

Voting Matters

By VICTORIA BRANDON, REDWOOD CHAPTER POLITICAL CHAIR

As the November 6, 2018 election approaches it's becoming more and more obvious that we live in exciting times! Wearing my other hat as chair of the Club's National Political Team I've been watching federal endorsement recommendations pour in from all over the country, many of them in districts where there had previously been no hope of victory for progressive, environmentally supportive candidates, and even a few from Chapters with no political programs until this year. This time around the main question seems to be whether the anticipated blue wave will turn into a blue tsunami.

Here in Redwood Chapter we're fortunate enough to have many good representatives on both the state and federal level whose reelection seems assured, but there are still significant local contests in city council and other races. Activists in several of the Chapter's Groups have been engaged in the painstaking task of identifying the best candidates in those races. The results of these grassroots contests often have momentous consequences, with the question coming down to this: do we want to foster the best qualities of the North Coast— abundant open space, towering forests, free-running rivers, charming, friendly small towns with a rural atmosphere— or do we want to become like the rest of California?

We think the choices are clear, and that the election of candidates endorsed by the Sierra Club offers the best hope of making those choices wisely. So please examine the endorsement list on the back page of this newsletter, and give your vote to the individuals named there that appear on your ballot. Please also consider making a personal endorsement, volunteering a few hours of time, or donating money: the future of all our communities hangs in the balance this November, and action by Club members can potentially tip that balance.

The Club is also supporting candidates for several statewide offices, opposing two state propositions (Props 3 and 6) and supporting others (Props 1, 10, and 12).

Other local endorsements were in progress as this issue of the Redwood Needles went to press. The names of additional endorsed candidates will be posted to sierraclub.org/redwood/endorsements as they are approved.

Rep. Huffman Moves to Protect Wilderness

By SHOSHANA HEBSHI,

REDWOOD CHAPTER COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Every swing in one direction brings a counter swing in the other direction. And thankfully for conservationists, our local Congressman, Jared Huffman, has countered the Trump administration's campaign to destroy public lands with a sweeping bill to conserve and manage Northern California forests and wilderness.

At the end of July Huffman introduced HR 6596, the Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation and Working Forests Act, to protect hundreds of thousands of acres in Mendocino, Humboldt, Del Norte and Trinity counties.

The bill not only would create new trails and public access into the wilderness, it would coordinate cleanup of illegal marijuana grows on public land and bolster defenses against large wildfires. Huffman, who has worked on the bill since being elected to serve District 2 five years ago, said the bill is a "creative blend of old school wilderness protection with very innovative management strategies and I think should be supportable by a broader constituency than if it were a standard wildernesses bill."

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Zero Waste Sonoma: Worthy Goals

By THERESA RYAN, SONOMA GROUP EXCOM

As many of you are aware the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency decided in 9-1 vote to move forward with Renewable Sonoma in negotiating a new compost facility currently planned adjacent to the Waste Water Treatment Facility on Llano Road. At the same time Patrick Carte, the Agency's Director, has stepped down to assume a position with the city of Petaluma. Unfortunately, until a new Director is chosen there may not be many decisions made of great import to the development of the facility. Sonoma Group's Facebook page or online newsletter will announce any Sonoma County Waste Management Agency meetings regarding this topic.

One group that has been very supportive in the process of selecting a local compost facility proposal is a Zero Waste Sonoma. Zero Waste Sonoma has developed a Zero Waste Resolution over the past

year which is now under consideration for adoption by the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency and all its jurisdictions to use for creating zero waste ordinances. Among its many policy directions are following:

- Set a Zero Waste goal to divert 100% of waste from landfills by 2030 and commit to reducing the total pounds per person per day, currently 4.6, by at least 10% per year

- Institute and/or expand high diversion and Zero Waste goals and programs for all government facilities, events, and projects

- Educate the public by expanding the ongoing information on the environmental and community benefits of reducing wasteful consumption and increasing diversion through reuse, repair, composting, and recycling

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Museum Exhibit Highlights Lucille Vinyard's Role in Founding of Redwood National Park

Recognizing Vinyard as Redwood Champion

By SUE LESKIW, NORTH GROUP

Lucille Vinyard, North Group scion affectionately called "The Mother of Redwood National Park," is one of the focal points in an exhibit on display at the Clarke Historical Museum in Eureka (www.clarkemuseum.org). Her journals, letters, and photos are part of "The Redwoods Provide[d]: Stories from the Establishment of Redwood National and State Parks," which runs through January 5, 2019. The display is part of series of art and cultural events at locations throughout Humboldt County to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the park's creation in 1968.

