



# SIERRA CLUB

SAN GORGONIO

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## Membership Meetings

**Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> • 7:30 PM**  
**"Birding the 2018 Spring Migration  
 from Gulf Coast Texas  
 to Ohio and Michigan"**

Presented by Brian Elliott and  
 Gary Charlton  
 (see write up on Page 7)

**Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> • 7:30 PM**

**"Keep California Leading:  
 Our Voice at the Capitol"**

Presented by Mary Ann Ruiz  
 (see write up on Page 12)

Programs are held at the  
**San Bernardino County Museum,  
 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands**  
 (California St. exit off 10 Fwy)

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## The Smart Alternative to Delta Tunnel(s)

Reprinted with Permission of Kathryn Phillips, Director, Sierra Club California

Sierra Club California released a report on May 28, 2019, that outlines smart tactics for establishing a resilient water system in California without reliance on Delta tunnels.

The paper, researched and written by a team of volunteer leaders in Sierra Club who have expertise in water policy, identifies a combination of increased agricultural and urban conservation, groundwater storage and management, water reuse, and stormwater capture as keys to developing greater regional resilience.

Sierra Club California has long opposed diverting water away from the San Francisco Bay Delta. Recently, Governor Gavin Newsom rejected a plan to build two giant tunnels to divert river water from north of the Delta to send to water customers south

of the Delta. Newsom has called for a more balanced portfolio of water policies and projects to encourage regional resilience.

He has also indicated support for a single tunnel as part of a new system portfolio.

The San Francisco Bay Delta is the largest estuary on North America's West Coast. It has been the subject of decades of debate about how to manage and protect it while also providing adequate drinking water and irrigation water to Californians.

As stated by Kathryn Phillips, Director, Sierra Club California: "There are a lot of options for improving our water system without resorting to any tunnels.

"Any tunnels—whether one or two—will do substantial harm to the Delta ecosystem by preventing the regular flow of clean water into the Delta to prevent stagnation and reduce saltwater intrusion.

"Our water experts have outlined just how to get to a smarter water system without building damaging tunnels. This report updates an earlier report and comes at a good time.

"We now have a governor who is willing to consider better water system options for Californians and our environment. We're laying some of those options out in the following report."

### The Smart Alternative to Tunnel(s):

### A Sensible Water Management Portfolio

By Chiara Scaramuzzino, Eric Parfrey,  
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Sierra Club California Water Committee

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May 2019

Since passage of legislation in 2009, California's water policy debate has been dominated by the controversy over Governor Brown's proposal to

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The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Bear Valley Xeriscape Garden Tour, created by the Sierra Club Big Bear Group, will be Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup>. Following this year's event, the Xeriscape Garden Tour will become a bi-annual event, returning July 17, 2021. Having the tour every other year will insure we have many wonderful gardens to share. So mark your calendar for this year's tour on the 20<sup>th</sup>, as there will be no tour in 2020.

This year's theme, "Keep Calm & Garden On," encourages you to garden and landscape appropriately despite winter rains. Xeriscape methods are a timeless effort. Whether you live in Big Bear full time or part time, on the lake or amongst the pines, have a yard covered in rocks or on a slope, the Tour is the perfect opportunity to get inspired by beautiful drought-tolerant gardens and find the information and resources it takes to make it happen.

The tour will once again include the DWP's Xeriscape Demonstration Garden, with native plant expert Orchid Black on hand

## Save the Date!

**2019 Xeriscape Garden Tour**

**KEEP CALM AND GARDEN ON**

**Saturday July 20**  
**9am to 4pm\***

[www.BigBearGardenTour.weebly.com](http://www.BigBearGardenTour.weebly.com)

**FREE**  
 Self-guided tour of eight low water use landscapes across the Big Bear Valley.

Start between 9 am & Noon at  
 Eminger's Mountain Nursery at 41223 Big Bear Blvd.  
 Expo featuring a native plant exchange, exhibits,  
 vendors, demonstrations and opportunity drawings  
 at the BBLDWP Demonstration Garden on Fox Farm.  
 \* Tours must finish by 4 pm

Created by the Sierra Club Big Bear Group

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The featured flower for this year, the California Fuschia.

to answer questions, plus a new DWP Demonstration Garden that will make its debut this year. Other popular features include: the Firewise home, the Expo and plant/seed giveaway, and People's Choice voting.

