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Mountains and Rivers Campaign Moves Ahead

By VICTORIA BRANDON,

REDWOOD CHAPTER WILDERNESS CHAIR

After more than four years of quiet grassroots organization and stakeholder outreach, Congressman Jared Huffman's "Northern California Conservation and Recreation Act" seems to be on the verge of introduction. As previously discussed in the *Redwood Needles*, this legislation would establish ten new wilderness areas in Trinity, Humboldt, Del Norte and Mendocino counties and expand nine existing ones. It would also protect about 450 miles of rivers in the region as "wild and scenic," designate a 700,000 acre special demonstration restoration area in the South Fork Trinity River watershed, restore public lands that have been damaged by illegal marijuana cultivation, work for improved fire management regimes, and enhance recreation by trail construction and repair: it is, very deliberately, far more than the usual sort of wilderness bill.

The campaign wants to get off to a running start as soon as the bill is introduced, and to that end has held organizational meetings in each of the affected counties. Redwood Chapter's newest executive committee member, Randy MacDonald, coordinated the Mendocino meeting, which took place at the Willits Environmental Hub on February 25. After a presentation by California Wilderness Coalition Policy Director Ryan Henson, about 15 local environmentalists got down to serious brainstorming to identify potential supporters in the county and the best

individuals to approach them. "Don't worry, we'll get this done" said longtime Willits activist David Drell.

A few weeks previously, immediately after the big rally against offshore oil drilling on February 8 ("Redwood Chapter joins lively demonstration to Protect the Coast"), I had the privilege of driving down to the tiny town of Shoshone on the other side of Death Valley, to address the annual joint meeting of the California Wilderness and Desert Committees.

Knowing that most of the meeting time would be devoted to lamentations about the unprecedented assaults on our public lands currently being orchestrated by the Trump administration, the organizers had invited me to talk about the Mountains and Rivers bill, with particular emphasis on Congressman Huffman's efforts to shift from defense mode and work for positive change. As hoped, the group in Shoshone—many of whom have devoted long lives to striving for the protection of sensitive natural resources, and who frequently find themselves in despair these days—responded very positively to this vision of a way forward. "What a great project!" was the most frequent reaction I heard, with "what can we do to help?" close behind.

More information about how you can support the Mountains and Rivers Campaign will appear in future editions of the *Redwood Needles*.

Doubling Down on Enhancing Napa's Oak Woodland Protections

By CHRIS BENZ, NAPA GROUP CHAIR

The Sierra Club has endorsed Napa County's Measure C, the Watershed and Oak Woodland Protection Initiative, which will be on the June ballot. This initiative was developed with the support of the Napa Valley Vintners trade association. That support has since been withdrawn and the NVV has joined with other trade groups to oppose the initiative claiming that it will hinder the development of agriculture in

the hillside watershed zones.

However, vintners and growers who are supporters of the initiative stated in a Feb. 10 letter to the Napa Register that "Enhancing oak woodland protections is not anti-agriculture. Rather, it is pro-responsible and sustainable agriculture, pro-water security, pro-community, and

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Redwood Chapter Joins Lively Demonstration to Protect the Coast

By TOM ROTH,

REDWOOD CHAPTER CONSERVATION CHAIR

Despite a Trump administration decision to hold the sole California public hearing on a plan to expand offshore oil drilling in Sacramento more than 100 miles from the nearest beach, hundreds of Californians, including a sturdy delegation from Redwood Chapter, descended on the state capital February 8th to let their voices be heard.

They were joined in on the Capitol steps by a slew of state legislators, including North Coast representatives, state Sen. Mike McGuire and Assemblyman Jim Wood. Both McGuire and Wood loudly decried the plan, which would open up 47 lease sales along the nation's coastline, including six off of California. Earlier in the day, the state Assembly overwhelmingly passed a resolution condemning the plan.

Cities and counties around the state, including many in our region, have also passed resolutions stating the various reasons why this is a bad idea, including the inevitability of a devastating oil spill that not only would harm the ecosystems but quash tourism and coastline recreation.

Sierra Club and the Center for Biological Diversity sponsored buses to bring people throughout the state, including many from Southern California, to

Sacramento. Redwood Chapter organized a bus from Santa Rosa that transported about 50 enthusiastic demonstrators. The Redwood Chapter bus was lively and friendly. Riders and bus captains used the opportunity to network, make announcements and ask questions about the drilling plan. As the bus traversed the baylands, Redwood Chapter Transportation Chair Steve Birdleough took the opportunity to discuss the future of Highway 37, which is undergoing a transformation to mitigate the effects of sea level rise.

Arriving in Sacramento, we joined in a spirited rally with Native American leaders who shared the stage with environmentalists, scientists and a diverse group of legislators, including lone Republican Catharine Baker from the East Bay.

The subsequent march to the

meeting held by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), featured hand-made and printed signs, people transporting giant whales and sea turtles and friendly (though concerned) polar bears and sharks, chanting and singing.

Inside the meeting at the library on "I" Street, participants were directed to several tables with

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Sonoma County Zero Waste Gaining Steam

By May, Sonoma County will choose a proposal for a new compost facility to receive and process the county's green waste. Currently all green bins no matter what hauler you have are hauled out of the county to composting facilities.

The Sonoma County Waste Management has received 11 proposals and will choose one or two from those to create a short-term local compost facility until a long-term compost facility can be developed.