The exhibit— curated by Katie Buesch and cosponsored by Save the Redwoods League and Green Diamond Resource Company— explores how loggers and conservationists were both united and divided

by redwoods. Its goal is to "investigate the different views and reasoning in people's support or opposition to the establishment of Redwood National Park and its later expansion."

The arrangement flows to tell a story. The right-hand side of the show explores the history of how those iconic trees were cut down and used, the center section takes the visitor through the conflict and resolution over preserving some in a national park, and the left-hand part introduces the major environmental players in the process.

The first section the visitor sees includes cases full of early

logging tools, iconic photos such as nine loggers sitting in an undercut giant, and products made from

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Lucille Vinyard, her hand-written daily journal, and highlighted excerpts. Photo by Sue Leskiw.

Sierra Club California Publishes New Report Calling for More Affordable Housing

A new report from Sierra Club California outlines the factors that have led to our state's housing crisis and its effects on California's population and economy. The report summarizes recent housing studies and legislation that motivates housing development. It also offers recommendations to further reform state housing laws that can contribute to a comprehensive solution to California's housing crisis.

The Sierra Club has been active in housing and related growth issues for several decades. The paper describes our long-standing policies that strongly support infill development and

higher housing densities, social justice, reducing pollution, and preserving the natural environment. This report was written by Sierra Club California volunteer leaders who have expertise in planning and housing.

Kathryn Phillips, director of Sierra Club California, said in a statement: "Building enough affordable housing for California's families and workers is one of the most important challenges facing California. State and local officials and elected officials need to work together to spur development of affordable and infill housing while upholding tenants' rights, reducing emissions

and protecting wildlands. It's possible to achieve these goals, but it will require collaboration."

The paper includes the following recommendations for policies that could and should be considered to help make affordable housing easier to build near jobs without displacing local residents or pushing more development into environmentally sensitive wildland areas:

Mandate that cities that fall behind in their state-mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) goals must rezone "SCC Calls for More Affordable Housing"

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redwood burls (among them bowls, boxes, a chess set, postcards, and even a phonograph record that plays “Beautiful Dreamer” on one side and a spoken history of the redwoods on the other). In Humboldt County in the late 1960s, 70 percent of local industry was tied to lumber.

The middle part deals with turning points in the debate over creating the park, mainly through media clippings such as a March 1966 newspaper article that quotes Don Cave, a Eureka stockbroker and chair of the Redwoods Committee, a timber industry-financed group that opposed federal Redwood National Park plans for Humboldt and Del Norte counties: “Every

time I mention a redwood tree, the extremists go into a spiritual fit.” A Senate hearing held in Del Norte County in June 1966 attracted 117 witnesses. Mannequins face off representing an eco-protester holding a sign reading “Better Redwood Than Dead Wood” and a logger with an “angry logger” poster that was part of the “Talk to America” convoy of 26 trucks that drove to Washington, DC in 1978 to protest the park expansion.

The last portion focuses on the Save the Redwoods League, the Sierra Club in general, and the late Lucille Vinyard in particular. Her glass case includes one of her many hand-written daily journals, which are being digitized by Humboldt State

University student interns under the direction of special collections librarian Carly Marino. Eighteen students have been funded by project underwriter Redwood National and State Parks, with the results posted at www.rnp.omeka.net. “Journal entries have ranged from the mundane ‘I played golf today’ to the consequential ‘Today I attended a Senate subcommittee hearing on establishing a national park,’ states Marino. The students are attempting to match up photographs with the journal entries. Lucille’s case also includes her original typed open letter to President Johnson “on the last chance to really save the redwoods” that was published in newspapers such as the New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, San Francisco Chronicle, and Sacramento Bee, plus

her scrapbook of clippings between November 1964 and January 1966 “with subject matter pertinent to establishment of a Redwood National Park, lumber industry, state parks, conservation, natural beauty, tourism, and county politics.”

Attendees at the July 7 exhibit opening and the Eureka Street Art Fair in August were given a sheet of colored paper and a marker to write their personal redwoods story. The comments were then pasted to the wall in the alley that runs along the Clarke Museum. While



(From left) Exhibition participants Katie Buesch, Amanda Alster, Carly Marino, Alex Childers, and Natalie Ray. Alster, Childers, and Ray are HSU student interns. By Sue Leskiw.



Lucille’s letter to LBJ, as published in the Los Angeles Times. Photo by Sue Leskiw.

many are one sentence long, others are a drawing, poem, or story. “Some people were nearly crying because of how the redwoods speak to them,” notes Buesch.