Participants can begin the FREE self-guided tour anytime between 9:00 am and noon starting at Eminger's Mountain Nursery, located at 41223 Big Bear Blvd. in Big Bear Lake, across the street from the Denny's Restaurant. A tour booklet, which includes the locations and directions for the tour stops, and helpful information on Xeriscape gardening in the mountains, will be handed out at the starting location. Once registered, participants will have until 4:00 pm to complete the self-guided driving tour of the homes in Big Bear Valley.

For additional information on the Sierra Club's Xeriscape Garden Tour contact Christie Walker at 909-547-2237. To

see pictures of previous tours, go online to: <http://bigbeargardentour.weebly.com>

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**Los Serranos Group:**  
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7 p.m.

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Meets 2nd Monday 7:00 p.m.  
Except Aug. & Dec. St Richard's  
Episcopal Church, 28708 Hwy 18, Sky Forest

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## 2019 ExCom Election Update

Here is a short update to the ExCom election process (Chapter and Groups) for 2019.

The May/June issue of the *Palm and Pine* had a table of election material (on page 4) that we are required to publish for our members. That table was missing some information from the Mojave Group that was not developed by press time. Here is that information now:

Item #11 should read - Mojave Group, 17100 Bear Valley Road, STE PMB #237, Victorville Ca. 92395-5852.

Item #17 should read - Nov. 23.

Item #18 should read - Starbucks, 17003 Bear Valley Road, Victorville Ca., 11:00 am.

Item #19 should read – Group ExCom, Nov. 23.

The search for candidates will continue until early September and if you want to be considered to be included on the ballot for the Chapter ExCom election or your Group's ExCom election here is contact information for you:

- For the Chapter ExCom election you can contact Dave Barrie (barriemail@mac.com).

- For the Los Serranos Group ExCom election you can contact Gary Charlton (gmcharlton@aol.com).
- For the Tahquitz Group ExCom election you can contact Rob Taylor (junipertree00@mac.com).
- For the Mountains Group ExCom election you can contact Dave Barrie (barriemail@mac.com).
- For the Mojave Group ExCom election you can contact Alan Brechlin (a.cb2@verizon.net).
- For the Moreno Valley Group ExCom election you can contact Tom Thornsley (tomthornsley@hotmail.com).
- For the Big Bear Group ExCom election you can contact Ed Wallace (rushewallace@yahoo.com).
- For the Santa Margarita Group ExCom election you can contact Mike Momeni (mkhmomeni@gmail.com).

Once again, Chapter and Group volunteers are responsible for our accomplishments and the work that we do to protect the environment. This is one of the important ways you can help make a difference.

# Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

## JULY-AUGUST 2019

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

### CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

**DEADLINE:** Items for the September/October 2019 Calendar are due by August 1, 2019.

**FORMAT** items like 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](mailto: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**. 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. Carpooling is encouraged, but solely the responsibility of individual participants. The Sierra Club & its leaders may facilitate carpooling; however, they will not assign. Drivers should have adequate insurance coverage & their vehicle should have no safety defects. For Sierra Club facilitated carpooling, drivers agree to not consume any alcoholic beverages. It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. The above information applies to Sierra Club Outings & Activities only. Non-Sierra Club activities may be listed in a separate location as a courtesy. Please be sure to read the disclaimer that accompanies these activities.

**\*\* ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE** – Outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland, or Los Padres National Forests may require a Forest Service "Adventure Pass" for each vehicle. The Forest Service designates where the passes are required. Generally, areas that have developed parking & may include toilet facilities, interpretive signs & trash cans require passes & unimproved areas do not require passes. Outings that require passes usually will be preceded by \*\* in the listings that follow, and/or the leader may indicate the need for Adventure Passes. While leaders try to provide accurate information, ultimately it is the vehicle's driver that assumes responsibility to adhere to all rules, regulations, & laws - not the Sierra Club. The permits cost \$30 per year or \$5 per day; however, they may not be obtainable the day of your outing. As a passenger, you are expected to share some of the cost of the daily passes along with a mileage contribution along with the others in the vehicle. Golden Eagle Passports & Golden Age Passports may be used in lieu of the Adventure Pass.

**CARPOOLING POLICY** – In the interests of facilitating some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club assumes no liability for carpooling arrangements. Carpooling, ride sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

**LIABILITY WAIVER** – To participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please visit the San Gorgonio Chapter website at [sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org](http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org) & click on Disclaimers under the Outings tab.

