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Monumental News: the Point Arena-Stornetta National Monument

BY VICTORIA BRANDON, REDWOOD CHAPTER CHAIR

I recently was privileged to journey out to the Mendocino coast for a day of pure joy, a celebration of a spectacular landscape,



Left, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and BLM Field Office Director Rich Burns; Right, the new signage.

of the communities that cherish its wonders, and of the most admirable attributes of this our nation.

On March 11, 2014 President Obama signed a proclamation adding the 1665-acre Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands to the California Coastal National Monument, allowing the Monument to “walk on shore” (in the words of California BLM Director Jim Kenna) for the first time. Then on March 12 a large and enthusiastic crowd joined Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, numerous other agency representatives, representatives of Congressmen Mike Thompson and Jared Huffman, local tribal members, and community activists to rejoice at the culmination of so many years of collaborative effort. As said Secretary Jewell, “it takes a village to make a monument.”

Under a bright blue sky full of wheeling gulls and a backdrop of crashing surf we hugged, cheered, applauded, waved flags and— in conclusion— sang “This Land” with



Point Arena-Stornetta National Monument

students from the Pacific Community Charter School.

Permanent protection of the Point Arena-Stornetta area has long been one of the Redwood Chapter’s top conservation priorities. We are proud to have played a role in this triumph, applaud the President’s fulfillment of his State of the Union promise to “use my authority to protect more of our pristine federal lands for future generations,” and urge him to continue to build his legacy in this way.



WILDERNESS 50 CELEBRATION, AND A LOOK TOWARDS THE FUTURE

BY VICTORIA BRANDON, REDWOOD CHAPTER CHAIR

On January 31 more than 50 Chapter, Group and Outings leaders, other committed Sierra Club volunteers and some of our generous donors gathered at the Steele Lane community center in Santa Rosa for a convivial reception celebrating the publication of Redwood Chapter’s Guidebook to the 21 designated federal and state

wilderness areas in our geographic area. Assemblymember Marc Levine and Sonoma County Supervisors Mike McGuire and Efrén Carrillo, and a staff member representing Assemblymember Mariko Yamada joined us in welcoming two very special guests: Sierra Club Wilderness 50 team chair Vicky Hoover and Congressman Mike Thompson. A longstanding advocate for our public lands, Congressman Thompson was the author of the 2006 Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Wilderness Act

adding more than 275,000 acres to the wilderness preservation system (all of it in Redwood Chapter) and was the 2007 recipient of the Club’s prestigious Edgar Wayburn Award.

Most of the evening was devoted to sampling appetizers and good local wine, listening to music provided by Lake County musicians Bill Barrows and Paul Frindt, and generally having a good time, but our honored guests also provided a few cogent reflections on the reasons why we had come together on this festive occasion. In the words of Vicky Hoover: “What we are celebrating this year at the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act is, above all, the law. That wilderness is important enough to be subject of a LAW. Even more than the national system of wild places that began in 1964, more than the preserved wild places themselves, wonderful though they are, we celebrate the law, the power of putting wildness of the land into law, and the foresight years ago of those who saw that a law was needed to make American wilderness inviolable in perpetuity.”

Congressman Thompson then shared some reminiscences

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Sonoma County Supervisor (and endorsed State Senate candidate) Mike McGuire greets Lake Group Chair Ed Robey.

Jim Hench, Protector of the Napa River

BY GENJI SCHMEDER

After seven years of intermittent struggle with cancer, our friend and foremost friend of the Napa River, Jim Hench, died on February 28, 2014 in Napa, California. Born 1929 on a family farm in Cherokee county Iowa, Jim studied electronics engineering at the University of Iowa, and spent his career with Westinghouse Corporation. His work took him to five continents and included oceanographic research. After assignment to Mare Island Naval Shipyard in 1968, he settled with wife and children in nearby Napa.

Jim was always involved with outdoor sports, including scuba diving which he did in 1967 to research wave-cut terraces around Pacific islands. In 1970 he began canoeing on the Napa River and its marshes. He designed his own kayak-type paddles for the canoe, and collected used equipment to share at group outings. The river was little known to residents, and Jim became its ambassador, introducing many to the lush growth and wildlife viewed from water level. He combined canoe trips with bird watching.

As a leader of Napa-Solano Audubon Society, he helped write an atlas of local breeding birds.

A high-energy person, Jim enjoyed cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, and helped maintain wilderness huts and local trails. He and a few others were known as the “Mules” because



Jim Hench at Bull Island in the Napa River marshes, 2007.

they would transport on their backs for miles the tools and lumber for work on backcountry shelters, like Benson Hut on “Hurricane Ridge” west of Lake Tahoe. A favorite photo shows him and other skiers traversing that ridge while leaning sharply into strong wind and driven snow.

The “Mule” nickname applied also to teams working on two local parks: Westwood Hills and Skyline. The former was devastated by fire in 1976, and the Sierra Club provided most of the volunteer labor over several months to clear debris. Jim was a founding board member of Skyline Park Citizens Association, and helped build trails and install equipment there.

In the 1980s he was intensely involved with the Sierra Club, helping re-establish the Napa Group and organizing outings on trail, water and snow. After major flooding of downtown Napa in 1986, a proposal for protection from the Napa River was revived, and Jim got involved to protect the river from the standard concrete-ditch treatment. Debate in the citizens advisory committee was fought between the single-purpose goal of engineered flood protection and the Sierra Club’s proposal for environmental restoration as twin goal of flood management.

As the Army Corps of Engineers design became more concrete in both senses, it alienated many for sheer ugliness and lifelessness.

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Ask Mike to Stand with Us on the TPP

As explained in detail in the previous issue of the Redwood Needles, the Sierra Club has a number of serious concerns about the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a massive international trade deal that some people have called “NAFTA on steroids.” Redwood Chapter co-sponsored a well-attended and highly informative Town Hall on this subject in Santa Rosa on February 11, where we learned that as a ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee Congressman Mike Thompson is under tremendous pressure from the White House to support a special “fast track” process that would eliminate the usual opportunities for debate and amendment when this secretive deal finally reaches Congress.

On February 19, Chapter Chair Victoria Brandon had the privilege of joining a delegation of union leaders in a private meeting with Congressman Thompson, where he made it plain that he shares the Club’s concerns about the potential environmental consequences of the TPP, and especially questions the fast track process— but he still needs the support of his constituents to help him withstand administration arm twisting. Please take a moment to call his district office at 707 226-9898 to let him know that you oppose fast-tracking the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement.

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from the campaign for the 2006 Wilderness Bill, a campaign that for some of those present (including me) provided an introduction to activism, then pivoted from that backward glance to look forward into the future. The permanent protection of our public lands is an

ongoing journey, he said, with a case in point being the amazing, little-known Berryessa Snow Mountain region, 350,000 acres of federal land with outstanding conservation values (including three designated Wilderness areas and a Wild and Scenic River) that has been proposed for National Conservation Area status. Now is the time to make that goal a reality—to find out how you can help, right now, please see the Take Action article below.

Take Action: Ask Secretary Jewell to visit Berryessa Snow Mountain!

The Berryessa Snow Mountain region in the eastern part of Redwood Chapter is one of the most biologically diverse, yet least known regions of California. Located less than one hundred miles from the Sacramento and Bay Area metropolitan regions, the area is a dazzling outdoor wonderland rich in unique natural features and loaded with recreational opportunities. Permanent protection of the public lands in this region will provide well-managed recreation opportunities, safeguard the area’s natural beauty, sensitive areas, wildlife and rare plants, and ensure continued use and enjoyment for future generations, and is among the Chapter’s top conservation priorities.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell deserves to see this remarkable place for herself, so let’s invite her to visit!

You can take action by going to berryessasnowmountain.org and clicking the “Featured Action” button on the bottom left side of the page. It will say “Ask Secretary Sally Jewell to Visit the Berryessa Snow Mountain Region!” If you would prefer to send an email you can copy the petition language (or use your own words, which always carry the most weight) and address it to feedback@ios.doi.gov. The campaign team would love to know that you have written, so request that you send a copy of your message to info@berryessasnowmountain.org.