Redwood National Park was the most expensive U.S. national park to establish, since most of the land and timber had to be purchased from private owners at what courts determined to be fair market value. The exhibit includes a deposit receipt for \$111 million from the U.S. Government to Simpson Timber Company, which was the smallest of the three owner companies. \$59 million represented the value of the land and \$52 million was interest that accrued in the eight to nine years it took to determine the land’s value! Money was also set aside to rehabilitate logged-over land and to help those who lost their jobs due to reduced logging. The 1978 park expansion cost an additional \$350 million.

Readers can share their redwoods experience with the Museum by using the hashtag #theredwoodsprovided.

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lands around transit stations.

- Reform the RHNA process by transforming it into a state planning program.
- Re-establish a more narrowly defined redevelopment-like program that focuses on creating affordable housing.
- Allow local affordable housing bonds to be passed by the voters by a simple majority, rather than a two-thirds majority.
- Support the repeal of the Hawkins-Costa Act to return to cities and counties the option of enacting rent eviction controls and rent stabilization measures.
- Mandate that local agencies reduce building and development fees for qualifying affordable housing projects.
- Develop incentive programs that encourage local agencies to adopt inclusionary housing ordinances that require housing projects to

include affordable units.

- Plug the SB 375 loophole by requiring a direct link (and a finding of consistency) between the new smart growth principles of adopted Sustainable Community Strategy Plans and the local General Plans that guide all local growth decisions.
- Identify ways to help ensure local planning departments are adequately staffed and trained to implement existing measures that can accelerate housing production.

You can read and download the whole paper online at bit.ly/SCC-Housing-Report.

Sierra Club California is the legislative and regulatory advocacy arm for Sierra Club chapters in California. This article originally appeared in the Sierra Club Bay Chapter’s Yodeler.

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Highlights of the bill include:

- Protection of 317,000 acres of federal public lands as “wilderness.” Wilderness is the strongest protection available for certain areas of public land available under federal law.
- Designation of 379 miles of new “wild and scenic rivers” and mandates federal agencies to create management plans for 101 miles of existing wild and scenic rivers providing critical habitat for threatened and endangered salmon and steelhead. This would mean there would be no new dams, major water diversions, logging or mining along these waterways.
- Direction for federal agencies to explore ways to improve motorized and non-motorized recreation trail opportunities, including mountain biking, on national forest and adjacent Bureau of Land Management lands in Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, and Mendocino Counties.
- Restoration of public lands affected by illegal trespass marijuana grows.
- Authorization of the construction of two public visitor centers in Trinity and Del Norte counties.
- Conducting a study on the establishment of the “Bigfoot National Recreation Trail” from Crescent City to the southern Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Wilderness boundary that will highlight the immense ecological diversity of northwestern California’s ancient forests and other unique landscapes.
- Restoration of about 730,000 acres of forest to reduce danger of wildfires, which would include creation of roadside shaded fuel breaks and projects to thin overcrowded second-growth plantations.

The bill will not expand federal lands, will not limit existing hunting and fishing rights, will not close any legal roads and trails, and will not affect how private property is accessed and used.

Although the Sierra Club has not yet taken a position on this legislation, Redwood Chapter has been watching Huffman’s efforts closely for several years, and will continue to monitor the bill as it evolves. We’re also looking forward to leading Outings into these diverse areas.

2018 Redwood Chapter and Group Elections Schedule

Friday, October 5th: Receipt of all your Group’s candidates’ applications (statement of intent to run) due to the Group NomCom Chair

Friday, October 12th: Group NomCom Chair informs all potential candidates of their status and submits list of candidates (with contact information) to their respective ExComs and Chapter Election Chair (Joan Dambros)

Friday, October 26th: Candidates submit ballot statement to Election Committee Chair.

Friday, November 2nd: Receipt of any ballot petitions are due to the Election Committee Chair. Approved statements sent for publication in December/Jan. *Redwood Needles*.

Monday, December 31st: Voting completed and all ballots due.

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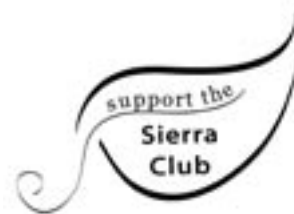
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Sun. Oct. 14 – North Group. Horse Mountain Botanical Area trails Hike.

Two loop trails, each just over 2 miles, mostly on dirt roads: one to the west of our parking area, past the old “Ski Chalet” site, with views of the King Range, the Siskiyou, and the coast, and another loop to the north and east among several kinds of pines, red rocks, and a short stretch of cobblestone-strewn single track, looking at the Trinity Alps, the Yolla Bollys, and maybe a peek at Mt. Lassen. Bring lunch,

water and good boots. No dogs. M-5-A. Carpools 9 AM Valley West (Ray’s) Shopping Center, 10 AM Horse Mountain parking area. Leader Ned, nedforsyth48@gmail.com or (707) 825-3652. Bad weather cancels.