If Recology is your new hauler, it has a website that spells out exactly what you can put into your recycling bin and what goes in the green bin. Please take a look, as things have changed since previous haulers, such

as Ratto, were taking away your garbage.

Sierra Club Sonoma Group is always looking for new members to participate in local environmental oversight. If you are interested in learning more about the compost situation in Sonoma County there is a weekly meeting on the second Monday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m. of the Compost Coalition of Sonoma County. Please email Theresa Ryan for more details at theresa411@comcast.net.

Zero Waste Sonoma County

There is a Zero Waste Citizen Advisory Committee that meets the second Friday of the month at the

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For more Redwood Chapter information: <http://www.sierraclub.org/redwood>

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County Transportation Conference Room at Sonoma County Administration Offices. This committee is creating a document to present to all local city councils on the best practices for creating a Zero Waste Ordinance. Zero Waste is the practice of waste management being adopted by many municipalities. The goal of zero waste ordinances is to divert 100 percent of waste from landfills. This goal, though extremely challenging, is necessary due to the lack of land to create more landfills.

If you are interested in attending the Zero Waste Advisory Committee meeting or the California Nevada Regional Conservation Committee monthly meetings contact Theresa Ryan, theresa411@comcast.net.

Please look at the Zero Waste Sonoma website for the “Sip It, Sonoma” <http://zerowastesonoma.org/sip-it-sonoma/> campaign and other information about zero waste in Sonoma County.

May 10 Zero Waste Symposium

The Zero Waste Symposium takes place on May 10 at Sonoma Mountain Village. The Zero Waste Sonoma website, <https://zerowastesonoma.org/> has more information, as well as the opportunity to register for the Symposium.

Keynote speakers for the symposium are: Captain Charles Moore has dedicated his time and resources to understanding and remediating the ocean’s plastic load. He recently returned from 6 months at sea in the South Pacific surveying the extent of plastic contamination in the South Pacific Garbage Patch and along the coast of Chile. His work

has been featured on Good Morning America, Late Night with David Letterman, Nightline, the Colbert Report, Academy Award winner Jeremy Irons documentary “Trashed,” and the National Geographic special “Strange Days on Planet Earth.”

Jared Blumenfeld has spent the last two decades fighting to create tangible benefits for communities and ecosystems alike. He has been at the forefront of the global zero waste movement and believes recycling is one of the single most important actions we can take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Mr. Blumenfeld is a trusted source for environmental stories and has appeared frequently in the New Times, BBC, Economist, San Francisco Chronicle, CNN, Los Angeles Times, NPR and other media outlets.

Speakers will also address a variety of topics, including local school, business and government efforts to achieve zero waste; the wildfire impacts on the local environment; food waste reduction strategies, and more.

Sonoma County Supervisor Lynda Hopkins will give the opening address and presentation, while Leslie Lukacs – Director of Zero Waste, SCS Engineers, will provide an Introduction to Zero Waste: Global and Local.

Food Coalition is Online

The Sonoma County Food Coalition has a website now: www.facebook.com/pg/socofrc/community/?ref=page_internalsite. This group will help achieve part of the Zero Waste goal of reducing food waste, as it matches food donors up with people and eventually animals that need food. That means less food is thrown into landfill.



Preston Peak (background) by Dave Van De Mark. Preston Peak is the highest peak in the Siskiyou: 7309'. From the Redwood Needles archive.

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posters and handouts about the “benefits” of offshore drilling, safety and the lease sale process. Visitors could also log in to computers where they could comment on the plan.

The BOEM meeting followed a bureaucratic playbook designed to control opposition, while meeting minimum requirements for public participation. There was no panel of experts and officials to hear the testimony of attendees. In fact, there was no agenda, no lectern, no

microphones, and no opportunity at all for participants to address BOEM or the public. Several dozen participants outraged at the sham meeting gathered at one end of the room and began chanting, “Where is the meeting?”

Other California officials and commissions had earlier expressed opposition to new rigs off our coast. The State Lands Commission highlighted the economic impact of drilling on California’s \$19.5 billion coastal economy,

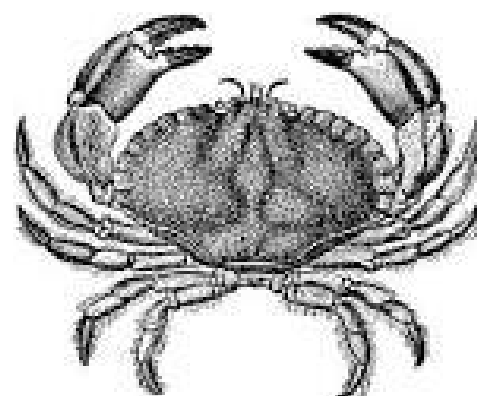
a segment that continues to grow twice as fast as other economic sectors. The California Coastal Commission, noting its mission to protect the coast, reminded BOEM of earlier spills and the devastation wrought on coastal ecosystems. State officials also decried how new drilling would sabotage the state’s efforts to lower greenhouse emissions, and would conflict with efforts to transition to clean energy.

Last year, a bill that would have prohibited the lease of California waters (or renewals of leases of California waters) for new pipelines, wharves or piers needed to transport offshore oil, died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Companion bills have been introduced this year in the state Senate (SB 834) and Assembly (AB 1775).

Comments on the offshore drilling plan were accepted until March 9.



The Sonoma County coast, looking north towards Goat Rock and beyond. Photo by Mary Davison.



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Outings

Sat. April 7 – Sonoma Group. Chanate Historical Walk.