“Jim Hench, Protector of the Napa River” continued from page 1

Then the Phillip Williams environmental hydrology firm presented an alternative which addressed flood, environment and aesthetics. This won over the citizens committee and led to the eventual project based on “Living River Principles”. In 1998 county voters approved a 20-year tax to finance the first-ever Army Corps project combining environmental restoration and flood management goals.

He and several others worked as the “River Rats” to advocate an environmentally based project, and in 1993 this developed into “Friends of the Napa River” (FoNR). He advocated biological monitoring of the Napa River, and would lead volunteers on long climbs into the watershed to collect aquatic insects. Jim’s advocacy for a healthy watershed was incorporated into FoNR’s “In-Class Watershed Program”, which is presented yearly to 1,400 elementary students.

During the years of fierce dispute over the future of the Napa River, Jim engaged opponents in good humor, and was typically informal despite advanced knowledge. At public meetings, his rumpled clothing might contrast with the neckties of officials, but his understanding of hydrology and ecology impressed everyone and encouraged us environmentalists. He would identify open-minded opponents and invite them for a guided canoe tour.

My favorite recollection of Jim is our wild canoe ride around 1991. One morning after

two weeks of steady rain, he invited me to canoe on Napa Creek. We put the craft into a tributary and rushed away on the nearly bankfull stream. My previous paddling was only on placid waters, and Jim’s instructions were confusing. So we capsized once, and continued quite soaked. By the time I gained control, we arrived at the confluence with Browns Valley Creek, where the additional volume increased both speed and turbulence. I lost control and we capsized again, leaving us in deep rushing water holding on to canoe and the roots of a tree. I yelled to Jim that I couldn’t hold both any longer, so we let go the canoe and off he went, energetically swimming in pursuit. I clambered and crawled out, slowed by wet clothes and brambles, walked to my nearby home and phoned Jim’s family. He soon called back, having found the canoe near the confluence with the Napa River and beached it.

Jim spent his last weeks in convalescent care, at first slowly recovering from surgery, then rapidly declining. Despite difficulty speaking, he wanted to discuss local matters with visitors, whether programs of the Napa Sierra Club or progress of the flood project. He told me that his father’s primary goal in life was to leave the family farm in better shape than when he took it over, and so his father did. Now Jim has left for us the Napa River in better shape than when he first paddled a canoe here more than forty years ago.



Reduce Your Carbon Footprint and Get a Rebate

This story has a happy ending— and a \$2,500 energy upgrade rebate! We moved into a two-story Santa Rosa house in 2012 with great southern exposure, no air conditioning, and a sunroom on the upper southwest-facing master bedroom— hot! The first summer we installed radiant barrier foil in the attics— a very inexpensive DIY project— which helped a lot, but not enough.

We began looking into getting an air conditioner and learned that our 28-year-old furnace would likely need to be replaced as well. It turns out that it is not very efficient— or cost effective, since a lot of the cost is in the labor— to try to combine a new air conditioning unit with an old furnace. We also learned that furnace replacement would require something called a HERS test to verify that air leakage from the ducts (and thus energy waste) was reduced to a very low amount. And we learned that ducts should really be correctly sized for the associated furnace and any air conditioner.

Fortunately, while attending a Sierra Club Climate and Energy meeting, I discovered the Energy Upgrade California Sonoma Flex Package flyer. The Sonoma program referred me to the BayREN (San Francisco Bay Area Regional Energy Network) program, where our (free) Home Upgrade Advisor, Scott Mellberg, listened while we filled him in on the (sometimes incredible) information we had been given by various contractors and what we were hoping to accomplish: increased energy efficiency and comfort.

As longtime energy conservation practitioners our energy usage was already well below the

California average for a home of our size. This, and adding air conditioning, meant that a before and after measure of energy savings associated with implementing additional energy upgrades would not show as much energy savings as for a same size household that already had air conditioning and was not practicing energy conservation.

Happily, Scott helped us zero in on a program which provided rebate dollars based on points awarded for taking certain base measures, such as duct sealing or replacement and attic insulation and air sealing, together with other measures such as installation of an air conditioner with 14 SEER (seasonal energy efficiency ratio) or better— all of which we ultimately had done along with installation of a 95% efficient furnace.

An especially superior outcome for us is that the HVAC contractor we finally selected, All-American Air & Solar Systems (a subcontractor to Apperson Energy Management), designed a system with four zones. This allows us to take advantage of the winter solar gain on the upstairs south side of the house by moving some of the heat downstairs via the fan for the two zones— much less expensive than running additional heat for the downstairs or running the AC for the upstairs.

In summary, we highly recommend the BayREN energy upgrade rebate program and suggest anyone thinking about it act now before funding runs out <https://www.bayareaenergyupgrade.org>.

—CYNTHIA KAYSER

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Built by Sierra Club members in 1934, this rustic, hostel-style lodge stands atop historic Donner Pass, just an hour and a half from Sacramento.

Springtime in the Sierra is a magical time. In early spring you can take advantage of longer and warmer days with extended ski and snowshoe tours or using the Lodge’s own groomed trails. Later in the spring you can experience the explosion of wildflowers as you hike miles of trails behind the Lodge or on the Pacific Crest trail just 1.5 miles from the Lodge.

Guests enjoy excellent family style meals, a friendly staff and a casual and communal atmosphere.

See you on Donner Summit...



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Outings

On-Going Thursdays- Napa Group Weekly Hiking to keep (or get) in shape.

Let's hike in Westwood Hills before work. This hike will be on-going Thursdays 7-8 am. Trail choice and pace will vary depending on participants. Don't let the hills scare you! Meet in the parking lot on Browns Valley Rd. Non-Sierra Club members are very welcome! RSVP on-line: <http://www.meetup.com/Redwood-Chapter-Sierra-Club-Outings-Group/events/169993482/> or contact Leader: Isabelle: nabelle@gmail.com Heavy rain cancels.

Sun. April 6 - Mendo Group Valley View Trail Cow Mt. Hike.

We will see the full glory of spring as we hike up Valley View Trail to the top with fabulous views of the Ukiah Valley. We will have lunch at the top and then take a mile hike through a fern lush canyon to a waterfall before our descent. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water, lunch. Class: M-7-B. Carpools: Meet 9:00 am CVR Pharmacy in the Orchard Shopping center off Perkins St. in Ukiah or 9:30 Mill Creek Park parking area. By reservation only. Leader Yvonne Kramer 463-0342 kramer@saber.net Heavy rain cancels. Santa Rosa carpools call Carol 546-6308 carolvsr@sonic.net.

Sat.-Sun. Apr. 12-13 - Hot Springs & Cold Nights in Black Rock Desert.

We'll be visiting a Trego Hot Spring in the Black Rock Desert about 100 miles north of Reno. Exact itinerary will depend on Playa conditions (it's drivable as of January but that can change). We may end up staying at the one spring with good all-weather access. Leader is very familiar with the area. Easy. Primitive camping, sorry, no RV's or trailers but see outing on 5/24-26. Dogs on leash OK. Bad weather cancels. Signup 3/29 -4/8, David 775-843-6443. Great Basin Group/CNRCC Desert Comm.

Sun. April 13 - Lake Group Turk's Head Mt. St. Helena Hike.

Moderate hike on Mt. St. Helena to

the ridge that separates the Napa and Russian River watersheds and a beautiful rock formation called the Turk's Head. Great views of Alexander Valley. Stop at the site of the town of Silverado. Bring lunch and water. Class M-4-A Meet: 9:30 am Perry's Deli in Middletown or west parking lot of RLS State Park 10:00 am. By Reservation only. Leader Pete McGee at 942-1373 or montesol@hughes.net Rain cancels.

