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Yahi Fall 2020 Outings and Events

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Don't Conserve Too Much of the Past
Conservation Report: By Grace Maria Marvin, Yahi Group Conservation Chair



The racist history of John Muir and other leaders of the Sierra Club at the end of the 19th century and into the 20th century is both shocking and sad (Covered in major papers, and the [Chico Enterprise Record on 7/24/2020](http://www.chicoenterprise.com/story/news/2020/07/24/sierra-club-john-muir-history/3271210001/); also see <https://www.sierraclub.org/michael-brune/2020/07/john-muir-early-history-sierra-club>). Thankfully, much of the U.S. population is now more open to understanding how racist people and imbedded racist policies have had crushing effects on the life chances of people of color. These life chances include differing medical treatment/ health, education, housing/ neighborhoods, hiring/ job promotion, legal rights, air and water quality, recreational opportunities, access to bank loans and voting, and interpersonal interaction, e.g., name calling and worse. The

history of racism in our country has had cumulative consequences, helping to explain not only why so many people of color are suffering from Covid - with much greater rates of death than whites - but also the poverty of large percentages of people of color over multiple generations.

Why is the country now more open to examining and changing our country's pervasive racism? The tortuous killing of George Floyd by police, together with recollections of dozens of similar deaths by police, helped stimulate the actions of many non-violent protesters across our country. May we each examine our own attitudes and behaviors. Let us, also, consider deep and long-term changes local, state, and national institutions must adopt to bring about the kind of equality and peace we, rightfully, proclaim as vital to the well-being of all. Then, may each of us find a way to facilitate needed changes.

One immediate method to bring about needed changes fits my lifestyle perfectly. The club has initiated a campaign to get out the vote this November, but not by going door to door in this time of Covid. Instead, the campaign, called Sierra Club Independent Action, is urging us to phone or write voters in states across the country. I signed up to write letters. The campaign sent me names of states from which I could choose; two interested me. I was sent 10 letters to complete for people in each of those states; each letter contains the name and address of the recipient. To personalize it, I am to add my brief comments to each of the 10 letters - while

considering the suggestions the campaign noted as especially relevant to the voters in each state I chose. I am to make my own envelopes, copying the names and addresses from those letters, and attaching my own postage. Then, I need to let the campaign know when I am finished with these letters, and they will send me another ten letters. I agreed to wait to mail the letters until the campaign suggests the best time (perhaps, in October?)

If this interests you, you might want to get started soon -- so that you can meet the campaign's goal of reaching one million voters. Such personal outreach is one of the most effective ways to get people to actually vote. I contacted the campaign via their web page, asking if I could add: *get your vote in as a soon as possible*. The contact person agreed with me that such a message will help make sure everyone's vote is counted.

Keep in mind, that the club will encourage voting only for those candidates that the club has endorsed.

Here is the web address you can contact if you are interested:
<https://www.sierraclubindependentaction.org/> .

Keep cool, healthy, active, and hopeful!

Be Sure To Vote This Fall and Vote Early

By Suzette Welch

“It's no exaggeration to say that this election may be the most important one we'll ever participate in. This election represents a tremendous opportunity to set climate policy for the 2020's, the last decade in which we can avoid catastrophic warming,” so says Michael Brune, executive director of Sierra Club.

“We can't afford another four years of giveaways to the fossil fuel industry. Nor can we afford another four years of rollbacks of the safeguards meant to keep our air and water clean. And we can't afford four more years of attacks on the dignity of women, immigrants, people of color, and the LGBTQ community—or more assaults on the rule of law, voting rights, and our democracy.”

“Yes, I'm talking about beating Donald Trump. But we can't stop there. We need environmental champions at every level of government. We've seen how powerful climate leaders can be at the state and local levels.”

“The Sierra Club is investing more resources in this year's races than it has in any previous election. We're going all in—and to win, we need you. Make sure that you're registered to vote and that your friends, family, and neighbors are too. Get involved with the Sierra Club's volunteer field mobilization campaign—the largest in our 128-year history—and talk to voters about the issues that matter to you. In the coming months, we'll be rolling out a new online organizing platform on which you will find opportunities to canvass, text bank, phone bank, and attend events for Sierra Club–endorsed candidates.”

In 2020, we have a chance to elect officials who will deliver the speed of change we need and the brighter, more sustainable future we deserve. Join the Sierra Club in making it happen. Take action now to join Sierra Club Independent action's 2020 Volunteer Team: sc.org/gotv.

