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Sierra Club Lake Group

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Next Community Forum: Let's Make a Climate Difference

Lake Group's next community meeting will be held at 6PM on Wednesday January 26: Sally Peterson, Chair of Lake County Climate Action Network (Lake Co CAN) and also Lake Group's newest elected executive committee member, will introduce Lake Co CAN, one of over 1,500 civil society organizations in over 130 countries driving collective and sustainable action to fight the climate crisis and to achieve social and racial justice. A recent graduate of the international Climate Leadership Corps, she will share cutting edge climate mobilization information detailing the very many ways that individuals can take action to avert climate catastrophe. Please join us to find out what *you* can do to make a difference in the existential crisis that threatens our lands, our waters, our communities, and everything else we hold dear.

Although the meeting is free and open to the public as always, registration is required: everyone who signs up will receive confirmation and Zoom connection details, and a followup email a day or so before the event. To RSVP, go to the Lake Group website, sierraclub.org/redwood/lake and click the link in the embedded calendar. We'll also stream on our Facebook page.

Condor Ridge Legislation Introduced

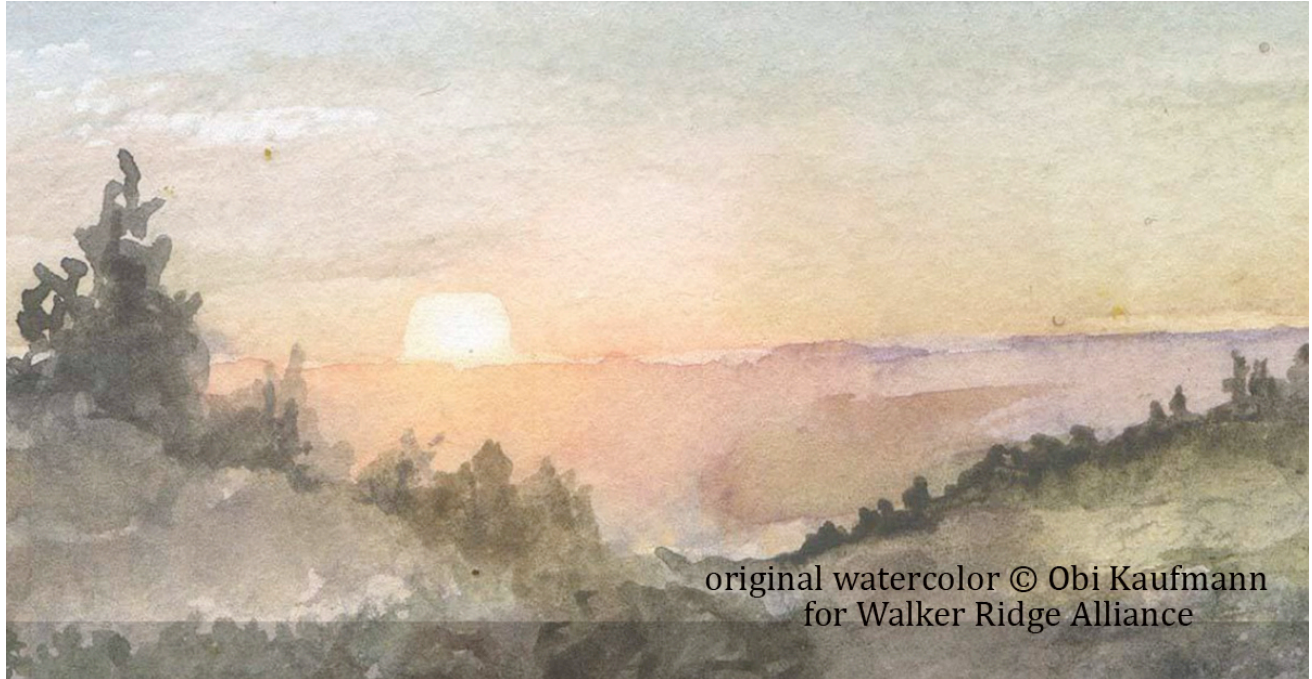
On Tuesday January 11 Congressman John Garamendi introduced House Resolution 6366, legislation that will expand Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument by including the nearly 4,000 acres of what is now known as Walker Ridge in Lake County, and also support Tribal co-management, mandate preparation of a management plan for the whole monument, and change the name of the area and adjacent wildlands to "Molok Luyuk," a name in the Patwin language that translates to "Condor Ridge".

The region, straddling the Lake and Colusa County lines just north of Highway 20 and east of Indian Valley Reservoir, is culturally significant to several Native American Tribes, and notable for both outstanding habitat and wildlife connectivity. Condor Ridge is "a jewel of biodiversity," according to Nick Jensen, conservation program director for the California Native Plant (con't)

(**Condor Ridge, con't**) Society (CNPS), referring to Molok Luyuk's 30 species of rare plants, ancient blue oak woodlands, rugged rock outcrops, wildflower meadows, rolling hills of chaparral and extensive stands of McNab cypress.

The expanded monument would also mark an important step toward helping the State of California and the Biden Administration meet the critical goal of protecting 30 percent of U.S. lands and waters by the year 2030.

Permanent protection of this extraordinary place has been a priority for Lake Group and Redwood Chapter for a long time. HR 6366 is also supported by the Lake County Board of Supervisors, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, and many environmental groups including CNPS, Tuleyome, and the California Wilderness Coalition.



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ExCom meetings are held at 5:30PM on the third Wednesday of the month, on the Zoom platform. All members are cordially invited to attend, but requested to contact the Chair first to confirm time and connection details

Redistricting: the final report

When the California Redistricting Commission submitted final maps to the Secretary of State on December 27 Lake County's representation looked very different from the scenario that had appeared in the "visualizations" which were released in October, and which prompted the county Board of Supervisors to send a letter to the Commission requesting different alignments.

After the dust settled the most significant change in local representation was the county's consolidation into a single Congressional District, grouped with Napa and parts of Sonoma and Yolo counties, designated as CD4, and generally expected to continue to be held by Congressman Mike Thompson.

State Senate District 2 is largely unchanged: it groups Lake County with the North Coast from Marin to the Oregon border, and is currently held by Senator Mike McGuire.

Alterations to Assembly District 4, held by Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, and combining Lake County with Napa, Yolo, part of Solano, and a little of Sonoma, are also marginal.

Links to final maps for the whole state are available at the Redistricting Commission website, wedrawthelinesca.org—please take a look.



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Outings

Help Wanted: Outing Leaders. No experience needed, just a love for brisk exercise in the out-of-doors. There are many good reasons to become an Outing leader, including an opportunity for autocracy: as leader *you* get to choose where to go, and when. Interested? Get in touch with Outings Chair Deb Sally at 235-9011 or enviracat1@gmail.com



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