Sun. April 13 - North Group Former Coastal Drive Hike, Redwood National Park.

Walk along old roadway closed to vehicles since 2011, hugging bluffs above rugged coast. Maintained surface resumes after 3 miles, near High Bluffs Overlook, our lunch destination. Optional extension N to WW II radar station. Return same route. Dress for coastal exposure; pack lunch, liquids. No dogs. Class M-6-A. For details, directions, call leader Melinda 707-668-4275



SAT. APRIL 19 - LAKE GROUP CACHE CREEK WILDERNESS HIKE.

In honor of the 1964 Wilderness Act's 50th anniversary, we will hike into the Cache Creek Wilderness and into Cache Creek Canyon itself. The only other way to see this section of the creek is by kayak. It is truly wilderness, habitat for bald eagles and other seldom-seen wildlife. We hike through the BLM Bear Creek Unit and pass the Roadkill Cafe on our way in and back out. This is a long hike with about 1500 feet elevation gain. Bring water, lunch and hiking boots. Class: H-10-B. Meet: 8:30 am Lower Lake Coffee Co. in Lower Lake. Leader Tom McFarling 707-994-5490 tmcfarling@callatg.com Rain cancels.

Sat. April 19 - Sonoma Group Napa/Bothe Coyote Peak Loop Hike.

Enjoy hiking among redwoods along Ritchey Creek, then climb out of the

canyon for beautiful open views. Descend back into ferns and a variety of plant communities, stopping for lunch at a serene secluded spot along the creek. Bring water, lunch and good hiking shoes. Class M-4-A. Carpools: meet 9am Sonoma County Fairgrounds Park & Ride south-west corner, (Leaderless) carpools leave shortly after or meet trailhead 10am. Ritchey Canyon/Redwood trailhead Napa Bothe State Park 3801 St. Helena Hwy No. Calistoga. \$8 fee per car at park entrance. Leader Tiffany MacNeil (707) 696-3387 tiffany.macneil@sonic.net.

Sat. April 19 - Mendo Group Glen Eden Trail Hike.

This 8 mile round-trip, non-loop, 1600' elev. gain hike begins in Scotts Valley (Lake County) and ascends initially through private lands to the Cow Mountain Recreation Area and to our destination at Goat Rock Campground. The views of Clear Lake, Mt. Konoti, and the wilderness of Cow Mtn. are wonderful, including the area near Goat Rock which is rapidly regenerating after a fire. Wildflowers should be in bloom. This is a strenuous hike. Class: S-8-B. Bring at least 1 liter of water, ankle high boots, layered clothing, raingear, lunch and snacks. Carpools: Meet: 9 am Ukiah Raley's lot opposite Reilly Auto Parts or 10am trailhead. From Ukiah, take Hwy 20 east to just past Blue Lakes and turn right on Scotts Valley Road. Proceed about 3 miles to the trailhead parking on left. By reservation only. Leader Jonah jonahfreedman@sbcglobal.net 4671877. Rain cancels.

Sat.-Sun. April 19-20 - Carrizo Service And Flowers.

This outing combines a day of service in the Carrizo Plain National Monument with a day of sightseeing and/or hiking. If there are winter rains, wildflowers can be spectacular. Weather: cool in evenings and comfortable in the day. The service will be in removing or modifying fences to give pronghorn greater mobility on the Plain, & recreation will be determined by the wishes of the group. An opportunity to combine carcamping, exploring, and service in a relatively unknown wilderness. Contact leader: Craig Deutsche, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670. CNRCC Desert Committee.

If you wish your bequest to be used locally, be sure to specify "Sierra Club Redwood Chapter" or the name of your local Group in your bequest.

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Sat. April 26 - Napa Group Annadel State Park Day Hike.

Co-led with Mother Lode Chapter. After a drive through scenic Sonoma Valley, we'll go end-to-end through this shady park near Santa Rosa, featuring lush meadows and marshes, wildlife and wildflowers. 8-1/2 mi., 1100 ft gain on gently-graded trails. The pace will be just a bit on the slow side of Moderate, and there will be lunch at a favorite hilltop with a great view. Bring lunch and liquids. Class: M-9-B. RSVP online, at <http://www.meetup.com/Redwood-Chapter-Sierra-Club-Outings-Group/events/168043972/> or contact leader Martin Farber 707-253-9606 kowsoi@juno.com. Rain cancels. No dogs (park rule).

Sat. April 27 - Lake Group Perkins Creek Ridge Wildflower Hike.

This hike starts near the Lake County land fill and then mostly follows the ridge above the main stem of Cache Creek down to Baton Flat. Neutered/spayed dogs permitted. On a previous hike we identified 27 different wild flowers along the trail. Bring lunch, water, binoculars and your favorite wildflower guide. Class M-7-A. Meet: 9:00 am Red Bud trail head, 8 miles east of Clear Lake Oaks on Highway 20, just before the bridge over the North Fork of Cache Creek and car shuttle to the trail head. By reservation only. Leader Steve Devoto sdevoto@mchsi.com.

Sat. May 3 - Lake Group Pope to Putah Trail Hike.

Hike a new trail still in the making. The P2P trail connects the two upper arms of Lake Berryessa. Tuleyome (see tuleyome.org) 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.

Sat. May 3 - Napa Group Jack London State Park Day Hike.

Co-led with Mother Lode Chapter. After a drive through scenic Sonoma Valley, we'll go end-to-end through this delightful park near Santa Rosa, featuring historic sites, shady trails, spring wildflowers, peaceful lakes, and panoramic views. 8 mi., 1500 ft gain on well-maintained trails. Bring lunch and liquids. Class: M-9-B. RSVP online <http://www.meetup.com/Redwood-Chapter-Sierra-Club->

[Outings-Group/events/168044822/](http://www.meetup.com/Redwood-Chapter-Sierra-Club-Outings-Group/events/168044822/) or contact leader Martin Farber 707-253-9606 kowsoi@juno.com Rain cancels. No dogs (park rule).

Sun. May 4 - Napa Group: Nature & Art.

We will combine a visit to the DeYoung to see Georgia O'Keefe exhibit "Modern Nature" and a 3 miles (with optional staircases) hike in San Francisco. Tickets to the museum are: \$22 adults, \$22 seniors, FAMSF members free, 10% discount as a group. The purchase of tickets and time of visit need to be arranged in advance, so do not wait to RSVP. Carpool will be encouraged. Contact Leader Isabelle nabelle@gmail.com

Sun. May 4 - Sonoma Group Half-A-Cano Loop Lake Sonoma Hike.

This classic Lake Sonoma hike starts high on a ridge, drops to lake level and climbs back up to the start, giving views of the lake, surrounding hills, and a sampling of the mixed oak woodlands and grassy slopes. It may be hot, so two liters of water is recommended, along with lunch, good hiking boots, sunscreen and hat. Dress in layers for the weather. Ticks may still be present. This is a moderately strenuous hike with approx. 1100 ft. total elevation gain. Class M-5-B. Carpools: Meet 9am in front of Coddington Library Santa Rosa or meet 10:15am No Name Flat trailhead on Rockpile Rd. Leader Carl Inglin 707-538-8271 or chinglin@sonic.net. Rain cancels.

Fri. May 9 - North Group, Lyons Ranch Loop Hike, Redwood National Park.

From Lyons Ranch Trailhead, hiking route meanders past historic sheep shed-with-a-view on through a wooded gulch to meet main trail 0.5-mile from Lyons family "Home Place". Pause there for lunch and to explore restored barn and bunkhouses, remnant orchard, before return by main trail. Bring layered clothing, sturdy shoes, lunch and ample liquids. No dogs. Class M-5-A. Meet: 10am Kuchel Visitor Center (Hwy 101, 1.5 mi S of Orick). Leader Melinda 707-668-4275/ mgroomster@gmail.com

Sat. May 10 - Sonoma Group Hood Mountain/Sugarloaf Ridge Grandmother Tree Hike.