Sun. Nov. 11– North Group. Lacks Creek/Pine Ridge Prairies Hike.

Come and explore this nearby Bureau of Land Management area off Highway 299, on new and old trails created by BLM, Humboldt Trails Council, and Redwood Coast Mountain

Bike Association. We will see a mix of oak savannas, tranquil old-growth conifers, and actively managed hardwoods. Humboldt Bay and ocean views a possibility. Bring lunch and water, and dress for a fall day at 3,600 feet elevation. Class M-5-A, Medium difficulty, about 5 miles, less than 1,000 feet elevation gain/loss. Carpools: Meet 9 a.m. Ray’s Market in Valley West. Leader Ned, nedforsyth48@gmail.com, (707) 825-3652. Bad weather cancels.

Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park: Oct. 21 - 23, 2018

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.

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 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, (lvas75@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 Pete McGee
Jonah Freedman Steve Devoto Ned Forsyth

Slower-pace: Allison Bronkall Carl Inglin

Help Wanted: Redwood Chapter Seeks Chapter Director

Redwood Chapter is looking for a half-time Chapter Director to strengthen our conservation programs, fundraising, volunteer development and member services.

Working closely with volunteer leaders, this talented individual will identify chapter needs and recruit volunteers to fill them, train and oversee membership coordinators at the chapter and group level who can welcome new members and work with the Chapter Treasurer on fundraising strategy, including efforts to bring fundraising components to events and outreach

efforts. Strong communications and computer skills are essential, and a passion for protecting the planet.

This half-time job will be based in Sonoma County though some telecommuting may be possible, and is expected to last about six months, with an extension also possible.

A full job description and link to the application form is available on the Club Careers website, <https://www.sierraclub.org/careers>. Chapter Chair Victoria Brandon is also glad to answer questions: feel free to call her at 707 994 1931 or to send an email to vbrandon@lakelive.info.



Redwood Chapter and all local Groups have a variety of volunteer opportunities. Visit www.sierraclub.org/redwood/get-involved for details or contact vbrandon@lakelive.info

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



2018 Sierra Club Endorsed Propositions

Two Bad Ballot Measures Deserve a NO on November Ballot

Sierra Club California has taken an oppose position on two bad ballot measures on the November ballot, Proposition 3 and Proposition 6.

Proposition 3 is a poorly developed water bond that was crafted via a “pay-to-play” method. That means that the proponents negotiated with various special interests to include pet projects in the bill in exchange for supporting—including with campaign funds—the bond measure.

As a result, the proposition would create a nearly \$8.9 billion bond that would be continuously appropriated, without regard for the state of the state’s treasury. And a lot of the projects in the bond, including dams, do not deserve the taxpayer funding that would pay for them. You can see our factsheet about the bond here: <http://bit.ly/NoProp3CA-FactSheet>. You can see a more detailed FAQ here: <http://bit.ly/NoProp3CA-FAQ>.

Proposition 6 is a cynical effort by political operatives to draw conservative voters to the polls in November. The measure would rescind a gas tax passed by the legislature in 2017, through Senate Bill 1, to fund a range of transportation projects. Transit funding, repairing local roads and bridges, and improving bicycle and pedestrian access are among the projects that would be funded over time as a result of the tax. You can learn more about that bad ballot measure’s impacts at <http://www.noprop6.com>.

So, remember, vote NO on Proposition 3 and Proposition 6 in November.

Prevent Cruelty California is leading the campaign in support of this ballot initiative. It’s supported by dozens of groups, including Sierra Club, ASPCA, HSUS, Mercy for Animals, Animal Legal Defense Fund, and the Center for Food Safety.

Vote Yes on Prop. 12!

Proposition 2 was passed in California a decade ago, and went into effect in 2015. This law banned confinement of pregnant pigs, calves raised for veal and egg-laying hens in a manner that didn’t allow them to turn around, lie down, stand up and fully extend their limbs. Unfortunately, the law didn’t provide specific minimal cage measurements.

Now we have an opportunity to rectify that omission: Proposition 12, the “Farm Animal Confinement Initiative,” includes size restrictions. Beginning in 2020, the proposal would ban the sale of veal from a calf confined to 43 square feet; pork from a breeding pig confined to 24 square feet; and eggs from egg-laying hens confined to an area less than 1 square foot. Beginning in 2021, producers would be required to confine egg-laying hens in cage-free housing systems based on the United Egg Producers’ 2017 cage-free guidelines.

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Animals raised closely in cages are a recipe for disaster. Diseases spread and the animals are treated with antibiotics. It’s no wonder we are going back to the pre-penicillin era as common antibiotics are no longer working. Families can become sickened from drinking water contaminated with harmful bacteria because of manure runoff. It’s an injustice for families living near animal factories to suffer from stench, air pollution and fly infestation.

