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Yahi Spring 2013 Outings and Events

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Farmers, Ranchers, Landowners: Beware

By David Garcia

I continue to hear Big Oil and Gas state that fracking is safe and has never contaminated groundwater. Just recently, on December 18, 2012, the *San Jose Mercury News* published an article on the California Division of Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR), the state agency that regulates oil and gas drilling. Tim Kustic, the supervisor of DOGGR, was quoted: "There is no evidence of harm from fracking in groundwater in California at this point in time."

I find this Big Oil myth quite disturbing and insulting. The public is obviously viewed as ignorant and gullible by Big Oil and DOGGR when they make such erroneous statements.

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On December 12, 2012, the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) auctioned off the mineral rights of 18,000 acres of our public wildlands in Monterey, San Benito, and Fresno counties at the average price of \$4 an acre in less than 10 minutes. These are public lands which will be fracked for their oil found in the Monterey shale.

To protest the action, six of us from Chico got up early that morning and joined about 150 other protesters from the Sierra Club, the Center for Biological Diversity, Clean Water Action, and Earthjustice in Sacramento at BLM headquarters. The photos are from that day. The next scheduled auction will be in May.

The Mounting Evidence

After an eight-year lawsuit, finally in 2009 a jury awarded Kern County farmer Fred Starrh \$8.56 million in compensatory damages because Aera Energy (owned by ExxonMobil and Shell) allowed 600 million barrels of frack wastewater to seep into and contaminate his groundwater, killing his almond trees. Now, Mr. Starrh is suing Aera Energy for \$2 billion in punitive damages, the cost it will take to flush the pollutants out of his soil and groundwater.

Kern County farmer Mike Hopkins is suing DOGGR because it exempted Veneco Inc. from completing a CEQA-required report (California Environmental Quality Act) before drilling on his 38 acres of orchards. His cherry orchard is dying from toxic levels of chloride in his groundwater. He suspects the nearby oil field as the cause of the groundwater contamination.

Third-generation Kern County almond farmer Keith Gardiner lost three deep-water wells because chloride was showing up in the water at levels 40 times normal. They were 50-year-old wells with no prior problems. He suspects and is investigating a nearby oil field tank farm with a disposal well.

This string of contaminated water wells has Kern County farmers uniting against the oil industry and calling themselves the Committee to Protect Farmland and Clean Water. They are demanding that the Kern County Board of Supervisors intervene, claiming oil companies are impeding their farm activities and threatening their groundwater with fracking and the underground injection of waste materials.

Fracking and Farming Don't Mix

California is the third largest producer of oil in the nation and Kern County is the largest producer in the state. Traditionally the oil and agricultural industries co-existed in the county. This relationship soured in 2010 when oil producers led by Occidental Petroleum Corporation left their oilfields and began drilling in orchards and agricultural fields near Shafter with no notice. The growers complained to the county supervisors that the oil industry was setting up drilling operations without considering the impact on the farmers. The growers also complained that state regulators were performing inadequate environmental reviews that favored oil producers over farmers.

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This January, over the objections of the oil industry, the county supervisors ordered their staff to begin crafting an interim public process for resolving land-use conflicts between the oil and agricultural industries.

The Big Picture

A January 2013 report by the Canadian Government confirmed that in September 2011, one year and three months ago, Crew Energy inadvertently perforated the well casing in the groundwater zone of a well and proceeded to hydraulic fracture the well, causing groundwater contamination. The most disturbing consequence, beside the human error, is that one year later the toxic fracking fluids are continuing to migrate through the aquifer. Then there are the two separate studies by the EPA (federal Environmental Protection Agency) and USGS (United States Geological Survey) finding toxic carcinogenic chemicals used in fracking contaminating the groundwater in the town of Pavillion, Wyoming. An investigation by ProPublica in 2008 identified more than one thousand cases of water contamination near drilling sites, most of which involved surface leaks and spills. On fracktrack.org you can find information about the top four violator drilling companies in Pennsylvania with data showing they drilled 3,907 wells and had 1,146 violations (a 30 percent violation rate that racked up \$11,490,565 in fines), a very dismal safety record.