Hike down through an old homestead to the headwaters of Santa Rosa Creek, then up again to the Grandmother Tree in the McCormick Addition of Sugarloaf. Shallow creek crossing may require shoe removal (depending on rains), but is over a paved part of the trail. Bring water, lunch and good hiking shoes. Class M-5-B. Carpools:

Instructions to hikers

Outings will start not later than 15 minutes after scheduled meeting time. The leader is in charge of the trip and is responsible for your welfare and the good name of the Club. He/she must have your cooperation to make the trip safe, pleasant and rewarding. Never charge ahead of the leader and keep within sight or shouting distance of the person ahead of you so you do not miss an intersecting trail. Do not lag behind rear leader: if you need help, the rear leader will remain to assist you. Do not leave the group without the leader's permission.

Be adequately equipped and prepared. You should carry lunch and liquids. Wear footwear appropriate for the outing. In most cases that would be hiking boots.

Guard against fire. Do not smoke on Sierra Club outings. Build fires only with the leader's permission, and extinguish them completely. Guns, pets, or radios are not to be brought on hikes.

The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Participants assume the risks associated with travel. Reimburse the carpool driver. Carpools are not part of the outing but a means of conserving natural resources.

All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the liability waiver please go to: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>, or contact the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.

Visitors are welcome

All Sierra Club trips are open to the public unless otherwise announced. You are free to bring all members of your family and guests. Children are usually welcome, but please call the leader to make sure it is an appropriate hike.

DIFFICULTY	MILEAGE	ELEVATION GAIN
E - Easy	Actual	A - Less than 1,000
M - Moderate	Mileage	B - 1,000 to 2,000
H - Hard		C - 2,000 to 3,000
S - Strenuous		D - over 3,000
V - Very Strenuous		

The actual mileage will be listed for each trip. Elevation gain will reflect the gain from the start of the hike to the highest point. If you need to know the cumulative gain, please contact the leader.

To submit outings write-ups

Send all outings write-ups to: Carol Vellutini, Outings Chair, carolvsr@sonic.net by the 8th of the month. All leaders must coordinate their outings with their Group Outings Chair.

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Ratings for Outings Leaders

How fast or slow do you go?

Wonder if an outing leader walks fast or slow? Keep in mind that the leader's speed is but one part of hiking. How high up a mountain the hike starts, the total mileage and elevation gain (up hill) and loss (down hill) greatly affect the difficulty of a hike, regardless of how fast or slow you walk. If you have any doubts about being able to do a hike or have other questions, please call the leader to discuss your concerns. These ratings only serve as a guide and are not a substitute for you being in appropriate physical condition before participating in an outing.

Leaders are grouped according to how fast they normally hike. Please keep in mind that this info is to help you decide if a hike is right for you. The outing rating instructions to hikers is also important for participants to read. Look at the difficulty of the hike. If the rating is moderate with few or more frequent stops a fast pace hiker must hike slower to accommodate that rating.

Varies, see hike description for details: Jim Gannon Isabelle Saint-Guily

Fast-pace with few or no stops: Paul Bozzo Carol Magill

Moderate-pace with few stops: Don Anderson Tiffany MacNeil Boone Lodge

Moderate-pace with more frequent stops: Pete McGee Tim Bartice Melinda Groom Val Nordeman Carol Vellutini Yvonne Kramer Martin Farber Brian Collett Jean Crossley Carl Inglin Tom McFarling Nanette DeDonato Jonah Freedman Steve Devoto Lorrie Lagasse Bill Knight
Slower-pace: Allison Bronkall

Outings

Meet 9:15am NE Santa Rosa (call for location) or meet trailhead 10am Hood Mountain Los Alamos Rd. entrance. \$7 per car parking fee. Leader Tiffany MacNeil 707-696-3387 or tiffany.macneil@sonic.net.

Sat.-Mon, May 24-26 - Black Rock Rendezvous.

This Memorial Day Weekend event is a great time for a first trip to the Black Rock Desert, about 100 miles north of Reno. There will be a variety of tours, activities and speakers. Leader is very familiar with the area. Camping location TBD. RV's & trailers OK, no facilities except in Gerlach. Dogs on leash OK. Bring your HAM Radio, there will be lots of HAM activity. Contact David KD7YIM for area repeater info. More info at blackrockdesert.org. Sign ups, David, 775-843-6443. Great Basin Group/CNRCC Desert Comm.

Tues.-Fri., June 3-6 - MENDO GROUP. YOLLA BOLLY WILDERNESS BACKPACKING TRIP #1.

The Yolla Bolly Wilderness is in the Mendocino National Forest outside of Covelo, CA. We will backpack 5 miles into a beautifully shaded area with a spring and pond. We will stay here 3 nights and do day hikes as desired or hikers may stay in camp. Must have backpacked within the last 5 years. Must be at least an intermediate hiker. Must have own backpacking gear including a camp stove, water filtration, sleeping gear, mosquito repellent, rain gear, and good boots. Bear canisters are optional. A day pack would be helpful. Bring all your own food for 4 days and 3 nights. We will meet at a turnoff from Highway 101 and decide how to carpool. Class M-5-A. By reservation only. Limit 10. Leader Val Nordeman, nordeman@willitsonline.com 707 477-4199.

Sun. June 8 - Napa Group. Nature & Art.

We will combine a visit to the Di Rosa Preserve (on Sonoma Hwy near Napa) and a 3 mile hike (E-3-A) at the Buchli Station in Napa. Tickets to the museum are: \$15. The purchase of tickets and time of visit need to be arranged in advance, so do not wait to RSVP. Carpools will be encouraged. Leader: Isabelle: napabelle@gmail.com

Thurs.-Sun. June 19-22 - Escalante Backpack.

This is a moderate 3 night/4 day backpack

into one of the unique places of the desert southwest. Cottonwoods and some pines line the river. Wading shoes will be needed as we will be constantly in and out of the river. Meet at the BLM Visitor Center noon Thurs west end of Escalante to get permit. The first day we will hike in about 6 miles. The next day we will explore a scenic side canyon with nice narrows and swimming holes. On the third we will move a couple of miles and do some more side hiking. Last day hike out. Route requires a car shuttle. Limit 12. David Hardy, hardyhikers@embarqmail.com, 702 875-4826, email preferred. S. Nevada Group/CNRCC Desert Committee

Sun. July 6 - Napa Group. Nature & Art.

We will combine a visit to the Legion of Honor museum (to see the "Intimate Impressionists" and two Matisse exhibits), and a 3 mile (with optional staircases) hike in San Francisco. Tickets to the museum are: \$22 FAMS member's free, 10% discount as a group. The purchase of tickets and time of visit need to be arranged in advance, so do not wait to RSVP. Carpools will be encouraged. Leader: Isabelle: napabelle@gmail.com

Tues.-Fri. July 8-11 - MENDO GROUP. YOLLA BOLLY WILDERNESS BACKPACKING TRIP #2.

We will use the same trailhead as in trip #1, but veer off onto a side trail to get us to an equally if not more beautiful base camp amidst wildflowers and a racing stream. While there for 3 nights we might choose to do various day hikes or just stay in camp. Must be at least an intermediate hiker. Must have backpacked within the last 5 years and have own backpacking gear including camp stove, water filtration, sleeping gear, mosquito repellent, rain gear and good boots. A day pack would be useful. If you have a bear canister, bring it and we'll decide if we need them before packing them in. Bring all your own food for 4 days and 3 nights. We will meet at a turnoff from Highway 101 and decide how to carpool. Class M-5-A. By reservation only. Limit 10. Leader Val Nordeman, nordeman@willitsonline.com 707 477-4199.

Redwood Chapter Starts Outings Meetup Group

For decades the Redwood Chapter has relied on the tried and true printed page to inform the public about our outings program. And it worked well, until the Internet came along. Now more and more people go online to find out what's happening. Besides the Redwood Needles, the chapter has maintained a list of outings on the chapter website. And that's the problem. In the millions upon millions of webpages, how do we get prospective outings participants to look at ours?