### 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 the first Monday of selected months: Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6, Oct. 7 & Nov. 4. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**(1ST MON) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, [jcricket47@yahoo.com](mailto:jcricket47@yahoo.com) BIG BEAR GROUP

**(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
Monthly chapter program. For more information, see front-page notice. 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](mailto:ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com). (909) 800-3911. CHAPTER

**(1ST THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, [brianelli@aol.com](mailto:brianelli@aol.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.

**(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](mailto: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: SUSAN STUEBER, [sstueber16@gmail.com](mailto:ssstueber16@gmail.com) MOJAVE GROUP

**(2ND THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**

Monthly meeting except July, August & December. In place of the December meeting there will be a winter celebration ON THE WEEKEND. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 [sierraclubsmg@gmail.com](mailto:sierraclubsmg@gmail.com) SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**

Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, [brianelli@aol.com](mailto:brianelli@aol.com) LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**

Monthly meeting except January, February & December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site [sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear](http://sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear). PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, [jcricket47@yahoo.com](mailto:jcricket47@yahoo.com) BIG BEAR GROUP

**(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**

Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, [ruizmaryann@gmail.com](mailto:ruizmaryann@gmail.com), (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

### JUN 24 – JUN 30

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

**JUN 25 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**

Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, [ruizmaryann@gmail.com](mailto:ruizmaryann@gmail.com), (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

**JUN 25 (TUE) 9:00 AM TRAM TO IDYLLWILD (OR REVERSE) HIKE**

Hike the Willow Trail from the Palm Springs Tram to Idyllwild or in reverse on this one-way key exchange hike. Starting from Humber Park, we climb 2500 ft. and descend 500 ft. in 7.9 miles. Those starting at the Tram reverse the climb and descent. Meet in the middle for a key exchange. If Hwy 243 from Idyllwild to Banning is not reopened by the hike date, we will adjust but not cancel. RATED: Strenuous. MEET: Downhill group meets LJ at the Food 4 Less, 1691 E. 6th St., Beaumont, 92223. Uphill group meets Dave at Humber Park, 24559 Fern Valley Rd, Idyllwild, CA 92549. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 3-liters of water, and poles. Tram cost is \$25.95+ shared parking cost. RESERVATIONS: Dave Melton [dmelton61@yahoo.com](mailto:dmelton61@yahoo.com) 760-408-2456 or LJ Foster at [eljayeffhiker@yahoo.com](mailto:eljayeffhiker@yahoo.com) BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*JUN 26 (WED) 6:30 AM MT. BALDY HIKE**

This will be a strenuous hike to the top of Mt. Baldy (elevation 10,069), 11 miles total trip with 3900 ft. elevation gain. We will go up the ski hut/Baldy Bowl trail and come down the Devil's Backbone trail. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, sunscreen. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at

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the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUN 28 (FRI) 8:00 AM COYOTE ROCK/MILL PEAK HIKE**

Come join us for a 4-mile round-trip moderate hike with a 600' elevation gain. Explore the Jim & Cathy Sims Trail on the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust Coyote Rock Preserve. Well behaved dogs welcome. MEET Robert Hootman Senior/Community Center parking lot (2929 Running Springs School Road Running Springs, CA 92382). WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. LEADER Karla Kellems call 909-939-5790 or text 760-405-4311 karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

**JUN 29 (SAT) 8:00 AM INSPIRATION POINT HIKE**

This is an easy 5-mile hike through the Wrightwood area overlooking the Mojave Desert to the North. We will take the renowned Pacific Crest Trail for this hike. Wear strong shoes and a hat. BRING: Water and a snack. MEET: Apple Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8am. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM, 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

**JUN 29 (SAT) 8:00 AM GRAYS PEAK HIKE/PATCH PARTY**

Today is our annual Patch Party, all are welcome! I will lead a "Peaks of Big Bear" hike before our picnic. Located in the Fawnskin area, Gray's Peak is a 6-mile, 1200 ft. elevation gain hike through Pine, Oak, and Juniper, and some nice wildflowers will likely be out, along with some incredible boulder formations too. We will take a short break overlooking the lake, then return on the same trail back to our vehicles. From there you can join us at our Patch Party at Charlotte Watt's house in Fawnskin. It's always a fun time, great people and good food. RATED: Moderate. MEET: Trailhead is located in Fawnskin, 2.7 miles from dam or 1/2 mile from town. BRING: 2 liters of water, snacks, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATION: Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 1 – JUL 7**

**Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings**

(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

**JUL 1 (MON) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**

The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 2 (TUE) \* 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**

Monthly chapter program. For more information, see front-page notice. 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.