Even risk industries like insurance companies and banks are saying no to fracking. Nationwide Mutual Insurance, the seventh largest insurance company in the U.S., announced it would not cover damages related to fracking. Rabobank, the world's largest agricultural bank, no longer sells mortgages to farmers with gas leases. What do our neighbors, farmers, bankers, insurance agents, foreign governments, and scientists know about fracking that the oil industry is trying to keep secret by spending \$400,000 a day (*a day!*) in congress, lobbying to keep fracking chemicals secret and exempt from the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The story of Judy Stiles from Bradford County, Pennsylvania, exemplifies the greatest fears of fracking. Judy and her husband Carl signed over their property's mineral rights to Chesapeake Energy. Chesapeake Appalachia drilled 1,938 wells. Soon after the company started fracking, Judy and her husband became ill with rashes, stomach aches, dizziness, fatigue, and aching joints. The doctors could not figure out what the problem was and their health continued to deteriorate. They had their water tested and it came back contaminated with lead, methane, propane, ethane, barium, strontium, and arsenic. Violations were cited (425 in all, with total fines of \$2,119,314), but that was little consolation. The Stiles had to abandoned their house and were unable to sell it because of the contaminated water well. Three years later, in 2011, her husband was diagnosed with intestinal cancer. Due to the extreme pain he killed himself. Judy says, "I lost my home, my health, and my husband. I want fracking stopped."

The more you learn about fracking, the more terrifying it becomes. "Like" the Sierra Club 'Hydro-Fracking' team and the STOP FRACKING CALIFORNIA STATE Facebook pages to learn how you can help.

Dave Garcia is Chair of the Yahi Group's Political Committee. Contact him if you'd like to join his committee (rangerdave@mynew.com or 530-533-2357). 🌱

Yahi Group News

Yahi Group Donates Videos to Butte County Library

By Suzette Welch

The Yahi Group of the Sierra Club has again used some of its education and outreach funds to purchase a collection of video documentaries that are being donated to the Butte County Library. The donation is made with the intention of educating the public about important current environmental issues. The videos are listed by title in the catalog and housed at the Chico Branch Library. They are available for free check out at all Butte County Library locations.

Bag It (2010) is one of this year's video selections. Suzan Beraza's documentary deals with a current issue for the city of Chico: single-use plastic bags. After looking at all of the problems involved with plastic bags, the film evolves into an investigation into plastic in general and its effect on our waterways, oceans, and the human body. The main character is Jeb Berrier, a person who looks and acts like Michael Moore. The video has a great soundtrack and makes use of scenes from TV shows and old movies. Jeb Berrier makes the film entertaining and easy to watch. *Bag It* shows how much plastic does affect our lives and the world. The video won awards at such festivals as Ashland, Monterey, and the Wild and Scenic Festival, and has a 5-star rating on Amazon.

Other titles purchased for the library this year:

Carbon Nation (2010): Bypassing politics and finger-pointing, this forward-thinking documentary zeroes in on enterprising individuals — from a wind farmer to a solar-panel retrofitter — who are devising business-minded ways to avert the looming climate crisis. Things we can do to reduce carbon use in order to curb climate change.

Deep Green: Solutions to Stop Global Warming Now (2010): Based on six years of intensive research and devoted exclusively to solutions to man-made global warming, *Deep Green* examines the best applications in energy efficiency, green building, de-carbonizing transportation, sustainable agriculture, and forest restoration.

Fresh (2009): This documentary explores the new ways people are reworking our food production and distribution. All of those profiled share a common goal of limiting pollution while creating healthier products.

End of the Line (2009): Filmmaker Rupert Murray traverses the world exposing the devastating effects that over-fishing with modern technology is having on fish stocks and exploring the real solutions to solve the crisis.

Fuel (2008): Josh Tickell's documentary gives the history of U.S. energy and looks at an alternative future. Winner of the Grand Jury Prize at Sundance, this is Tickell's quest to

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popularize biodiesel, citing the environmental and economic advantages the country could reap by adopting it.

