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Sierra Club Lake Group

May-June 2014 Newsletter

Measure L Town Hall May 14

On at 6 p.m. on Wednesday May 14 Lake Group is partnering with the Lake County Chamber of Commerce to host a Town Hall meeting on Measure L, the countywide half-cent sales tax to preserve and restore our waterways, especially Clear Lake. The Measure will appear on the June 3, 2014 ballot, and will require a two-thirds majority for passage. Both the Club and the Chamber are strongly supportive of its passage, as are many other business, real estate, and environmental groups throughout the county.

This free public forum will be held in the Board of Supervisors Chamber in the Courthouse in Lakeport. 255 N. Forbes St. Scott DeLeon, head of the Department of Water Resources, will describe the Measure’s objectives, the specific programs it will fund, and its built-in guarantees to ensure that the money will be spent as intended. The presentation will be followed by an open forum where all questions can be addressed. All Lake Group members and other concerned members of the public are encouraged to attend.

For find additional information about Measure L and to endorse and donate online, please visit the campaign website, savethelake.info

Congressman Mike Thompson: President should act if Congress won’t


Late in March the Sacramento Bee published a fervent editorial castigating Congress for its failure to protect our public lands, and praising President Obama’s use of his powers under the Antiquities Act earlier that month to add the Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands on the Mendocino coast to the California Coastal National Monument.

The editorial went on to mention the 350,000 acre Berryessa Snow Mountain region (currently proposed for National Conservation Area status,

and a top Sierra Club conservation priority) as suitable for inclusion in the President’s public lands legacy.

Congressman Thompson evidently agrees: on March 31 he posted a link on his Facebook page, stating emphatically “I’ve introduced legislation to protect the Berryessa-Snow Mountain Region, but if the House Majority won’t pass it the President should use his authority to preserve this area for our kids and grandkids.”

Stay tuned for more about this great idea!



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Lake Group Offers Scholarships

The Sierra Club Lake Group has announced its third annual scholarship program. Two \$1000.00 scholarships will be awarded to graduating Lake County seniors whose career goals address the missions of the Sierra Club. These goals include; creating a safe and healthy community in which to live; supporting smart energy solutions to combat global warming; and developing an enduring legacy of America's wild places. Applications are available at Lake County high school counseling offices, by emailing cherisierraclub@gmail.com, or by calling Watershed Books at 263 5787. Applications are due May 16, 2014. The winners, who will be selected by the Lake Group Executive Committee, will be announced at the end of May.

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Some Upcoming Events

May 3, 10AM-2PM -- fifth annual **Wildfire Safety Expo**, sponsored by the Lake County Fire Safe Council and Fire Chiefs Association. Jones Center, 923 Parallel Dr, Lakeport -- fire safety information booths, bounce house, landscaping tips, free prizes. Learn how you can protect your family and home during a wildfire.

May 17, 10AM: "**Philadelphia Lawyer**" on community radio station KPFZ, 88.1FM. Sierra Club Lake Group conservation chair Victoria Brandon will join host Ron Green for a **discussion of Measure L**, the proposed countywide half-cent sales tax to preserve and restore Clear Lake.

May 17-18, 10AM-5PM: McLaughlin Reserve **Botanical Illustration Workshop**, instructed by Ecologist and Botanical Illustrator Dr. Iara Lacher. Space limited to 20 registrants. Register with Cathy Koehler at koehler@ucdavis.edu. There is no cost for the workshop, but a donation to the instructor for her costs and time is appreciated.

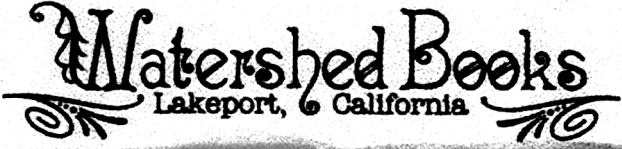
May 19, 6PM: Lake County **Land Trust 12th annual Spring Dinner** at the Saw Shop Gallery Bistro, benefitting the Land Trust's land conservation projects and public programs, with all services, food, and wine donated by the Saw Shop. Tickets \$70. RSVPs required: to reserve, call the Saw Shop at (707) 278-0129.



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ExCom meetings are held at 7PM on the first Wednesday of every other month, at locations that vary. All members are cordially invited to attend, but requested to contact the Chair first to confirm time and location

Outings

May 3: Lake Group hike on the **Pope to Putah trail**. Hike a new trail still in the making. The P2P trail connects the two upper arms of Lake Berryessa. Tuleyome is pioneering a new connector trail between these two arms. We'll hike as far as the trail goes, overlook the secluded Putah Creek arm, then hike back, getting wonderful views of Pope Valley and Pope Canyon. Bring water, lunch and hiking boots. Class: M-7-A. Carpool: 8:30 AM, Store 24, north end of Middletown across Hwy 29 from high school. Leader Tom McFarling, (707) 994-5490. Rain cancels.

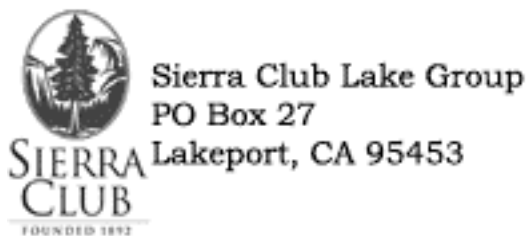
*May 10, 8AM: docent-led hike to **Wright Peak on Mt Konocti**: six miles roundtrip, about four hours including a stop at the historic Downen Cabin, and for participants over the age of 18 who sign a liability waiver, an opportunity to enjoy the spectacular views from the fire tower. For more info and to RSVP (REQUIRED) call the county parks office at 262 1618.

* May 10, 8:30AM: special guided **bird walk at Anderson Marsh** State Historic Park led by Park Docent and Audubon bird expert Brad Barnwell. The walk will explore the creek-side habitat of the Cache Creek Nature Trail, the grasslands of the Anderson Flats Trail and the oak woodlands of the Ridge Trail. Free, free parking for those attending. More info: info@andersonmarsh.org or 995-2658.

*May 18: docent-led hike to **Wright Peak on Mt Konocti**. RSVP at 262 1618

*June 8: docent-led hike to **Wright Peak on Mt Konocti**. RSVP at 262 1618

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 Outing Chair Steve Devoto at 279-8308 or sdevoto@mchsi.com.



Sierra Club Endorsements, June 3, 2012

The Sierra Club recommends:

- ***Vote YES on Measure L.*** This half cent sales tax will provide the funding we desperately need to preserve and restore Clear Lake, our community's greatest asset.

Endorsed candidates:

State Treasurer:

John Chiang

State Controller:

Betty Yee

Insurance Commissioner:

Dave Jones

Congressional District 3:

John Garamendi

Congressional District 5:

Mike Thompson

State Senate, District 2:

Mike McGuire

State Assembly, District 4:

Joe Krovoza