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May rally © Katie Davis



SB club member Katie Davis (left) and Joan Melendez at the SB Climate March. (Photo by Robert Bernstein)



New York cop at peace during largest climate rally ever. (Photo by Joelle Woodson)



Mother holding child during the Chumash blessing on the Ventura Pier. (Photo by Ron Whitehurst)



'Debate Is Over' sign at New York Climate March. (Photo by Shannon McComb)



That's Shannon McComb of the Ventura Sierra Club holding the Save the Whales sign during the New York rally. (Photo by Michael Mascarenhas)



A panorama of some participants of the Santa Barbara Climate March. (Photo by Robert Bernstein)

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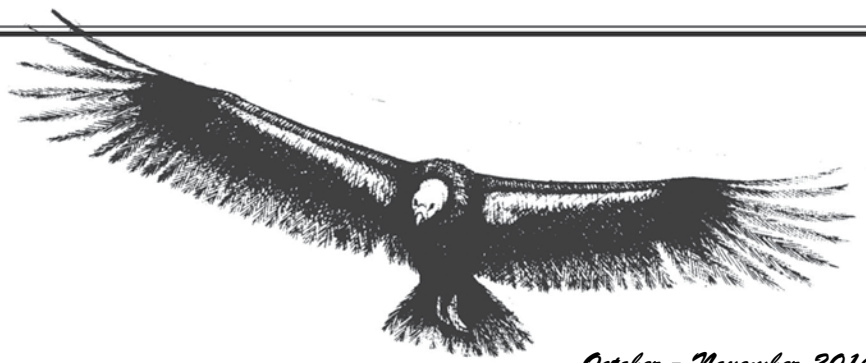
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## Locals make rallies practical

By John Hankins

The People's Climate March on Sept. 21 was a shout heard 'round the world as people took action at over 2,700 events in at least 150 countries -- and locally in Santa Barbara and Ventura -- "but it was also heard seven blocks away at the United Nations," said Sierra Club's Executive Director Michael Brune, speaking from the New York rally.

"Ultimately, though, the most important message ... was one of empowerment," Brune emphasized.

And so it was in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties, where the issue of climate change centered on the petroleum industry and taking practical actions.

"One important local angle is Santa Barbara County's Measure P (on the Nov. 4 ballot). This would ban new oil projects that use high-intensity extraction techniques," explained Robert Bernstein, Chair of the Santa Barbara Group. Also, "The Santa Maria Energy Project would

extract dirty shale oil and add the equivalent of 17,000 cars to our local roads in terms of the emissions just due to the extraction process."

At the end of the rally, people were signed up to knock on doors and make phone calls to support Measure P.

In Ventura, Jan Dietrick told participants in the rally, "The cost of fossil fuels does not cover their true costs to our health, national security and our environment. The next step to correct the unjust pricing of carbon in the U.S. is for Congress to enact a tax on carbon." Dietrick is a founder of Ventura Citizens Climate Lobby and a Sierra Club member.

The Ventura rally was sponsored by Ventura350 and funded by the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Ventura, which could use some donations to cover its costs.

Participants gathered at Ventura City Corps for practical action, including writing letters to Congress, getting involved

against fracking proposals in Ventura County, signing on to a phone bank to support the fracking ban Measure P in Santa Barbara County and learning about personally preparing for climate change. One of the speakers, Oxnard City Council member Carmen Ramirez, said she was surprised but delighted over the council's unanimous vote for a moratorium on a new gas-fired power plant on the Oxnard shore.

The rallies took place just two days before the Climate Summit at the United Nations, designed to build momentum for world-wide climate action.

Brune defined the world-wide action well when he wrote, "the sight of so many people from so many different backgrounds, all united behind the same righteous purpose, was both exhilarating and humbling. I'm sure I wasn't the only one thinking, 'So *this* is what it feels like to be part of history.'" "Our job now is to build on this incredible moment."



Meet a "Force of Nature," Heidi Harmon, during her talk on "Climate Change Crisis: What To Do About It, Starting Now," at the Arguello Group's program at 7 p.m., Oct. 17 at the Lompoc Presbyterian Church, 1600 E. Berkeley. She is running for Assembly in District 35 (see story on page 6). When she emailed Editor Condor John asserting, "Let me know if you need anything else from me," he replied, "Since you are a Force of Nature, how about making it rain?" She responded with this picture and the comment, "I'm trying!" Follow her efforts at [www.Facebook.com/heidi4assembly](http://www.Facebook.com/heidi4assembly). (Photo by Mark Velasquez at Atascadero Lake)

## Energize the election

By Fran Farina

When the Sierra Club Santa Barbara County Political Committee met in July, we were concerned with the number of races on the ballot. How could our committee of seven handle so many races in such a short time?

Well, a funny thing happened when the nomination period closed: Most of the races were uncontested so the incumbents automatically won another term.

It's always a problem with voter turnout in a mid-term election. People just don't think it's as important so they don't vote. Those that do are HPVs -- high propensity voters. Unfortunately, they tend to be older, more conservative, and less concerned with environmental issues. And that is our challenge.

We need to motivate our family, friends and colleagues to become engaged in this election. We need Sierra Club volunteers to phone bank and walk precincts. We need contributions and house parties to support our candidates

and issues.

By the time you read this, the Nov. 4 election will be less than a month away and people will already be voting by mail. Please volunteer and support our candidates and issues like Measure P. And be sure to let them know that you are with Sierra Club. In the candidate statements you'll find websites and phone numbers to volunteer.

*Fran Farina is Political Chair of the Sierra Club Los Padres Chapter for Santa Barbara County.*

### EAVESDROPS

"Sierra Club members' support and activism helped push the legislature this year to bring California closer to being the kind of state we all believe is possible."

~ This, despite "unhappy losses" of a fracking moratorium and GMO labeling bills, said Kathryn Phillips, Sierra Club California's director.

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## Mr. Hines goes to Washington

By Jim Hines

"Our Wild America," a Sierra Club campaign to protect America's great wild places, took me to Washington DC for four days in September, meeting with a number of different Senators and Representatives to advocate for passage of 30 different bills to protect important wilderness areas.

While the call of the wilderness pulls me to walk, seek solitude and reconnect with

nature, that week it was time to expand protections for our nation's unique natural areas. So off came the hiking clothes and on went the suit and tie.

Our group of advocates from around the country gave our reasons for protecting unique areas such as the Tongass National Forest (Alaska) to the hardwood areas of Cherokee National Forest (Tennessee), the coastal islands of Maine, the canyon lands of Utah and the California Desert.

Locally, Our Wild America campaign includes the proposed Central Coast National Marine Sanctuary (federal waters from southern Monterey County to Pt. Conception in Santa Barbara County), more wilderness land in the Los Padres National Forest and Carrizo Plains National Monument and the creation of San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

I also met with the staffs of the senate and house committees which oversee public lands legislation and talked with the senior staff of the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service.

By coincidence, we were on the Hill on the day the House of Representatives passed our Nevada Wilderness bill (HR 433) including our long sought protections for Nevada's most fragile ecosystems.

To protect what is fragile, what is beautiful, what can never be replaced ... it all boils down to the power of Congress. While wilderness is the place for me to be, those past four days was where I needed to be, protecting what we have for our wildlife species, our own desire to have places of unique beauty and for future generations.

For details of the campaign, search for "Our Wild America" at [www.SierraClub.org](http://www.SierraClub.org).

## SCAPE helps chapter



An award-winning painting by Kate Eden was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Art Posch to benefit the local Sierra Club, one of many during a special exhibit Sept. 19. See full story on page 3. (Photo by Bonnie Freeman)



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## WE ENDORSE for November ballot

### U.S. CONGRESS

- ✓ LOIS CAPPS 24th District
- ✓ JULIA BROWNLEY 26th District

### STATWIDE OFFICES

- ✓ KAMALA HARRIS Attorney General
- ✓ BETTY YEE Controller
- ✓ DAVE JONES Insurance Commissioner
- ✓ ALEX PADILLA Secretary of State
- ✓ TOM TORLAKSON Supt. of Public Instruction
- ✓ JOHN CHIANG Treasurer

### STATE ASSEMBLY

- ✓ HEIDI HARMON 35th District
- ✓ DAS WILLIAMS 37th District

### SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

- ✓ YES on Measure P
- ✓ CHUCK MCCLURE & MEG WEST For Goleta Water District

# Our N.Y. rally reporter part of a new energy

*Editor's note: The author was our chapter's Environmental Hero in 2007 when she was only 13 years of age, given for her activism against offshore LNG facilities. Now she continues that ethic as a college student and our correspondent at the largest (so far) climate change protest in New York.*

**By Shannon Gillespie McComb**

(New York, Sept. 2014) - It is hard to imagine any issue in history which will have a more profound effect upon our survival as climate change. So, in the pre-dawn hours of September 21, I rushed to board one of three buses leaving from my university, (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute near Albany) to make the 3-hour trip to New York City.