Monumental: David Brower's Fight for Wild America (2004): This biographical documentary highlights Brower's conservation accomplishments. From the part he played in passing the 1964 Wilderness Act through Congress to his instrumental role in saving the Grand Canyon, Brower demonstrates his commitment to saving the planet — one cause at a time.

GasLand (2010): In this Oscar-nominated documentary, director Josh Fox journeys across America to examine the negative effects of natural-gas drilling, from poisoned water sources to unhealthy animals and people.

Last Call at the Oasis (2011): Director Jessica Yu explores the global water crisis, including the defects in the current supply system and how communities and individuals, like activist Erin Brockovich, are working for solutions.

A Crude Awakening: The Oil Crash (2006): Basil Gelpke and Ray McCormack examine the uncomfortable realities of a world addicted to oil, the upcoming decrease in oil's availability, and the impending chaos that's sure to follow when the resource finally runs dry. 🌿

We Want Your Email Address

By Laurel Heath

The board would like to collect your email address so we can send you information about local events, issues, and programs, and also send you the newsletter electronically (saves money and trees!). We promise not to overdo the emails sent out. We have had a problem with people who give the Sierra Club their email address and then later “unsubscribe,” that is, request that their email address be removed from the club database. We are asking you to rethink this action.

When you ask that your email address be removed from the national Sierra Club list, you are taken off the Yahi Group list, too. But we would like to encourage you to quickly read through the emails the national Sierra Club sends. If there is a response needed (for example, a petition to sign), take action. This takes very little time and is so important in our times when big money interests have little regard for our environment. If you do not wish to respond, take a quick second to hit “delete.”

We know that you are busy and may want to limit the number of emails you receive. You can do that by contacting Member Services (membership.services@sierraclub.org or 415-977-5500). Tell them that you want to receive “only Yahi Group” emails.

Another option is to “Manage Your Subscriptions” on the Sierra Club website, www.sierraclub.org. From the Home page, go to “News,” then to “Our Email Newsletters.” There you can sign up to choose exactly which emails you want to receive. Call Membership Services if you have any questions.

Yahi Program Meeting Chemin de St. Jacques: Hiking “The Camino”

On Thursday, March 7, 2013, the public is invited to the Yahi general membership meeting at Chico Branch Library, 1108 Sherman Avenue at 7 PM. Our speaker for that evening will be David Welch speaking on the Chemin de St Jacques.

Hiking “The Camino,” an ancient pilgrimage route in northern Spain, has become a popular activity. But in the Middle Ages, people began their pilgrimage where they lived and Europe was laced with a network of pilgrim trails. This one traverses southern France from Arles to the Pyrénées, which is rich in natural, historical, cultural and gastronomic attractions. David is a longtime hiker and cycle tourist.

For more information, contact Suzette Welch, 342-9214, booksontape@rocketmail.com

2013 Sierra Club Yahi Group Executive Committee

By Laurel Heath

We want to thank David McKinney, our outgoing chairperson, for all the great work he did for the last two years and for his excellent leadership as chair of the Yahi Group Executive Committee (ExCom). We enjoyed working with him, and he will be missed as chair.

Suzette Welch and Laurel Heath were re-elected as ExCom members. John Hollister and Celeste Garcia were appointed. John is a returning ExCom member. Our other two ExCom members are Lorna Cunkle and Carla Moreno.

Suzette and Laurel are now sharing the chair position as co-chairs. John is vice-chair, and Lorna will be secretary.

Celeste has volunteered to try to get more advertising for our newsletter. (If you know of a likely source of advertising, please contact Celeste at celesterdh@mynvw.com.)

Anyone who has ideas for a program or who would like to be a presenter for a program, please contact Suzette Welch at booksontape@rocketmail.com.

The Yahi Group Executive Committee meets at Grilla Bites, 196 Cohasset Road, Chico, 5:30 PM on the first Monday of the month. All members are welcome to attend ExCom meetings. To be added to the meeting agenda, contact laur3290@gmail.com or booksontape@rocketmail.com.