The Redwood Chapter has started an outings meetup group. What is a meetup group? Meetup groups are a form of social media, a little bit like Facebook. Meetup groups are formed by people of like interests, like square dancing, quilting, or in our case, hiking and other outdoor activities. Our meetup group

gives us a place to list our outings and a way for the public to easily find them. Anyone can search through the meetup groups in a geographical area, looking for activities they're interested in, and join the groups. Once someone joins a group, meetup will suggest other similar groups.

Our meetup group is a supplement to the Redwood Needles. Outings will continue to be listed in the Needles. Meetup gives us the ability to answer participant questions and give more timely information. We can also schedule short notice activities between newsletters.

Please visit our meetup group at www.meetup.com/Redwood-Chapter-Sierra-Club-Outings-Group/.

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Outings Chair Report

Congratulations to ExCom Chair Victoria Brandon for putting together a guidebook of the 21 Wilderness Areas in our Redwood Chapter for the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. The book brought back many memories. Lynn Ryan has spent a huge part of her life trying to get special places protected such as the King Range, Yuki & south fork of the Eel. Julie Verran was an activist for Sinkyone Wilderness. Ryan Henson networked with the Redwood Chapter during all these years. I spent many years driving and hiking remote Thatcher Butte Rd & Horse Pasture Ridge in the Yuki to map it out & also ensure that no Timber Harvest Plans were encroaching on the boundaries. The roads were not in good shape. Outings were held during those times. I am hopeful that we will have more outings in each group to celebrate the 50th.

The change in climate has affected

our outings. Winter hut trips, backpacking, paddling, snow trips have all needed to be modified or cancelled due to conditions. Leaders have made special efforts to re-scout trips as one can't rely on past year's conditions.

I viewed "Rebels With a Cause" filmed by Sonoma County TV Station KRCB at a recent Sonoma Land Trust members meeting. I am fortunate to have lived through the time period portrayed in the film. I am in awe of the dreamers who fought to keep the lands that are now Pt. Reyes National Seashore and GGNRA in public ownership. There was an interview of Edgar Wayburn when he was 100 years old. He spoke of the fight for Pt. Reyes & the GGNRA. Dr. Wayburn was a 5 time Sierra Club president. David Brower, Ansel Adams & many Marin ranchers

were involved in this very long fight during the time when developers wanted to take over many Marin County lands for huge housing and private vacation resorts. This film, narrated by Frances McDormand, is the filmmakers Nancy Kelly and Kenji Yamamoto's retelling of the story of the schemers and dreamers who fought to keep developers from taking over these breathtaking landscapes. Many Sierra Club members enjoy these lands today and are not aware of the long fight to save them. At the meeting Bill Kortum spoke of the fight on the Sonoma Coast to protect the seashores there. Put this film on your bucket list. See the trailer by Googling the title.

-CAROL VELLUTINI, REDWOOD CHAPTER OUTINGS CHAIR

Napa and Sonoma Have New Outings Chairs

A warm welcome to the new outing chairs. Napa Group was without an outing chair since Gina moved to Sebastopol about two years ago. Isabelle Saint-Guily has volunteered to take over that position. Isabelle has been a Sierra Club member since 1992. Isabelle met the Napa Outings Committee during a snowshoe trip at Loon Lake in 2004. Over a delicious dinner by the fire, after a long day of snowshoeing, they quickly convinced her to join them in leading trips. Isabelle became a hike leader that same year. Isabelle later trained with the Sequoia Paddlers and became a canoe/kayak trip leader. Isabelle says "I am the happiest with hiking boots on or a paddle in my hand. As Napa's Outing Chair, my goal is to get our team of hike leaders to provide the hikes our membership wants. I welcome all kinds of ideas and encourage anyone interested in becoming a hike leader to contact me. There is nothing more exciting than to share our love of the outdoors with others."



The Sonoma Group has had only two Outing Chairs. Clark Nattkemper was the first. In 1984 he asked Carol Vellutini to take over. Carol held that position until March 1st of this year. Tiffany MacNeil volunteered to take over the Sonoma Group position at the October 2013 Jughandle Farm Redwood Chapter Outings leader's retreat. Tiffany MacNeil has led hikes in Sonoma and Napa Counties for over 12 years, and has been active with trail-building and maintenance. She has led Fitness Hiking classes for the City of Santa Rosa, volunteered with LandPaths' In Our Own Backyard program, and assisted with Wilderness First Responder training. Her best days are spent outdoors, hiking the hills with her dog Sara or exploring trails with her horse Tango. She is the founder of Rocks & Rivers Outdoor Adventures, based in Santa Rosa. Tiffany is married and lives in Santa Rosa with her husband Ian.

-CAROL VELLUTINI, REDWOOD CHAPTER OUTINGS CHAIR



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Lake Group Report

Sierra Club Endorses Measure L

As recommended by Lake Group, the Club has endorsed Lake County Measure L, a ballot initiative to fund invasive species/weed and algae control/water quality programs in Clear Lake. This proposal would establish an additional countywide half cent sales tax, and use the money to strengthen efforts to keep invasive quagga and zebra mussels out of local waterways; provide the county's share of the critical Middle Creek wetland restoration project funding; conduct a number of specific projects designed to improve water quality; and maintain existing programs to control toxic, foul-smelling cyanobacteria (AKA "algae") and nuisance aquatic weeds. Revenues cannot be diverted to any other purposes, and transparency is assured by the establishment of a citizens oversight committee that will review the expenditure plan in advance every year. The measure sunsets in ten years.

In most respects Measure L is strikingly similar to Measure E, which was also endorsed by the Club and which narrowly failed to reach the necessary two thirds majority vote in November 2012, but it differs in three significant ways:

it includes a detailed expenditure plan for the first two years

projects must be approved in advance by the oversight committee;

the oversight committee now includes stakeholders from a wide variety of community organizations, with the Sierra Club being among those named.

A reliable source of funding is essential

for success in our efforts to protect Clear Lake from invasive species and reverse the conditions that have allowed noxious algal blooms to proliferate. Restoring the health of the lake is imperative for its own sake, and also vital for the economic future of our community. The Sierra Club therefore urges our members and everyone else who cares about the environment to vote for it on June 3.

In the meantime, you can learn more about the measure and find out how to help by visiting savethelake.info



Wilderness and our National Character

At press time, Lake Group was looking forward to our March 19 general meeting, when Sonoma State professor emeritus Jonah Raskin will take a long look at the "wilderness," a distinctly American landscape that has shaped our national character and our national literature. His talk will illustrate the multiplicity of wilderness perspectives and suggests that if it has defined us we have also defined it - and can redefine it, too. Jonah Raskin is the author of 14 books, some about farming and food, some about writers and their work, some about families and friends. A long time resident of Sonoma County, he taught literature and law at Sonoma State University for thirty years.

—VICTORIA BRANDON,
LAKE GROUP CONSERVATION CHAIR

Napa Group Report

Membership and Outings Chair Isabelle St Guily has gotten 2014 off to a blazing start. In February, a standing room only crowd heard Phill Blake recount his year in Afghanistan working with local farmers to improve farming techniques and protect the environment. Later in the month, member Marsha Ewig hosted a potluck in her Napa home. By the time you read this paper, two other events: coffee at Harvey Posert's house, and a presentation by volunteer trail builders will have occurred, with more events and outings planned. If you are not receiving notices of activities, contact Isabelle at izstguily@gmail.com to receive the monthly member e-mail.

The drought is exacerbating Napa County's water concerns. Increasingly, neighbors are worried about effects of new wineries on wells, with the most recent examples being on Mt Veeder and near Calistoga. So far, the water concerns have not slowed down approvals by the County Planning Commission, but

more reports of wells drying up could force reconsideration of County policy. Currently in our sights is a proposed vineyard expansion of several hundred acres on Atlas Peak. We will be carefully analyzing the DEIR and submitting comments on possible water effects. Meanwhile, American Canyon, which imports all of its water, is facing drastic cutbacks from the state water project.

