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## Membership Meetings

### Tuesday, January 8 "Climate Reality"

Speaker: Christine Magar  
(see write up on Page 2)

### Tuesday, February 5 "Spirit of Place"

Speaker: Monty Hempel  
(see write up Page 12)

Programs begin at 7:30 p.m.  
at the San Bernardino  
County Museum, 2024 Orange  
Tree Lane, Redlands  
(California St. exit off 10 Fwy)

## San Gorgonio Chapter Awards Presented

By  
Carol Wiley

The annual chapter awards were presented at the November meeting. We have many dedicated people and this is our chance to recognize some of them for their outstanding work for the Sierra Club. Our thanks and appreciation to them and to the rest of you who have also contributed much to the San Gorgonio Chapter.

The Marjorie and Clark Jones Service Award was presented to Dave Barrie. Steve Farrell of the Mountains Group was there to present this award to Dave in recognition of years of cheerful and remarkable service to the Sierra Club and its goals; of his consistent and reliable support of the San Gorgonio Chapter and its leaders; and especially in appreciation for his redoubtable leadership as Chair of the San Bernardino Mountains Group, where he has guided with wisdom, patience, ethics and an amazing ability to facilitate and encourage the best in others. He is the foundation that makes everything possible in the Mountains Group where he is greatly valued. He also serves on the chapter awards committee, the chapter election committee, is involved with the Children's Forest and is overseer for Keller Hut.

The Ralph Salisbury Outings award was presented to Ed Caliendo of the Big Bear Group by Ed Wallace, who was last year's

winner of this award. Ed Caliendo is a dedicated leader and has shown a strong commitment to leading regular Sierra Club outings while displaying great



L-R: Heather Sargeant, Dave Barrie and Steve Farrell. - Photo by Mary Barrie



L-R: Ed Caliendo and Ed Wallace

organization and leadership skills. He is greatly appreciated for the many hiking opportunities he offers for people to get out and enjoy nature.

There were three other award winners, all from the Santa Margarita Group, who were unable to attend the awards



L-R: Barbara Wilder and Kathleen Hamilton. - Photo by Ken Johnson

presentation at the chapter meeting, so they received their awards at the Santa Margarita Group meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The Alice Krueper Service Award was presented to two very deserving ladies, Kathleen Hamilton and Barbara

Wilder. Both of these women have worked long and hard for over seven years, opposing the Liberty Quarry, which would have been a disastrous project. They worked with the Save Our Southwest Hills group for years, keeping the community involved in the opposition, gathering signatures, attending meetings and hearings and doing anything that was needed in this campaign. Their long-time work has recently met with success. Kathleen and Barbara are long-time environmentalists working on many issues and they are truly a huge asset to the environmental community. Many thanks for all their hard work.

The Joe Momeyer Conservation Award went to Jim Mitchell (pictured below), chair and founding member of the Santa Margarita Group, in recognition of his outstanding conservation work with the Santa Margarita Group and many other groups and organizations. He has shown great dedication to protecting our environment by his support of the group's conservation issues and working with other groups. His work includes Member of the Board of Directives and fundraising for the Orange County Coastkeepers, member of the Orange County League of Conservation Voters whose focus is on the production of political candidate forums, member and fundraising for the Catalina Island Conservancy, and member of Save Our Southwest Hill opposing the Liberty Quarry.



## Young Environmental Champion Awards

By Mike Millsbaugh, San Gorgonio Chapter's Membership Chair

Inspired by comments that Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune made at the joint California/Nevada Regional Conservation Committee and Sierra Club California annual meeting, several members of the Chapter took it upon themselves to fund eight new complimentary memberships in the Club.

Active members of the Sierra Club have long been aware of the "greying" of the Club and need for greater diversity. Brune's comments and review of the Club's My Generation Campaign provided clarity for achieving a more diverse club.

Recruitment is important of course, but most important is involvement as activists and leaders within the Club.

This message resonated with many San Gorgonio Chapter members who decided to actively get involved and even sponsor membership in the Sierra Club for some of the young people who have become involved with the Club through the My Generation Campaign. Pictures and brief biographies of these inspiring first eight can be found on page 10.

If you would like to join in this effort, just send me an e-mail at mmillsbaugh@verizon.net or give me a call at 951-288-0079.



## Turning the Inland Empire Green • Political Update •

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter's Political Chair

There was a time when the Inland Empire was solidly in the hands of elected leaders who could care less about the environment. That has led to many lawsuits pursued, and won, by the Chapter over the years. That is now changing!

As we begin to elect people to office who sincerely care about the environment and who will consult with the Sierra Club before making decisions that affect air, water and habitat, we can hope to have fewer lawsuits and an environment that is actively protected by our elected leaders.

While there is still much work to be  
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done, we need to celebrate the victories of our two endorsed Congressional candidates. **Dr. Raul Ruiz-D** defeated incumbent Mary Bono Mack, 52.9% to 47.1% in the Coachella Valley and **Mark Takano-D** won handily over John Tavaglione-R, 59.0% to 41.0%, in Riverside. Also, our endorsed Assembly Member **Norma Torres-D** won in AD56-Ontario with 66.0% of the vote. Unfortunately, our only endorsed County Supervisor candidate, **Bob Buster** lost to Kevin Jeffries in a squeaker in Riverside District 1, 49.4% to 50.6%.

We have lots more to do here in the Chapter, but we are beginning to see change on the horizon and we've proven that if the Club makes a concerted effort in any given race, we can definitely affect the outcome of the election. As we have a breather during this "off year," it gives us a chance to organize into a powerful and effective force to elect environmental advocates going forward.

Some of the other races of interest were: State Senator **Gloria Negrete-McLeod-D**

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won in Congressional District 35-Ontario, which will result in a special election to fill her Senate seat. We will be following this race closely.

In State Senate District 31-Riverside, **Richard Roth-D** defeated Jeff Miller and could be a strong ally.

**Cheryl Brown-D** defeated Joe Baca, Jr. in Assembly District 42-Yucaipa.

In Assembly District 56-Imperial County that include much of the Coachella Valley, incumbent **V. Manuel Perez-D** won easily.

We can also expect help from **Jose Medina-D** who won in Assembly District 61-Riverside.

Locally, while we did not endorse **James Ramos** in San Bernardino County's 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor race, we believe that he will be an ally.

For all election results for State offices and Propositions, check <http://vote.sos.ca.gov/>.

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## January 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter Program to Focus on "Climate Reality"

Christine Magar will speak on climate change at the January 8<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting. Christine will present a stunning and fact filled

Reality Project will do.

The Climate Reality Project brings the facts about the climate crisis into the mainstream and engages the public

visual show titled "Climate Reality." Ms. Magar is a Climate Leader trained by Al Gore's Climate Reality Project. In addition to being a climate activist, Christine is a noted consulting architect specializing in sustainable design.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 PM at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, near the California St. exit from Interstate 10.

The Climate Reality Project believes that the climate crisis is

everyone's problem. Real solutions, systemic solutions, innovative solutions, can only come when we address it together. That's what The Climate



in conversation about how to solve it. It helps citizens around the world discover the truth and take meaningful steps to bring about change.

Founded and chaired by Al Gore, Nobel Laureate and former Vice President of the United States, The Climate Reality Project has more than five million members and supporters worldwide. It is guided by one simple truth:

The climate crisis is real and we know how to solve it.

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# Group News

## Big Bear Group

by Ed Wallace, Group Outings Chair, and Ed Caliendo

### 2013 A Look ahead for the Big Bear Group

We have an exciting year ahead for all levels of hikers in Southern California. In our continuing effort to expand our base, we are announcing two new Hiking Programs for the year, plus the continuation of two existing Recognition Awards Programs carried over from prior years.

The first new program consists of Photography Outings that will focus on capturing the four seasons of the wilderness mountain areas. This will consist of scheduled outings in the spring, summer, fall, and winter seasons. The program will be comprised of short hikes – two-three miles – to capture extraordinary landscapes, sunsets, close-up photography of wild flowers, streams, bugs, and small creatures of the forest.

This program is open to beginners with a desire to capture nature at its best! Some photography instructions will be provided. Hikes will typically be scheduled on a Saturday or Sunday. Please allow four hours for a Photography Outing. Look at the Outings Calendar on the San Geronio Wilderness website <http://sangoronio.sierraclub.org/> to find the Photography Outings schedule.

Contact Ed Wallace, Hiking Leader for additional information (909) 584-9407.

The second new program is a Winter Recognition Award Program for those individual hikers who complete Section B of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). This a 101.4 mile distance that is divided into day-hikes and a three-day backpacking trip.

Section B, of the Pacific Crest Trail travels from Warner Springs in Southern California to the I-10 Freeway where you will experience 16,645' of gains and 18,332' of loss elevation. We will hike through the San Jacinto Mountain Wilderness, San Bernardino National Forest, Cleveland National Forest, and Anza Borrego Desert State Park.

Those hikers interested in participating in this program are to contact Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (760) 328-1090 or [dogs111@msn.com](mailto:dogs111@msn.com).

The following is a tentative schedule for completing Section B, of the Pacific Crest Trail in 2013:

- Jan 12, 2013 (SAT) – Segment 1: Hwy 79 southwest of Warner Springs to Indian Flats CG Road 9S05, 9.2 mile hike
- Jan 26, 2013 (SAT) – Segment 2: Indian Flats CG Road 9S05 to Chihuahua Valley Road, 9.3 miles
- Feb 16, 2013 (SAT) – Segment 3: Chihuahua Valley Road to Tule Canyon Truck Trail, 10.3 miles



- Mar 2, 2013 (SAT) – Segment 4: Tule Canyon Truck Road to Highway 74, 15.7 miles
- Mar 16, 2013 (SAT) – Segment 5: Highway 74 to Fobes Trailhead, 15.7 miles
- July 5 -7, 2013 (FRI - SUN) – Segment 6: Backpacking Trip; Fuller Ridge to Fobes Trail Junction, in the San Jacinto Wilderness, 25.6 miles
- Oct 20, 2013 (SAT) – Segment 7: from Fuller Ridge Trailhead to Snow Canyon Road, at the base of the San Jacinto Mountain Range, 16.2 miles.
- Nov 23, 2013 (SAT) – Jan 12, 2013 (SAT) – Segment 8: the Final Segment from the Windmills of the desert north of I-10 to Snow Canyon Road, at the northern edge of

the San Jacinto Mountain Range, 8.0 miles.