What Produce Codes Tell You

When you buy fresh produce, check the produce code. It can tell you a lot about the food you are getting:

- ⇒ **3xxx or 4xxx** (four digit code beginning with a 3 or a 4) - Conventionally grown produce
- ⇒ **9xxxx** (5 digit code beginning with a 9) - Organically grown produce
- ⇒ **8xxxx** (5 digit code beginning with an 8) - Genetically Modified produce

Conservation Forum

Our Electric Car

By Suzette Welch

My mother died last winter and left us a small inheritance which we decided to use to help combat climate change and go green. We installed solar panels on our roof to help produce our own energy and bought an electric car. I had discussed with my mother my desire to have an electric car rather than ride my bicycle for transportation, as many of my friends were doing, to cut down on gasoline usage. I no longer wanted to ride my bicycle out in Chico's traffic. So by having an electric car I could stop buying gasoline and not feel guilty about polluting the atmosphere. Also I wanted to model the use of this system of solar panels and an electric car as a practical plan that others could follow.

The only fully electric car available in California last winter with enough battery capacity to be useful was the Nissan Leaf. The Nissan dealership is right around the corner from my house so it was convenient for checking out the car and getting service. The other fully electric car was the Mitsubishi which had very poor *Consumer Reports* ratings.


The Leaf is expensive but there are deals to be had. Some used Leafs are becoming available and there are cars available for lease. Nissan recently announced a significant price reduction on new Leafs in the United States in order to increase their sales. Carlos Ghosn, Nissan's CEO, has dedicated the company to electric vehicles.

I find that in my around town driving I get 80 to 90 miles on the 80 percent charge that is the recommended to increase the life of the batteries. When I want to go to Oroville or Paradise, I charge the batteries 100 percent and got over 100 miles on that charge. The car keeps track of how many miles you have before you need to recharge. Going up to Paradise the miles available quickly decreased. On the way back down the hill, the car gains miles due to regenerative braking. Anytime you use the brakes you recapture energy, thus increasing the miles you can travel.

When you are stopped at lights and stop signs, the car is quiet and still. Nothing is happening while everyone around you is burning gas and polluting the air. There is no drift back when the car starts up and it really has quick acceleration. It would be a great car to drive on the hills in San Francisco. On these cold winter mornings, my favorite accessories of the car are the heated steering wheel and seats.

Many people still think of electric cars as toys. Not the Leaf! It is a four-door hatchback that can seat five passengers. It feels solid and peppy, and has a smooth ride. It can reach a speed of around 90 miles an hour and can go an average of 75 miles on an 80 percent charge. The lithium ion batteries last about ten years. With a 110-volt charger, you can plug into any outlet and charge the car in 21 hours. With a special 220-volt charger, which can be installed in your home, it takes eight hours to charge from empty. Quick chargers, which are to be installed along highways, take a half hour for an 80 percent charge.

The Leaf is mainly my car. My husband usually walks or rides his bike around town. When we go out together we use the Leaf. We also have a Toyota Sienna van for our trips out of town and when we camp or go boating. Eventually there will be charging stations on highways where you can recharge so there is the possibility of using the Leaf for longer trips. Hopefully by the time we need to replace our batteries in ten years or so, there will be longer-range batteries and they will be less expensive.

The Leaf is really a fun car to drive and it is a good feeling to own an electric car. As my husband said, we can go to the February Sustainability Conference in our electric car powered by our own solar panels. How green is that! 

A Board Was a Tree

By Rex Burress



If you plant a tree and live long enough, you can see it in full-sized glory, but if you don't see it mature, someone else will. Thus planting is a practical idea that starts a hope growing toward the sun. Alas! That hope can come tumbling down in the wake of water, wind, or a saw!

The selected trees harvested from forests not only give space for new trees, but the usable wood supports many projects (paper,

wood chips, particle board, cordwood) and the most general end-products are boards sliced from the trunk in a sawmill. I remember in the TV show "The Waltons," the family operated a sawmill on Walton's Mountain, and hauled those processed boards to town in an ancient truck.