The firestorm flew by many buildings close to where we will be walking. Join us as we explore the property sold by Sonoma County off Chanate Rd. for building and demolition projects. See this historic site before development. We will 1st visit the Bird Rescue Center as today is Open House (it survived the fire), see the site of Santa Rosa's 1st community hospital, "WPA 1941" rock walls, the former Sutter hospital with the colorful tiles, the historical cemetery, and many historical buildings. If time permits we will walk by the Paulin Creek Preserve. Jeremy Nichols local historian will be our narrator.

Other speakers may join us to speak about the evacuation. We will walk along paths with uneven surfaces and dirt trails so wear appropriate footwear. There are some hills. (please no wheelchairs or walkers) Class: E-2-A. Bring water and snacks. Meet 11 am (off County Farm Drive) by Bird Rescue Center 3430 Chanate Rd. in parking lot. Follow the one way loop with the rock walls and park in the area to your left as you approach the top. Leader Carol Vellutini 546-6308 carolvsr@sonic.net. Rain cancels.

Sat. April 7 - Solano Group. Benicia History Walk.

10:30AM - 12:30PM. Join local historian and native Benician, Jerry Hayes, and Sierra Club

trip leader, Doug Tracey on a walk along the shoreline of Benicia. The 2 mile walk begins at 9th Street Park and will head toward downtown through residential neighborhoods. Along the way we pass local landmarks, learn more about the former industries that were located here and hear about Jack London's time spent in Benicia. The walk ends in downtown Benicia. Participants are welcome to check out the shops and restaurants in Benicia or walk back to 9th Street Park. Bring sturdy shoes, water, a hat, sunscreen and a snack. No pets. Rain cancels. Please preregister by April 5. Doug Tracey dbtracey@gmail.com

Sat. April 14 - Solano Group. Las Posadas State Forest Wildflower, Mushroom, and Raptor Hike.

Mushrooms, birds, and wildflowers should all be viewable for those with a watchful eye. Bring your "finders" (bird finders, binoculars, plant ID guides) for our trip around the hills and headwaters of Moore Creek in remote Napa County, with good views, a redwood forest, and a historic cemetery. Our route is a mixture of fire roads and single track, with plenty of ups and downs. Total trip time estimated to be 4 hours. Possible snake and poison oak encounters. The hike is limited to persons 14 and older, and persons under 18 must be with a parent. Friendly, well-behaved dogs on leash are welcome. Bring sturdy shoes, water, a hat, sunscreen, flower finders, bird finders, and lunch. We'll picnic on the trail. Come prepared for mud. Rain cancels. Class M-6-B (Moderate, 6 miles, 1,000-2,000 ft elevation gain)

Meet: Promptly at 10am at Angwin Plaza Shopping Center, corner of Howell Mountain Road and Angwin Ave. in Angwin, CA. Leader Phil Kohlmetz philcoagogo@sbcglobal.net 707-704-0350

Sun. April. 15 - Lake Group. Table Rock Mt. St. Helena Hike.

Moderate hike to Table Rock from Robert Louis Stevenson Park. Enjoy spectacular views to the north and the Napa Valley wine country. Class: M-5-A. Carpools: Meet 9:15 am Mugshots coffee shop on corner of Hwy 29 & 175 in Middletown, depart 10:15 am trailhead parking lot RLS State Park. Bring snacks, lunch, water and sturdy shoes. By reservation only. Maximum 10 participants. Leader Julie Kreis 707-987-9040 tikaljak@yahoo.com

Sat. April 21 - North Group. South Fork Trinity River (off Highway 299) Hike.

Join us on this perennial favorite National Forest trail. Breathtaking vistas of the river's gorge below. Trekking poles will be a plus. Expect an abundance of wildflowers and songbirds. No dogs. Dress for the day's weather. Hikers must have water, lunch, sun/cold protection, good footwear, and some agility to cross a couple of small tributary streams and deadfall trees. Class M-7.5-A. Carpools: Meet 8:30 a.m. at Ray's shopping center in Valley West. Leader Ned, nedforsyth48@gmail.com, or 825-3652. Heavy rain cancels.

Sat. April 28 - Solano Group. Downtown Vallejo History Walk with Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum.

Join local historian Jim Kern (Executive Director of Vallejo

Naval and Historical Museum) and Phil Kohlmetz (Sierra Club Trip Leader) for a guided walk through the historic downtown neighborhoods of Vallejo. We'll pass local landmarks including Temple Arts Loft, the Empress Theater, the site of the State Capitol, St. Vincent's Hill, discuss redevelopment, pass the Yacht Club (with its Jack London Connection) and conclude on the waterfront at the Mare Island Brewing Co. Total trip time 2 hours.

The hike is limited to 20 persons 14 and older, and persons under 18 must be with a parent. No pets. Please pre-register for this hike by Apr 26. Bring sturdy shoes, water, a hat, sunscreen, a snack, and money if you want to continue the historic discussion afterwards at MI Brewing. Rain cancels. Class M-2-B (Moderate, 2 miles, 1,000-2,000ft. elevation gain/loss)

Meet: Promptly at 2pm at Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin St., Vallejo, CA. From I-80, take the Georgia Street exit and go west to Sonoma Blvd. Right (north) on Sonoma Blvd 2 blocks to Capitol St. Turn left on Capital and go 1 block to Marin St. and the Museum. Leader Phil Kohlmetz philcoagogo@sbcglobal.net 707-704-0350

Sat. May 12 - Solano Group. Medicinal Herb Walk.