We often hear in the media that young people are complacent, risk averse and oblivious to the monumental problems shaping our future. I hope they were watching the People's Climate March that Sunday. There were people of all ages, from "Moms for Clean Air," to grandparents to small children. The kick-off to the United Nations Climate Summit of 2014 began with a moment of silence in Central Park in observance of those affected by climate change.

While there were many

celebrities, the largest contingent was college students and other young people. The excitement and energy of the massive crowd fueled chants, such as "Hey, Obama, we don't want no climate drama!" and "Greenhouse gases are poisoning the masses!"

The momentum was like a rolling wave energizing students from all over the country. Signs and cheers targeted corporate conduct and responsibility for global warming, expressing that the fossil fuel companies cannot do whatever they want, and that renewable alternatives must be developed to replace oil and coal. The public would be foolish to depend upon corporate leadership to initiate change, consider the public good and the survival of our planet, when manufacturing products or developing sources of energy.

The powers of denial are strong, when there is great profit to be made from looking the other way. It remains to be seen if the forceful message of the People's Climate March has any effect on governments and corporate leaders. What is clear is that young people are taking action to deal with the huge cost global climate change will inflict on the health of our planet, people, animals and environment, before we reach Earth's tipping point.



About 200 people showed up for a rally Sept. 19 to support a wildlife crossing corridor at Hwy 101 near the Liberty Canyon trailhead. "The wildlife diversity from large cats to amphibians in the Santa Monica Mountains is unique, but is threatened by urban encroachment," State Sen. Fran Pavley said. A coalition of state and federal agencies and nonprofit organizations, such as the Sierra Club and National Wildlife Federation, are behind the effort. Support it through the Federation at [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org) or Santa Monica Mountains Fund: [www.samofund.org](http://www.samofund.org). (Photo by John Holroyd)

## Ventura River suit filed

Santa Barbara ChannelKeeper filed a lawsuit in September against the State Water Resources Control Board to protect the Ventura River and the people, animals and plants that depend on it.

The suit alleges that the City of Ventura has for decades pumped and diverted hundreds of millions of gallons of water from the river each year with little regard for the consequences, and that the state agency needs to conduct a "Reasonable Use Analysis."

"The recent drought has brought water supply

concerns to the forefront, but this unreasonable use has been occurring for decades. We feel the river can't wait any longer," said Ben Pitterle, ChannelKeeper Program Director.

The suit comes at a time of population growth and when a coalition called Friends of the Ventura River, property owners and agencies are trying to revitalize the river by kicking out homeless campers and purge invasive plants such as the bamboo-like arundo donax. The Sierra Club is part of the coalition.

For details, go to: [www.sbck.org](http://www.sbck.org)



Dorothy Littlejohn's whimsical and humorous outdoor photos often feature parts of trees that can be imagined into something else, like creatures. This is her "Horse Bites Dust" photo, part of an exhibit at the Santa Barbara Library during the Trailways to Health program.

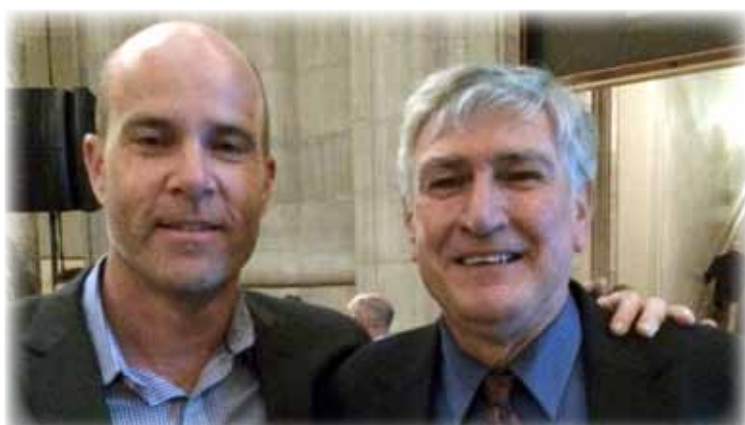
## Trailways to Health event

Mark Wilkinson of Santa Barbara Trails Council will do an illustrated talk with images by local photographer and Sierra Club Membership Chair, Dorothy Littlejohn, whose photos are on display at the Granada Bookstore through Nov. 2.

The free event is at the Santa Barbara Library (40 E. Anapamu St.) from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12. The "Trailways to Health" program will show details of

trails, vegetation, how to hike safely and use that recreation as a "trailway" into a healthier body, mind and spirit.

Littlejohn's whimsical and humorous outdoor photos often feature parts of trees that can be imagined into something else, like creatures. The event will also feature outdoor books on sale, with a portion of proceeds going to the Friend of the Santa Barbara Library.



Mr. Hines (right) meets Mr. Brune, Executive Director of the Sierra Club. See story on page 1.

## Paddle-outs help coast

Join The Naples Coalition and Aquasports for a unique guided kayak paddle along the wild Gaviota Coast on Sunday, Oct. 13, leaving at 10 a.m. and returning about 3 p.m.

Price of \$100 per person covers equipment and all proceeds go to the Coalition, of which the Sierra Club is a member, to help protect the coast from urban development. Register in advance to Janet at 683-6631 or email: [info@savenaples.org](mailto:info@savenaples.org)

Also on tap is ChannelKeeper's second annual Marine Protected Area (MPA) Surf, Paddle, Learn And Swim Hangout (SPLASH) Event on Saturday, Oct. 25 starting at 11a.m. at the park at Devereux Beach (intersection of Camino Majorca and Del Playa).

Spend the morning celebrating the MPA via education and a group paddle-out for an awesome Campus Point MPA aerial photo portrait. Bring your own, or a limited numbers of kayaks and paddle boards will be available thanks to Santa Barbara Adventure Company and Channel Islands Outfitters. Email to RSVP or ask for details at 563-3377 or [jennad@sbck.org](mailto:jennad@sbck.org)

## Get discount for Bioneers

Central Coast Bioneers is offering a 20 percent discount on admission to the conference for any type of ticket to members of the Los Padres Chapter.

The two-day event is the fifth annual Central Coast Bioneers Conference, Oct. 24-25 at the Grange Hall in San Luis Obispo, in which the keynote lecture is on the Climate Justice Project.

"There is a misconception that Bioneers is an environmental conference," said Ecologicalistics CEO Stacey Hunt. "It is more a celebration of the genius of nature and the ingenuity of human beings to tap into that genius and apply it to overcome some of the world's most intractable problems."

A pre-conference field trip Oct. 23rd to the Hi Mountain Condor Lookout will include experts in California condor restoration.

To get the Sierra Club discount, register online by Oct. 23 (use discount code: [scd2014](http://www.centralcoastbioneers.org)) at: [www.centralcoastbioneers.org](http://www.centralcoastbioneers.org)

For more details, call 548-0597, or e-mail: [info@ecologicalistics.org](mailto:info@ecologicalistics.org)

### EAVESDROPS

"Off came the hiking clothes and on went the suit and tie."

~ From Washington D.C., our Ventura Conservation Chair Jim Hines spent four days lobbying for the Sierra Club's Our Wild America campaign.