In 1868, the great naturalist, John Muir, one of my pioneering naturalist heroes and a tree lover who helped establish several national parks, worked for a sawmill when he first arrived in Yosemite. It was one of those compromises we are forced to make sometimes in our life in order to survive. There was also a compromise to be a sheep herder, a distasteful job for the flower lover, but it got him started into exploring the Sierra — and he wasn't above eating some mutton.

For Muir, this agricultural partnership started on a Wisconsin farm that helped support his ventures into exploring, even though he later denounced sheep as "hoofed locusts" in the flowery mountain meadows. He disagreed with Gilford Pinchot, Forest Service Superintendent, who devised a policy of harvesting trees in the parks and reserves as "good conservation." Pinchot saw trees as a business, and Muir saw beauty in trees as important features of the landscape to be preserved for future generations.

Muir was almost too late to save the Sierra forests, but he helped establish Yosemite, Mt. Rainier, Sequoia National Park, and, rather oddly, the Petrified Forest in Arizona. He recognized that everything that wasn't "nailed down" in the form of federal protection would be stripped away by the money-mongers.

There were sawmills in the Oakland, California, hills that were used to cut a unique stand of giant coast redwoods in the 1860s. Some of the two-by-five-mile "San Antonio" stand

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contained *Sequoia sempervirens* that were 32 feet in diameter! Some of the “fairy circle” stump remnants remain along the “Big Trees Trail” in Upper Joaquin Miller Park!

John Sutter built a water-powered sawmill on the American River where gold was discovered in 1848. In fact, various sawmills have been devised since the first one in Asia Minor (Turkey) during the 3rd century A.D. An American sawmill was built in the colonization of Virginia, and by 1900, the largest sawmill in the world was built at Georgetown, South Carolina, a mill powered by a waterwheel in the Pee Dee River.

Prior to water-powered mills, steam-powered mills, and then electrical to computerized saws, trees were cut with axes and whipsaws before being worked into boards. Trees have always been exploited faster than they can be replaced, resulting in the stripping of places in Europe, Haiti, and eastern America, where extensive forests once existed. Few places have been left for old growth forests to follow their life cycles. Nearly every inch of earth has been claimed by someone, leaving the original wild animal occupiers at peril of losing their homes, and the forests of losing their trees, as surely as human house owners are being foreclosed!

*The woods are full of dead and dying trees, yet needed
for their beauty to complete the beauty of the living.*
—John Muir

*Any fool can destroy trees. They cannot run away;
and if they could, they would still be destroyed —
chased and hunted down as long as fun or a dollar could be got out of
their bark hides, branching horns, or magnificent bole backbones.*
—John Muir



Celebrate Spring: *Hiking Butte County*

The Yahi Group's *Hiking Butte County: 35 Great Hikes In and Around Butte County* is again available after another print run. The hikes in this book are all within a relatively easy day's drive of the selected starting point of the Chico Park and Ride (Hwy 99 & Hwy 32). Included are trips to waterfalls, lakes, rugged canyons and gorges, secluded forests, peaks and wildflower-filled meadows. Each hike was selected by long-time trail guides of the Sierra Club Yahi Group.

The book has a mixture of easy-to-reach, in-town, local trips and more distant treks to wild places. This second edition of the guide has carried forward several hikes from the original guide and added more than 20 new hikes. All proceeds from sale of the book will go to the Sierra Club Yahi Group.

Cost: \$10 plus shipping if bought directly.

Contact: Alan Mendoza - 530-891-8789 or ajmendoza@prodigy.net

The trail guide is also on sale at Trailside Adventures in Paradise (by the B of A) and in Chico at Mountain Sports and Lyon's Books. The stores sell it for \$11.95.

Local Conservation Events

Birding Brunch Fundraiser in Yankee Hill

April 6, 2013, 9 AM, \$25 per person

By David Garcia



Purple Martin

Join Gaylord Grams on another one of his birding excursions. Yankee Hill is on Highway 70 just east of Paradise and below Concow.