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**\*\*JUL 3 (WED) 6:00 AM ONTARIO PEAK HIKE**

This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Ontario Peak (elevation 8,693 ft), 12.8 miles round trip with 3,700 ft. elevation gain. This hike counts towards the "Peaks of the Cucamonga Wilderness Patch" for hiking the seven tallest peaks in the Cucamonga Wilderness. Scenic view from the top of Ontario Peak. Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUL 4-7 (THU-SUN) FOURTH OF JULY IN THE BLACK ROCK DESERT VISIT**

This will be a busy weekend in the Black Rock as many Burning Man attendees use this as a "shakedown weekend" for their gear. Possible One-Day Ham License class. Typical events include visits to hot springs and the Emigrant Trail. No firm schedule set at this writing and few facilities but we'll probably have porta-potties. No signups until after 6/15! David Book, 775/843-6443.

CNRCC DESERT COM

**\*\*JUL 6 (SAT) 6:00 AM 3Ts HIKE**

This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon, onto the 3 Ts Trail, to the top of Timber Mt. (elevation 8303 ft), Telegraph Peak (elevation 8985 ft), and Thunder Mt. (elevation 8,587 ft) for a 12.8 miles through hike ending at Manker Flat with about 4500 ft. elevation gain. This hike counts towards the "Peaks of the Cucamonga Wilderness Patch" for hiking the seven tallest peaks in the Cucamonga

Wilderness. Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUL 6 (SAT) 8:00 AM CACTUS FLATS, BIG BEAR HIKE**

This five-mile outing is rated moderate because much of it is on a trail of soft sand. This is a area with a mining history and still has visual evidence of this activity. Wear strong footwear and bring a hat. Plenty of water is a must. MEET: Apple Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8 am.

LEADER: Norman BOSSOM. 760-912-3725 coachnorm@yahoo.com

MOJAVE GROUP

**JUL 8 – JUL 14**

**Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings**

(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

**JUL 8 (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

**JUL 8 (MON) 8:00 AM BLUFF LAKE/SIBERIA CREEK HIKE**

This is a 6-mile, round trip hike with 800 ft. elevation gain. This hike takes us by the Lodgepole Pine, around Bluff Lake visiting the old home site. We continue on the Siberia Creek trail to Gunsight where we have our break before returning on the same trail. RATED: EASY/MODERATE MEET: Aspen Glen Picnic Area. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 9 (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

**JUL 13 (WED) 6:00 AM CUCAMONGA AND ETIWANDA PEAKS HIKE**

This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon to the top of Cucamonga Peak (elevation 8,859 ft) and then Etiwanda Peak (elevation 8,859 ft). The hike is 13.5 miles round trip with about 4,500 ft. elevation gain. This hike counts towards the "Peaks of the Cucamonga Wilderness Patch" for hiking the seven tallest peaks in the Cucamonga Wilderness. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUL 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM CHARLIES TRAIL, WRIGHTWOOD HIKE**

This is an easy 6-mile outing along a North facing trail overlooking the Mojave Desert. The views are spectacular. WEAR: Strong shoes and bring a hat. Plenty of water is essential. MEET: Apple Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8:00 am or Wrightwood Community Center by 9:00 am. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM. 760-912-3725 coachnorm@yahoo.com

MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*JUL 14 (SUN) 8:00 AM SOUTH FORK TO SLUSHY MEADOWS HIKE**

This hike is a moderate/difficult, 9-mile, 1,600 ft. elevation gain hike. We will hike by Horse Meadow, take the short side trip to Poopout Hill, then continue on to Slushy Meadows where we will have our break before returning on the same trail back. MEET: South Fork Trailhead off Jenks Lake Rd. Adventure Pass required. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots and trekking poles. RESERVATION: Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com.

BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 15 – JUL 21**

**Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings**

(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

**JUL 18 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**

Monthly meeting except January, February & December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

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**\*\*JUL 21 (SUN) 8:30 AM COUGAR CREST TO PCT/WEST HIKE**  
This is an 8-mile, round trip, 800 ft. elevation gain hike in Big Bear. The trail starts at the Cougar Crest trailhead; we take that to where it meets the PCT then hike west a few miles. We will have our snack/lunch break at the junction of the Delamar trailhead. RATED: Moderate. MEET: Cougar Crest Trailhead, Adventure Pass required to park. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots and poles. RESERVATIONS: Charlotte Watts (909) 866-7423, momscampsite@gmail.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

### JUL 22 – JUL 28

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

**JUL 23 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379.  
CHAPTER

**JUL 27 (SAT) 7:00 AM SAN JACINTO PEAK - SIX PEAK CHALLENGE HIKE**  
This hike is part of the SIX PEAK CHALLENGE I started last year. We will be hiking the Marion Mtn. Trail which starts at an elevation of 6,300 ft. The hike will be a total of 11.2 miles with a total elevation gain of 4,500 ft. RATED: Strenuous. MEET: At the Marion Mtn. trailhead off Hwy 243. BRING: 10 essentials, 3 liters of water, lunch/snack, sun protection and poles. RESERVATION: David Holtegaard (909) 881-1329, d10olie@aol.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

### JUL 29 – AUG 4

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

**JUL 29 (MON) 8:00 AM LAKE FIRE HIKE**  
Join me on a hike into the Lake Fire area. This is a very lush area with several creek crossings and an abundance of wildflowers. I'll pass on information I have learned from a fire ecologist about the area. RATED: Moderate, 5 miles, 800 ft. elevation gain. MEET: Wildhorse Trailhead off Hwy 38. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots and trekking poles. RESERVATION: Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 2-4 (FRI-SUN) 1:00 PM SHADY COVE CAR CAMP**  
Join us for our annual summer Mountain's Group Car Camp. A variety of hikes and activities will be offered throughout the weekend, including a Saturday potluck dinner. COST Sierra Club members FREE. Non-members \$10 individual or \$15 couple/family. Cost includes Sierra Club Membership. For details and to RSVP contact the LEADER Karla Kellems call 909-939-5790 or text 760-405-4311. karlakellems@gmail.com  
MOUNTAINS GROUP

**AUG 3 (SAT) 7:00 AM PCT SECTION D VINCENT GAP TO ISLIP SADDLE HIKE**  
This is a favorite hike of Section D of the PCT, with an elevation gain for 2,900 ft. in 4 miles then a mostly smooth trail with a lot of tree cover. You will hike by the Wally Waldron Tree, estimated to be 1,500 years old. This is a shuttle, 12-mile hike with total elevation gain of 2,900 ft. RATED: Strenuous. MEET: Contact hike leader for meeting place. BRING: 3 liters of water, lunch/snack, sun protection, hiking boots and poles. RESERVATION: David Holtegaard (909) 881-1329, d10olie@aol.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 4 (SUN) 8:00 AM SKYLINE TRAIL HIKE**  
This trail goes from one end of Big Bear to the other. We will be hiking on the east end of this trail. It's an up-and-down trail, not sure of total elevation gain and loss, mileage will be about 8 miles round trip. There will be nice views of the San Gorgonio Wilderness. RATED: Moderate. MEET: Vons Parking lot Big Bear City. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots and trekking poles. RESERVATION: Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

### AUG 5 – AUG 11

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**AUG 5 (MON) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUPEXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 6 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
Monthly chapter program. For more information, see front-page notice. 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

**\*\*AUG 10 (SAT) 8:00 AM BIG HORN MINE, WRIGHTWOOD HIKE**  
This is an easy five-mile hike along a trail with wonderful views of the San Gabriel Mountains. The Mine still has many features of a bygone age. A historic commentary will be given. WEAR: Strong shoes and a hat. Plenty of water is essential. MEET: Apple Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8am or Wrightwood Community Center by 9 am. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM 760-912-3725 coachnorm@yahoo.com  
MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*AUG 10 (SAT) 8:00 AM DELAMAR HIKE**  
This is a “Peaks of Big Bear” hike and is the shortest of the hikes at 5 miles. There is a difficult section of rock and shale getting to the top. We hike along a scenic, small section of the PCT before it veers off to Delamar Peak. RATED: Moderate with 1,000 ft. of elevation gain. MEET: Cougar Crest trailhead; an Adventure Pass is required. We will be carpooling to trailhead for hike. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots and poles. RESERVATION: Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

### AUG 12 – AUG 18

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**AUG 13 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
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CHAPTER