This completes all 101.4 miles of Section B, of the Pacific Crest Trail. The total miles to be hiked will slightly exceed the actual miles of Section B due to the need to hike to the Pacific Crest Trail junctions.

Continuing Programs from 2012 include (1) The Five Peaks of Big Bear Awards Program and (2) the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program.

Each hiker that completes the hiking of the Five Peaks of Big Bear during the 2013 calendar year will receive a custom made "Patch" in recognition of the significant achievement. The five peaks include: Greys Peak, Bertha Peak, Gold Mountain, Sugarloaf Mountain, and Delamar Mountain. A full schedule of hikes lead by Sierra Club Hiking Leaders will be published in the March 2013 *Palm and Pine* newspaper.



The second program continuing into 2013 is the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all 132.9 miles during 2013 will receive a Recognition Patch for their individual achievement. A complete schedule of Section C hikes will be published in the March *Palm and Pine* newspaper.

A special Awards Party celebration is held annually, typically in the month of May, to present Award Patches to the achievers.



## Mojave Group

by Jenny Wilder, Group Chair

### EXPLORE!

### ENJOY!

### PROTECT!

When the opportunity comes your way will you seize it? Will you say "yes!" or will you sit back and think that you are only one and that you cannot possibly make a difference, or "I wish I had time"? One definition for the word opportunity is "a good chance for advancement or progress." There are many ways that you can seize the opportunity to make a difference in your environment, in the Mojave Group and in the Mojave Desert.

- 1) EXPLORE! ENJOY! You can go on hikes/outings. Your favorite place isn't in the Outings Calendar? You would prefer to go by bicycle? Canoe? Consider becoming an Outings Leader – training is usually the first weekend in JUNE. The commitment after training is not excessive. We ask Mojave Group Outings leaders to provide at least two outings a YEAR! Would you like to do that? Contact Melody Nichols, our Outings Chair for information: [labelady@msn.com](mailto:labelady@msn.com)
- 2) You are NOT just "one." You can attend the Executive Committee (ExCom) meeting to find out more about the "nuts and bolts" of the group (now easier than ever as it is before the General Meeting at 6:00 pm – except December and a few other months). ENJOY the snacks that are provided by other members so your tummy doesn't grumble about a missed dinner! You might consider volunteering to bring the snack or even be the official host/hostess. Contact Jenny Wilder for information: [Jensoasis@aol.com](mailto:Jensoasis@aol.com)
- 3) Your opportunity to be a voice for the environment lasts all year long. We ask all Mojave Group members to write at least one letter-to-the editor (LTE) or to the elected official of your choice per year. You are the voice of clean air, clean water, clean energy, open space, and wildlife! If all members wrote a single letter, it would amount to about a letter every day of the year. Why not make that a commitment or New Year's Resolution! You can also share your enthusiasm on Facebook (search for Mojave Group Sierra Club): <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151185520224440&set=a.73544419439.73443.691849439&type=1#!/pages/Mojave-Group-Sierra-Club/128853927174168>
- 4) PROTECT! There are so many areas of the Mojave Desert that are in need of protection. The Juniper Flats Area is a great place to hike, but lacks footpaths. It is typical of many

areas of the Mojave Desert where the focus has been on motorized recreation ONLY. Join us in our efforts to bring hiking trails to the area instead of only motorized traffic. The Army Corps of Engineers area (*see photo*) below the Mojave River Dam is another riparian area that is supposed to have protection from motorized traffic but doesn't. Fences are cut and people are playing in their vehicles in the watery habitat and going through the tunnel to the sensitive area of Deep Creek. Join us in our efforts to get this area the protection that it deserves and the many other sensitive desert riparian areas. The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail in the Deep Creek Canyon is a scenic area but rapidly being destroyed by graffiti vandalism. Join us in our efforts to get rid of this nuisance. Other sections of the PCT need your eyes and ears. Help protect this magnificent trail that has international significance.



– Photo by Jenny Wilder

Help the Wilderness designation efforts. Help stop sprawl projects and projects that will pollute the air and water your family relies on. Contact Jenny Wilder for details or join us at the monthly meetings: [JensOasis@aol.com](mailto:JensOasis@aol.com)

THANK YOU! I wish to extend my appreciation and thanks to everyone who has made a difference in 2012. Many thanks to the ExCom members: Melody Nichols, Carol Wiley, Minki Petersen, Bryan Baker, Bill Spreng and Kim Floyd. Many thanks to all of you who have provided snacks for the meetings. An especially BIG thank you to all who have helped with hours of work pecking, scraping and mudding up graffiti in Arrastre Canyon and the Deep Creek Canyon. That seems like an impossible task but the many hands involved make for some fun days: Jamie Wills, Susan Stueber, Sharon Gollmyer, Bob Mourino, Vanessa Hernandez, Ann O'Lear, Carol Wiley, Dick Garrison, Minki Petersen, Laverne Booth, and all others who have helped in the past. Many thanks to Cindy Dorsey for her work on the Label GMO initiative! Many thanks to EVERYONE who has written a letter or accomplished some other act to help OUR environment.



## Group News

### Moreno Valley Group

by Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

Outings for the Moreno Valley Group will restart in March according to Outings Chair Theresa Carson.

Please contact Theresa at tcarson01@gmail.com or (951) 660-7246 for more information on group hikes.

The Moreno Valley Group is now on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/MorenoValleySierraClub](http://www.facebook.com/MorenoValleySierraClub) Please look for us and check out our pictures and other news.

An exhibit entitled: "John Muir and the Personal Experience of Nature" is currently at the Riverside Metropolitan Museum from December 2, 2012, through January 19, 2014. The exhibit will have "hands-on activities, photographs, Native American material culture, and other natural history objects" including

plant specimens. For more information see the museum's web page at: <http://www.riversideca.gov/museum/john-muir-exhibit.asp>

Here is the link for information on this winter's bald eagle counts in the San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountains: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/sbnf/news-events/?cid=STELPRDB5401587>

The first count was scheduled for December 15; other dates are January 12, February 9, and March 9. They will be held at: Big Bear Lake, Lake Arrowhead/Lake Gregory, Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area, Lake Hemet, and Lake Perris State Recreation Area (their information is listed at the end of this article). Volunteers are needed and a brief orientation will be held at the beginning of each count.

The Moreno Valley Group plans to have an information table at the Earth Night in the Garden event on April 22. We attended last year, shared information about the Sierra Club and enjoyed visiting with all of those who stopped by our table. We are looking for volunteers to help set up and host our table. If you can spend an hour

or more helping out, please contact us at: [movalleygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:movalleygroup@yahoo.com) or call Manya Jiannino at (951) 243-3775.

According to the city of Moreno Valley Planning Department the draft environmental impact report for the World Logistics Center (WLC) will be released in January "subject to the completion of city review and approval of the document." The proposed WLC project is a 41.6 million square foot (last article incorrectly stated 41,600,000,000) warehousing project (the size of 700 full-sized football fields) on 2,000 acres in eastern Moreno Valley. The project area is south of Highway 60 and north of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (it would share a two mile boundary with the wildlife area). This massive warehousing



Scenic view, Lake Perris State Recreation Area – Photo by George Hague

project would generate 25,000 daily diesel truck trips. You can request to be put on the list to receive all documents and public meeting notices by contacting planning official John Terrell at (951) 413-3238; e-mail: [johnt@moval.org](mailto:johnt@moval.org) Please make time to take part in the planning process by attending public hearings and submitting written comments (whatever is important to you) on the project.

The Moreno Valley Group is working to raise money to support hiring planning professionals to make comments on the World Logistics Center (WLC) environmental documents. If you have not already sent us a check, please take time to donate what you can to help our Moreno Valley Group submit comments on the WLC's massive environmental documents.

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If we could afford some professional comments to supplement those of our volunteers, it would make a huge difference in the final project. If we decide to litigate, these comments could make the difference between losing and winning. Thank you to those who have already donated! Please send your much appreciated donations to: Sierra Club, Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325.

The Riverside County General Plan Update (GPU) continues to be a work in progress. According to the county Planning Department, the internal draft environmental impact report (DEIR) will be transmitted to county departments by the end of 2012. The departments will provide their comments (which will be incorporated into the DEIR) by February or March 2013. Two General Plan Advisory Committee meetings will be held sometime in February or March. The county's goal is to have the draft EIR out for public review by the end of June 2013. The GPU will impact all of us who live in Riverside County as the plan will lay out land use designations for years to come, address sprawl, global climate change, noise and open space issues. Land use designations will significantly impact the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and also open up valuable agricultural lands for development.

The Moreno Valley Group would like to thank Riverside County Supervisor Bob Buster (and his staff) for his many years of public service as supervisor for District 1.

Last fall the Moreno Valley Group submitted comments on the Motte Lakeview Ranch Specific Plan (SP366) draft environmental impact report (DEIR). According to the Riverside County Planning Department there is no date for the release of the draft environmental impact report for the proposed project. The project would put 2,000 homes on land north of the Ramona Expressway and south of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area next to the wildlife area boundary. For more information on

the project, contact project planner Matt Straite, (951) 955-8631, e-mail [mstraite@rctlma.org](mailto:mstraite@rctlma.org) Please ask to be put on the list to receive planning documents and be notified of all public meetings related to the project.

The Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board will sponsor a "Hike to Terri Peak" (DIFFICULT) on Saturday, January 26, 2013. Meet at 7:30 a.m., parking lot, Landmark Middle School, 15261 Legendary Drive, Moreno Valley. It is a 7.8 mile hike round trip. Please call (951) 413-3702 to verify all information.