Spring is in the air and the birds will be in mating plumage. Raptors, woodpeckers, turkeys, quail, towhees, nuthatches, grosbeaks, hummingbirds, finches, sparrows, titmice, kingbirds, and purple martins are just a few of the birds in store for you.

We will enjoy a savory champagne brunch at the home of Dave & Celeste Garcia. The birdfeeders will allow close-up viewing of a plethora of birds. There is only room for 16 people, so please register now for this fun trip.

For reservations, contact the Garcias by phone (530) 533-2357 or email rangerdave@mynvw.com. Please confirm your reservation before mailing your payment to Dave Garcia, 3573 Via Las Lupes, Oroville, CA 95965.

This outing is already half full, so make your reservation now. If we get numerous requests we may do a second outing the following day, Sunday, April 7.

Earth Day at Bidwell Park

Saturday, April 20, 2013 — Earth Day in Bidwell Park and Greenways, 10 AM to 1 PM. Cedar Grove and nearby areas (off of East Eighth Street near the Chico Creek Nature Center). Volunteers will work on a variety of projects to beautify Bidwell Park. Call volunteer coordinator at 896-7831 for more information and check on the website for updates and registration information:

www.ci.chico.ca.us/general_services_department/park_division/volunteer_calendar.asp

Volunteer at Bidwell Park

The City of Chico **Park Division's Volunteer Program** welcomes Sierra Club members and all community-minded souls to volunteer in Bidwell Park and Chico Greenways. We have scheduled Volunteer Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Volunteer Trail Days will be scheduled soon. The program is run on a drop-in basis with tools, instruction, and water provided onsite. The Volunteer Calendar can be checked at:

www.ci.chico.ca.us/general_services_department/park_division/volunteer_calendar.asp

For more information, contact Lise Smith at 530-896-7831 or email lspecters@ci.chico.ca.us. Check us out on Facebook, too: City of Chico Parks Division!

Chico Environmental Coalition Gathering

By David Garcia

Join eighteen of our local environmental organizations on Friday, March 8, 5:30 PM, at the Card Center at 545 Vallombrosa Avenue, Chico. There will be free appetizers and adult beverages for sale.

We will be learning about each organization's visions, goals and achievements. By sharing these ideals we hope to build and improve communication between the organizations to develop more viable strategies and alliances for a safer, healthier and more vibrant community.

Chico Premiere of *Over Troubled Waters*

By David Garcia

Back in November the Yahli Group, Friends of Butte Creek, Butte Environmental Council, Citizen's Water Watch, and the Sacramento River Preservation Trust co-sponsored the free showing of "Over Troubled Waters." We rented the Pageant Theater on a Saturday afternoon and had standing room only attendance.

The documentary chronicles the history (the Peripheral Canal) and current the battle (the Twin Tunnels) of northern California water being shipped to central and southern California. After the film we had a water discussion panel consisting of members from the co-sponsor groups. Audience questions of water transfers, conjunctive water use, fracking, and ongoing water policies showed the great concern our community members have about our precious water.

Handouts on what citizens can do and how to get more involved were provided during the session. The Yahli Group also donated several copies of the excellent DVD *Over Troubled Waters* to the Chico Library for public checkout and viewing.

Fourteenth Annual Snow Goose Festival

By David Garcia



Yahli Co-chair Suzette Welch educates a local Boy Scout on the hazards of fracking.

This year at the Snow Goose Festival, Yahli Group members shared an information booth with Food & Water Watch. We had plenty of information flyers on fracking, and we highlighted the fifteen fracking wells drilled in the Sutter Buttes in 2011.

We collected signatures on Ban Fracking in California and Stop Clearcutting the Sierra Nevada petitions.

We also handed out Sierra Club 2013 National Outing Brochures, which includes local leader Dave Garcia's service trip to Devils Postpile, Mammoth Lakes.

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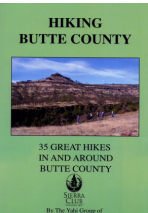

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