That’s not all! Sierra Club Agriculture policy recognizes “Negative impacts (of CAFOs) include chronic inhumane treatment of animals.”

In November, 2018, please vote YES on Proposition 12!

Sierra Club recommends a NO vote!

NO on Prop 3: \$8.9 billion Water Bond

This proposed Water Bond:

- Sidesteps Oversight
- Removes Accountability
- Robs Californians
- Raids Climate Funds

See NoProp3CA.com for more information.



Strengthen Salmon

Wild salmon and steelhead of the northwest coast are a treasure to our nation. In the early 19th century, salmon were so abundant that the Columbia River system saw 16 million salmon returning each year alone. Habitat destruction, dams, over-fishing and pollution are threatening the survival of the salmon. Only one percent of wild salmon return to these vulnerable waters today. Help Sierra Club fight to protect wild salmon.

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Membership Categories	Individual	Joint
Special Offer	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 15	N/A
Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 39	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 49
Supporting	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 100
Contributing	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 175
Life	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1250
Senior	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 35
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 35
Limited Income	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 35

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Lake Group Report

Annual BBQ at Dancing Tree People Farm, Upper Lake

Lake Group's annual potluck BBQ at the home of Group Chair Denise Rushing on July 27 was well-attended and very enjoyable despite being held just a few miles from the Mendocino Complex fires as they were beginning. Little did we know that just a few days later Denise and her Dancing Tree People partners would have to evacuate from the path of the Ranch Fire—a fire that soon thereafter became California's largest to date. We enjoyed a hearty meal while learning more about Denise's permaculture lifestyle.

Clear Lake Blue Ribbon Committee

Last year many Lake County residents applauded legislation to form a special Blue Ribbon Committee dedicated to improving Clear Lake water quality, with \$2 million in initial funding. Ever since we've been expecting to hear more— who the members would be, when meetings would be held, what would be the opportunities for public engagement? The first hint of action came from a brief mention in the county Farm Bureau July newsletter about a stakeholder meeting to be held in Lakeport on August 14, location and time unspecified. The invitation came from Bernadette Austin, Associate Director of the UC Davis Center for Regional Change. We then found out that formal invitations to the Board of Supervisors and several high level county staffers had been made— but apparently to no one else. The meeting was later canceled due to the fires and has not yet been rescheduled, but in the meantime we have gotten in touch with Bernadette to make sure that when it does take place the Sierra Club will have a chance to participate.

Climate Action Retreat

On August 27 the Group held our first ever climate action summit to investigate the most promising local strategies for combating climate disruption. This very stimulating retreat began with an introduction to Drawdown, Paul Hawken's plan to reverse global warming, followed by a brainstorming session to devise an inventory of interests with respect to climate change. These interests were categorized into four areas:

- Forest Regeneration and Management Project
- Community Choice Energy Project
- Intriguing Tech
- Public Education

We looked in a bit more detail at the Forest Regeneration and Management Project as an example of next steps, and assigned leads and actions to each of the four interest areas. Denise has set up a Google Docs site as a repository for each interest area to keep us organized as we move forward.

—CAROLYN RUTTAN, LAKE GROUP EXCOM

Redwood Needles

December 2018 Deadline: Due Nov. 4th

Submit Articles/Reports/Ad Copy via e-mail to:

odavison@sonic.net

Send Outings to Louis Vas: lvas75@sonic.net
and Meetings to Carl Inglin: chinglin@sonic.net

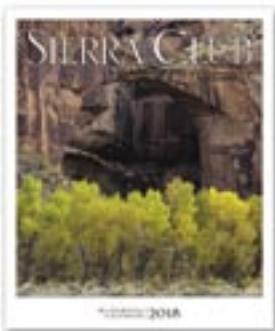
Calendars are available for purchase at the Environmental Center at 55 Ridgway, Santa Rosa. Call for hours: 707-544-7651. If ordering by mail, shipping is \$2 per calendar and sales tax is included. The mailing address is Sierra Club, PO Box 466, Santa Rosa, CA 95402. If you would like to pay by credit card, please order from the general Sierra Club website: <https://store.sierraclub.org/sierra-club-store-c27.aspx>

Your purchase directly benefits Sierra Club's conservation work.



Enjoy, explore and protect the planet

2018 Sierra Club Calendars



Wilderness Wall Calendar



Engagement Calendar

Item	Qty	Total	Ship To:
Engagement	1	\$15.00	Personal checks payable to "Sierra Club" and mail to the return address shown on our website.
Wilderness	1	\$14.00	
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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. 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. Oct. 1 - 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. Oct. 1 - 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. Oct. 9 - 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. Nov. 9 - 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

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Tues. Nov. 13 - 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.