The Lake Perris State Recreation Area bald eagle counts are set for the second



Scenic view, San Jacinto Wildlife Area – Photo by George Hague

Saturday in January and February. No entrance fee—mention that you are taking part in the bald eagle count. Meet at the Regional Indian Museum at 8:00 a.m. Please verify all information by calling (951) 940-5657. For other visits please check the LPSRA web page ([http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=651](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651)) for entrance fee information. Information on the Limited Use Golden Bear passes (a \$10 annual pass for those age 62 and older) can be found at: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=23887](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23887) This annual pass may be purchased anytime during the year but is good only until December 31.

The Moreno Valley Group is looking for volunteers to help us accomplish our group priority goals (<http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/moreno-valley/index.html>) and increase outreach and membership. If you are interested in helping us and work to share information about our group, please e-mail us at: [movalleygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:movalleygroup@yahoo.com) or call Ann McKibben at (951) 924-8150 or George Hague at (951) 924-0816.

### Mountains Group

by Dave Barrie, Chair

Once again the Mountains Group had its last meeting of the year at Keller Hut. Hikes, food, talk, food, White Elephant gift exchange, food and lots of dishes to wash.

As always the Group supplied the turkey and as in the past Sandy Ellis did a wonderful job preparing it for us – and on her new knee! Thank you Sandy.

Without going into a lot of details, the highlight of the White Elephant gift exchange was Don Fischer (after having a gift "stolen") picking a nice looking bag and proceeding to reveal the contents. First out of the bag was an older model cell phone complete with the operating instructions. Just as Don proclaimed it the lamest White Elephant gift he had ever seen, the owner crossed the room and took it from him. "I've been looking for that everywhere" said \_\_\_\_\_.

We end this year calmly for a change, not studying EIRs and preparing for battle with developers and the County. Well, not

studying EIRs anyway. Soon enough.

For now, the Mountains Group folk can look back on a very good year and be proud and happy at how things have gone.

**Steve Farrell** can relax for a minute and pick a day to give himself a break from protecting our mountains, leading "meanders," choosing interesting and informative programs, attending water meetings and helping the Sierra Club in a myriad of ways.

**Bill Engs** can finish our financial reports for the year and replace those books with a few others that he can read and review for us at one of the monthly meetings. When he isn't leading hikes and Birdwalks that is.

**Sherry Noone**, the minutes are up to date! Thank you so much!

**Bob Kinzel**, thank you for helping us "connect" with the local communities in new ways.

**Dave Ficke**, thanks for the continuing ecology talks (we look forward to more of them) and thanks for agreeing to join the Excom.

**Marta Hethmon**, thanks for our Website and for keeping it interesting and current.

**Sue Walker** (new Assembly Member of the California Senior Legislature) thanks for your ideas, your energy and your continued monitoring of the Church of the Woods project.

**Trudie and Carl Blank**, thanks for making sure we never go hungry at meetings and presentations! Yum!

**Chris Del Ross-Risher**, thanks for doing so much of the work on the Serenity Rehab situation and for bringing some valuable experience to the table.

**Heather Sargeant (and Thrift Shoppe volunteers Maria Campos, Marta Hethmon, Jack Witt, Nancy Taylor, Sharon Smith, Paula Day and Sylvi Brown)**, thank you for an outstanding year of fundraising! Our donations to the Children's Forest, our annual Scholarship at Rim High School, and our ability to litigate if we need to are all made possible by your efforts at the Thrift Shoppe. And Heather,

thanks for all the little extra things that you do to make my job easier.

**Don and Jo Ann Fischer**, your immersion in Mountains Group activities has really provided us with a wonderful infusion of hands-on help!

Jo Ann, thank you for *Squirrel Tracks* (our newsletter) and thank you for providing the Chapter with so much help as Editor of the *Palm and Pine*. (And I need to remind everybody to look at the *Palm and Pine* in color on the Chapter website <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org> – it is s-o-o nice!)

Don, Conservation Chair, busy Outings Leader, Earth Day organizer and trier of new ideas! Thanks for rolling up your sleeves and getting it done!

If you have been coming to our meetings, please continue! And if you have not... it sure would be nice to meet you.

**See you all in 2013!**



# Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

## JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2013

The outings calendar is on the Internet at <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org>

### CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

**DEADLINE:** Items for the March/April 2013 Calendar are due by February 1, 2013.

**FORMAT** items similar to those below. Send items electronically if possible.

**OUTINGS:** Send outings write-ups to your group or section Outings Chair.

**MEETINGS & other events:** Send electronically to Ladd Seekins at <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com

#### GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES & DISCLAIMERS

All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Courses, & experience for the Outings they lead. LEADERS may exclude individuals from participation if they believe they may not be qualified. Non-Sierra Club members may join outings unless otherwise stated in the write-up. All participants agree to abide by the Leader's rules. Participants should **CALL THE LEADER AHEAD TO SIGN-UP.**

**WHAT TO BRING:** Many Outings specify items to be carried by EACH participant. Do not attend Outings without the specified items unless you have first discussed it with the leader. Often the TEN ESSENTIALS are required. They are: 1) map, 2) compass, 3), flashlight, 4) knife, 5) windproof/waterproof matches in waterproof case, 6) fire starter, 7) first aid kit, 8) extra food & water for emergency use only, 9) extra clothing including rainwear, & 10) sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat.

#### ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE

Most outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland, or Los Padres National Forests require a Forest Service permit for each vehicle (Adventure Pass). They are indicated by \*\* in the calendar. Be sure to contact the leader regarding permits. The permits cost \$30 per year or \$5 per day; however they may not be obtainable the day of your Outing. If you arrive at the meeting place without making arrangements with the leader & you don't have a permit or find a ride in a vehicle with a permit, you will not be able to attend the outing. You are expected to share the cost of the daily permits equally among everyone in the vehicle or a suggested \$.50 contribution from everyone for annual permits (above normal mileage contribution). America The Beautiful Interagency Passes may be used in lieu of Adventure Pass.

#### CARPPOOLING POLICY

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements & assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. Drivers should have adequate insurance coverage & their vehicles should have no safety defects. Drivers of carpools agree to not consume any alcoholic beverages. It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. Five cents per mile per person for short trips is suggested while three cents per mile per person over 100 miles is usually reasonable.

#### LIABILITY WAIVER

In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign the following liability waiver

#### Sign-In Sheet & Acknowledgment of Outing Member Responsibility, Express Assumption of Risk, & Release of Liability

I understand that during my participation in this Sierra Club Outing, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards & risks, foreseen or unforeseen, which are inherent in each Outing & cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the Outing. These inherent risks include, but are not limited to, the dangers of serious personal injury, property damage, & death ("Injuries & Damages") from exposure to the hazards of travel & the Sierra Club has not tried to contradict or minimize my understanding of these risks. I know that Injuries & Damages can occur by natural causes or activities of other persons, animals, trip members, trip leaders & assistants or third parties, either as a result of negligence or because of other reasons. I understand that risks of such Injuries & Damages are involved in adventure travel such as Sierra Club Outings & I appreciate that I may have to exercise extra care for my own person & for others around me in the face of such hazards. I further understand that on this Outing there may not be rescue or medical facilities or expertise necessary to deal with the Injuries & Damages to which I may be exposed.

In consideration for my acceptance as a participant on this Outing, & the services & amenities to be provided by the Sierra Club in connection with the Outing, I confirm my understanding that:

I have read any rules & conditions applicable to the Outing made available to me; I will pay any costs & fees for the Outing; & I acknowledge my participation is at the discretion of the leader.

The Outing begins & ends at the location where the Outing officially commences with leader & participants in attendance, as designated by the Sierra Club ("Trailhead"). The Outing does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to & from the Trailhead, & I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel. This does not apply to transportation provided by the Sierra Club after the commencement & before the end of the Outing.

If I decide to leave early & not to complete the Outing as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision. Likewise, if the leader has concluded the Outing, & I decide to go forward without the leader, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to go forward & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision.

This Agreement is intended to be as broad & inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision or any part of any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby & shall remain valid & fully enforceable.

To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to **WAIVE, DISCHARGE CLAIMS, & RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, & to INDEMNIFY & HOLD HARMLESS** the Sierra Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders from any & all liability on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries & Damages, even if caused by negligence of the Sierra Club its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders, in any way connected with this Outing. I understand & intend that this assumption of risk & release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators & assigns, & includes any minors accompanying me on the Outing.

I have read this document in its entirety & I freely & voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries & Damages & notwithstanding such risks, I agree to participate in the Outing.

Note: If the participant is a minor, the minor's guardian must sign on the minor's behalf.

### RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

**(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 4, Apr 1, May 6, Oct 7, Nov 4. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. NOTE: The January, 2013, meeting is January 8 because of the New Year's Day holiday. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. (909) 800-3911 CHAPTER

**(1ST WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

**(1ST THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**(2ND MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**(2ND TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: We need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimffloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

**(2ND WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

**(3RD TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net> SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

**(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except August. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site [www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org](http://www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org). PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

**(3RD THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>. CHAPTER

### WEEKLY RECURRING OUTINGS & FITNESS ACTIVITIES Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

**MON 6:00 PM RIVERSIDE MT. RUBIDOUX ONE HOUR FITNESS WALK**  
MEET: Ninth Street entrance to Mt. Rubidoux. INFO: JUDY SMITH, (951) 369-5117. CHAPTER

**MON 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE**  
Please join me for a 3 to 6 mile Conditioning hike around Jess Ranch. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum in Apple Valley on Apple Valley Road at 7 PM. BRING flashlight & water. WEAR layered clothing and good hiking shoes. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 963-4430. MOJAVE GROUP

**WED 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING WALK**  
MEET: Victor Valley Museum every Wednesday except second Wednesday of each month. Walks are paced for participants. Enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on a 3-mile walk around Jess Ranch & along the Mojave River. LEADERS: BILL SPRENG <b Spreng@gte.net> (760) 951-4520 & JENNY WILDER (760) 220-0730 <jensoasis@aol.com>. MOJAVE GROUP

**FRI 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE**  
Please join me for a 3-6 mile conditioning walk around Jess Ranch. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road in Apple Valley. BRING flashlight, water, jacket & comfortable walking shoes. Wear layered clothing. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 963-4430 <Labelady@msn.com> MOJAVE GROUP