The hills are alive... with plants that heal. Join Clinical Western Herbalist and Biologist Anna Beauchemin and Phil Kohlmetz (Sierra Club Trip Leader) for a guided walk in Crocket Hills Regional Park. Come explore the fauna and flora along Edwards Creek with an emphasis on the medicinal herbs in the area. The hike is limited to persons 14



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: Louis Vas, Outings Chair, (lvas@sonic.net) by the 8th of the month. All leaders must coordinate their outings with their Group Outings Chair.

CST 2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

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 Phil Kohlmetz Doug Tracey

Moderate-pace with few stops: Lorrie Lagasse Julie Kreis Paul Farley

Moderate-pace with more frequent stops: Carol Vellutini Yvonne Kramer Brian Collett

Jonah Freedman Steve Devoto Ned Forsyth Pete McGee

Slower-pace: Allison Bronkall Carl Inglin

Outings

and older, and persons under 18 must be with a parent. Bring sturdy shoes, water, a hat, sunscreen, and a snack. No dogs. Total trip time 2 hours. Class M-2-B (Moderate, 2 miles, 1,000-2,000ft elevation gain/loss) Meet: 10:00am at Trailhead at Crockett Ranch Staging Area Parking. Exit I-80 on Pomona St. Turn left at the stoplight to go east on Pomona through downtown Crockett. Turn right on Crockett Blvd, across from John Swett High School. Travel approx. .2 miles and look for the entrance to the parking area on your right. Extra points if you can identify who John Swett was (without using wikipedia). Leader Phil Kohlmetz philcoagogo@sbcglobal.net 707-704-0350

Sun. May 13 - North Group. Titlow Hill 5'n'10 Six Rivers NF Hike.

From Forest Road 1 we will hike to Road 5N10 on an old logging spur, then counterclockwise across Enquist Creek back

to Road 1. We can then hike south to Cold Spring and return. Experience a wide range of landscapes: large ancient trees, mountain meadows, two water holes, and long views. No dogs. Bring lunch, water, and protection from the sun or other mountain weather. Class M-6.5-A. Carpools: meet 9 a.m. Valley West (Ray's) Shopping Center. Leader Ned, nedforsyth48@gmail.com, 825-3652. Heavy rain cancels.

Sun. May 20 - Lake Group. Mt. St. Helena Hike.

Hike switchbacks about 20 minutes through fir woods up to a dirt road leading to the summit of Mt. St. Helena. On a clear day see spectacular views including much of the San Francisco Bay area and possibly viewing mountain ranges in a 360 degree panorama including Mt. Shasta! Bring water, lunch, binoculars & snacks. Class: M-10-C. Carpools: Meet 9:15 am Mugshots Middletown coffee shop on corner of Hwy 29 &

175 or 10:15 am Robert Louis Stevenson parking lot. By reservation only. Maximum 10 participants. Leader Julie Kreis 707-987-9040 tikalijak@yahoo.com Rain cancels.

Sat. June 24 - Mendo Group. Peter Douglas Trail Lost Coast.

Hike to a fantastical grove of "candelabra" redwoods with twisted massive limbs and along bluffs with sweeping ocean views of the Lost Coast. Learn about the unique redwoods, the efforts of the Save the Redwood League and Mendocino Trust to preserve them, and Peter Douglas the founder of the California Coastal commission. Join a group camping at Usal Beach after the hike if you like. Bring lunch, water, layered clothing. Carpools: Meet 10 am at Harvest Market, Fort Bragg. Class: M-4-A. By reservation only. Leader Yvonne Kramer, (707)463-0342, kramer@saber.net

Volunteer Opportunity in Yosemite National Park

The Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly known as LeConte Memorial Lodge) is a National Historic Landmark building that represents the rich heritage of the Sierra Club in Yosemite Valley. The building houses several interpretive displays, a children's nature corner, a wonderful library, art projects and evening programs.

Since 1904 a curator and Sierra Club volunteers have provided information to park visitors. Today the program welcomes over 15,000 visitors to the Sierra Club's spiritual home in Yosemite Valley. Volunteers are currently needed in July, August and September 2018.

Volunteers spend a week from Saturday to Saturday in the park assisting the club's curator Bonnie Gisel, PhD. by interacting with park visitors and carrying on the Sierra Club tradition of helping others appreciate and protect our natural environment.

The volunteer workweek consists of up to 25 hours for service in the YCHC with Monday and Tuesday free days to explore Yosemite. This opportunity includes free admission to Yosemite National Park and free camping in a group campsite; and, is restricted to volunteers only—no family members, friends or pets are permitted. Camping is limited to tents only. Volunteers bring their food and supplies.

Potential volunteers must:

- Be current Sierra Club members
- Be outgoing and comfortable interacting with park visitors
- Have visited Yosemite within the last two years and have current park knowledge
- Be familiar with current Sierra Club programs and initiatives
- Be able to stand for up to 3 hours per day

To become a volunteer at YCHC, please contact Bonnie Gisel, curator at Bonnie.Gisel@sierraclub.org.

Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park, 2018



**April 8-10; May 6-8; June 10-12;
July 15-17; August 19-21;
September 23-25; October 21-23**

Join us for a 3-day, 3-island, live-aboard tour of the enchanting Channel Islands. Hike wild, windswept trails bordered with blazing wildflowers. Kayak rugged coastlines, marvel at pristine waters teeming with frolicking seals and sea lions. Train your binoculars on unusual sea and land birds—and an occasional whale. Watch for the highly endangered island fox. Look for reminders of the Chumash people who lived on these islands for thousands of years. Or, just relax at sea. All cruises depart from Santa Barbara. The cost, \$675, includes an assigned bunk and all meals, snacks, and beverages. A ranger/naturalist assigned by the national park will travel with us to help lead hikes, point out items of interest and give evening programs. Kayaking will be overseen by our concessionaire; all hikes will be on trails, class 1 terrain. This trip is a fundraiser to support the Sierra Club political program in California. To reserve space send a \$100 deposit, written to California Sierra Club PAC to Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732. For more information contact leaders: Joan Jones Holtz: jholtzhl@aol.com; 626-443-0706. Wayne Vollaire: avollaire1@gmail.com; 909-327-6825

Non-Sierra Club Outings & Events

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.

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

Garden Volunteer Days: First Friday of the Month, 9am – noon. Laguna Environmental Center, 900 Sanford Road, Santa Rosa. Enjoy our native plant garden! Volunteers are essential in beautifying our site. Share your expertise or

learn new skills by getting involved today! http://lagunafoundation.org/volunteer_garden.html

Laguna Stewardship Days: Once a month on a Saturday from 9am - noon.

Details of the site location announced 2 weeks in advance of the workday (various sites along the Laguna) Help care for the Laguna and restore critical wildlife habitat! Joining the Laguna Stewards is a fun and meaningful way to volunteer while enjoying the outdoors.

http://lagunafoundation.org/volunteer_lagunastewards.html

Silver Lake & Carson Pass

Come relax and enjoy the beauty. Fish, hike, or wander along the many lakeside and mountain trails abundant with wildflowers. After a hike, refresh in the cool water, lounge on our beach, or glide on the pristine Silver Lake waters, very peaceful and quiet. Then join us for a gourmet meal at our restaurant or spend the evening in your comfortable lakeside room or cottage, ending your day star-gazing from your deck or meeting others at the crackling campfire. We now offer some pet friendly cabins.

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Napa Group Report

Judge Rules Against Club Suit

On March 12th, Judge Thomas Warriner ruled against the Sierra Club and other plaintiffs in our suit against the Walt Ranch project. Given an earlier tentative decision by the judge against the plaintiffs, this was not unexpected. Each plaintiff will now need to decide whether to appeal the decision. Besides the Sierra Club, the plaintiffs included the national environmental advocacy group Center for Biological Diversity, and local entities Circle Oaks Homes Association, Circle Oaks Water District, and the Living Rivers Council.

Benefits of Measure C

An overflow crowd packed the Napa Library to hear a parade of speakers preach the benefits of Measure C, the Oak Woodland and Watershed Protection Initiative. The forum was sponsored by Napa Sierra Club and the League of Women Voters, who both support the measure. Perhaps the most eloquent speakers were Warren Winiarski, a grand old man of Napa viticulture, and James Conaway, who has written three books on the politics of Napa agriculture. Both agreed that our local political process has been corroded by big money, which is driving the opposition to Measure C. Both emphasized that building sustainable agriculture in Napa requires recognizing the limits of our resources, especially our water resources.

Earth Day is Coming

Come say hello to us. We will have a booth at Napa's Earth Day Event, Sunday, April 22, on the Oxbow Commons from 11 – 4. Learn about our current causes and concerns, and share your ideas with us.

Helipad Decision Delayed

The Board of Supervisors has delayed a decision on the Palmaz Heliport application, until after the June ballot. If the ballot initiative against private heliports is passed, the Palmaz project will die. The Napa Group entered comments opposed to the Palmaz project, which would allow a private helipad to be developed in Agricultural Watershed Open Space zoned land near Mount George.

Supes Ignore Precedent

Departing from decades of precedent, the Napa Board of Supervisors voted in favor of a proposed ballot initiative to allow the Blakely family to continue operation of a construction operation in agricultural land. In this way, the Blakely operation avoids a "Measure J" vote by the people to approve or disallow this non-agricultural business. It is the first time since the creation of Agricultural Watershed that the County has given the go-ahead to a project without allowing a vote.

Keep Informed on Napa Environmental Activities!

Get our monthly e-newsletter, by contacting us at scnapapam@gmail.com, and follow Napa Group on Facebook.

–NANCY TAMARISK, NAPA GROUP VICE CHAIR

Sonoma Group Report

Climate Action

As part of our ongoing climate actions, the Sonoma Group unanimously endorsed a proposal by the newly formed Friends of the Climate Action Plan for the city of Santa Rosa to pass an ordinance prohibiting the use of natural gas in all new residential and commercial construction. The group asked the City Council to place the initiative on a future agenda item during public comment at the Feb. 27 council meeting. They emphasized public safety and community resilience issues surrounding natural gas that have come into focus due to the wildfires.

This local initiative supports the Sierra Club's national campaign to move beyond fossil fuels and go to 100 percent renewable energy.

At our March 5 Conservation Committee meeting, expert Andy Ferguson described the threat posed by the continued use of natural gas as a so called "bridge fuel" that is still little understood by the public or even by some policy makers. Natural gas is composed of about 85% methane (CH₄), and until recently the global warming potential and immediate threat of this gas to push the planet past global warming "tipping points" has been widely underestimated.