Thurs. Nov. 15 - 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.

Tues. Nov. 20 - 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

Sun., Dec. 2 - Redwood Chapter ExCom. And ConsCom.

Location: Willits, Super 8 Motel, 1119 S. Main St. Conservation Committee meets at 10 a.m., ExCom meets 1-3 p.m. Info: Victoria vbrandon@laketive.info

North Group Report

North Group Underwrites Three Campers

This summer, North Group sponsored three campers: a 10-year-old girl from Eureka, an 11-year-old girl from McKinleyville, and an 8-year-old boy from Loleta— to attend a week-long session at Lost Coast Camp near Petrolia. (A fourth child had been selected but cancelled at the last minute.)

This is the second year that campers sponsored through donations to the Lucille Vinyard/Susie van Kirk Environmental Education Fund have gone to overnight camp at this venue in the Mattole Valley. The facility's mission is to "provide youth with a dynamic summer camp experience, which promotes building self-esteem and positive friendships, individual expression, and fostering an appreciation for the natural world."

In exchange for their tuition, the campers agreed to submit an essay to North Group about their experience. Below are excerpts:

Camper 1: "I had a great experience at Lost Coast Camp! Some of my favorite activities were art, swimming in the river, and archery. I also really enjoyed making new friends, the amazing food, and playing capture the flag in the forest. I love art, so it was great to make lanyards, bracelets, and masks, as well as to draw and paint. There were many art supplies to be creative with, such as feathers, googly eyes, and ribbons. Art gave me a chance to relax

and catch up with the busy day. The river was fairly warm and it was great to jump in after a long day of hiking and walking around camp and the farm. The river was a refreshing friend in the middle of the day, which sometimes got very hot. I think archery was my favorite activity. Instructors taught us how to safely use, aim, and shoot the bow. I loved having the opportunity to go to this camp and am thankful for the scholarship that enabled me to attend."

Camper 2: "Every day we hiked down to the river and had a lot of fun. The river was big and we played in it every day. The ranch was so fun. We hung out in the garden, then picked squash and apples and climbed on the hay. We saw the cows that were so cute and I liked throwing them apples and squash to eat. We also had a lot of fun with pranks. If you're looking for a fun summer thing to do, you just found it!!!"

Camper 3: "I really feel lucky to have gone to Lost Coast Camp. I made a lot of friends and we got to do all kinds of fun stuff. I love swimming and we got to do it every day. I also liked that we got to do art projects such as making masks. I made lots of memories at camp but my most important one is having fun. Signed, Happy Camper."

—SUE LESKIW, NORTH GROUP TREASURER

Napa Group Report

Raise your Voice in the Napa County Strategic Plan

Napa County is inviting citizen participation in a comprehensive Strategic Planning project, which will guide policies and priorities for the next three years. Over 20 meetings are scheduled to get public input on topics including the environment, tourism, social services, health care, transportation, housing, youth and many more. Check out the schedule at www.countyofnapa.org/2414/Napa-County-Strategic-Plan.

PLEASE consider attending one or more of these meetings to voice your concerns about water, watershed protection, traffic, winery development, housing, environmental sustainability, and other concerns you may have. Business interests will be well represented at these meetings so we hope many private citizens will be in attendance to provide a balanced perspective.

At the very least, provide on-line input by taking the Community Survey, available at the above link.

The Napa Sierra Club is represented on the Strategic Plan Committee, and will be closely watching to determine if residents' concerns are heard. It has yet to be proven whether the Board of Supervisors is open to the voices of ordinary

citizens, or if the Strategic Planning effort is an empty exercise designed to appease the widespread discontent over the Board's perceived lack of responsiveness to average residents who don't wield clout in the wine industry.

Did you miss the chance to test-drive an electric car or bike?

Napa Sierra Club co-hosted a Drive Electric Week at Napa Valley College on Sept. 16th. Visitors got the chance to check out vehicles provided by dealers and their owners.

Did you know that buying an electric vehicle is supported by thousands of dollars of rebates at the State and Federal levels? For a ton of helpful information, including comparison of dozens of EV models, and lists of incentives, check out this great website: pluginamerica.org.

Keep Informed on Napa Environmental Activities!

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

—NANCY TAMARISK, NAPA GROUP VICE CHAIR

Sonoma Group Report

Political Committee and Candidate Endorsements

Get ready for an exciting election season ahead! The candidate endorsements are among the most important and effective actions of the Sonoma Group every election cycle. The Political Committee of the Sonoma Group interviewed 15 candidates for city council races in Santa Rosa, Sonoma and Petaluma – a larger field than we've seen in a while with multiple new faces competing with incumbents. (See <http://www.sierraclub.org/redwood> for a full list of endorsements.)