### DECEMBER 24 - 30

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

No scheduled activities

### DECEMBER 31 - JANUARY 6

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

**JAN 2 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

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**JAN 3 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JAN 5 (SAT) 8:15 AM FAMOUS ROCK FORMATIONS IN JOSHUA TREE HIKE**  
Start the year with an introduction to Joshua Tree National Park by viewing several key land and rock formations that makes Joshua Tree a very special place. We will be taking a series of short hikes this day to see several significant landmarks. Expect to hike around Barker Dam (1.3 mile loop), next Skull Rock (1.7 mile loop) Split Rock Loop (2.4 miles) where you will see the unique rock formations: The Tooth, Tulip Rock and Face Rock. Our final site will be to climb (340' elevation gain) to Eagle Cliff Hills/mine where we will tour a miner's cabin and mine (2.5 miles R/T). It should be a fun day and be sure to BRING your camera! The total hiking mileage for the day is estimated at 7.9 miles. RATED: Easy. MEET: At the Joshua Tree Park Blvd Visitor Center at 8:15 a.m. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, and sun protection, 3-litters of water, lunch, and \$5 for possible entrance fee. CALL: For reservations, LEADER ED CALIENDO, at (760) 328-1090 or dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**JAN 5 (SAT) 8:30 AM PHELAN BACKCOUNTRY HIKE**  
Join us for an easy-paced hike to explore the beautiful backcountry south of Phelan. MEET at 8:30 a.m. at Desert Community Bank in Phelan (4895 Phelan Rd). Hike for 1-1/2 to 2 hours. BRING/WEAR hiking boots, layered clothing, daypack, water, snacks. Friendly dogs welcome. LEADER: LYGEIA GERARD at (760) 868-2179. MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*JAN 5 (SAT) 9:00 AM STODDARD PEAK HIKE**  
This will be a moderate/strenuous hike up Barrett Canyon to the top of Stoddard Peak (elevation 4624 ft), 6 miles round trip with 1100 ft. elevation gain. The hike in Barrett Canyon is easy and goes past some charming cabins. The last half mile up Stoddard Peak is a steep scramble. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. MEET: Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for the place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**\*\*JAN 6 (SUN) 9:00 AM SUNSET PEAK HIKE**  
Snow level permitting, we will hike the 3.5 miles up to the top of Sunset Peak for a wintertime vista of the San Gabriel range, hopefully, covered with snow! Contact LEADER for MEETING place. Seven miles round trip, 1350 ft elevation gain to the top of Sunset Peak at about 5960'. This was a former fire lookout, so the view is sweeping! BRING/WEAR: Hiking boots or sturdy shoes, 2 liters of water, snack and/or lunch for the top, and layered clothing. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Rain cancels. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379 or ruizmaryann@gmail.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

### JANUARY 7 – JANUARY 13

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings  
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

**JAN 8 (TUE) 8:00 AM POTATO MOUNTAIN HIKE**  
This moderate 5 mile RT hike is a 1,200' elevation gainer that answers “New Year's Resolution Challenges” as you peel your way through Evey Canyon up to Potato's summit. BRING: water, good hiking foot ware, hiking sticks and layered clothing. MEET: Please call/e-mail LEADER JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 jmwandjw@hotmail.com prior to scheduled date for details. Rain cancels. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JAN 8 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. NOTE: The January meeting is January 8 because of the New Year's Day holiday. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. (909) 800-3911 CHAPTER

**JAN 8 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimffloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

**JAN 9 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net> MOJAVE GROUP

**JAN 12 (SAT) 8:15 AM PCT HWY 79 TO INDIAN FLATS CG ROAD 9S05 HIKE**  
This is the start of our Winter Recognition Program whereby those individuals completing all 101.4 miles over 2013 and/or 2014 will receive a special recognition patch and participate in the annual awards party. This first segment of 9.2 miles takes us from Warner Springs northward to Indian Flats Road junction (PCT Section B, Hwy 79 Southwest of Warner Springs to Indian Flats CG road 9S05). RATED: Easy MEET: Warner Springs Post Office parking lot and carpool to beginning of PCT, Section B. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 3-litters of water, trail snacks /lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER ED CALIENDO (760) 328-1090 or email at dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*JAN 13 (SUN) 9:00 AMMORGAN TRAIL/CANDY STORE HIKE**  
There are two options on this hike. One is a moderate “out and back” hike of 9 miles and 4-5 hours. The second option is Margaret's favorite: the “one way” downhill 4.5 miles and 2-3 hour hike. By using the Bear Canyon Trail junction, it is an easy 1mile hike down to the Candy Store on The Ortega Highway. You would need a car parked at the trail head parking lot on the north side of the road. A wilderness pass is required for the car. Those hikers could ride share back to The Morgan Trail head and pick up their cars (also displaying wilderness passes). For those choosing the Candy Store option, Margaret will call ahead to order homemade pies for lunch. From the Morgan trail head we travel east through oak woodlands with the sound of a stream below the trail. After about two miles the trail opens up into a forest of chaparral with some great vistas of the mountains and valleys. DIRECTIONS: From the Ortega Highway in Lake Elsinore, head west up the mountain. When the road begins to level out, there is a left with a turn lane called South Main Divide Road. Turn left and the trail head is about 2.8 miles on the right. BRING extra water, a lunch or snacks, comfortable hiking shoes, dress in layers, and don't forget the hat and sunscreen. RAIN CANCELS. LEADER: JOHN MEYNCKE john.meyncke@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

### JANUARY 14 – JANUARY 20

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings  
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

**JAN 14 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**JAN 15 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net> SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

**JAN 15 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except August. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JAN 17 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JAN 17 (THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**JAN 18-20 (FRI-SUN) DEATH VALLEY WILDERNESS RESTORATION SERVICE**  
We will work with Death Valley National Park Wilderness Coordinator Charlie Callagan on restoration activities in the Park. Project this time will be picking up debris in Panamint Valley area. Requires hiking in about one and a half miles and carrying out what we pick up. Camping will be at either Panamint Springs or Wild Rose Campground. Arrive Friday afternoon and start work on the project, work will continue on Saturday, with a potluck Saturday night. Sunday may be a work day or perhaps recreational. LEADER: KATE ALLEN, 661-944-4056, kj.allen96@gmail.com. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**JAN 19 (SAT) 9:00 AM ELDERBERRY SPRING TO HIDDEN FALLS HIKE**  
Join us for a moderate-strenuous 5-6 mile loop hike to important wildlife watering places in the Arrastre Canyon. There are some outstanding views from this hike as well as some large boulders to explore. We will check for cattle and other impacts to the riparian areas along the way. Weather can change rapidly in this area. WEAR layered clothing, hat and BRING plenty of water/lunch/snacks. High clearance vehicle is recommended. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 9am. LEADER: JENNY WILDER, JensOasis@aol.comor 760 220 0730. MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*JAN 19 (SAT) 9:00 AM WILLOW HOLE HIKE**  
For an easy introduction to Joshua Tree National Park, don't miss this 7-mile round trip hike through a sandy wash to beautiful Willow Hole tucked away in the heart of the Wonderland of Rocks. We'll take the Boy Scout Trail past Joshua trees and large boulder piles to an old jeep road that leads us through the wash and increasingly narrow stone walls to Willow Hole. Hopefully, we'll catch a glimpse of some Desert Bighorn Sheep on the cliffs above! RATING: Easy/Moderate MEET: Joshua Tree Visitor Center on Park Blvd. and carpool to the trailhead inside the park. COST: \$15 per car paid at West Park Entrance. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water and lunch, sturdy boots, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, layered clothing and Adventure Pass for parking. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER ROBERTA DARROW (909) 362-2531 (no later than 8:30 p.m.) or email at kitchenchic@mac.com or contact CO-LEADER ED CALIENDO at (760) 328-1090 or email at dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

### JANUARY 21 – JANUARY 27

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings  
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**JAN 22 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>. CHAPTER

**JAN 25 (FRI) 7:00 PM WINE AND DINE SOCIAL EVENT**  
Join your Sierra Club friends for an evening of fun and food. Mary Ann will host a wine-by-region tasting and potluck dinner. Let's celebrate the opportunities of another New Year! Try out some wines from around the country (or the world!) and enjoy dinner. Main dish will be provided. Contact Mary Ann for your contribution! BRING a wine from your favorite region to share. CONTACT MARY ANN RUIZ ruizmaryann@gmail.com or (909) 815-9379 for details. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JAN 26 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT INDIAN FLATS TO CHIHUAHUA VLY RD HIKE**  
This is the second segment of the Winter Recognition Program. Those individual hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special patch signifying the accomplishment at the annual awards party. This is a 9.3 mile day-hike traveling through Cleveland National Forest and Anza-Borrego Desert (PCT Section B, Segment #2 – Indian Flats CG Road 9S05 to Chihuahua Valley Road). RATED: Easy. MEET at 7:30 a.m. at the junction of Hwy 79 and Chihuahua Valley Road. We will caravan from there to the PCT junction. BRING: the ten-essentials, 3-liters of water, sun-protection, hat, and lunch. Four-wheel vehicles needed to transport hikers. CONTACT LEADER, ED CALIENDO at (760) 328-1090 to confirm your participation in this hike. BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*JAN 27 (SUN) 7:30 AM TENAJA FALLS TO MORGAN TRAIL CUTOFF HIKE**  
Enjoy a day in the lush San Mateo Wilderness! Join us on an 8.0 mile round trip (4 miles in then back) hike to El Potrero de la Cienega area. The hike is moderate with about 1000 ft of elevation gain. The trail makes crossings over several seasonal creeks and the Falls. Be prepared some areas of Poison Oak and lots of Chaparral. We will MEET at the first trail head (Tenaja Trail) and  
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carpool to the Falls trail head. "Rain Cancels" You will need to BRING plenty of water, WEAR comfortable hiking shoes (sandals may be useful for creek crossings), dress in layers and don't forget the sunscreen. A Wilderness Pass is required for all parked cars, available at sporting goods stores. Directions: From I-15 take the Clinton Keith exit. Go west the road eventually turns into Tenaja Road. Turn right on Cleveland Forest Road. You will see the trail head parking lot on the left about a mile in. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER GARY MARSALONE, (858)663-1201 or hikesie@gmail.com  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**\*\*JAN 27 (SUN) 9:00 AM SAND/BOW CANYON LOOP SNOWSHOE/HIKE**  
A moderate 6 mile cross country hike/snow shoe below the southern ridge line of the Big Bear Valley. This will be a snowshoe if conditions permit and a hike if they don't. Contact the leader prior to the hike for conditions. MEET at the Vons parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 9:00 AM to car pool to the trailhead which has limited parking. INFO: LEADER ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407 or at ednjeanne@charter.net.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**JANUARY 28 – FEBRUARY 3**