Separately, Climate and Energy co-chair Tom Conlon identified the fact that the City of Santa Rosa's Climate Action Plan adopted in 2012 committed the city to implement CALGreen Tier 1 for new construction. This is the requirement that all new residential and nonresidential buildings perform at least 15% better than the minimum Title-24 energy code through 2020. However, the city is apparently not enforcing the measure. Tom is working with City Council member Julie Combs to resolve and take action on this important energy efficiency mandate.

In Rohnert Park, Sierra Club climate activist Christina Meyer worked with the City Council and staff and the county Regional Climate Protection Authority to pass a resolution to adopt the Climate Action 2020 measures in the countywide plan at the March 13 City Council meeting. The same night, the city took its first action step by replacing over 1600 streetlights in Rohnert Park with energy efficient LED's.

Transportation

The Sonoma Group voted to endorse Regional Measure 3 on the June ballot. Transportation Chair Steve Birdleough explained that RM3 proposes three successive \$1 increases in bridge tolls (excluding the Golden Gate Bridge) to fund transit and highway projects in the nine-county Bay Area. Local projects to be funded include the SMART extension to Healdsburg (\$40 million), San Rafael Transit Center & SMART station (\$30 million), North Bay transit access (\$100 million), SR-37 planning & design (\$100 million), Marin-Sonoma Narrows freeway widening (\$120 million).

In response to a recommendation by Executive Committee member Richard Sachen, the Sonoma Group submitted a letter supporting a new grant program to get more electric vehicles on the road by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

–TERI SHORE, SONOMA GROUP EXCOM

Lake Group Report

Middle Creek Project Breakthrough

It has been acknowledged for many years that the single most important action to improve the ecological health of Clear Lake would be to complete the Middle Creek Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project. Besides eliminating flood hazards to homes and agricultural properties in the area, the project would restore approximately 1,650 acres of "reclaimed" agricultural land at the north end of Clear Lake as a functional wetland, with a significant beneficial effect on watershed health, Clear Lake water quality, wildlife habitat, and recreational potential.

Several years ago substantial state grant funding allowed the county to buy about half the properties in the project area (a necessary first step), but further progress has been stalled for quite some time.

Now thanks primarily to the efforts of the Middle Creek Restoration Coalition, which includes Lake Group, the logjam appears to be broken. The Coalition came together in the spring of 2016 to coordinate local efforts and raise awareness among state agencies and legislators. Their efforts included an invitation to Assemblywoman Cecilia Aguiar-Curry to tour the site, an invitation she accepted in October 2017.

Last month she announced that by working with Secretary John Laird of the California Natural Resources Agency and the Department of Water Resources she had secured the \$15 million in additional bond funding needed to purchase the remaining properties in the project area. "Last year, in my AB 707, we were able to establish a Blue Ribbon Committee to guide the future of Clear Lake water and watershed quality and regional economic development, \$2 million for Clear Lake research and a stewardship plan, and \$5 million in the water bond on this year's ballot to protect the Lake," she said. "This grant for the Middle Creek Restoration Project will continue those efforts, reduce flooding, restore wetlands, and reduce the amount of nutrients flowing into Clear Lake."

Middletown Dollar General Rises from the Ashes

Last May the Board of Supervisors gave what looked like a decisive ruling against this project (which Lake Group has consistently opposed) by upholding a previous Planning Commission decision that it "does not meet the spirit and intent of the Middletown Area Plan," and therefore "is not consistent with all of the mandatory findings for the approval of a Design Review."

Now the applicants have come back to the county to request a modification of their previously granted Use Permit, downsizing the proposal from 9100 square feet to 7225 square feet. Since the Use Permit was contingent on Design Review, and failed to pass that bar, there are strong grounds for arguing that it became null and void, and that any development proposal has to start from the beginning.

Whether or not that argument is valid, nothing has changed to make the design less objectionable, or—what really matters—to bring it into consistency with the Middletown Area Plan. As stated in BOS findings last spring, this project "does not reinforce Middletown's small town character, but rather, detracts from it."

The Sierra Club agrees completely with this conclusion.

–VICTORIA BRANDON, LAKE GROUP CONSERVATION CHAIR



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Trump Administration Seeks to Gut Water Pollution Safeguards, Putting Communities at Risk

A Hollywood scriptwriter couldn't make this up. One day after new data revealed widespread toxic water contamination near coal ash disposal sites, Environmental Protection Agency head Scott Pruitt announced a proposal to repeal the very 2015 EPA safeguards that had required this data to be tracked and released in the first place. Clean water is a basic human right that should never be treated as collateral damage on a corporate balance sheet, but that is exactly what is happening.

This proposal clears the way for polluters, and polluter-funded politicians, to write weak standards for groundwater monitoring and coal ash cleanups, and attacks several core health and environmental protections included in the standard that was enacted in 2015. This comes as the first round of water testing, carried out under the new EPA standard, revealed some shocking results. As the New Republic reported:

"At more than 70 sites across the country, toxins like arsenic, mercury, and radium are leaching into groundwater from pond-like storage pits filled with the sludgy leftovers of coal burning. That's the most alarming takeaway from reports that the coal industry was required to submit to the Environmental Protection Agency this month, part of the first-ever federal regulations of the waste product known as coal ash...So far, the reports have shown coal ash leaking into groundwater at storage sites in Iowa, Nebraska, Arkansas, Georgia, Montana, Washington, Michigan and Florida."

