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Sierra Club Lake Group

November-December 2018 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Boggs Forest Back from the Ashes

The next Lake Group general meeting will take place at **6:30PM on Tuesday November 13**, at the Woodland Community College campus, 15880 Dam Rd Ext in Clearlake. Friends of Boggs Mountain Treasurer Debbie Bloomquist will discuss ongoing efforts to restore multi use trails and other recreational facilities that were heavily damaged or destroyed in the October 2015 Valley Fire. The extensive trail network at Boggs State Forest has long been an important resource for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians, and the Sierra Club is eager to encourage its restoration. See also the hike we're leading there on November 10. As always the meeting is free and open to the public: for more information contact executive committee member Debi Sally at 707-235-9011 or enviracat1@gmail.com.

Blue Ribbon Committee Update

As previously reported, in 2017 the State Legislature established a special "Blue Ribbon Committee" to oversee proposals promoting the long term health of Clear Lake, with involvement of state and local government, local tribes and other stakeholders, and \$2 million in initial funding. Facilitated by the UC Davis Center for Regional Change and chaired by Natural Resources Secretary John Laird, the committee held its first meeting in Upper Lake on October 10, followed by a series of three stakeholder meetings on October 24.

To the surprise of many participants, the focus of the group appears to be as much on the economic revitalization of Lake County as on the ecological well-being of the lake—two subjects

Holiday Party
Friday Dec 14:
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which are admittedly very closely connected. At the October stakeholder meeting the Davis facilitators acknowledged that the first task was to assemble and coordinate the numerous studies that have been conducted on the lake in the past and that are continuing on an ongoing basis, and to use this data set to create a model of what a healthy lake looks like, while avoiding any temptation to base that model on deep, cold bodies of water such as Lake Tahoe. More later!

A Mighty Oak . . .

Lake Group is partnering with Watershed Books to collect acorns for replanting in burned areas of our community. Many of our local oaks have developed fire resistance in this naturally fire-prone landscape and have evolved to fit specific ecological niches, so it's important to plant acorns from trees here in Lake County, and to note the species collected. Insect-free acorns are ideal, though not always easy to obtain. Acorns can be delivered to Watershed Books, 305 N. Main St. in Lakeport or brought to our November 13 community meeting or annual holiday party on Friday, December 14th. For more information call Cheri at Watershed Books, 707 263 5787.

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a lake county naturalist's blog

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Let's Go Digital

Lake Group members are invited to help fight deforestation by receiving this bimonthly newsletter electronically rather than on paper. To get it as an email attachment in pdf format instead, send a request to join the "Lake Group Paper Free" list to vbrandon@lakelive.info—not only does this save some trees, it also benefits the Group financially.

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ExCom meetings are held at 6:30PM on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at locations that vary.

All members are cordially invited to attend, but requested to contact the Chair first to confirm time and location

Dollar General Update

As previously reported, concerned citizens of Middletown have started a new organization called Middletown Neighbors to focus concerns about the Dollar General outlet proposed in that community. They have held a series of well-attended public meetings to spread word about the proposal, with the main focus on its glaring inconsistencies with the Middletown Area Plan, started an email list and Facebook page, and are circulating a petition. The objective is to be able to present well-organized, fact-based testimony when the project comes before the Planning Commission, at a date that has not yet been set but is expected to be in November or December. The "Neighbors" will meet next at 6PM on Tuesday November 13, at the Calpine Visitors Center.

Outings

Saturday November 10: Boggs Mountain Forest. We will drive approximately 3 miles through areas burned or nearly untouched in the Valley Fire of 2015 arriving at an area of extended planting of Ponderosa and Sugar Pine, Doug Fir, Cedar and Giant Sequoia. Leaving the cars behind we can walk for 1 ½ miles up a small hill from which we will have a wonderful view to the south, Meet 9:00 a.m. at the parking lot by the Boggs CalFire office. Bring water. Leader Steve Devoto. Maximum 15 participants and reservation required: to reserve contact Debi Sally at 707-235-9011 or enviracat1@gmail.com. Rain cancels

Sunday November 11: Table Rock on Mt. St. Helena. Moderate hike to Table Rock from Robert Louis Stevenson Park. Enjoy spectacular views to the north and the Napa Valley wine country. Meet to carpool at 9:15am at Mugshots coffee shop on the corner of Hwy 29 & 175 in Middletown, depart 10:15am from parking lot of RLS State Park. Bring snacks, lunch and water and sturdy shoes. Maximum 10 participants and reservation required; to reserve contact leader Julie Kreis at 707-987-9040 or tikaljak@yahoo.com

Saturday November 24: Mahnke Peak. Meet at the car pool parking lot at the corner of Live Oak Drive and Highway 29 in Kelseyville at 8:30am or at 9:00am at the intersection of Kelsey Creek Drive and Carder Road (038° 54' 50.6336" N 122° 51' 26.9325" W). Drive down the road and park on the left side before the locked gate. The hike follows a moderately sloped dirt road to another gate and continues to the small building on the top of Mahnke Peak with a great view over the geyser power plants. Elevation gain 2116 ft. Bring lunch and two liters of water. Maximum 12 participants and reservation required: to reserve contact leader Paul Farley psfarley@hotmail.com or 707-263-9320. Rain cancels.

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 autonomy: as leader *you* get to choose where to go, and when. Interested? Get in touch with Outing Chair Steve Devoto at 279-8308 or sdevoto@mchsi.com.

We're having a party!

Lake Group's annual holiday party has been scheduled for 6PM on Friday December 14, at the Lower Lake Methodist Church Community Room, 16255 Second St in Lower Lake.

As always this festive event is completely FREE to Club members and their guests, and will be organized as a semi-potluck, with the Club providing the main dish. Guests should bring beverages and a side dish, salad or dessert to share as well as their own re-useable plates, glasses, and eating utensils.

RSVPs (please!) may be made by calling Denise at 560-1166 or sending an email to denise@productfrog.com.

2019 Sierra Club Calendars

They're here, and gorgeous as always! Lake Group has both the wall and appointment versions available at the discounted price of \$14—calendar sales provide a very substantial part of the Group's extremely limited discretionary funding, and your purchases support most of our conservation activities throughout the year.

To be sure of getting as many as you want (they make great gifts) reserve in advance by contacting Cheri at cherisierraclub@gmail.com or 263-5787. Calendars will also be available at the November 13 community meeting in Lower Lake, our holiday party on December 14, and at Watershed Books, 305 N. Main in Lakeport.



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Sierra Club Endorsements, November 6, 2018

Federal

Congressional District 03	John Garamendi
Congressional District 05	Mike Thompson

Statewide Offices

Governor	Gavin Newsom
Attorney General	Xavier Becerra
Secretary of State	Alex Padilla
State Controller	Betty Yee
Insurance Commissioner	Ricardo Lara
Sup. of Public Instruction	Tony Thurmond

State Legislature

Senate District 02	Mike McGuire
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Clearlake City Council

Dirk Slooten and Russell Perdock

Statewide Propositions

Prop 1: affordable housing bond	SUPPORT
Prop 3: flawed water bond	OPPOSE
Prop 6: gas tax repeal	OPPOSE
Prop 10: rent control expansion	SUPPORT
Prop 12: humane treatment of farm animals	SUPPORT