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**FEB 2 (SAT) 8:30 AM PHELAN BACKCOUNTRY HIKE**  
Join us for another easy-paced hike to explore the beautiful backcountry south of Phelan. MEET at 8:30 a.m. at Desert Community Bank in Phelan (4895 Phelan Rd). Hike for 1-1/2 to 2 hours. BRING/WEAR hiking boots, layered clothing, daypack, water, snacks. Friendly dogs welcome. LEADER: LYGEIA GERARD, (760) 868-2179.  
MOJAVE GROUP

**FEB 2 (SAT) 9:00 AM AZUSA & GLENDORA PEAKS HIKE**  
10.5 mile route, 2500 ft gain hike with great views to two peaks above the San Gabriel Valley. Hike to Azusa Peak via the Garcia Trail - 1040' gain in 1.2 miles. Then hike the Glendora Ridge Motorway (fire road) to Glendora Peak. BRING appropriate footgear, lunch, jacket, and water. MEET 9:00 AM at grassy area near the driveway to Fire Station 97 (18453 E Sierra Madre Ave; Azusa, 91702). Take the 210 Freeway to Azusa Ave, go north towards the mountains, turn right at Sierra Madre Ave, drive about 1 mile and park along the side of the road. LEADER: BILL JOYCE (909) 596-6280 bill@rollingtherock.com  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**FEB 3 (SUN) 8:15 AM JOHNNY LANG CANYON HIKE**  
Hike through a variety of terrain, vegetation and views in Joshua Tree NP. This is an isolated and beautiful place, with large pinyon pines growing in the rugged, rocky valley, and good views of the Wonderland of Rocks. 7.5 miles round trip, only about 400 feet elevation gain, unless the group decides to go a bit further to the mine. MEET at Ontario Mills Parking lot by Edwards Theater at 8:15, to leave there by 8:30. Or, MEET at the Visitor Center on the way to the west entrance at 10:00 am. WEAR hiking boots or sturdy shoes, BRING 2 liters of water, snacks and lunch, and layered clothing. Rain cancels. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ ruizmaryann@gmail.com, 909-815-9379.  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**FEBRUARY 4 – FEBRUARY 10**

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings  
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**FEB 4 (MON) 8:00 AM THOMPSON CREEK TRAIL HIKE**  
Here's an easy stroll - 4.5 miles out and back with only 300' of elevation gain. Don't forget to look off to the side for the Claremont H2O flow. BRING: water, good hiking foot ware and layered clothing. MEET: Please call/e-mail LEADER JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 jmwandjjw@hotmail.com prior to scheduled date for details. Rain cancels.  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**FEB 4 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUPEXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 4, Apr 1, May 6, Oct 7, Nov 4. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**FEB 5 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS, (909) 800-3911, <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>.  
CHAPTER

**FEB 9 (SAT) 9:00 AM BONITA FALLS HIKE**  
This will be an easy hike to the 90 foot Bonita Falls in Lytle Creek Canyon. About 4.5 miles Round Trip, slight elevation gain. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: water and a snack; WEAR sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for the MEETING place. LEADER: John St. Clair, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501.  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**FEB 9 (SAT) 9:00 AM PCT, SILVERWOOD LK HIKE**  
A moderate 8 mile hike on the Pacific Crest Trail from the Silverwood Park office to Cedar Spring Dam and return, with a 500 ft gain. There are beautiful views of the lake from the trail, and possible distant sightings of snow-capped peaks. BRING hiking boots, jacket, lunch and 2 bottles of water. MEET: Call for place. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**FEB 9 (SAT) 9:00 AM OAK GLEN, ARRASTRE CANYON HIKE**  
The lovely hike to a small Oak Glen in Arrastre Canyon is about 5-6 miles round trip. The hike includes visiting unique plant assemblages, a small stand of oaks, impressive clusters of huge boulders, a water cave and lovely views of the Victor Valley. WEAR sturdy hiking boots, layered clothing, sunscreen and hat. BRING at least 2-3 quarts of water, lunch/snacks and a hiking stick. Don't forget the camera and binoculars! High clearance vehicle is recommended. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 9am. INFO & SIGN UP, contact LEADER JENNY WILDER, JensOasis@aol.com 760 220 0730.  
MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*FEB 9 (SAT) 9:00 AM CITY CREEK PEAK HIKE**  
Get some heart pumping, aerobic exercise and climb this local Highland area peak for great views of the Inland Empire. We'll hike 10 miles round trip with about 1,200 feet of elevation gain. RATING: Moderate. MEET: A few miles north of the City of Highland on Hwy 330 at the City Creek Ranger Station. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of wate, lunch, sturdy boots, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, layered clothing and Adventure Pass for parking. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER ROBERTA DARROW, kitchenchic@mac.com (909) 362-2531 (no later than 8:30 p.m.) or CO-LEADER ED CALIENDO, (760) 328-1090, dogs111@msn.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*FEB 10 (SUN) 9:00 AM PINEKNOT- CABIN 89 LOOP SNOWSHOE/HIKE**  
This will be a moderate four mile loop above the Aspen Glen picnic area in Big Bear Lake. This

will be a snowshoe if the weather cooperates or a hike if it doesn't. MEET at Von's in Big Bear Lake at 9:00 am for carpooling to the trailhead, which has limited parking. Please call for conditions. LEADER: ED WALLACE, 909 584 9407 or e mail at ednjeanne@charter.net  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**FEBRUARY 11 – FEBRUARY 17**

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**FEB 11 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**FEB 12 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimffloyd@fastmail.fm> (760) 249-5385.  
CHAPTER

**FEB 13 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net>  
MOJAVE GROUP

**FEB 15 (FRI) 9:00 AM S B MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE SNOWSHOE**  
Green Valley Lake has some of the best snow in our local mountains, so come and join me for a day of fun. No prior snowshoe experience is necessary—it is not difficult to learn—just another form of hiking. You need to provide your own equipment. MEET: main parking area in G V Lake at 9 AM. WEAR layered clothing. BRING: No need to bring lunch just a snack and water. Please CALL to check on weather conditions. If no snow, we will hike. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS. 909-867-7115. <fsellis67@gmail.com> CO-LEADER, HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2838  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**FEB 16, (SAT) 7:00 AM CHIHUAHUA VLY RD TO TULE CYN TRUCK TR HIKE**  
This is a continuation of the Section B, Pacific Crest Trail Winter Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all nine segments of Section B will receive a special Recognition Award. This Segment No. 3 of the PCT is a total of 10.3 miles and we will cross-over from San Diego County to Riverside County. The PCT continues north along the east slope of Bucksnort Mountain (Chihuahua Valley Road to Tule Canyon Truck Trail). RATED: Easy. MEET: From the junction of Hwy 74/371 drive south on Hwy 371, 4.3 miles to Kirby Road. We will meet at Kirby Road junction. From there we will caravan to the trailhead. BRING: ten-essentials, 3 liters of water, lunch, trail snacks, and sun-protection. RESERVATIONS: call LEADER ED CALIENDO, (760) 328-1090 or dogs111@msn.com.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**FEB 16 (SAT) 8:00 AM S B MTS, LAKE GREGORY WINTER BIRD WALK**  
MEET: North Shore parking lot, Across from Goodwin's. See wintering birds as we walk around the lake (2.5 miles). Optional breakfast after. LEADER: BILL ENGS, <engs@juno.com> or 909-338-1910.  
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**FEB 17 (SUN) 7:00 AM PISGAH CRATER LAVA TUBES EXPLORATION/HIKE**  
Come join the fun of an underground adventure exploring lava tubes, the longest being 1100' long. Approximately three miles round trip hike over rough terrain with about 100' elevation gain. BRING day pack, lunch, water, ten essentials, long sleeve shirt, long pants, baseball hat, gloves, sturdy boots and flashlight. Children are especially welcomed, but must be accompanied by an adult in the tubes. Limit 20. MEET: Call for more info and meeting location. LEADER BILL SPRENG (760) 951 4520 or email: bspreng@verizon.net  
MOJAVE GROUP

**FEBRUARY 18 – FEBRUARY 24**

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**FEB 19 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VLY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net>  
SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

**FEB 19 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except August, The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**FEB 21 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Ctr, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**FEB 21 (THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> (951) 506-9607  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**FEB 23 (SAT) 8:00 AM PHILIP FERRANTI OROCOPIA LOOP ADVENTURE HIKE**  
Philip Ferranti is a hiking adventurer, writer, and author of 140 Great Hikes in and near Palm Springs. He has volunteered to guide us through his favorite designation, the Orocochia Mountain Wilderness. Philip says, "The Orocochia Loop is Moab Utah-like, an exotic geology." This will be a guided 8.0+ hike and is RATED: Moderate, "Adventure Hike." MEET: A the base of the Truck Stop sign at the off-ramp parking lot of Casino 29 at Dillon Road on the I-10 freeway in Indio. BRING: the ten-essentials, 3-liters of water, lunch, and sun-protection. Four-wheel vehicles needed to transport hikers. RESERVATIONS: LEADER ED CALIENDO, (760) 328-1090 or dogs111@msn.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 3**

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**FEB 26 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
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Chapter governance meeting. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>. CHAPTER