Coal ash is the toxic waste left over from coal-burning power plants and contains some of some of the deadliest known toxic chemicals, including heavy metals like arsenic, lead, mercury, and chromium. For decades, coal ash disposal was subject to no EPA oversight, and this waste was dumped into giant unlined pits, where toxic chemicals then seeped into water and soil and blew into the air in many communities nationwide. Exposure to these toxics raise the risk for cancer, heart disease, and stroke, and can inflict permanent brain damage on children.

Pruitt's latest proposal would replace science-based federal requirements that would fairly and consistently address water quality issues nationwide with a patchwork of state-by-state requirements that can easily be influenced by polluter interests. And yet federal requirements were put in place because state regulators had not implemented adequate water protections against coal ash! In reality, state oversight failed families for decades, resulting in catastrophic spills like those in Kingston, Tennessee, and the Dan River in North Carolina, as well as slow-motion disasters still unfolding in dozens of communities nationwide. My colleague Connie Wilbert in Wyoming is worried about exactly that, as she expressed in this article:

"We aren't seeing the state take a strong position on any number of issues related to fossil fuels in general," said Wilbert, director of Sierra Club Wyoming. "This proposed revision introduces a level of flexibility that we're pretty uncomfortable with."

I recently spent time with families in North Carolina that have been living on bottled water for over 1,000 days due to coal ash pollution, rallying outside the headquarters of Duke Energy calling on the company to clean up their mess. The

stories of these families were heartbreaking, and they aren't alone. Today, over 1,400 coal ash waste dumps are spread across the nation, and in at least 200 cases, the toxic waste is known to have contaminated water sources. More than 1.5 million children live near coal ash storage sites. Seventy percent of all coal ash impoundments disproportionately impact low-income communities.

The EPA's 2015 coal ash protections were basic common sense -- they required utilities to test the water near their coal ash dumps to make sure hazardous chemicals were not leaking into drinking water sources. Requirements to monitor the water around dump sites -- and to clean it up, if poisoned -- went into effect at all coal ash dumps in 2018, and as noted above, the first round of findings from these reports were horrifying.

Further proving the point of just how terrible this idea is, the first state to take back the reins of managing its own coal ash is Pruitt's home state of Oklahoma, which has an abysmal and notorious track record that ThinkProgress described this way:

"In the eastern part of Oklahoma, near the Arkansas border, sits a small town named Bokoshe. Along with a population of just 512, Bokoshe also happens to be home to several old coal mines, which have been turned into landfills for another sort of coal product: coal ash, the toxic byproduct that results from burning coal...For more than 20 years, residents of the town, plagued by high rates of asthma and cancer, have appealed to state and federal regulators for help. And for years those pleas have gone largely unheard, thanks to the complex web of regulations that address — or more often, fail to properly address — coal ash".

This is the legacy Pruitt's proposal will leave for dozens more communities. We will fight it in the streets and in the courts, to prevent it from being finalized. He and the Trump administration are trying to pull the wool over the American people's eyes about the dangers of gutting our clean water protections against coal ash, so that rich coal magnates will not have to pay to properly dispose of their toxic byproduct.

Weakening protections against coal ash is a betrayal of all the families across this country who have been living on bottled water for years, or have lost their health and property, due to coal ash pollution. Families are looking to EPA to solve the coal ash problem—not abandon them.

The EPA will take comments on this proposal until April 30 and will hold a hearing on these rollbacks in the Washington, DC area, on April 24. Please join us in letting Scott Pruitt know that the American people won't stand for this polluter power grab: https://sierra.secure.force.com/actions/National?actionId=AR0107600&id=7010Z000001PHnkQAG&utm_medium=web&utm_source=sierraclub&utm_campaign=beyondcoal

—MARY ANNE HITT, DIRECTOR OF THE SIERRA CLUB BEYOND COAL CAMPAIGN

This article first appeared on the Sierra Club website.



Eight rugged hikers braved wind, cold and intermittent rain for a low-tide beach walk at Carruthers Cove. North Group hike.

Solano Breeze Corner

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You Can Help Clean Up Solano County!

There are three large cleanup events each year: Earth Day Cleanup, World Environment Day, and Coastal Cleanup Day. Please do your part to help the environment.

Vallejo's Earth Day will be held on Saturday, April 21 (John Muir' birthday, and Jane's 41st anniversary). It is held @ the Vallejo Farmers Market from 9am to 1pm. Help is needed at the Sierra Club booth with paper making games.

Call Jane at 707-319- 6398

Also, on April 21 there will be various Earth Day cleanup events in Solano County, and nationwide. Check out the Solano RCD website at: <http://www.solanorcd.org/employment-and-volunteer-opportunities/solano-county-cleanups.html>

Solano Group Meetings

Please attend the Solano Group meetings, usually on the first Monday of each month. Our next dates are: April 2, May 7, June 4, 2018.

To confirm location, call Jane at 707-319- 6398

VALCORE Recycling and Paper Shredding updates:

Solano Group helps out with paper shredding every 3rd Saturday each month at 38 Sheridan Street, Vallejo from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is a charge of \$.50 per pound (CASH or CHECK ONLY) of paper shredded. (Maximum: 100 pounds)

WEEKDAY SHREDDING from 10 am to 4 pm, closed 1 pm to 2 pm for lunch (CREDIT OR DEBIT ONLY).

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!

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“Protecting Napa’s Woodlands”

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pro-climate.” We agree.

In addition to the Sierra Club's endorsement, the initiative has won the endorsement of the Napa County League of Women Voters. The Napa Group and the Napa County League will be sponsored a panel discussion of Measure C on Monday March 12, 6:30 pm, at the Napa Library.