Thank you Suzanne Doyle for chairing the Political Committee again this year. June Brashares coordinated the Santa Rosa candidates while Teri Shore took the lead on Petaluma and Sonoma. The candidates were interviewed by Suzanne, June and Teri along with Steve Birdleough, Lynn McGarvey as well as jointly with Sonoma County Conservation Action's new Executive Director Daisy Pistey-Lynne and several of her organization's board members.

If you live in one of the other cities, please step up to help us get the candidates from every city into the endorsement loop. We were unable to endorse candidates in these cities this year due to fewer Political Committee volunteers: Healdsburg, Sebastopol, Cotati, Rohnert Park, Cloverdale.

Housing Report and Measures

Sierra Club has been active in housing and related growth issues for several decades. Recently, Sierra Club California published a new report that makes new recommendations and describes our long-standing policies that strongly support infill development and higher housing densities, social justice, reducing pollution and preserving the natural environment. Download at the Sierra Club California website here <http://bit.ly/SCC-Housing-Report> or see more details in the page one article.

The Sonoma Group submitted the report with a letter urging the Sonoma County Planning Commission to consider the recommendations while deciding on new countywide housing measures. We urged the commissioners to carefully analyze the pros and cons of proposed new housing initiatives for Streamlined Development, Workforce Housing Overlay, Cottage Housing and Mobile Home Conversion. While innovative, they are significantly different housing policies from the current General Plan. Sierra Club is seeking more detailed environmental review concerns about some measures because they increase housing units and population in the unincorporated areas outside of city centers and UGBs. The Planning Commission voted 3 – 2 to advance the measures to the Board of Supervisors, probably in December 2018.

Jennings Crossing Reversal

Steve Birdleough is gearing up the Jennings Crossing campaign in response to SMART's refusal to work with the City of Santa Rosa to build the promised safe pedestrian and bike path across the railroad tracks. After the crossing was approved and funding allocated nearly two years ago, the SMART staff and board has suddenly reversed course and told the city it would not allow it, despite a determination from the California Public

Utilities Commission that it was perfectly safe as proposed.

Zero Waste

Theresa Ryan announced that The Sonoma County Waste Management Agency (now called Zero Waste Sonoma) voted to negotiate with Renewable Sonoma to develop a compost facility on Llano Road. After several years of outhauling all green waste out of the county, it looks like a local compost facility is finally in the works. Stay tuned.

In addition, Zero Waste Sonoma is working toward making all events in Sonoma County zero waste and a ban on polystyrene is moving ahead.

Petaluma Safeway Gas station

Richard Sachen took the lead on a Sonoma Group letter urging the Petaluma City Council to oppose the construction of a large new gas station near a school and congested intersection at E. Washington St. and S. McDowell Blvd. It outlined several reasons why this proposed gas station is a bad idea, including increased air and noise pollution, traffic and the potential for leaks of toxic chemicals into the ground.

"Common sense dictates that putting a large 16 pump gas station filled with cancer causing

Benzene next to a school would be contrary to the public and community's interests," said Sachen, who is coordinating with local residents and school associates. Sonoma Group suggested installing electric vehicle charging station at the site would be a more progressive and less polluting solution for the area.

Climate Action

Climate and Energy Co-Chair Tom Conlon joined the estimated 30,000 people in the Rise for Climate March in San Francisco on Sept. 8. Hundreds of Sierra Club members were involved in the mass mobilization.

He noted that greenhouse gas emissions for the Sonoma County have increased due to increases in driving. The Napa climate action plan is out and Tom C. is coordinating a review. Tom also detailed information about a software tool for individual energy conservation being used by the "Fremont Green Challenge" program.

Sonoma County Parks for All – Measure M

Sierra Club endorsed Sonoma County's Parks for All Measure M to provide a critical new source of funding for county and city parks. If passed by a two-thirds majority, the 1/8 cent sales will maintain parks, trails and open spaces, help protect water quality, reduce future wildfire risk, and protect wildlife habitats and fisheries.

If passed, two-thirds of the funds raised would go to county regional parks and one-third would go to the nine cities for neighborhood parks. Measure M will generate about \$11.5 million per year for 10 years, adding three cents to the cost of a \$25 purchase.