Currently Sierra Club's Independent Action has three remote volunteer efforts: our letter writing, texting, and calling teams. You can indicate which teams you'd like to join by filling out the form at: sc.org/gotv. Once you fill out this form, Sierra Club will email you instructions on how to get started.

Sierra Club Endorses Audrey Denney for Congress

By Suzette Welch



In 2020 Sierra Club is endorsing Audrey Denney who is running for congress as a representative for California's 1st district. Sierra Club named Audrey as a climate champion.

Audrey from an early age was active in 4-H and other service leaning organizations. She was particularly involved in the FFA and served as a CA FFA State officer. She also served as part of a team of National Beef Ambassadors representing the beef industry around the country.

Audrey earned a bachelor's and a master's degree in agricultural education from CSU Chico and taught in the agriculture dept. there for almost six years.

Audrey Denney

Here is what Audrey says about her policy issues: "We all deserve an equal voice in our government. But thanks to court rulings, corporations and wealthy special interests have flooded the system with money and have bought the politicians, drowning out the voices of everyday Americans".

"Everyone deserves access to high-quality healthcare when needed. No one should be denied coverage because of a pre-existing condition, or go bankrupt because of health issues. As your Representative in Congress, I will fight to protect and expand Medicare for All and decrease prescription drug costs."

"In Northern California, our forests have the potential to benefit us or destroy us. Our forests currently are in a state of crisis. If we use scientific practices to manage our forests back to their natural state of health – we turn that threat into the center of our environmental and economic prosperity."

"Every child deserves equitable access to the education necessary to achieve their full potential . I will support legislation that invests in our teachers and schools and develop partnerships with the private sector to enhance career and technical education and apprenticeship programs so students can be prepared for good-paying jobs in our district."

"We have a responsibility to take care of those who have served in our military. As the proud daughter of a Vietnam veteran who depends on the VA healthcare system, I will fight back against any attempt to privatize the VA and take care away from our veterans. I will ensure our veterans have the best physical and mental health care, housing assistance, and career and technical education to help them re-enter civilian life."

"Public lands provide jobs, recreation, wildlife habitat, and support businesses. If properly managed, they can be a source of economic prosperity in the north state."

"I believe in putting people and love of country before politics. I believe every human being is inherently equal in worth, rights, and dignity. Washington D.C. needs a new generation of leaders who aren't bought and paid for by corporations and special interests."

Please join me along with the Yahi group Executive Board and Chairs and vote for Audrey Denney for U.S. Congress on Nov. 3, 2020.

Vote By Mail—November 3, 2020, General Election



COVID-19 Update

On May 8, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued **Executive Order N-64-20**, which, among other things, orders that a vote-by-mail ballot be mailed to each voter prior to the **November 3, 2020** in addition to offering in-person voting locations.

Any registered voter may vote using a vote-by-mail ballot instead of going to the polls on Election Day.

Register to Vote in California

In order to be sent a vote-by-mail ballot, you must be a registered voter. If you believe you are already registered, you can verify your registration online with our “**My Voter Status**” tool.

If you are not already registered, you can register online at ***RegisterToVote.ca.gov***. As part of registering to vote, you are given the option to become a “permanent vote-by-mail voter,” which means you would automatically receive a ballot in the mail before each election.

Voting By Mail in California

Pursuant to **Executive Order N-64-20**, all registered voters will be sent a vote-by-mail ballot for the November 3, 2020, General Election. Registered voters do not have to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot for this election.

Instead of going to the polls on Election Day, you may vote using the vote-by-mail ballot that will be sent to you.

After you have voted, insert your ballot in the envelope provided, making sure you complete all required information on the envelope.

You may return your voted ballot by

1. mailing it to your **county elections official**;
 - * Vote-by-mail ballots that are mailed must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by your county elections office no later than 17 days after Election Day.
 - * If you are not sure your vote-by-mail ballot will arrive in time if mailed, bring it to any polling place in the state between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
2. returning it in person to a polling place or the office of your county elections official;
 - * Vote-by-mail ballots that are personally delivered must be delivered no later than the close of polls at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
3. dropping your ballot into one of your county’s ballot drop boxes; or
 - * Vote-by-mail ballots that are personally delivered to a ballot drop-off location must be delivered no later than the close of polls at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
4. authorizing someone to return the ballot on your behalf.
 - * Anyone may return your ballot for you, as long as they do not get paid on a per ballot basis. In order for your ballot to be counted, you must fill out the authorization section found on the outside of your ballot envelope.

For further questions or concerns about the upcoming Nov. 3, 2020 election go to ***<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail/vbm-nov2020-general-election/>***.

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