If you are interested in learning more about Measure C or in volunteering please contact Chris Benz christinabenz@gmail.com.



With your help we can protect the wolf

Wolves are vitally important to maintaining nature's balance, culling out weak and sick animals to keep populations of elk and deer healthy and in check. The Sierra Club is working to defend wolf populations from continued threats from politicians.

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Redwood Chapter Notes

It's been a rocky road since the 2016 election. It feels like every day there are attacks on our republic, both from without - hostile foreign countries and their agents - and from within our own government. The environment has been a target since the current administration began. With Ryan Zinke heading the Department of the Interior (and determined to open up our protected parks and monuments to drilling and mining) and Scott Pruitt in charge of the Environmental Protection Agency (the name is ironic now that protections for the environment are being gutted at an astounding pace) it truly is a case of the foxes guarding the henhouse.

What's a nature-loving person to do? One answer is to redouble our local efforts. As a grassroots organization, the Sierra Club offers volunteers the opportunity to truly make a difference near their own homes, as well as to be leaders on a

variety of local, regional and national environmental issues.

Join with others who are fighting hard to protect our local environment. Whether it's working to protect our beloved coast from offshore drilling or oak woodlands in Napa, or striving to expand wilderness and zero waste strategies, opportunities abound to participate (see page one for more information about these efforts).

Maybe what you really need is fresh air and a chance to relax in these trying times. Sharing your love of the outdoors by becoming a hike leader will benefit yourself and others.

Check out our website, <https://www.sierraclub.org/redwood/get-involved> for opportunities, or page two of this newsletter, which lists local leaders that would welcome your call or email.

Together, we can make a difference.

—MARY DAVISON,
REDWOOD NEEDLES EDITOR

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. 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).

Mon. Apr. 2 - 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. Apr. 2 - Sonoma Group.

Conservation Committee 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Info: Suzanne Doyle carsort@gmail.com

Sonoma Group Executive Committee at 6:30 p.m. Info: Suzanne Doyle carsort@gmail.com

Tues. Apr. 10 - North Group ExCom.

North Group Sierra Club is holding its monthly Executive Committee meeting. All are welcome to discuss local conservation issues between 7:45 and 8:45 p.m. or come for the business meeting starting at 6:45 p.m. Meet at the Adorni Center Conference Room on the Eureka Waterfront. For more information, contact Gregg at (707) 826-3740.

Mon. May 7 - Sonoma Group.

Conservation Committee at 5:30 pm - 6:30 p.m. Info: Suzanne Doyle carsort@gmail.com

Sonoma Group Executive Committee at 6:30 p.m. Info: Suzanne Doyle carsort@gmail.com

Mon. May 7 - Solano Group ExCom.

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Tues. May 8 - North Group ExCom.

North Group Sierra Club is holding its monthly Executive Committee meeting. All are welcome to discuss local conservation issues between 7:45 and 8:45 p.m. or come for the business meeting starting at 6:45 p.m. Meet at the Adorni Center Conference Room on the Eureka Waterfront. For more information, contact Gregg at (707) 826-3740.

Sat., May 12 - Redwood Chapter ExCom. And ConsCom.

Location: Santa Rosa Environmental Center. Conservation Committee meets at 10 a.m., ExCom meets 1-3 p.m. at the Environmental Center in Santa Rosa, 55A Ridgway. Info: Victoria vbrandon@livelive.info

Tues. May 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 napaquail@gmail.com

Thurs. May 17 - 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.

Redwood Needles

June 2018 Deadline: Due May 8th

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National Sierra Club Elections are Underway

A Democratic Sierra Club Demands Grassroots Participation

The annual election for the Club's Board of Directors is now underway.

Those eligible to vote in the national Sierra Club election will receive in the mail (or by Internet if you chose the electronic delivery option) your national Sierra Club ballot in early March. This will include information on the candidates and where you can find additional information on the Club's web site.

Your participation is critical for a Strong Sierra Club.

The Sierra Club is a democratically structured organization at all levels. The Club requires the regular flow of views on policy and priorities from its grassroots membership in order to function well. Yearly participation in elections at all Club levels is a major membership obligation.

In a typical year less than 10% of eligible members vote in the Board elections. A minimum of 5% is required for the elections to be valid. Our grassroots structure is

strengthened when our participation is high. That means your participation is needed in the voting process.

How can I learn about the candidates?

Members frequently state that they don't know the candidates and find it difficult to vote without learning more.

Each candidate provides a statement about themselves and their views on the issues on the official election ballot. You can learn more by asking questions of your group and chapter leadership and other experienced members you know. You can also visit the Club's election web site for additional information about candidates: <http://www.sierraclub.org/board/election>

Then make your choice and cast your vote!

Voting Online is Quick and Easy!

Even if you receive your election materials in the mail, we encourage you to use the user-friendly Internet voting site to save time and postage. If sending via ground mail, please note your ballots must be received by no later than Election Day, April 25, 2018.

Support Our Effort Against 'Green' Cement Plant in Vallejo

The Solano Group Sierra Club sponsored TV ads at the end of January and early February that calls on the City Council to reject a deeply flawed EIR and reject the Orcem/VMT project. This project will insert many hazardous wastes into a poor part of Vallejo and insert 500 truck trips a day through a residential neighborhood. This project has already been rejected by city staff and the City's planning commission. We are now raising money to run the ads again when the Final Draft EIR is issued sometime in May.

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