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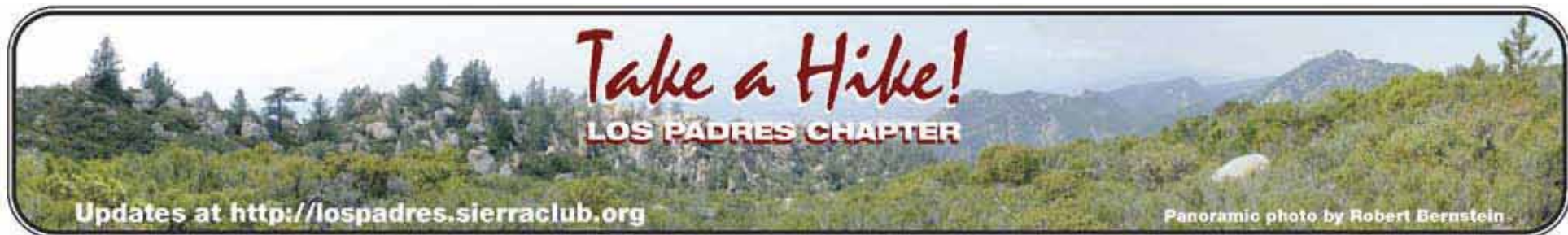
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**October 10**  
**OLD CABIN SITE - POINT MUGU STATE PARK:** Moderate 8 mrt hike with 700' elev. gain. Visit waterfall (seasonal). See new growth in the Springs Fire burn area. Bring water, ethnic snacks to share and wear lug-soled shoes. Meet at Wendy Drive trailhead at intersection of Potrero Road in Newbury Park no later than 8:30am. LILLIAN TREVISAN 498-1623 (CJ)

**October 11**  
**SUNSET HILLS TRAIL:** Moderate 6 mrt loop with a lake and urban mountain views. Bring water, food and wear lug soled shoes. Meet at the trailhead at 9am. Directions to the trailhead: north on the 23 Fwy. toward Moorpark; exit at Sunset Hills Blvd. turning right onto Sunset Hills and continue to Erbes Road (about 0.25 miles); turn left onto Erbes and continue about 0.7 miles to the trailhead parking lot. JOHN HOLROYD 495-6391 (CJ)

**PLAYGROUND:** Explore the labyrinth of boulders forming a natural playground off West Camino Cielo. Some rock scrambling and agility required. Always a new route! Bring lunch and plenty of water. Meet behind B of A on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. ROBERT 685-1283 (SB)

**HIDDEN POND LOOP:** Moderate pace, strenuous 10 mrt hike with 1500' elev. gain. Enjoy the beautiful fall vistas. Lunch at Ranch Center. Bring water, food and wear lug-soled shoes. Meet at Satwiwa end parking lot (entrance on Via Goleta on Lynn Road next to Dos Vientos in Newbury Park) at 8:30am. LYNN LIVELY 256-4106 (VEN)

**October 12**  
**ROMERO CANYON:** moderately strenuous dayhike up a beautiful, mostly shady canyon to East Camino Cielo road, 6 mrt, 2100' gain, about 4 hours at a moderate pace with some steep spots and minor height exposure. Intermediate hikers or beginners with cardio conditioning welcome, under 18 must be accompanied by a parent. Bring two liters of water, snacks, sunscreen, and a hat. Meet behind B of A on State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. KRISTI Email: myomy.design@cox.net (SB)

**October 13**  
**MONDAY MORNING WALK:** Meet at 9am, corner of Park and Bard Rd in Hueneme for beach walk and lighthouse. PAT JUMP 643-0270 (VEN)

**October 15**  
**ROSEWOOD TRAIL:** Moderate 6.8 mrt loop with 850' elev. gain. It is a well maintained trail with lots of foliage. At the top, the picnic table at Angel Vista offers great views of the Conejo Valley, Hidden Valley and the Oxnard Plain. Bring water, food and wear lug soled shoes. Meet at 8:30am at the trailhead. From the 101 Freeway take Ventu Park Road south, turn right on Lynn Road and left on Regal Oak. The trailhead is on the left near the end of Regal Oak. Rain cancels. EUGENE BABCOCK 499-3487 (CJ)

**October 17**  
**SOLSTICE CANYON:** Moderate 7-8 mrt hike with 1200' elev. gain. Hike Rising Sun and Upper Sostomo Loop Trails. See tropical

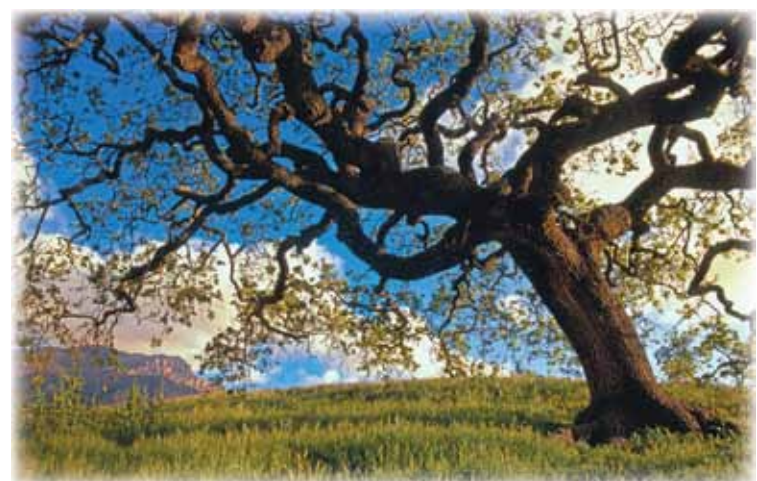
terrace, oldest stone building in Malibu and 150' waterfall (seasonal). Bring water, food and wear lug-soled shoes. Meet in parking lot near Freddy's just before the Shell Station on Hampshire Road in Thousand Oaks no later than 8:30am for carpooling. LILLIAN TREVISAN 498-1623 (CJ)

**October 17 - 18**  
**FIGUEROA MOUNTAIN CAR CAMP/DAY HIKE IN FIGUEROA MT. AREA:** Car camp at Figueroa Campground Friday night Oct. 17 Saturday Oct. 18 moderate day hike on Catway Road towards Zaca Peak, about 10 miles round trip, on graded dirt road. Beautiful views of San Rafael Wilderness. Figueroa Campground is located off Figueroa Mt. Road, in the Los Padres National Forest, about 12 miles NE of Los Olivos. No water (you'll need to bring your own), vault toilets. Happy hour Friday night with shared potluck. Saturday morning begin hike at 9am, lunch on trail, return to cars mid afternoon and drive home, stopping in Solvang for Danish pastries. Dog friendly trip. Rain/fire cancels. For more details and to sign up (you must sign up ahead of time), contact leader SALLY at 689-7820. (SB)

**October 18**  
**BILL WALLACE TRAIL:** Hike in beautiful El Capitan Canyon. Strenuous 12 mrt hike with 1800 feet elevation gain/loss. Bring lunch and at least 3 liters of water. Wear sturdy hiking boots. Wear hat and apply sunblock. Meet behind B of A on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. JIM 447-1876/644-6934 (SB)

**BACKPACK LEADER TRAINING:** One day training in how to lead wilderness backpacks (OLT 201), while participating on an all-day hike near Ojai (3 miles each way and 700 ft gain). Required qualifications: Sierra Club day hike leader certification, first aid, and either Wilderness Basics Course completion or experience on backpack trips. Contact leader to enroll: TERESA at [teresahnorris@earthlink.net](mailto:teresahnorris@earthlink.net). (VEN)

**October 19**  
**ARROYO BURRO TRAIL - SANTA BARBARA SIDE:** Hike up Jesusita Trail to Arroyo Burro Trail and across ridge line to power line clearing. Great views of Santa



An exhibit and photo contest about the Santa Monica Mountains closes Oct. 11. It features works from Tom Gamache's book, "Range on the Edge - The Santa Monica Mountains," and he and Van Webster will conduct an awards and critique event from 2-4 p.m. at the Gillette Center on Nov. 2, located at 26876 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas. A December photo workshop is also planned. For more information, go to: [www.tomgamache.com](http://www.tomgamache.com) or [www.nps.gov/samo](http://www.nps.gov/samo) (© Rancho Satwiwa Bitton by Tom Gamache)

**Barbara and Goleta.** Moderate 5 mrt hike with one strenuous 1/4 mi pitch. Bring snack, plenty of water, and sturdy shoes. Meet behind B of A on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. MURRAY 967-8770 (SB)

**October 20**  
**MONDAY MORNING WALK:** Meet at 9am at Pat's house, 1740 Miramar Dr. Ventura, CA to do long walk to beach and return. PAT JUMP 643-0270 (VEN)

**October 24**  
**SERRANO VALLEY LOOP,** Mugu State Park: Moderate-to-strenuous clockwise 8.5 mile loop hike with 1100 ft of elevation gain/loss is about 5 hrs of hiking. It starts on level trail up Big Sycamore Canyon, then climbs steeply up to Serrano Canyon before leveling off and rejoining Big Sycamore Cyn. Along the way enjoy woodland foliage, a large expanse of chaparral and a variety of other plant forms. Park on PCH north of entrance to Big Sycamore Cyn or inside the Park's parking lot (fee required). Meet at 9am on the old bridge near the restrooms to walk as a group to the trailhead. Expect Poison Oak on the trails. Bring ten essentials, hiking boots and poles, sun hat, insect repellent, 3qts water, and snack/lunch required. Rain Cancels. PHIL 218-2103 and LORA 218-2103 (VEN).