**MAR 2-3 (SAT-SUN) DEATH VALLEY TOUR HIKES/CARCAMP**  
 MEET in Shoshone, south of Death Valley at 8:00 am Saturday morning. Friday and/or Monday are optional. Tour will take us to Badwater, Natural Bridge, Golden Canyon, and Artists Drive. Short hikes and lunch stop along the way. Camp Saturday night at Texas Springs (fee). Sunday drive to Zabriskie Point, then stop at the newly renovated visitors center before heading on to Salt Creek, home of the rare Salt Creek Pupfish. Then on to hike the Mesquite Flats Sand Dunes. Monday option includes camping in the park and a morning hike up Mosaic Canyon. The Friday option includes camping near Tecopa and an afternoon hike at China Ranch. Trip details available at desertreport.org (outings), or contact leader. RESERVATIONS: LEADER CAROL WILEY, 760-245-8734, desertlily1@verizon.net. MOJAVE GROUP

**MARCH 4 – MARCH 10**

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**MAR 5 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
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**MAR 7 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
 Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**COMING UP**

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**MAR 15-17 (FRI-SUN) MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE HIKES/CARCAMP**  
 MEET Friday, 1:00 pm at Sunrise Rock primitive campground. (There is a Monday option.) Hike Friday afternoon to Teutonia Peak (4 mi rt). Saturday includes a trip to the Hole in the Wall Visitors Center and a 6 mile hike on the Barber Peak Loop Trail. Potluck dinner Sat. night. Sunday enjoy hiking the Kelso Dunes. Those who want to stay another night will camp at Granite Pass (primitive) and visit Amboy Crater on Monday morning. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER CAROL WILEY, desertlily1@verizon.net, 760-245-8734. MOJAVE GROUP

**MAR 16-17 (SAT-SUN) GHOST TOWN EXTRAVAGANZA CARCAMP**  
 Spend St. Patrick’s Day weekend in this beautiful desert landscape near Death Valley visiting the ghosts and leprechauns of California’s colorful past. Camp at the historic ghost town of O’Ballarat (flush toilets). On Sat, do a challenging hike to ghost town Lookout City with historian Hal O’Fowler who will regale us with tales of this wild west town. Afterwards, a special St. Patty’s Day Happy Hour and potluck, followed by a midnight visit to Ballarat’s graveyard where we’ll hope we don’t get pinched by a fairy. On Sun, a quick visit to the infamous O’Riley townsite before heading home. Group size strictly limited. RESERVATIONS: Send \$8 per person (Lygeia Gerard), 2 large SASE, H&W phones, email, rideshare info to LEADER LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 721039, Pinon Hills, CA 92372; 760-868-2179. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**MAR 20-24 (WED-SUN) DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK HIKES/CARCAMP**  
 Visit Death Valley National Park when temperatures are cooler and wild flowers may be blooming. We will explore areas both outside and inside the park with hikes to visit waterfalls and stunning desert canyons. We will also tour Scotty’s Castle. Hiking may be over rough ground and rocks. High clearance vehicles are recommended, but there will be carpooling options. Camping is in a developed private campground which includes flush toilets, showers, camp fire rings and picnic tables. Cost is \$60 per person and includes 4 nights of camping and tour of Scotty’s Castle. \$25 deposit required. Group size limited to 19 people. RESERVATIONS: LEADER RICH JURICICH, raj082806@pacbell.net, 916-492-2181. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**MAR 29-31 (FRI-SUN) WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY SERVICE**  
 Join our annual Sierra Club service trip with the Needles BLM Field Office to help wilderness. This season’s task will be to document the wilderness characteristics of an area adjacent to wilderness that has not been recently studied – exact location still to be determined. We enjoyed similar work last spring just west of the Old Woman Mountains. Car camping with optional central commissary, usual exorbitant fee. RESERVATIONS & INFO: Contact LEADER VICKY HOOVER, vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org, or 415-977-5527. CNRCC WILDERNESS COMMITTEE

**APR 13-14 (SAT-SUN) JUNIPER FLATS AREA HIKES/CARCAMP**  
 Come explore this beautiful area in the San Bernardino Mnts with Friday option. Camp at Rock Springs Ranch (private). On Friday (optional) there is a 3 mi rt. hike to the boulder gardens. Saturday, a driving and hiking tour of the area (4-WD or high clearance vehicle recommended), including springs, waterfall, Cottonwood Spring ACEC and an oak glen area. Saturday evening campfire and dinner provided by the Friends of Juniper Flats. Sunday, a 6 mi hike to Deep Creek a proposed Wild & Scenic River. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER CAROL WILEY, desertlily1@verizon.net or 760- 245-8734. INFO: CO-LEADER JENNY WILDER at: JensOasis@aol.com or 760-220-0730. MOJAVE GROUP

**JUN 21-27 (FRI-THU) COYOTE GULCH, UTAH BACKPACK**  
 This trip heads into some of the best of red rock in Utah, with shear high-walled canyons and cathedral-like camping areas. MEET around noon at the Escalante visitor center where we will obtain our permits. Hike 4-5 miles a day, possible lay-over day. Most of hike is fairly easy, but requires wading back and forth across the creek. This is definitely the summer warm season, but I have generally found it quite pleasant in the canyon this time of year. Limit 12. RESERVATIONS: LEADER DAVID HARDY, 702 875-4826, hardyhikers@embarqmail.com. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES**

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**NON-SIERRA CLUB RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)**

**(1ST FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**  
 Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

**(3RD WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY**  
 PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. Note: The June and December general meetings begin at 6:30 pm and are potluck dinners. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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**NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

**DEC 2 – JAN 19 JOHN MUIR EXHIBIT MUSEUM EXHIBIT**  
**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT RIVERSIDE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM**  
 A John Muir Exhibit will be at the Riverside Metropolitan Museum Dec 2, 2012 through January 19, 2013. The museum is located at 3580 Mission Inn Ave, Riverside 92501 (951) 826-5273. Admission is free. However, donations are kindly accepted. Call for hours or check Riverside City website.

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# Santa Margarita Group

by Jim Mitchell, Chair

The seven-year battle to prevent Liberty Quarry from degrading the communities in and around the Temecula Valley is finally over thanks to the Pechanga Tribe of Luiseno Indians who at the last minute stepped up and paid 20.35 million dollars to purchase the quarry site as well as settle the dispute with Granite Construction. Although many Southwest Riverside County residents are still dancing in the streets over the victory, there remains many reasons for serious concern.

One concern is the fact Granite Construction is still looking around in the area for another quarry site. But probably a much bigger concern than that is what we have learned about the workings of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. A majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors voted in favor of Liberty Quarry despite the fact an overwhelming body of evidence clearly indicated the proposed quarry would be a disaster to the surrounding communities and despite the fact a majority of those living in those communities actively opposed it.

It is clear that something is seriously wrong with representative government in Riverside County. Until we figure out how to fix it, there is every reason to believe we can expect more dysfunctional county decisions by our elected officials that could harm our environment and the quality of our lives.

And, here are some of the many other things the Santa Margarita Group is doing:

## Pam Nelson, Conservation & Educational Outreach & Program Committees

Acting as a representative of the Riverside and San Diego chapters, I have been attending

the Santa Margarita Nutrient Initiative Project that is funded by Prop 84. We are an official affiliate and stakeholder. The study will help determine methodology for monitoring surface water quality using biological responses as well as the usual parameters. This is exciting group and lively conversations about steelhead recovery were part of the last meeting.



Temecula, Murrieta and Wildomar city officials inspect the Murrieta Creek Trail for a Sierra Club-sponsored project. — Photo by Terri Biancardi

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## Congratulations to our Chapter Desert Protection Warrior: SID SILLIMAN

By Kim Floyd, San Gorgonio Chapter Conservation Chair

On November 10, 2012, Sid Silliman was honored by the Sierra Club of California for his many hours of work devoted to the protection of our desert habitat and species.

Upon retirement, after a forty-year career as a university Professor of Political Science, Sid has directed his energy and fresh ideas to the protection of the Desert Tortoise and other desert habitat and species. His leadership skills have been invaluable through his activities with the Desert Tortoise Council, the Friends of the Mojave National Preserve, the San Gorgonio Chapter and the Sierra Club Desert Committee. In every case, Sid has demonstrated his unique ability to passionately stand up for our beautiful desert. He is both a “boots-on-the-ground” guy participating in and leading many service projects in the Carrizo Plain, the Mojave National Preserve and other desert areas, as well as being an effective “communicator”; thinking, writing and speaking for the protection of the desert.



For these efforts, Sid received the prestigious Weidert award for public lands activists. He joins other well-regarded desert and habitat activists Eldon Hughes, Jim Dodson, Carol Wiley, Joan Taylor, Vicky Hoover and others who have received this outstanding award.

We honor Sid Silliman for his dedicated contributions to the protection of our desert lands habitat and species.



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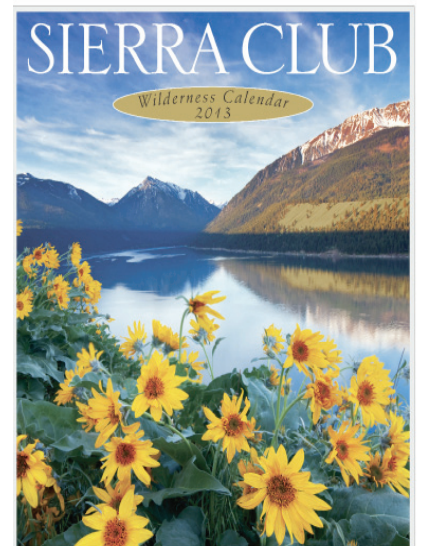
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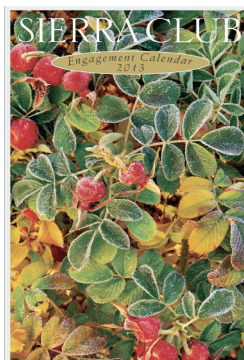
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## Recipients of San Gorgonio Chapter of the Sierra Club's Award for Young Environmental Champions in the Inland Empire

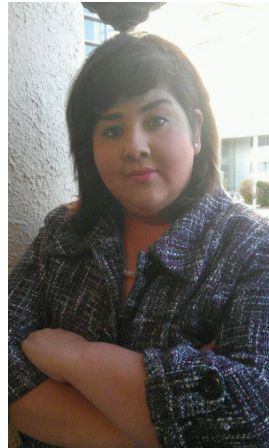
By Mike Millspaugh, San Gorgonio Chapter's Membership Chair

These young activists will be honored with a sponsorship for an annual membership into the Sierra Club, along with all the benefits that come with it, for their outstanding work on behalf of the environment in the Inland Empire.