Learn more about the measure here <https://www.sonomacountyparksforall.org/home>

–TERI SHORE, SONOMA GROUP CO-CHAIR

"Zero Waste: Worthy Goals" continued from page 1

- Encourage all residents, businesses, and agencies to participate in composting and recycling programs while also encouraging them to reduce and reuse
- Update and Expand the Green Purchasing, Environmentally Preferable Procurement (EPP) and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) policies
- Create a countywide Construction and Demolition Reuse and Recycling Ordinance
- Empower jurisdictions and consumers to use their buying power to demand less toxic, easily reused, fully compostable or recyclable products, utilizing recycled materials whenever possible
- Encourage manufacturers to produce and market less toxic and more durable, repairable, reusable, compostable and recyclable products and/or recycled products
- Lobby regional, state, and federal legislators to implement laws, policies, and regulations that promote Zero Waste, Manufacturer Responsibility, and Environmentally Preferred Purchasing
- Inspire and incentivize service providers to embrace and collaborate in these efforts
- Support equitable pay and safe working conditions for material management workers
- Ensure fiscal sustainability by developing a sound financial model that can sustain high diversion and Zero Waste programs and enable long term delivery of quality

Representatives of CAFF, the Compost Coalition,

Recology, the Santa Rosa Junior College waste specialist, 350 Sonoma, and industries such as Amy's Kitchen and Oliver's, Renewable Sonoma and other groups all attend the Zero Waste Sonoma meetings. Leslie Lukacs, an international zero waste specialist and a consultant with SCS engineers in Santa Rosa, chairs the committee. If you are interested in getting up to speed on the various complex issues around how to reduce your community's waste stream, including keeping up with the progress of our new compost facility on Llano Road, please come to the Zero Waste Sonoma meetings. They are held the last Wednesday of the month from 3-4:30 pm in the Transportation Conference Room of Sonoma County, 2300 County Center Drive Drive, Bldg. B-100.

On Sept 18th at the Sebastopol City Council meeting several people from Zero Waste Sonoma, including Sunny Galbraith, a Sonoma County Science High School teacher and a 350 Sonoma member, presented a zero-waste study plan for the city of Sebastopol to adopt. Several people presented including Marty Bennett who represents labor concerns around zero waste.

Zero Waste Sonoma has also been responsible for the production of the Zero Waste Symposium the last two years and will continue in that role. Because the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency will be changing its name to Zero Waste Sonoma, the current entity Zero Waste Sonoma faces the need to change its name. Look for an update in the near future.

Solano Breeze Corner

Covering Benicia, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun,
Vacaville and Vallejo
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707-319-6398

Please attend the Solano Group meetings, usually on the first Monday of each month. Our next dates October 1, November 5, 2018 at 6.30pm .

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!

–GREG PETERSON, JANE BOGNER & JOE FELLER,
SOLANO GROUP EXCOM MEMBERS

Mendocino Group Report

Our group has been following and commenting on a Mendocino Coast Parks and Recreation District proposal to put an Off Highway Vehicle Park on District property located on Highway 20 east of Fort Bragg. The 480 acre property is covered almost entirely with rare Pygmy vegetation. We believe this use is not in keeping with conserving this rare habitat. We are glad to report that the project is, at least temporarily, on hold. California State Parks, from whom the local district received grant funding for the proposal, has withdrawn the grants pending an audit of the District's books – which were called into question by a Grand Jury investigation and report. Stay tuned! We'll let you know the outcome of the audit.

–CONTRIBUTED BY LINDA PERKINS, MENDOCINO GROUP CONSERVATION CHAIR

An application for a Coastal Development Permit sought by Caltrans for a "Geotechnical Investigation" will be heard before the CA Coastal Commission next week in Fort Bragg. The investigation is a prelude to the demolition and replacement of the Albion River Bridge. Caltrans has granted itself a Categorical Exemption to CEQA for this geotechnical adventure saying it is but information gathering. It purports, however, to close Highway 1 for up to 30 minutes several times a day, weekdays, for 2 1/2 months, or so, while helicopters lower drilling platforms, pipes, cranes, and other earthmoving equipment to workers who will have rappelled down the steep slopes to receive it. The opposition thinks these actions go beyond those allowed under a Categorical Exemption and want an EIR.

–MARY WALSH, MENDOCINO GROUP CHAIR

Sierra Club Recommends NIX on SIX!

No on Prop 6 ~ Gas Tax Repeal
Proposition 6 STRIKES OUT

\$5.4 billion dollars each year for:

- > Highway and road maintenance
- > Bridge safety and pothole repair
- > Transit operations and pedestrian safety

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Source: Legislative Analyst's Office -
Senate Bill 1; California Transit Association



Sierra Club Endorsements

State Propositions

YES on Prop 1
Affordable housing bond measure

No on Prop 3
Flawed water bond

No on Prop 6
Gas tax repeal

YES on Prop 10
Rent control

YES on Prop 12
Humane treatment for farm animals

Local Measures: Sonoma County:

YES on Measure M

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