Lake Berryessa's land management could pass from Bureau of Reclamation to Bureau of Land Management if a bill submitted by Rep. Mike Thompson passes Congress. Napa Sierra Club supports the change. BOR has demonstrated over decades that it lacks the expertise and resources to manage the environment and recreational facilities at the Lake. Hikers and kayakers, wildlife and native plants, deserve better.

—NANCY TAMARISK,
NAPA GROUP VICE CHAIR

Sierra Club Volunteer/Activist Opportunities

Sonoma Group Hike Leaders: Sonoma Group outings leaders training. Always a need for more leaders for outings. If you would like a training, please email Tiffany at tiffany.macneil@sonic.net or call 696-3387 for info. People are requesting families with children, camping and easy hikes.

North Group Hike Leaders: North Group is desperately seeking hike leaders. Please contact Bill Knight, the Outings Chair, at bill.knight.email@gmail.com.

Meet with the Sonoma Group Water Committee! Come to our meetings at the Environmental Center at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of most months.

The Water Committee is working on issues related to measures to conserve, save, and reuse this valuable resource. Our goal is to preserve and improve the natural water environment, the responsible use of water by people, and the safe reuse or disposal of our wastewaters. Help protect the quality of our water for people, wild life, fish and other aquatic life, promote water conservation and intelligent reuse. Check for our meeting dates in the *Redwood Needles*. To get on our Water Committee e-mail list, e-mail Len Holt at lholt@sonic.net. If you are not able to attend our meetings, you may e-mail Len Holt with your concerns and ideas.

Get CHARGED by attending the Climate & Energy Committee. Join us on the 1st of the month at 5:00-5:45 p.m. at the Environmental Center in Santa Rosa, learn about what is going on in our community to fight climate change through renewable energy programs. Contact Shirley Johnson-Foell Climate & Energy Committee Forum-Chair.

Sonoma Group Report

Bag Ban update

Excom member Jessica Jones spoke at council meetings in several cities, requesting they participate in the County of Sonoma's ordinance banning single use grocery bags. It has been signed onto by Petaluma, Cotati, Sebastopol, Rohnert Park, Windsor and Healdsburg. The City of Sonoma's decision is still a question but Santa Rosa declined, indicating they would create their own ordinance which will be identical to the County Plan but could be expanded on later. The plan is to begin with a soft launch of the County ordinance. Senate Bill 270 is being worked on at the state level, and we will expect to work with Sierra Club California for its enactment.

Ohlson Ranch Vineyard Conversion

The Conservation Committee heard Kimberly Burr and Larry Hanson describe the Ohlson Ranch vineyard conversion project that proposes construction of a reservoir and removal of important oak trees. We agreed that the project needs to be subjected to environmental review.

Watertrough Children's Alliance

In another vineyard conversion issue, we voted to join onto a Water Coalition letter supporting a grant for the Watertrough Children's Alliance, in its effort to bring research and other support to its effort to prevent a vineyard conversion next to a school on Watertrough Road in Sebastopol.

Tree Removal.

The recent public outcry over destruction of mature trees in connection with freeway and development projects deserves action. There needs to be more effective and timely notification about the impacts and we decided to begin a public awareness effort.

Cloverdale Urban Growth Boundary

The Cloverdale Sphere of Influence proposal being considered by the Local Agency Formation Commission, has a potential to undermine the city's Urban Growth Boundary. We urge preservation of the current UGB. Water conservation and compact population growth are essential goals for the foreseeable future.

Rohnert Park Wal-Mart

Jessica Jones and Margaret Pennington (who

has the lead for our Wal-Mart litigation), are discussing preparation of a letter to the City of Rohnert Park, urging an EIR for their revised "SmallMart" store plan. On a similar topic, Dan Kerbein, Group Chair, is researching the current campaign issues, with a view to drafting an appropriate letter recommending support of a Living Wage Ordinance.

Ratna Ling Cazadero Project

The Ratna Ling religious order has grown its publishing and warehousing operation and fencing in a remote forested area near Fort Ross to include 5 printing presses, numerous dwellings, & security. Such intensive use as this is more appropriate in a more urban area and the project as proposed should be subject to an EIR. We are opposing issuance of ministerial permits and urging further review of the project by County planning staff and the Board of Supervisors. (For more information, see article below.)

Climate – Sustainability

Sonoma Mountain Village is hosting a Sustainable Enterprise Conference on April 30th.

Political Committee

We have endorsed Debra Fudge for 4th District Supervisor.

Food Security

Suzanne has reviewed the wording of a GMO ingredient labeling ordinance being proposed to the County Supervisors. Evelina Molina, Food Security Chair, reported there is now a bilingual Facebook page for Food Security and that the bilingual Food Security Committee will meet the second Tuesday of each month. Evelina is also drawing up plans with Eric Olsen of the Permaculture Center and Brock Dolman of Occidental Arts & Ecology Center to convert a vacant lot in downtown Roseland into an urban farm and grow organic produce. Plans are also afoot for an April 27th Earth Day event at the Permaculture Center's headquarters in Sebastopol.

Transportation

Santa Rosa City Council has been taking public input on the budget and advocates for bus and train transport made it clear that funding is needed.

—DAN KERBEIN, SONOMA GROUP CHAIR

Hearing Date for Appeal of Printing Factory Expansion in Coastal Hills

April 8, 2014, 2 p.m., Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

After waiting two years for an appeal hearing date, residents in northwestern Sonoma County are gearing up once again to challenge a religious retreat that is running and expanding a commercial printing operation in forested coastal hills west of Cazadero.

Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management officials originally allowed a small printing operation in a new retreat, Ratna Ling, in 2004—not to exceed one press, 27 workers, and 18,750 square feet—as an "ancillary," or secondary retreat function. The property is designated in the General Plan as Resource and Rural Development. Without permits or county oversight, by 2007 Dharma Publishing had relocated its entire manufacturing plant and sales distribution operations from Berkeley to the retreat in blatant violation of its 2004 permit. Rather than being minutes from suppliers and the Port of Oakland, Dharma Press now trucks all materials and labor to the remote site and trucks all products back again to the Bay Area for shipping.

The owners of Ratna Ling applied in 2008 for approval to expand their printing operations to over 60,000 square feet, six presses running six days a week, non-fire

code conforming tent storage for hundreds of thousands of books and commercial inventory items, and housing for 93 workers in the middle of a coastal forest. The Sonoma County Board of Zoning Adjustments recommended this expansion in 2012 without ever acknowledging the years of violation of its 2004 permit.

A group called Sonoma Coastal Hills Rural Preservation (CHRP) appealed that recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Two prior hearing dates were cancelled by the owners of Dharma Press while they apparently prepared a new supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) rather than the thorough Environmental Impact Review that such a big project should have. That new MND, inches thick, was just received by CHRP and is being reviewed.

The Board of Supervisors will hear CHRP's appeal on April 8 at 2pm. Please express your opposition to the lax permitting and huge expansion of this facility without proper environmental review! A petition and information about contacting the Board of Supervisors can be found at CHRP's website on the Act Now page:

sonomacoastalhillsruralpreservation.org

Earth Day in Solano County

Solano Group will be staffing a table at Vallejo Earth Day on April 19. We will also be making handmade recycled paper. The event is on Marin St. at Georgia and is from 9 am to 1 pm. Volunteers are needed.

Suisun and Fairfield will be holding Earth Day events on April 26. Volunteers are needed.

Contact Jane at jabogner@juno.com.

Thanks for the CVR donations to Solano Group made by Marion Lana, John and Phil.

Thanks to Nancy McCoy, Matt Hoffman, Adam Mangosing, Justin Ashorn and Jane for staffing the Jan. paper shredding event. And Adam, Justin, and Jane for the Feb. event.