**October 25**  
**PAUPER'S GRAVEYARD:** Join us for a Halloween stroll along El Sueno Rd. up to a little known graveyard on a hill above Cathedral Oaks Rd. Children welcome, bring water and a snack. Slow paced, 2-3 mile hike. Meet behind B of A on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. KEITH 965-9953 (SB)

**BEACH WALK POINT DUME EASY HIKE SERIES:** Easy to moderate 6 mrt hike with 250' elev. gain. Hike along the beach, up to the bluff & down to tide

pools and to Paradise Cove, if tide permits. Tide 5.8' at 9:30am, High Tide 5.9' at 10:13am. Peace will flow into you with the waves. Bring water and food. Meet near Freddy's on Hampshire Road just the before Shell Station in Thousand Oaks no later than 8:30am for carpooling. LILLIAN TREVISAN 498-1623 (CJ)

**CALABASAS PEAK VIA SECRET TRAIL:** Moderate 6 mrt hike with 1500' elev. gain and views of the Santa Monica Mountains and the San Fernando Valley. Bring water, food and wear lug soled boots. Meet in parking lot near Freddy's just before the Shell Station on Hampshire Road in Thousand Oaks at 8:30am for carpooling. JOHN HOLROYD 495-6391 (CJ)

**October 26**  
**SANTA YNEZ RIVER TRAIL:** We'll take advantage of low water levels in the Santa Ynez River to explore trails largely ignored by hikers. This is an easy 4mrt hike with little elevation gain. We'll start from the 1st the river. Lunch will be at a day use area along Paradise Rd. We'll retrace our steps on the return. Bring a light lunch and water (it can get very warm). Meet at 9am at the Bank of America parking lot, Hope & State. If you are coming from north of Santa Barbara, you can meet us at the trailhead. Email me for instructions ([gching@cox.net](mailto:gching@cox.net)). GERRY 964-5411 (SB)

**JOURNEY THROUGH A SECRET GARDEN:** 9am-12 noon. Sierra Club has permission this date to explore privately held land, which is part of the future Santa Clara River Parkway. Expect 2 river crossings. Approximate distance 3 mi with 1000' gain. Bring 2 liters water, snacks, sun protection, and a desire to preserve the largest natural river ecosystem left in the region. Under 18 welcome accompanied by parent/guardian. Meet at south end of Mission Rock Road at

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**Outing Notes**  
 Key to outing locations (noted in parenthesis at the end of each listing)  
 AR - Arguello Group (Northern SB County)  
 SB - Santa Barbara Group (Southern SB County)  
 VEN - Ventura Network (Northern Ventura County)  
 CJ - Conejo Group (Southern Ventura County)  
 LA - Los Angeles Chapter joint hikes

The public is welcome at all outings listed, unless otherwise specified. Please bring drinking water to all outings and optionally a lunch. Study footwear is recommended. If you have any questions about a hike, please contact the leader listed. All phone numbers listed are within area code 805, unless otherwise noted. Pets are generally not allowed. A parent or responsible adult must accompany children under the age of 14.

A frequently updated on-line listing of all outings can be viewed at: <http://lospadres.sierraclub.org> This website also contains links to Group web pages and other resources.

**Conditions**  
 A number of campgrounds and roads in Los Padres National Forest are closed or have restricted (no autos) access due to protection of habitats and species or are under repair. Before you go into the local backcountry, it's a good idea to check conditions with rangers. Numbers to call (unless noted all are area code 805):

Los Padres National Forest Districts	
Headquarters	968-6640
Ojai District	646-4348
Mt. Pinos	(661) 245-3731
Santa Barbara	967-3481
Santa Lucia	925-9538
Other Areas	
Santa Monica Mtns. Area	370-2301
Conejo Parks	381-2737
Simi Valley	584-4400
Montecito	969-3514

**Forest Notes**  
 For updated information, news releases, maps, and many other goodies, go to Los Padres National Forest's website: <http://fs.usda.gov/LPNF>

**Regional Hike Info**  
 There are a number of websites that give you information as varied as outings, trail profiles, wildflower alerts, trail work opportunities, and much more. Here's a few:  
<http://LosPadresSierraClub.org>  
[www.SBSierraClub.org](http://www.SBSierraClub.org)  
[www.SantaBarbaraTrailGuide.com](http://www.SantaBarbaraTrailGuide.com)  
[www.SantaBarbaraHikes.com](http://www.SantaBarbaraHikes.com)  
[www.LPForest.org](http://www.LPForest.org)  
[www.VenturaCountyTrails.org](http://www.VenturaCountyTrails.org)  
<http://Hikes.VenturaCountyStar.com>

**Ongoing Outings**  
**Ventura Every Monday Morning**  
**EASY WALKS:** Join Pat Jump at 8:30 a.m. every Monday morning for easy to moderate walks in the Ventura and Ojai areas. A long-time tradition, the walks will last about two hours and the group sometimes goes for coffee afterward. Call Pat at 643-0270.

**Ventura Every Wednesday**  
**URBAN EVENING HIKE:** Weekly hike in Ventura meets across the street from the Mission at 6:45 p.m. for a 1/2-mile walk up to Father Serra's Cross for spectacular scenic views of Ventura, the Channel Islands and the sunset. It continues across the hillside, down to the ocean, to the end of the pier, then along the promenade looping back to the Mission. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Contact KURT PRESSLER 643-5902. (VEN)

**Santa Barbara Fridays, Wednesdays and Weekends**  
**SOCIAL HIKE** every Friday evening for an easy-to-moderate 2-4 mile roundtrip evening hike in the Santa Barbara front country, beach or back roads. Meet at 6 p.m. at the Santa Barbara Mission; we leave at 6:15 sharp. Bring a flashlight; optional potluck or pizza afterward. AL SLADEK, 685-2145. (SB)  
**STRENUOUS** 5-10 mile roundtrip evening hike on Wednesdays. Meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Santa Barbara Mission; bring water and a flashlight, preferably head lamp. Hike is designed for conditioning. For details, contact BERNARD MINES, 722-9000.  
**MODERATE AND STRENUOUS** hikes at 9 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Meet at Bank of America at State St. and Hope Ave.

**Monthly Programs**  
**ARGUELLO GROUP** offers slide shows, speakers and movies, the third Friday of each month. Call for details: 928-3598.  
**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Help keep Highway 1 beautiful. Adopt-a-Highway trash pickup from the Lompoc 'Wye' to the Base boundary. Meet at Vandenberg Village Shopping Center parking lot at 9 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of odd-numbered months. Rain cancels. Contact CONNIE: 735-2292.

