

TRI-VALLEY GROUP CANDIDATE

There is one candidate. You may vote for up to one.

Dick Schneider

RESIDENCE: Oakland
SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 1980



ACTIVITIES: Executive Committee, Sierra Club Tri-Valley Group; Sierra Club representative, Altamont Landfill Open Space Committee; former Chapter Conservation Chair; former member, National Conservation Governance Committee.

STATEMENT: I am running for Tri-Valley Group Executive Committee to continue protecting open space, native biodiversity, scenic beauty and quality of life in East County.

Since 1999, I have been involved in many Tri-Valley conservation campaigns. I was co-author of Alameda County Measure D and co-chair of the campaign committee. I continue to watchdog the county to ensure that Measure D is faithfully implemented

In 2002, I helped write and qualify the Protect Livermore's Environment Initiative, which established an urban growth boundary for North Livermore. After its adoption, I worked in the 2005 campaign that defeated Pardee Homes' plan to break the UGB and build a huge housing development in North Livermore.

More recently, I helped write and pass the Dublin Open Space Initiative of 2014 to protect Doolan Canyon from development. I was a leader of the No on T campaign that defeated Pacific Union's counter-measure to break the Dublin urban limit line and authorize a massive sprawl development in Doolan Canyon.

I strongly support protecting Tesla Park from off-road vehicles by stopping expansion of the Carnegie State Recreational Vehicle Area. I wrote the EIR comments for the Club and worked to pass state legislation that authorizes the California Department of Parks and Recreation to sell the land for permanent open space protection.

As a Club representative on the Altamont Landfill Open Space Committee, I've voted to fund over \$9 million in grants to purchase open space land and easements for permanent protection of native biological habitat.

With your vote to continue serving on the Tri-Valley Group Executive Committee, I pledge to continue fighting to preserve the beautiful natural areas of Alameda County that we all treasure.

WEST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY GROUP CANDIDATES

There are two candidates. You may vote for up to two.

David McCoard



RESIDENCE: El Cerrito
OCCUPATION: Retired college library worker
SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 1964

ACTIVITIES: 1975-6, member, Executive Committee and Outings Chair, Kern-Kaweah Chapter; 1984-86, member, SFBC Wetlands Task Force and Solid Waste Subcommittee; 1983-1998, SFBC information table coordinator; mid-90s-2001, 2004-2008 & 2010-2016, SFBC Conservation Committee; 2004-2008, SFBC Political Committee; 1990-present, ExCom, West Contra Costa Group (Chair 1994-95); 2008-present, Sierra Club California (CNRCC) Energy-Climate Committee; 2012-present, SFBC Energy Committee (2014-present, co-chair).

STATEMENT: I feel that the four most important issues facing the West County Group are land use, housing/transportation, air quality and toxics. These are interrelated and directly affect the quality of life of residents (human and otherwise). As a resident of Hercules through 1998, I participated in citizens' groups working to protect Franklin Canyon and to influence land use and planning decisions.

Basic to action on environmental issues is the task of increasing the number of people actively involved in the Group. We can do this by actively inviting and creating opportunities for participation, and making members know that their activity and feelings count.

I will bring my experience in working with information table volunteers, Chapter committees, and community groups, as well as my time on the Group ExCom, to the internal management of the Group. I am running so that I can continue to contribute to the Club's effectiveness.

Rita Minjares



RESIDENCE: El Cerrito
SIERRA CLUB MEMBER SINCE: 1988

STATEMENT: I am proud to be a member of the Sierra Club knowing every day we make a difference in our neighborhoods and communities, and open space. With the government wrapped tightly in ugly partisanship we offer a breath of fresh air. Little compares with the beauty set aside by Obama which is being challenged by Trump. The Sierra Club stands with Earthjustice, the Natural Resource Defense Council, Environmental Defense Council and so many others to keep our skies and water clear, defending open space.

It is clear that these are challenging times, we have so much to keep track of. It warms my heart when I hear of small but important successes. Trump is being challenged on every side. It is a time to go deep, and appeal to the masses. Trump won because of gerrymandering, he actually lost by 3 million votes, gerrymandering made it impossible for him to lose. He could win again in 2020, without changing a thing. It is time to reach out. Gerrymandering has to go, they went too far. Losing when you earned 3,000,000 more votes is unprecedented. It's time to roll. We need to change things. Starting right here. They didn't win California.

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Please vote for the Chapter Executive Committee and your group Executive Committee. For instructions on voting and submitting your ballot, see page 23. If you prefer to vote online, visit www.sierraclub.org/sfbay/2018chapterselections.

Mark your ballot with black or blue ink. Please make your selections legible and keep your marks within the boxes. If you mismatch your ballot, you may make a correction in a manner that clearly indicates your intended vote. Candidate names have been listed in random order.

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Becky Evans			Jim Blickenstaff			Jannet Benz		
Laura Einowski			Beth Bittle			Laurie J. Price		
Arthur Feinstein			Sarah G. Butler			Glenn Kirby		
DELTA GROUP EX COM (vote for 1 or fewer)	Single member/ first joint member	2nd joint member	NORTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY GROUP EX COM (vote for 4 or fewer)	Single member/ first joint member	2nd joint member	TRI-VALLEY GROUP EX COM (vote for 1 or fewer)	Single member/ first joint member	2nd joint member
Paul Seger			Aaron Priven			Dick Schneider		
			Jonathan Bair					
			Olga Bolotina					
			Chris Jackson					
MARIN GROUP EX COM (vote for 5 or fewer)	Single member/ first joint member	2nd joint member	WEST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY GROUP EX COM (vote for 2 or fewer)	Single member/ first joint member	2nd joint member	SAN FRANCISCO GROUP EX COM (vote for 4 or fewer)	Single member/ first joint member	2nd joint member
Mickey Allison			Rita Minjares			Kathy Howard		
Bob Johnston			David McCoard			Becky Evans		
Brian Staley						Kim-Shree Maufas		
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- The Yodeler blog, updated regularly
- Our full events and activities calendar
- Group information and leadership roster

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