Volunteer Leadership Opportunity

EXCOM Members needed. The Solano Group is in need of people who want to make a difference in Solano County. Put on your Sierra Club Hat and join us for monthly meetings where we review local issues and come up with plans to protect our local environment. For more information, email sierraclubsolanogroup@gmail.com

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VALCORE Recycling and Confidential Paper Shredding 2014.

Solano Group will be working every 3rd Saturday of the month at 38 Sheridan Street, Vallejo from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Mar 15, April 19, May 17, June 24). There is a charge of \$10 per twenty pounds of paper shredded. (maximum: 100 pounds). Sierra Club volunteers help tend the money and direct traffic. Once a year is all we ask and you only need work an hour or so. Volunteers get free shredding.

Lori's Native Plant Garden

We continually work at Lori's Native Plant Garden located at

225 Amador St, Vallejo. We weed, plant, prune and mulch year-round. If you have an hour, call Jane and she'll work with you to get you started. 707-319-6398

Monthly ExCom Meeting

Come join us for our monthly meetings which rotate between Vallejo, Fairfield and Vacaville. We meet on the first Thursday of the month and are making a positive impact on our county and need a few more members to help carry the load. Call Jane (707) 319-6398 or Greg (707) 386-6411 for current meeting info.

Safe Medicine Disposal

Solano County Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is Saturday, April 26th, 2014 - 10:00am - 2:00pm. For more information, including locations throughout Solano County, visit our website at: <http://www.redwood.sierraclub.org/solano/index.html>

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North Group Report

March Meeting featured Popular HSU Prof

The March 11th North Group monthly meeting featured a presentation by Andrew Stubblefield, Assistant Professor of Hydrology and Watershed Management at Humboldt State University. Professor Stubblefield's presentation is part of a special North Group climate change focus for 2014. If you have ideas for a climate change topic or want to help the North Group focus on climate change in 2014 contact Richard Kreis at 626-622-8148.

We recommend that you check out Professor Stubblefield's fascinating field report on his recent sabbatical in Nicaragua. The report is available online at this link: <http://thelumberjack.org/2013/03/27/field-report-from-nicaragua/>

Can you help?

The North Group is on the lookout for citizens who want to help us educate the community about local, regional, national and international environmental issues. The Group would especially like to recruit a person to help with digital media, and someone to serve as the Group's forestry chair. If you are interested in getting involved with the North Group, Redwood Chapter of the Sierra Club, contact Chair Gregg Gold at 707-826-3740.

North Group Goals for 2014

- Evaluate and endorse viable and electable candidates for local elections.
- Work in coalition to monitor and influence county planning and development issues including climate change adaptation.
- Meet with elected officials to discuss areas of concern as needed.
- Continue to work with other stakeholders on Highway 101 and other highways (e.g. removing billboards).
- Continue to advocate for dam removal, sound science, restoration and the Sierra Club position on Klamath River issues.
- Continue to support efforts to protect and restore in-stream flows in our region.
- Advocate for restoration of the Eel River including adequate flows and healthy salmon stocks.
- Monitor and advocate for strict enforcement of restrictions on the use of motor vehicles on our beaches.
- Monitor and positively influence Humboldt Bay development projects.
- Sponsor at least two well-advertised member meetings with food provided, speaker/presentation, information sharing/member recruiting and discussion.
- Work for more focus on environmental/watershed protection during wildfire suppression and post-fire activities.
- Monitor potential impacts of Yurok Tribal Park proposal on Redwood National and State Parks.
- Hold 50th anniversary banquet with speaker and publicity in conjunction with honoring Lucille Vinyard and the Wilderness Act.
- Work with other groups to develop a resilient habitats and national forest regional plan for the Klamath Mountains Bioregion; use that regional plan to guide work on individual national forest plans and local climate change adaptation plans in our region.
- Work with allies on Lower Trinity RD, Six Rivers NF trails and trail planning.
- Develop positions on local and regional environmental issues to present at public meetings and to guide North Group conservation work.
- Monitor the Repower Humboldt/Biomass project.
- Develop future leadership.
- Work to educate the community about climate change and link this to the requirement for the County General Plan to address sprawl, transportation, and climate change issues.

—NED FORSYTH, NORTH GROUP VICE CHAIR

Mendocino Group Report

Mendocino Group rejoices along with every one else at the inclusion of the Stornetta Lands in the California Coast National Monument. (See article on page one for details.)

The heat is on the Regional Water Quality Control Board to issue a Cease and Desist order to CalTrans for failing to submit an acceptable mitigation and monitoring plan for the wetlands destruction during the construction of the Willits Bypass.

We are following a joint Fort Bragg City/Mendocino County project for which an EIR is being prepared. The project proposes to build a waste transfer station on Highway 20 on a site that includes wetlands and the rare Mendocino Pygmy Cypress and Northern Bishop Pine Forests. It seems counterproductive to start by selecting a site that includes a habitat type unique to Mendocino County.

This rare vegetation type deserves the utmost protection yet is fast being destroyed and degraded by (mostly) private development. It would be unconscionable for the county

itself to choose to degrade what should be seen as an invaluable and irreplaceable biological asset of the county, a treasure to be guarded. We believe it too sensitive an area for such a use and that an EIR would find there were potential impacts that could not be mitigated.

We will keep you updated. We plan to read the EIR and prepare comments. At this point, we are urging the city and the county to re-consider their choice of this site as suitable for a transfer station and to look at alternative sites that would not impact rare vegetation types. —Linda Perkins

Mendocino Group is very proud to announce that Linda Perkins was designated as an honoree at the annual Women's History Gala presented by the National Women's Political Coalition in Ukiah. There will be a link to an interview with Linda posted on the local group's website.

—MARY WALSH,
MENDOCINO GROUP CHAIR

Non-Sierra Club Outings

The following activities and events are not sponsored nor administered by the Sierra Club. The Sierra Club has no information about the planning of these activities and makes no representations or warranties about the quality, safety, supervision or management of such activities. They are published because they may be of interest to the readers of this publication.

Saturday Saunters for Santa Rosa Area.

Every Saturday. Meets 9am and usually ends around 11:30. These walks are moderate. Fun way to exercise with friends. For info call Bob Martin 707-539-6300.

Sonoma County Regional Parks trail work days.

On the day of the project you can call 707-548-4424 for an update or if you get lost coming to the park. Your support and dedication to our County's trails really makes a big difference. To RSVP for any of these projects please call John at 707-565-3356. ParksVolunteer@sonoma-county.org

Volunteer Days Riverkeeper Stewardship Park in Guerneville, Every Wednesday.

8:30 - 11:30 am, for all or part of the time. Park is located on the north bank of Russian River directly upstream Guerneville pedestrian bridge. Access entrance from the driveway in front of Sonoma Nesting Co. (16132 Main Street, just east of Armstrong Woods Rd. At bottom of driveway look for blue & white "Russian Riverkeeper Stewardship Park" sign. Bring drinking water & wear sturdy footwear. Light refreshments provided. Info Victoria Wikle 865-2474 VictoriaWikle@usa.net.

Sun. April 13 - 9-4 Pepperwood's Wildflower Festival.

Explore parts of Pepperwood's 3200 acre preserve at this free, family-oriented event. Self-guided hikes; interpretive hikes led by naturalists and wildflower experts; van tours of the preserve; children's activities such as face painting and bird box building; environmental lectures each hour on a wide range of topics; an art exhibit featuring the work of local artist Catherine Daley; raffle; silent auction and much more! For directions, to volunteer or info please visit www.pepperwoodpreserve.org 591-9310

Sun. May 11- Napa Land Trust Mothers Day Hike at Tuteur Ranch.

Join our congenial host, John Tuteur, on this year's springtime exploration of the east Napa rolling hills and ranch lands. Enjoy vistas, history, and a brisk hiking pace (and maybe wildflowers!) Bring sturdy hiking boots, clothes for changing weather, water, and lunch. H-8-B. Leader: Chip Bouril. RSVP: 944-2058 or csbouril@napanet.net.