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**Outings...from page 4**

the gate posted with The Nature Conservancy sign (126 E to Briggs Rd, right on Pinkerton, left on Mission Rock Road and go straight to gate). Contact: NINA 901-1679 (VEN)

October 27  
**MONDAY MORNING WALK:** Meet at 8am Mission Plaza to carpool to Bates Beach for walk. PAT JUMP 643-0270 (VEN)

October 29  
**JESUSITA TRAIL TO INSPIRATION POINT:** A popular hike starting at the Cater water treatment plant at the end of San Roque Rd. Seven miles round trip, with 1200 ft elevation gain. Mostly shady. Meet at the trail head at 8am. Note that this is a weekday, and note the early start time. Do you have flexible hours? Do you need a mental health day? Get up early and get some exercise! And last time I was there, there was this strange fluid called "water" in one of the ancient creek beds. Legend has it that water used to fall from the sky! Who makes this stuff up?? If this "falling water from the sky" thing happens on Oct 29, the hike is OFF! DAN 818-421-0122 (SB)

**WOODRIDGE TRAIL TO SUNSET HILLS LOOP:** Moderate 4 mile round trip hike with an elev. gain of about 1000'. Hike the hills near the urban area of northeastern Thousand Oaks, with sweeping vistas of Wood Ranch Reservoir, and on a clear day, views of distant mountains and the Pacific Ocean. Bring water, food and wear lug-soled shoes. Meet at 8:30am at the trailhead. From the 23 Fwy. head east on Sunset Hills Blvd. for approximately one mile to the dirt parking lot on the right side of the street. Rain cancels. EUGENE BABCOCK 499-3487 (CJ)

October 31  
**LA JOLLA VALLEY LEADER'S CHOICE POINT MUGU STATE PARK:** Moderate 8 mrt hike of leader's choice. Meet great hikers and enjoy good conversations. Scary! Bring water, food and wear lug soled shoes. Meet at Wendy Drive and Potrero Road in Newbury Park not later than 8:30am for carpooling. LILLIAN TREVISAN 498-1623 (CJ)

October 30-November 1  
**DEATH VALLEY WILDERNESS RESTORATION:** Join us in restoring wilderness values in this remote and beautiful National Park. The main project involves cleaning up the debris from a marijuana grow site on Friday. We will gather early Thursday afternoon and work on an as-yet-undecided project in the Valley before heading to our campsite. Trip requires four wheel drive to get to the work site. Camping will be primitive - bring everything you need, including water. Group size limited. Leader: KATE ALLEN, kj.allen96@gmail.com, 661-944-4056. (CNRCC Desert Committee)

October 31-November 9  
**DESERT WILDERNESS CAMPOUTS AND CELEBRATIONS:** Join the Sierra Club's California/Nevada Wilderness Committee in a series of gatherings to celebrate the anniversaries of the Wilderness Act (50th) and the CA Desert Protection Act (20th). Starting the evening of Oct 31, joining NPS's "Mojave Fest" Nov 1, heading Nov 2 to Mecca Hills Wilderness and continuing as a moving campout in honor of both anniversaries. Ending at the Nov 8-9 Desert

Committee in Saddleback Butte State Park. Attend one or both weekends plus any in-between time you can; for details as they develop; see www.caldesert20.org or contact Vicky Hoover: vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org, 415-977-5527; JUDY ANDERSON, anderson-judith@att.net, 818-248-0402; or PAT FLANAGAN, patflanagan29@gmail.com. (CNRCC Wilderness Committee)

November 1  
**ULTIMATE HIKE:** Very strenuous 17.5 mile hike. This up-and-down (5000') hike covers parts of 9 different trails on the front range. This is a fast paced hike for experienced, conditioned hikers only. Hike leader approval required. Plan for an all day trip. Wear good hiking shoes, bring lunch and plenty of water. Contact the hike leader for details. TONY 455-4212 (SB)

**BEACH CLEAN UP:** 10 am-12 noon. Living on the coast means loving the sea! Los Padres Sierra Club has 'adopted' the beach at the end of Seaward in Ventura and promises to help clean it up every few months. Great way to get high school community service hours! Clean up supplies provided, bring water and sun protection. Families welcome; unaccompanied ages 16 to 18 allowed with waiver signed by parent or guardian. (Waiver on the Ventura Sierra Club FB page 'notes' here https://www.facebook.com/notes/ventura-sierra-club/youth-participant-waiver-english/788718651140480) Contact: NINA 901-1679 (VEN)

**PT. BUCHON- BEYOND MONTANA DE ORO, SLO COUNTY:** Moderate 7 mrt with little elevation change. This is a scenic Pacific Ocean bluff trail from the south end of Montana de Oro State Park onto public accessible PG&E property with a good view of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant at the turnaround end. We will pass a very large sinkhole, several natural rock bridges along the shore and two major points, Buchon and Disney. Sea mammals and birds are usually observed along this section of the coast in SLO County. Bring binoculars, water, lunch, and clothing suitable for the weather. Meet at 0845 for car-pooling in Santa Maria at the north end of Home Depot parking lot at Betteravia and Bradley, just west of freeway 101. Always check with the leader since hikes

are subject to re-scheduling, route changes, and other changes. JERRY CONNOR 928-3598 (AR)

November 2  
**URBAN HIKE TO FRANCESCHI PARK:** Start near the Mission, walk through the Riviera, then up the "1000 steps" to a great view of the city and harbor. Return via Las Tunas Rd. Some steep sections. Moderate 4 mrt. Bring water and a snack. Meet behind B of A on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. ROBERT 685-1283 (SB)

November 3  
**MONDAY MORNING WALK:** Meet at 9am in Ojai at Ojai land reserve to do long trail at Shelf Rd. PAT JUMP 643-0270 (VEN)

November 8  
**PARMA PARK LOOP:** A pleasant four mile morning hike through Santa Barbara's largest and least used park. Dirt roads and primitive trails, sometimes steep. Bring water and a snack. Meet behind B of A on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. KEITH 965-9953 (SB)

November 9  
**BLUE PEAK:** (3662', 10 mile round trip, 2700' elevation gain) We ascend Romero Canyon trail to the saddle, loop behind and over Blue Peak back to the saddle, and then descend also by the canyon trail. Bring 3 liters of water, lunch, and sun protection. Meet behind B of A on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. PAUL 886-1121 (SB)

**PEDAL PUSHERS - HALFWAY TO OJAI:** 9am-11am. Travel back in time on the bike path. Learn about one of the founding fathers of Ventura (Eugene Preston Foster) on an easy round trip bike ride on the Ventura River Bike Path from the beach to Foster Park (donated by EP himself). 500 ft elevation gain. Break at the park for refreshments. Bring water, snacks. MUST WEAR HELMET. Under 18 welcome accompanied by parent/guardian. Meet at 9am at the Estuary informational sign (on the bike path just west of Surfer's Point parking lot). Contact: NINA 901-1679 (VEN)

November 10  
**MONDAY MORNING WALK:** Meet at 8:30am at Mission Plaza to carpool to Alto Dr. to do circle walk to Creek Rd. & return. PAT JUMP 643-0270 (VEN)

November 15  
**SWEETWATER TRAIL:** A hike from the Bradbury Dam lookout to the Lake Cachuma County Park. We'll explore a portion of the park before retracing our steps. We'll also take a special trip to explore the effects of the low lake level. Easy 5mrt. Bring a light lunch and water. Meet behind the Bank of America on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at

9am. If you are coming from north of Santa Barbara, you can meet us at the trailhead. Email me for instructions (gching@cox.net). GERRY 964-5411 (SB)

**MISCHE MOKWA-SANDSTONE PEAK LOOP:** Moderate 6 mile, 1450' elev. gain, loop hike with great views all around. We will hike by Echo Cliffs and Balanced

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Peeking out the far tent are students rested and ready to explore more of our local backcountry, courtesy of the Sierra Club's Wilderness Basics Course, set for next February. Can you handle the fun? (Photo by Amy Gome)

## Look: Outdoor class is on the horizon

By Irene Rauschenberger

*Ac\*cess: noun (14th century) a fit of intense feeling: outburst.*

This definition of an earlier time is still true today as hiker and Sierra Club devotees go trailblazing.

Whether on the dais or trail, experiencing access has its "rewards and sometimes unawares" (taking one into unanticipated situations). For hikers that is where the Los Padres Chapter of the Sierra Club has stepped up in support of the Wilderness Basic Course.

It promotes the mission to connect all people with the natural world and with the Club -- through teaching the skills needed for a rewarding wilderness experience.

Now, the Wilderness Basics Course reaches out for the sixth annual 2015 program, scheduled

in eight classroom sessions and several adventurous outings during the months of February and March. The dedicated WBC chieftains -- Teresa Norris and Alisse Fischer -- deserve much recognition for the annual program planning that has the support of returning staff and alumni to make it all happen.

Students learn the basics of backpacking skills in a classroom setting as well as out in our local mountains. Besides students witnessing the hike experience that speaks for itself in favor of preservation, alumni grow the club and several have qualified to lead hikes. Now that is success.