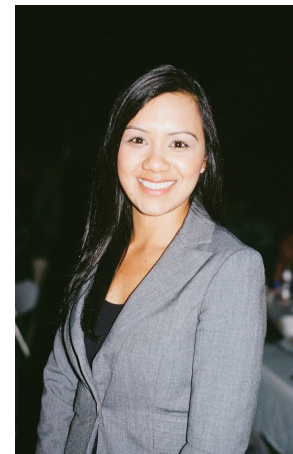
Hector Guzman  
Age 20  
Colton, CA

Sierra Club Summer intern, Outward Bound Scholar, Movimiento Estudiantil Chican@ de Aztlán (MEChA) Co-leader at San Bernardino Valley College, Co-founder of Chicano Indigenous Community for Culturally Conscious Advocacy and Action (ChICCCAA) cultural center and community garden, canvassed San Bernardino County with local clean energy petition, phone banked for AB1990, participated in video project for local clean energy, organized energy efficiency workshops, lobbied in Sacramento for AB1990, helped establish local Sierra Club office in Colton.



Jocelyn Sida  
Age 23  
Fontana, CA

Sierra Club activist, DNC delegate for 35th Congressional District, ran for Fontana School Board on renewable energy platform, wrote "Building a Sustainable Generation" in the *San Bernardino Sun*, phone banked for AB 1990, participated in video project for local clean energy, attended energy efficiency workshop.



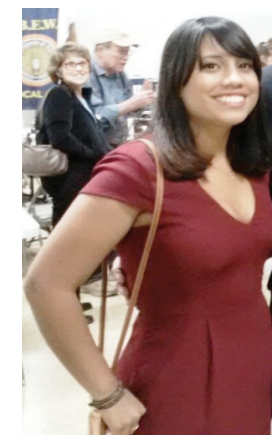
Natalie Moya  
Age 27  
Upland, CA

Sierra Club activist, ran for Upland city council on campaign to preserve the mountains and not give in to developers, phone banked for AB1990, participated in video project for local clean energy, attended energy efficiency workshop.



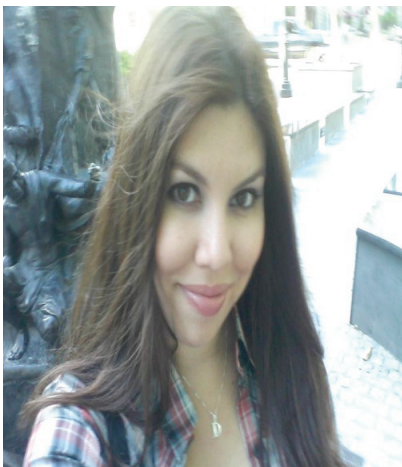
Rosalinda Sosa  
Age 18  
San Bernardino, CA

Sierra Club activist, canvassed San Bernardino County with local clean energy petition, phone banked for AB1990, lobbied in Sacramento for AB1990, worked on the CHICCCAA community garden, led Environmental Justice Outing for local clean energy.



Erica Thames  
Age 22  
Riverside, CA

Sierra Club Winter intern, founder of the F-Word feminist club at San Bernardino Valley College, worked on Mark Takano for Congress campaign, lobbied Assembly Member Norma Torres's office for more local clean energy, worked on political strategy for My Generation campaign in 2013, and canvassed Riverside with local clean energy petitions.



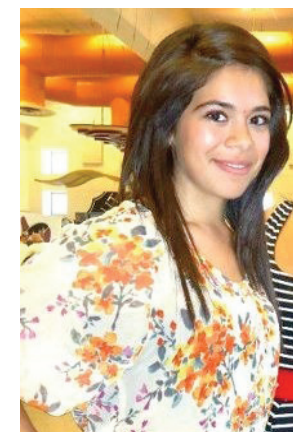
Deborah Blake  
Age 32  
Moreno Valley, CA

Sierra Club activist, wrote "Edison Opposes Solar for Low-Income Communities" in *San Bernardino Sun*, phone banked for AB1990, participated in video project for local clean energy, worked on translating documents into Spanish for the My Generation Campaign.



Javier Hernandez  
Age 22  
Colton, CA

Sierra Club activist, student leader at San Bernardino Valley College on Yes on 30-No on 32 campaign, worked on CHICCCAA community garden, canvassed San Bernardino County with local clean energy petition, phone banked for AB1990, participated in video project for local clean energy.



Tiana Avila  
Age 18  
San Bernardino, CA

Sierra Club activist, canvassed San Bernardino County with local clean energy petition, phone banked for AB1990, lobbied in Sacramento for AB1990, worked on the CHICCCAA community garden.

## Today's Youth are Meeting the Challenge of Wind and Solar Energy

by Don Fischer, Mountains Group Conservation Chair

The Mountains Group of the Sierra Club has some very good news to announce concerning the environment. The Rim of the World High School has installed solar panels and four wind turbines (*see photo*) at the school. This is a pioneering step in that the school district believes they are the first school in the state, and among just a handful of school districts in the nation, to be using wind turbines at a school site. They are connected to the electrical grid and will be feeding energy to the high school.

As stated by Scott Markovich, Rim of the World Unified School District school board president in an article recently published in *The Mountain News*, "The (high school) kids will be able to get some practical experience at how green energy is generated, and use math and physics

to help monitor the process. The fenced and gated green energy farm is located off the school's main parking area near the Performing Arts Center.

The plan is to have the wiring lead into the physics classroom where monitoring equipment will be based for energy learning. The energy generated by the combination solar and wind turbine farm will not be significant, but will provide the school with enough electrical energy to run two or



three homes. Our students will be able to have practical experience with what they're taught in science class about energy. This will help teach wind power curriculum to our students, and be a path to jobs in the green energy industry."\*

Our Mountains Group gives out a scholarship of \$2,000 each year to a senior at the high school who writes the best essay on how they would like to be an

environmental steward in college and in their future career choice. The June 2012 recipient of this scholarship was a member of the Environmental Club and contributed to the idea of having wind turbines and solar panels installed at the high school.

The Mountains Group hopes to have the physics teacher and some of his students come to one of our monthly meetings in 2013 and make a presentation describing what they have learned this year as they monitor how the wind turbines and solar panels have helped to reduce the use of fossil fuels at the school site. As the Conservation Chairperson, I believe I can speak for all our Mountains Group members that we look forward to hearing what they have learned.

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## Victory Corps

By Jono Hildner, San Geronio Chapter's Political Chair

In mid-October of 2012, we got a call from the National Office saying that one of our endorsed Congressional candidates had been picked to be a target for the Sierra Club Victory Corps. I'm embarrassed to say that I had never heard of Victory Corps and didn't have a clue what it was all about. Now I know!

Mark Takano, running for an open seat, in what was expected to be a very tight race for the new Congressional District 41, had been picked by the Sierra Club as a focus for one of only 53 federal races nationwide. We were told that a Club staffer would be assigned to help us elect our endorsed candidate and that we needed to do two things: find her free housing for the two weeks immediately preceding the election and support her in her work.

The next thing we knew, a determined angel named Rachel Butler, flew into town and made members of the Chapter work an election like we'd never done before.

Rachel normally works on national transportation issues out of the San Francisco office. She got a small core of members, mostly from the Moreno Valley Group, to start making member-to-member calls, asking our members to spend just a little time working on this campaign. We also asked them if they could attend a "House Party" to kick off this campaign effort. The "House Party" was held at the Chapter office in Riverside just less than two weeks before the election and was attended by about a dozen members.

This was late in the election calendar, so it was all about helping the Takano campaign get out the vote (GOTV). Once our members were recruited by

other members, they started signing up for shifts with the campaign. Work primarily consisted of phone banking and



canvassing door-to-door. We ended up having over 50 Club members making a contribution to work on this campaign and putting in over 150 shifts. For anyone

who has worked on a campaign, this is HUGE and has been acknowledged by Congressman-elect Takano.

Rachel Butler came into town totally organized. She had the lists, the contacts, the swag (T-shirts, signs, buttons, etc.), the energy, the training, the personality and the ability to keep pushing members who were sitting on the fence, to get fully involved and invested in making the election of Mark Takano a reality. It shows that we can do this in every race where we have endorsed a candidate. We simply have to have the resolve!

Nationally, Victory Corps was successful in electing our endorsed candidates in 39 of the 53 targeted races. The Sierra Club will never match the money of the anti-environmental forces like the Koch Brothers, but we have REAL grass roots if we just get our members involved and working with their hearts and their labors.



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Our National Parks Service technical assistance grant group is enthusiastically working to create a major trail stem connecting the cities of Temecula, Murrieta and Wildomar. We have reviewed all of the existing city trails and potential connections, and will tour the sites on Dec. 4th. City planners, the technical assistant and volunteers have attended our meetings and have participated in site tours.

Our Outdoor Families in our Educational Outreach project will be visiting the Elfin Forest Reserve in Escondido on January 11. Like all our outings this will be open to everyone. Go to [meetup.com/outdoor-families](http://meetup.com/outdoor-families) to find us.

We had a lot of very interesting General Meeting programs in 2012 with many more planned for 2013 such as a study of local Mountain Lion activities, the Mojave Desert and its current impacts, the Pacific Crest Trail in our local area, wildfire ecology and climate change. It's going to be a great year. If you have any questions, you can reach me at ([pamela05n@yahoo.com](mailto:pamela05n@yahoo.com)).