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Election Endorsements for June 3rd

Redwood Chapter political activists have been busy during the past several months evaluating candidates for office at all levels of government, and are proud to announce the following endorsements by the Sierra Club:

National:

- ✓ **Jared Huffman**
Congress, District 2
- ✓ **John Garamendi**
Congress, District 3
- ✓ **Mike Thompson**
Congress, District 5

State:

- ✓ **Mike McGuire**
State Senate, District 2
- ✓ **Joe Krovoza**
State Assembly, District 4

Local:

- ✓ **Deb Fudge**
Sonoma County Supervisor, District 4
- ✓ **Diane Dillon**
Napa County Supervisor, District 3
- ✓ **YES on**
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Several additional endorsements were under consideration as this issue of the Needles went to press. The names of endorsed candidates will be posted to redwood.sierraclub.org/Committees/Political as they are approved.

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Meetings

Send all Meeting events by the 8th of the month to Carl Inglin: chinglin@sonic.net Sierra Club meetings are open to all members. You are welcome to participate or observe as often as you wish. Meetings are located in Sonoma County unless otherwise noted. Visitors should call the committee chair to verify time and place. **The Sonoma County Environmental Center is located at 55A Ridgway Avenue in Santa Rosa (West of Hwy 101, two blocks North of College and 1 1/2 blocks West off of Cleveland Ave, South of Coddington).**

Thurs. April 3 - Solano Group ExCom.

Come join us for our monthly meetings which rotate between Vallejo, Fairfield and Vacaville. We are making a positive impact on our county and need a few more people to help carry the load. Call Jane for information. (707)319-6398.

Mon. April 7 - Sonoma Group.

Santa Rosa Environmental Center, 55A Ridgway is the site of three related meetings:

- The Climate & Energy Committee meets at 5:00 p.m. Info: contact Shirley, shirlgirl707@yahoo.com, 707-206-1138.

- Sonoma Group Conservation Committee at 5:30 p.m. Info: Dan Kerbein, dkerbein@sonic.net

- Sonoma Group Executive Committee at 6:30 p.m. Info: Dan Kerbein, dkerbein@sonic.net

Tues. April 8 - North Group ExCom.

The public is invited to attend the monthly meeting of our governing committee. Join us for a discussion of local conservation issues between 7:45 and 8:45 p.m., following the ExCom business meeting from 6:45-7:45 p.m.

Meet at Adorni Center Conference Room on Eureka Waterfront. For more info, call Gregg at 707-826-3740.

Tues. April 15 - Napa Group ExCom.

7 p.m. Our location varies; it is generally at a member's home. Anyone wishing to attend the meeting should contact the chair, Nancy Tamarisk at nancy@aya.yale.edu

Wed. April 16 - Sonoma Group Water Committee.

7:00 PM at the Environmental Center, 55A Ridgway, Santa Rosa. Contact Len Holt: 707-527-7516 or lholt@sonic.net

Mon. May 5 - Sonoma Group.

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- Sonoma Group Executive Committee at 6:30 p.m. Info: Dan Kerbein, dkerbein@sonic.net

Sat., May 10 - Redwood Chapter ExCom.

Location: Willits Environmental Center. Conservation Committee meets at 10 a.m., ExCom meets 1-3 p.m. Info: Victoria vbrandon@lakelive.info

Tues. May 13 - North Group ExCom. See April 8.

Thurs. May 15 - Solano Group ExCom.

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Wed. May 21 - Sonoma Group Water Committee.

7:00 PM at the Environmental Center, 55A Ridgway, Santa Rosa. Contact Len Holt: 707-527-7516 or lholt@sonic.net

Wed. June 18 - Sonoma Group Water Committee.

7:00 PM at the Environmental Center, 55A Ridgway, Santa Rosa. Contact Len Holt: 707-527-7516 or lholt@sonic.net

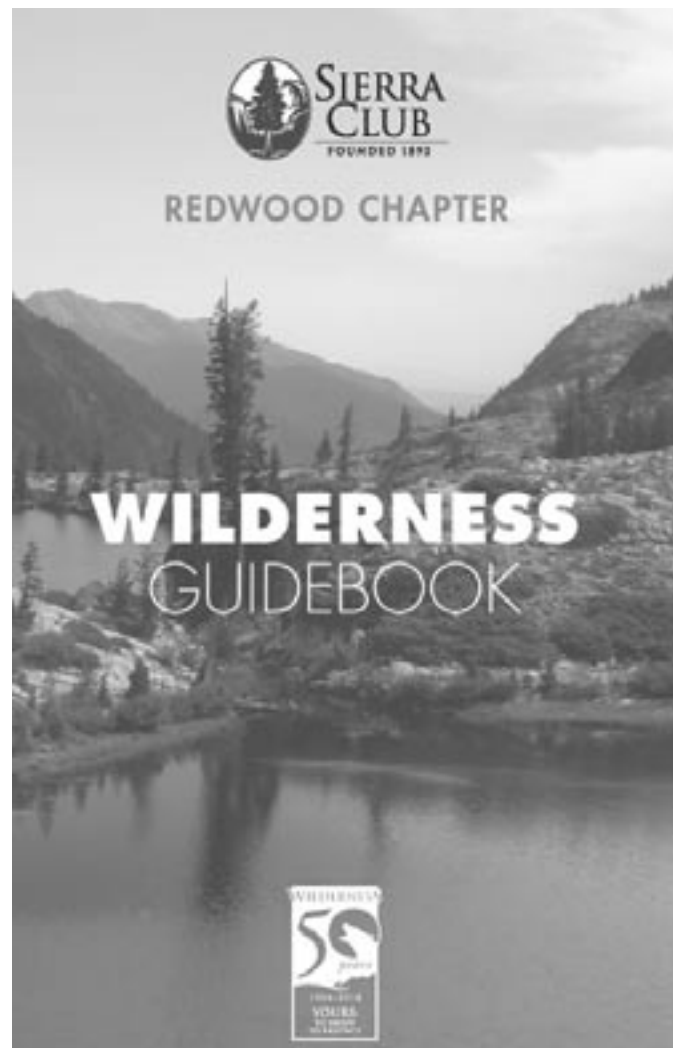


REDWOOD CHAPTER WILDERNESS GUIDEBOOK NOW AVAILABLE

As has been mentioned repeatedly in these pages, 2014 is the 50th anniversary of the passage of the landmark federal

Wilderness Act, with nationwide, year long celebrations already under way. As also mentioned, Redwood Chapter's particular contribution to this celebratory year is the publication of an illustrated Guidebook to the 21 federal and state designated wildernesses in our geographic area. We're now delighted to be able to announce that copies are available at the Environmental Center (55A Ridgway) in Santa Rosa and at Watershed Books (304 N. Main) in Lakeport for a suggested donation of \$5.

To order by mail, contact Victoria Brandon, 15995 Lucy Circle, Lower Lake CA 95457, enclosing \$6 per copy to cover postage and handling. Anyone who can suggest an additional outlet—bookstore? outdoor recreation outlet? environmental center?—should also contact Victoria at 707 994 1931 or vbrandon@lakelive.info



Pandone's Work to Appear in Yosemite Exhibit

"Below the 38th Parallel," a watercolor/mixed media/ephemera work by Napa Group Chair Marc Pandone, was accepted into Yosemite Renaissance XXIX, an exhibition of contemporary art of Yosemite and the Sierra that will be open to the public at the Yosemite Museum Gallery in Yosemite Village from March 1 to May 11, 2014, King Art Center, Hanford, Ca, June to July 2014, Carnegie Arts Center, Turlock Ca, August to September 2014.

Marc's work was one of 49 pieces accepted out of 728 submitted to this year's Yosemite Renaissance—a signal achievement!

Besides being a Sierra Club leader, Marc is a Professor of Art at Solano Community College. More of his work can be seen at marcpandone.com