Come and join us on our next adventure; see the application on page 5, call 524-7170, email [lospadresWBC@gmail.com](mailto:lospadresWBC@gmail.com), or go on the website:

[www.lospadres.sierraclub.org/wbc](http://www.lospadres.sierraclub.org/wbc)



## Learn to Backpack Los Padres Wilderness Basics Course

We offer thorough training for adults and teens of various levels of fitness who want to explore and enjoy the wilderness in safety and good company. A dedicated staff of leaders will share their skills and stories in eight classroom sessions and during several exciting outings in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.



Training classes are held from 7-9:30 p.m. in Ventura, February 4 through March 25. Local experts will demonstrate hiking techniques, equipment, outdoor clothing, navigation, wilderness first aid and safety, weather, water filtration, cooking and wilderness ethics, among other important topics. Students will apply this wisdom by participating in day hikes, camping and backpacking trips in our beautiful mountains.

Join us and the many people who have found new insights, enjoyment and adventure in the outdoors. Warning: it could change your life.

**Class starts February 4, 2015**

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 (Teenagers under 18 years of age must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Course Fees:**

Sierra Club Member: \$160/single, \$285/couple Member # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non Member: \$175/single, \$315/couple  
 Student: \$135 (with student ID)

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Rock to Split Rock for a short break. Then continue to a broad valley and then onto the Backbone trail to Sandstone Peak for lunch with a spectacular view of the ocean. Meet at 9am at the Yerba Buena Trailhead. Wear hiking shoes, hat, sunscreen, bring lots of water (at least 2 liters), snack, lunch. Rain Cancels. Directions to Yerba Buena trailhead: from Oxnard / Ventura / Camarillo, take PCH onto Yerba Buena Road (by Neptune's Net) for 9 miles (1-1/2 miles past Circle X Ranch and 1/2 mile past Sandstone trailhead), dirt parking lot is on the right. From Thousand Oaks/ Highway 101, take the Highway 23/Westlake Blvd. exit and head south for 7.2 miles. Turn right on Mulholland Highway, go 0.4 miles and turn right on Little Sycamore Canyon Road. Follow it 2 miles, during which it becomes Yerba Buena Road, and park in the dirt lot on the left side of the road. For questions, email SUZANNE at [suzanne@hiplaces.org](mailto:suzanne@hiplaces.org). (VEN)

November 15-16

**EXPLORE AND SERVE IN THE CARRIZO PLAINS:** Pronghorn antelope will not jump fences to escape predators but rather attempt to crawl under. Our service on Saturday will either remove or modify several sections of fence to facilitate this mobility. Sunday will be, at the choice of the group, either a hike in the Caliente Range or else a tour of popular viewing areas in the plains. This is an opportunity to combine carcamping, day-hiking, exploring, and service in a relatively unknown wilderness. Leader: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, [craig.deutsche@gmail.com](mailto:craig.deutsche@gmail.com), 310-477-6670. (CNRCC Desert Committee)

November 16

**MONTECITO PEAK:** Hike up to a steep peak for a panoramic view of the South Coast. Strenuous 7.5 mrt. Bring lunch and lots of water. Meet behind B of A on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. ALEJANDRO 898-1240 (SB)

**JOURNEY THROUGH A SECRET GARDEN:** See Oct. 26 write-up  
Contact: NINA 901-1679 (VEN)

November 17

**MONDAY MORNING WALK:** Meet at 9am sharp at Rite Aid in Oak View to take trolley to Ojai and walk back, bring \$1. PAT JUMP 643-0270 (VEN)

November 21

**THE OLD CABIN SITE,** Mugu State Park: Clockwise LOOP. Moderate-to-strenuous 9 miles round trip hike with 1600 feet of elevation gain/loss up to the old cabin site in the NE part of Mugu St Park. Approx 5 hrs at moderate pace. (Upper Sycamore Cyn, Boney Mtn, and Fossil trails.) Meet at 8:30am Ventura carpool (Seward and Harbor in Ventura). Expect poison oak on the trails. Bring ten essentials, hiking boots and poles, sun hat, insect repellent, 3 qts water, and snack/lunch required. Rain Cancels. PHIL 218-2103 and LORA 218-2103 (VEN)

November 22

**CARPINTERIA BLUFFS:** Morning walk past Seal Rock, flower fields and over bluffs. Children welcome, bring water and a snack. Slow paced 3 miles or so. Meet behind B of A on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. KEITH 965-9953 (SB)

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**CONGRESS**

**LOIS CAPPS**  
24<sup>TH</sup> District Congress

Lois Capps continues to work tirelessly in Congress to ensure we have clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, and to protect our environment and natural spaces for future generations.

Her efforts include everything from fighting for investments in renewable energy, to supporting the EPA's authority and to combat climate change. In May, Rep. Capps introduced the Central Coast Heritage



Protection Act, which would add nearly 250,000 acres of wilderness in the Los Padres

National Forest and the Carrizo Plain National Monument. The bill establishes four new wilderness areas, expands nine existing areas, and two new scenic areas. It would also preserve the special character and free-flowing condition of over 158 miles of rivers and creeks. She is particularly proud that the legislation also establishes the Condor National Recreation Trail which will provide the opportunity to hike approximately 400 miles along the spine of the coastal range from Los Angeles to Monterey counties. "Crafting this legislation was truly a community effort, promoting both responsible use and long-term protection for our treasured public lands," she said. The bill is supported by a broad coalition of stakeholders including conservationists, land owners, businesses, trail users, and local officials. The Central Coast contains some of the most beautiful and diverse ecosystems found anywhere in North America. Congresswoman Capps remains as committed as ever to ensuring these special places are preserved for generations to come. To help, go to: [www.cappsforcongress.com](http://www.cappsforcongress.com)

**JULIA BROWNLEY**  
26<sup>TH</sup> District Congress

We urge you to support Julia Brownley for Congressional District 26, which is among the most competitive battlegrounds in the country. She faces a wave of SuperPac funding by the pollution lobby.

Rep. Brownley has worked a long side Los Padres activists on many issues, and her environmental voting record has been among the best in Congress, as it had been when she served in the California legislature.



Protecting our coast and open space are among Julia's top priorities. Working with Los Padres leaders, she helped lead the fight to stop the LNG installation offshore and to stop the construction of the Oxnard electricity peaker plant onshore.

Recently she has pushed to increase funding in the NASA budget for a comprehensive cleanup of the Santa Susana Field Lab, which was home to multiple partial nuclear meltdowns, and has been polluted by a stew of heavy metals, PCBs and other toxic chemicals.

Julia is a co-sponsor of the Arctic Wilderness Act, the Coastal State Climate Change Planning Act, and the Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act, among many others.

She has battled to prevent drilling off the coast, advocated for rebates and other economic incentives to encourage the use of renewable energy sources, and worked to protect the purity of drinking water.

She is facing a tough battle, and we urge you to support her in any way you can. Call (805) 330-1070 or: <http://juliabrownley.com>

**STATE ASSEMBLY**

**DAS WILLIAMS**  
37<sup>TH</sup> District Assembly

According to Das Williams, "this year was big for the environment."

The groundwater management package will, for the first time, comprehensively regulate groundwater use and the proposed water bond is twin tunnel neutral and includes substantial funds for water recycling, water use efficiency and watershed management.



Das had several successes with his environmental bills. AB 1594 will close a loophole that should stop incentives to put yard trimmings into local landfills and instead divert them to compost facilities. The result is better for managing emissions associated with

the breakdown of organic waste as it will produce an end product which retains moisture in the soil and reduce the need for pesticides.

He also sponsored AB 1789 to protect bees from a dangerous class of pesticides called neonicotinoids by requiring the state to complete a review by 2018 and adopt necessary control measures.

Finally, Das was a principal co-author of SB 1096 which would have eliminated the exemption to drill in the California Coastal Sanctuary off the Gaviota Coast, in effect closing Tranquillon Ridge to new offshore oil leases. Unfortunately, this bill died on the Assembly floor but we can count on Das to continue to support such proposals that would forever protect our critical coastal resources.

For additional information, visit [www.daswilliams.org](http://www.daswilliams.org).