### Teri Biancardi, Trail Committee

The Santa Margarita group's project to facilitate the development of a multi-use trail from Old Town Temecula to Lake Elsinore's Storm Stadium along the Murrieta Creek is making real progress. Earlier this week members of the tri-city partnership, working in conjunction with the National Park Service, Flood Control and the Sierra Club donned their hiking shoes and hit the road to examine possible links between already existing trail sections. The core Murrieta creek trail would also serve as a jumping off point for at least another four, and possible many more trails, a few venturing up to the Santa Rosa Plateau. The project is the brain child of Sierra Club Conservation Chair Pam Nelson, who applied for and won a National Parks Service grant for technical assistance in

trail building. That started the process of inviting Temecula, Murrieta and Wildomar cities to be part of the process, who have been enthusiastic participants and resource providers. The project got another boost with the news that a long-delayed multi-million dollar flood control project through Old Town Temecula to Nighthawk Way in Murrieta will finally get underway in April of 2013, complete with creek-side trails. Now that the cities have the process well in hand, the Sierra Club's role will be to walk the length of the route, exploring all possible trail options, and mobilize our members to give their public support to the process. It's likely our help will be needed to reconstruct eroded sections of already existing trails. More on this as it develops.

### Bob Audibert, Outings Committee

On Sunday January 13 we are going to do the Morgan Trail/Candy Store hike.

Sun Jan 13, 9 AM – There are two options on this hike. One is a moderate "out and back" hike of 9 miles and 4-5 hours. The second option is Margaret Meyncke's favorite: the "one way" downhill 4.5 miles and 2-3 hour hike. By using the Bear Canyon Trail junction, it is an easy 1 mile hike down to the Candy Store on The Ortega Highway. You would need a car parked at the trail head parking lot on the north side of the road. A wilderness pass is required for the car. Those hikers could ride share back to The Morgan Trail head and pick up their cars (also displaying wilderness passes). For those choosing the Candy Store option, Margaret will call ahead to order homemade pies for lunch. From the Morgan trail head we travel east through oak woodlands with the sound of a stream below the trail. After about two miles the trail opens up into a forest of chaparral with some great vistas of the mountains and valleys. For more information, to make reservations and to get directions to the meeting place, contact hike leader

John Meyncke at: [john.meyncke@gmail.com](mailto:john.meyncke@gmail.com).

On Sunday January 27 we will hike on the Tenaja Falls Trail to the Morgan Trail cutoff. You will enjoy a day in the lush San Mateo Wilderness! Join us on an 8.0 mile round trip (4 miles in then back) hike to El Potrero de la Cienega area. The hike is moderate with about 1000 ft of elevation gain. The trail makes crossings over several seasonal creeks and the Falls. Be prepared some areas of Poison Oak and lots of Chaparral. We will meet at the first trailhead (Tenaja Trail) and carpool to the Falls trail head. For more information about this hike, to get directions and to make reservations contact hike leader Gary Marsalone at (858)663-1201 or [hikesie@gmail.com](mailto:hikesie@gmail.com) Santa Margarita Group.

### Teri Biancardi, Fund Raising Committee

The Santa Margarita Group is trying out a novel way to raise funds for our various projects, and help the planet at the same time. We're doing a used shoe drive. We're looking to collect athletic shoes, as well as men's cowboy boots and other footwear. The shoes are cleaned up and taken to some of the poorest places on Earth, and distributed to people who would otherwise never have the chance to wear quality shoes. The company we're working with has kept thousands of pounds of shoes and clothing out of landfills. And we get paid per pound of shoes. So clean out your closets and support the Sierra Club. If you've got shoes to donate, we'll accept them at our monthly General Meeting or email Teri Biancardi at [teriwaner1@hotmail.com](mailto:teriwaner1@hotmail.com)

### Fred Bartz, Political Committee Chair

In a recent turn of events, the Pechanga Tribe of Luiseño Indians announced on November 15<sup>th</sup> that they had purchased 354 of the 414 acres known as Liberty Quarry. The land was previously owned by Granite Construction, the applicant

for Liberty Quarry. This land purchase by Pechanga put an end to a seven year opposition battle to locate the quarry adjacent to the SDSU Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve, and on land declared to be sacred by the Pechanga Tribe.

Granite Construction has also announced that they have withdrawn their application for Liberty Quarry. With Pechanga's purchase of the land, and Granite's withdrawal of their quarry application, the legal issues are not yet over. Both the City of Temecula, and legal counsel representing Save Our Southwest Hills, will continue the lawsuit challenging the County's approval of Fast Tracking of Surface Mining Permits.

### Margaret Meyncke, Facebook Committee Chair

We are pleased to announce the arrival of our new Facebook page that I designed and manage. Please take a look at it and let me know what you think. (<http://www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup>)

We will be posting information about our local hikes, outings, and general meetings. You can find photos and links to websites that will help you explore, enjoy, and protect the environment around us. Facebook will also provide a link to our Outdoor Families program. (<http://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Families>)

And if you like what you see, please hit the "LIKED" button on the upper right hand portion of the Facebook page. That will make me very happy. For ideas and suggestions, you can reach me at ([m.meyncke@gmail.com](mailto:m.meyncke@gmail.com)).

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Christine Magar has an impressive professional biography. As a veteran of sustainable initiative development and implementation for public as well as private entities, Christine brings a level of global and local thinking to the consulting trade. She is an international contributor to sustainable design efforts and offers proven expertise in design, theory, building science, and management. Her background encompasses architecture, urban design, interiors, and furniture design in diverse contexts including municipal, utility, design firm, and academic environments.

Christine has served as leader, facilitator and manager for complex design and construction projects that focus on sustainability, and she is experienced in leading initiatives and projects from conception through commissioning while building consensus among diverse stakeholders.

She has excelled as an effective educator in both academic and nonacademic contexts including USC, ISU, SCI-Arc,

Southern California Edison-CTAC, Southern California Gas Company-Energy Center, and LA DWP. She has developed and delivered hundreds of presentations, peer-reviewed papers, exhibits, and seminars on sustainable design issues.

Ms. Magar spent over a decade focusing on creating and implementing the LEED rating system as a means to educate and transform the building industry and market. She was a member of the National LEED Steering Committee for a decade and instrumental in producing the LEED CS green building rating system as the LEED Core and Shell Vice Chair. These and her work at Greenform, enabled Ms. Magar to use her talent and skill to manage people and ideas and her ability to think creatively resulting in more sustainable designs, materials and methods of construction.

Meanwhile, she was also chair of the AIA-LA Committee on the Environment. She has served on the LAUSD High Performance Schools Working Group, CHPS Technical Committee, City of Seattle's Green Building Team, and the City of LA Sustainable Design Task Force.

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### Monty Hempel Presents "Spirit of Place" at February 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting

At the February 5<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting, Professor Monty Hempel will present "Spirit of Place," an award-winning documentary film that he produced. The meeting will start at 7:30 PM at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, near the California St. exit from Interstate 10.

Spirit of Place is winner of the John Muir Award for "Best Environmental Film" of 2011, at the Yosemite International Film Festival.

Spirit of Place examines our relationship to Nature through the eyes of Dr. Marilee Scaff, an extraordinary 95-year-old adventurer, whose love of magnificent forests, mountains, and streams has taught her valuable lessons about the meaning of life and the significance of death

Focusing on America's wildest and most alluring landscapes, the film celebrates the powerful sense of wonder that springs from human encounters with wildlife and natural systems. It also reveals the benefits to health and spirituality that accompany encounters with wildness.

Filmed in the American West, "Spirit of Place" tells a moving story about the importance of wildness on a human-dominated planet. A video essay with an inspiring message and poignant ending, the film is suitable for viewing by all age groups.

Monty Hempel is a documentary filmmaker and environmental scientist. He is the Hedco Professor of

Environmental Studies and Director of the Center for Environmental Studies at the University of Redlands. He is also the founding president of Blue Planet United, a small educational organization that produces environmental films and publishes a quarterly news journal about human population, consumption, and sustainability.


Hempel's teaching, research, film, and public service interests focus on environmental science and politics, sustainability concepts, climate disruption, marine environmental protection, and wilderness preservation.

His professional work is strongly interdisciplinary and guided by the goal of pragmatic idealism.

Hempel is a past president of the Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS) and serves on the executive committee of the national Council of Environmental Deans and Directors (CEDD). In addition, Hempel is a founding board member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) and a Senior Fellow of the InterEnvironment Institute and California Institute of Public Affairs.

Prior to his Redlands appointment in 1999, Hempel was a faculty member and administrator in the School of Politics and Economics at Claremont Graduate University, specializing in environmental policy. He directed the graduate program





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in Public Policy for twelve years, co-directed the Institute for Applied Social and Policy Research, and served for six years as associate director of the School's Center for Politics & Policy.

In addition to his academic work, Hempel has developed and directed model citizen involvement programs for state and local government (1975-76), served as a regional project manager for the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Program (1977-78), and was a candidate for the United States Congress from California's 33rd district (1986).

Hempel served as the first visiting scholar-in-residence at the Streisand Center for Conservancy Studies (Malibu, California) in the mid-1990s. Prior to that time, he consulted on land-use planning, renewable energy development, and environmental protection in the United States and abroad. Later, he served as a member of U.S. NGO environmental delegations to Brazil, China, Thailand, and Nepal. His international work includes presentations at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro (1992), the OECD Conference on Sustainable Urban Development in Berlin (1996), and the World Conservation Congress in Bangkok (2004).

For the past ten years, Hempel has led an annual three-week university expedition to Palau to study marine ecology and sustainable development. In spring 2007, he was a faculty member on Semester at Sea (University of Virginia).

Hempel's book publications include *Environmental Governance: The Global Challenge* (Island Press, 1996), *Gandhi's Significance for Today: The Elusive Legacy* (Macmillan, 1989, co-edited with John Hick), and *Sustainable Communities: From Vision to Action* (Hewlett Foundation/CGU, 1998). He has also written, filmed, and produced more than a dozen environmental video documentaries, with subjects ranging from coral reef protection in Palau to an examination of human spiritual relationships with Nature. He is currently producing a film about Archbishop Desmond Tutu, as well as a film series titled *The Bequest*, which examines the global challenge of sustaining healthy people and wild places.

Ph.D. Government and Environmental Policy (1983), Claremont Graduate University M.A. International Environmental Policy (1975), Claremont Graduate University B.A. Ecology and Public Policy (joint degree UWW, 1974), University of Minnesota.