**S.B. COUNTY**

**Fracking ban fans vote**

**YES – MEASURE P**

The Santa Barbara County Fracking Ban Initiative (Measure P) is important to support on the Nov. 4 ballot, and is strongly supported by the Los Padres Chapter Sierra Club which encourages members and friends to help get it passed.

If approved, this measure would prohibit what are called "high intensity" oil and gas operations such as fracking, acid well stimulation treatments and cyclic steam injection. The measure would not impede conventional drilling or "low intensity" operations.

There is a long list of supporting groups to pass Measure

P, notably the Environmental Defense Center, Citizens' Planning Assn. and Community Environmental Council, among many others.

These proponents argue that such extraction methods have the potential for dangerous and harmful side effects including polluting water sources and air, chemical side effects harmful to residents and animals, wasting water and possibility of causing earthquakes.

The Santa Barbara County Water Guardians filed the initiative, garnering 16,000 valid signatures, leading the Board of Supervisors to place it on the ballot. To help out, go to:

[www.VoteYesOnP.org](http://www.VoteYesOnP.org)

**GOLETA WATER DISTRICT**

**CHUCK McCLURE**

**MEG WEST**

There are two seats on the Goleta Water District Board of Directors on the November ballot and the Sierra Club recommends Chuck McClure for one of those seats.

A native Californian, Chuck is a landscape architect who deals daily with the challenges of designing water efficient landscaping. His is a low profile campaign that earned our endorsement because he embraces progressive solutions to our challenging water issues.



He supports expansion of the existing reclamation project, offering a more robust rebate program to encourage lawn removal, and he supports a permanent tiered rate system.

Chuck has public experience serving as Chair of the Goleta Cemetery Board of Directors. He understands the Brown Act, conducting public meetings and providing transparency in government operations. Chuck also serves on the California Special Districts Association.

He is a refreshing, honest and authentic candidate. He can provide a voice for customers who feel they are not adequately represented while offering a professional perspective on how we can be water wise in creative ways.

Contact Chuck McClure at 729-1179. Also on Facebook

As a landscape architect, Meg has helped people save water in their landscapes for the past 15 years.

She is a champion of rainwater harvesting and gray-water reuse and wants to see the water district promote more conservation measures. Meg is also a strong supporter

of expanding the District's rebate program to encourage water-wise landscapes and appliances.

During her service on the City of Goleta's Planning Commission, Meg has been a constant advocate for water conservation, permeable paving and bioswales to decrease the quantity of runoff and improve water quality into our streams and ocean. This public position also helped her understand the inter-relationship between land use decisions and water demand.

When elected, she will focus on drought planning, water conservation and customer service. She will also advocate for expansion of the reclamation project.

We need new members on the water board with progressive, forward-looking ideas. Meg West is a perfect fit for the job. For details or to help, go to:

[www.westforwater.com](http://www.westforwater.com)

**Heidi Harmon**  
35<sup>TH</sup> District Assembly

Harmon is in the 2014 class of the Leadership SLO program, serves as Outreach Ambassador and Program Director for the SLO chapters of Citizens



Climate Lobby and [350.org](http://350.org). She also coordinates local educational meetings on climate change, and is keen on getting her city council to divest from fossil fuel

investments. She is also the Chair of the chapter's Climate Change Task Force.

"The Central Coast deserves leadership that motivates and supports our local communities and businesses to become the innovators in clean energy solutions so we may achieve true energy independence and sustainability," she stated.

To help send Heidi Harmon to the State Assembly, go to [www.heidiharmon.org](http://www.heidiharmon.org)

NOTE: 46 percent of the 35<sup>th</sup> surrounds the Santa Barbara County areas from Santa Maria to Lompoc.

# MEMBERS CHOOSE LEADERS FOR 3 GROUPS

## SANTA BARBARA GROUP

### MARTHA SADLER

Eternal vigilance is the price of a healthy Earth, and it flows from an appreciation of nature.

Santa Barbarans have for some time been envisioning urban areas self-contained enough to spare our surroundings from encroachment. Smart planners have put their weight behind making our cities bikeable, walkable, culturally rich, and architecturally brilliant so that we can comfortably accommodate, in a relatively small footprint, an inevitably growing population.

To further and refine this vision is part of the Sierra Club's lookout, because an important aspect of livable cities is the strong presence of the natural world. Wildlife corridors and habitats, healthy creeks, organic gardens, beach and ocean study, and access to trail systems help ensure that the urbanites of tomorrow are also nature-lovers.

As an ardent hiker, a teacher, and a journalist in Santa Barbara for many years, I am aware of the complex issues and points of tension in the interface between human activities and wild nature, from oil development to wildfires to water use. I offer to bring a familiarity with our ecosystem -- including its human element -- as well as research skills to the important responsibility of serving on the executive committee of the Santa Barbara Group.

For questions, email me at: [marthasadler@yahoo.com](mailto:marthasadler@yahoo.com)

### KATIE MULLIN

"In the present circumstances, no one can afford to assume that someone else will solve their problems. Every individual has a responsibility to help guide our global family in the right direction. Good wishes are not sufficient; we must become actively engaged."-- His Holiness the Dalai Lama

Our "global family" includes animals, plants, water, air and minerals. All these relations need protection today more than ever. I like putting thought and passion into action by continuing to serve on the Santa Barbara Group ExCom.

I was elected in 2012 and have found that our local Sierra Club does indeed make a difference.

Foremost I believe that humans must lower our carbon footprint. I am an avid proponent of increasing local

bicycling for transport and making public transport the travel choice for everyone. I continue to be committed to acting for sustainable energy use and am a proud volunteer for our Santa Barbara Water Guardians which hopes to ban extreme oil extraction methods on our county ballot (Measure P) this November.

Land must be kept wild to ensure there is enough space for wildlife and plants to flourish. When undeveloped land is enjoyed by people it must be done responsibly, knowing that we are there as guests.

If you have question, email me at: [mullin@shelter-vet.com](mailto:mullin@shelter-vet.com)

### JIM BALTER

I've lived in Santa Barbara for nearly 19 years and my primary mode of transportation is a bicycle. I have participated in Sierra Club hikes, and I have also hiked and camped at Kings Canyon, Yosemite, and other beautiful and precious areas throughout California.

I believe that climate change and energy policy must be our nation's number one concern, as we are reaching tipping points that cannot be untipped; action cannot be delayed. And it's vital to educate people and get them involved in the political process. Personal action like recycling and "leave it cleaner than you found it" is great, but we need to go beyond that to curb the destructive activities of our society. I have served on the ExCom of the Santa Barbara Group for the last six years, and have been asked to serve for another two years if you so choose. In addition to diligent attendance at ExCom meetings, my contributions have included Program Chair, volunteer coordinator, and preparation of Convio mailings. For questions you can call me at 564-1070.

## ARGUELLO GROUP

### KEN NAYLOR

I have been an active member of the Sierra Club since 1964 and have gone on trips with the club to Alaska, Montana and the Sierra Nevada.

I'm currently active with the Arguello Group taking weekly hikes and supporting local conservation issues, such as fighting oil companies' efforts to drill for oil using fracking technology. I, along with other Sierra Club members and members of SBCAN (Santa Barbara County Action Agency) support and present our viewpoints to the County Board of Supervisors and other public agencies.



### Dean Thompson

I am a long time Sierra Club member with a special interest in hiking.

I am a former hike leader and still hike every Wednesday with friends. I have been an ExCom member of the Arguello Group for several years.

I am the hospitality chair and provide computer and projector for presentations at meetings when required.



### Outings...from page 6

November 23  
LA CUMBRE PEAK VIA RATTLESNAKE TRAIL: Beautiful views from the highest peak on the front range. Strenuous 11 mrt hike with 3200 feet elevation gain/loss. Bring lunch and at least 3 liters of water. Wear sturdy hiking boots. Wear hat and apply sunblock. Meet behind B of A on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. JIM 479-7063/644-6934 (SB)

SYCAMORE CANYON TO DANIELSON RANCH: Easy leisurely paced 8 mrt hike through Big Sycamore Canyon to Danielson Ranch for lunch under trees at barbecue area. Bring good walking shoes, hat, water and lunch. Insect repellent is optional. Meet 9 AM at the old bridge by the entrance to Sycamore Canyon campground. You may park for free along PCH (where parking is not prohibited) and walk in or park inside the State Park where parking fee or permit is required. Optionally, meet 8:15am at Ventura carpool lot (Harbor Blvd. & Seaward, between Carrows and Chase Bank). Rain cancels. TED 985-8963 (VEN)

November 24  
MONDAY MORNING WALK: Meet at 9am at Hwys 33 and 150 in Ojai to do uphill trail to Cozy Dell. PAT JUMP 643-0270 (VEN)

November 29  
SAN JOSE CREEK FROM CALLE REAL: Goleta to the Mountains following shaded creek side trails. Easy hike about 3 miles. Meet behind B of A on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. KEITH 965-9953 (SB)

November 30  
ROCKY PINE RIDGE - SHORT ROUTE: From Camino Cielo, hike into this wonderful pine tree/rock region and skirt along the ridge line. Moderate with some boulder hopping and agility required, 4 mrt. Bring water and lunch. Meet behind B of A on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. TONY 682-8290

## BULLETIN

### Sespe area closed

Los Padres Forest Service has issued an order (No. 14-06) which reiterates the closure of the Sespe Condor Sanctuary to public access with the exception of quarter-mile width travel corridors along Sespe, Agua Blanca and Alder creeks, and Bucksnot Trails.

The closure is an effort to protect the endangered California condor and the habitat.

A full story by Craig Carey and Bryan Conant will be published in next issue of Condor Call.

December 6  
MISTLETOE HIKE: Collect some mistletoe on this stroll in a wooded mountain area. Children with supervision welcome. Easy 4 mrt. Bring lunch and water. Meet behind B of A on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. VICKI 563-4850 (SB)

December 7  
JESUSITA TRAIL TO INSPIRATION POINT: Walk through woods and meadows to a scenic view point. Moderate-strenuous 7 mrt. Bring lunch and water. Meet behind B of A on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. CHRISTINE 963-2347 (SB)

December 8  
PLAN YOUR OUTINGS: Take a break from your holiday shopping to plan your outings for the next Condor Call outings schedule. It will cover Feb-May plus 2 weeks into June. Then get your writeups to your Group Outings Chair. Questions? Email Gerry Ching ([gching@cox.net](mailto:gching@cox.net)).

December 13  
GIBRALTAR ROCK VIA RATTLESNAKE TRAIL: Hike up a wooded canyon with scenic views to Gibraltar Rock. Moderately Strenuous 5.5 mrt. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Meet behind B of A on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. ROBERT 685-1283

December 14  
WEST FORK COLD SPRINGS TO WATERFALL: Hike along the trail then do some rock-hopping up the creek. Difficult 3 mrt. Some climbing. Bring lunch and water. Meet behind B of A on upper State St. at Hope Ave. at 9am. ALEJANDRO 898-1240 (SB)



### ARGUELLO GROUP MEMBERS ONLY VOTE

#### Arguello Group

#### Executive Committee Ballot (See candidate statements this page)

NOTE: Only members of the ARGUELLO GROUP can vote for the candidates below. A second box is provided for households with dual memberships who get only one Condor Call. You may photocopy or cut this ballot from the Condor Call.

Mail ballot before Nov. 4 to:

Arguello Group, Sierra Club,  
P.O. Box 333, Lompoc, CA 93438-0333

Vote for NO MORE THAN 4 (four) persons,  
including the write-in option if you wish.

In reverse alphabetical order:	1st member	2nd member
Dean Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ken Naylor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Write in candidate if desired: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write in your Sierra Club member ID # (from your Condor Call mailing label or your membership card) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number is only to ensure a valid confidential vote. It will not be tied to your name)

### SANTA BARBARA GROUP MEMBERS ONLY VOTE

#### Santa Barbara Group

#### Executive Committee Ballot (See candidate statements this page)

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Mail ballot before Nov. 4 (election day) to:

Santa Barbara Group, Sierra Club, P.O. Box 31241,  
Santa Barbara CA 93130

Vote for NO MORE THAN 4 (four) persons,  
including the write-in option if you wish.

In alphabetical order:	1st member	2nd member
Jim Balter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Catherine Mullin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martha Sadler	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Write in candidate if desired: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write in your Sierra Club member ID # (from your Condor Call mailing label or your membership card) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number is only to ensure a valid confidential vote. It will not be tied to your name)

### CONEJO GROUP MEMBERS ONLY VOTE

#### Conejo Group

#### Executive Committee Ballot (No candidate statements available)

NOTE: Only members of the CONEJO GROUP can vote for the candidates below. A second box is provided for households with dual memberships who get only one Condor Call. You may photocopy or cut this ballot from the Condor Call.

Mail ballot before Nov. 4 (election day) to:

Conejo Group, Sierra Club, 847 Hartglen Ave., Thousand Oaks, CA 91361

Vote for NO MORE THAN 4 (four) persons,  
including the write-in option if you wish.

In alphabetical order:	1st member	2nd member
John Holroyd	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joanne Sulkoske	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Melanie Ashen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie Scher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Write in candidate if desired: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write in your Sierra Club member ID # (from your Condor Call mailing label or your membership card) \_\_\_\_\_  
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# History of wilderness is epic

By John Hankins  
Editor, Condor Call

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Wilderness Act, may you never be endangered.

But it often is, by those who would exploit it. To parallel Peter Douglas' famous quote -- "The coast is never saved. It's always being saved" -- the Sierra Club, Wilderness Society and many others wage a constant battle to ensure, as the 1964 Wilderness Act declares, "where earth and its community of life remain untrammelled, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain." Douglas was Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission (from 1985 to 2011, died 2012) and knew about epic battles.

The drive to preserve wilderness areas goes back at

least to the Antiquities Act of 1906, which helped protect "heritage resources" on federal lands. While the Wilderness Act is a nexus, other legislation comes into play, notably the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970 (assessing impacts), Clean Air Act (1963), Clean Water Act (1948), and Endangered Species Act (1973).

Our local Los Padres National Forest has ten designated wilderness areas: Ventana, Silver Peak, Santa Lucia, Garcia, Machesna, San Rafael, Dick Smith, Matilija, Sespe and Chumash.

The exciting part is we might get over 245,000 acres more in the LP Forest and Carrizo Plain due to Rep. Lois Capps' Central Coast Heritage Protection Act (HR 4685), introduced in May and now sauntering its way through Congress. For details, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/CappsWildernessBill>.

And now, a short and fascinating history:

~ In 1924, while working with the Forest Service, Aldo Leopold persuaded his superiors to designate 755,000 acres of the Gila National Forest as roadless wilderness.

~ Leopold publishes the first textbook in the field of wildlife management in 1933, and his "A Sand County Almanac" (1949) remains a cornerstone for modern



Our local San Rafael Wilderness under a fall sky. (© Photo by Jeff Jones, [www.lumnos.com](http://www.lumnos.com))

conservation science, policy, and ethics.

~ Howard Zahniser of the Wilderness Society created the first draft of the Wilderness Act in 1956. Along with David Brower of the Sierra Club, they led a national campaign against the massive Colorado River Storage Project, resulting in an act declaring, "That no dam or reservoir constructed under the authorization of the Act shall be within any National Park or Monument."

~ The Wilderness Act was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on Sept. 3, 1964, which set aside an initial 54 areas.

~ Wilderness areas are managed by four federal land management agencies: the [National Park Service](#), [U.S. Forest Service](#), [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#), and the [Bureau of Land Management](#).

~ In 1974, California established its own Wilderness Preservation System for state lands.

~ In 2009, President Barack Obama signed the Omnibus Public Land Management Act, adding two million acres in nine states as wilderness.

~ Also in 2009, the U.S., Canada, and Mexico created the North American Intergovernmental Committee on Cooperation for Wilderness and Protected Areas Conservation.

~ As of this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, there are 758 areas designated as wilderness, mostly in the West U.S. and Alaska. Total is 109 million acres or about 4.5 percent of the U.S. Size ranges from 5.5 acres (Pelican Island, Florida) to the 12.7 million acre wilderness complex in Alaska known as the Noatak and Gates of the Arctic Wildernesses.



Wilderness Basics Course leader Teresa Norris set up a wilderness exhibit during the SCAPE fundraiser for the Sierra Club. See story on page 3. (Photo by Bonnie Freeman)

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