**AUG 15 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except January, February & December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 17 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT FROM HIGHWAY 18, BIG BEAR HIKE**  
This is an easy 5-mile hike through a lovely wooded area with views over the surrounding area. WEAR: Strong shoes and a hat. Bring plenty of water. MEET: Apple Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8:00 am or at the trail head on Highway 18 where the PCT crosses by 9:00 am. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM 760-912-3725 coachnorm@yahoo.com  
MOJAVE GROUP

**AUG 18 (SUN) 8:00 AM SKYLINE HIKE BIG BEAR HIKE**  
We will explore the Skyline trail. This trail runs from near Bear Mtn. along 2N10 to the other end of the valley. It's highly travelled by bikes, but we have always managed to share the trail. We will do about 8 miles round trip with up and down elevation gain/loss. RATED: Moderate. MEET: Vons parking lot. BRING: 2 liters of water, snacks/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots and poles. RESERVATIONS: Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

### AUG 19 – AUG 25

**Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings**  
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**\*\*AUG 24 (SAT) 8:00 AM VINCENTS GULCH, WRIGHTWOOD HIKE**  
This is a moderate 5-mile hike through the beautiful Vincent's Gulch. The return has an elevation gain of 600 ft. but is gradual. The outing takes in Vincent's cabin and a historical commentary will be given. WEAR: Strong shoes and a hat. Bring plenty of water. MEET: Apple Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8:00 am or at the Wrightwood Community Center by 9:00 am. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM 760-912-3725 coachnorm@yahoo.com  
MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*AUG 24 (SAT) 8:30 AM HANNAH FLATS HIKE**  
This is a 9-mile, 800 ft. elevation gain hike. The hike starts at the Gray's Peak trailhead in Fawnskin. We start up the Gray's Peak trail then head north toward Hanna Flats. This trail takes us through a burn area, we will see the beautiful growth that has happened since then. RATED: Moderate. MEET: Gray's Peak trailhead, Adventure Pass required to park. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch,  
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## Big Bear Group

By Ellen Kesler, Group Chairwoman

Summer events are lining up our boothing opportunities rapidly. We already joined the Mountains Foundation on National Trails Day for their event in the Aspen Glen Park on June 1<sup>st</sup> (see photo). June 22<sup>nd</sup> will find us in the Big Bear Lake Village for the annual Ecotourism Adventure Day. July 20<sup>th</sup> will bring our annual Xeriscape Tour and Expo at the Community Gardens. This is a self-guided tour of homes/ Xeriscape landscaping throughout the valley (see page 1). We have Mike and Cindy Bode giving away native plant seedlings and seeds at the Expo as well as booths from various valley groups. The Forest Festival will take place on August 17<sup>th</sup> on Highway 38, north of Angelus Oaks at the NF Information Center. This is an all-day affair where we can even get to



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## Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

Sierra Club-endorsed candidate Darrell Peeden was elected to the Moreno Valley Unified Board of Education Trustee Area 5 Special Election on May 9, 2019. Mr. Peeden was initially appointed to the position but others wanted a special election. The results confirmed Darrell to the same position as MVBOE Trustee, Area 5.



Santa Rosa Plateau hike, April 7, 2019.  
Photographer: Christina Torres

Our outings schedule will take a break this summer because of the heat. Please check our online calendar this fall at: [https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno\\_valley](https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley) for information about fall outings. Many thanks to Christina Torres, group outings chair, Nancy Power and Beatriz Vindiola



Duck Daze, Hidden Valley Wildlife Area, May 4, 2019.  
Photographer: Christina Torres

for organizing and leading our group's outings! Thank you, too, to Christina for organizing the Group information table at Duck Daze with Beatriz Vindiola and Eileen O'Brien!

The Moreno Valley Group will hold executive committee (excom) elections this fall. Two positions will be up for election and we would love to have at least four candidates on the ballot. If you would

like to run and have been a member for over one year, please contact us at: [movalleygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:movalleygroup@yahoo.com) for more information about the nomination process. The nomination period runs through September 1."

It is with a heavy heart that we report that our group newsletter editor, Marty Langley passed away on April 20. Marty fought Multiple Myeloma for more than five years, but last September her cancer morphed into Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL) which is much more serious and aggressive. Throughout her years of treatment, Marty generously edited our newsletter and improved it. She

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## Mountains Group

By Dave Barrie, Group Chair

First, it is time (past time) to thank the very active members of the Mountains Group for their outstanding contributions to our efforts to Explore, Enjoy and Protect the Natural and Human Environment of the San Bernardino Mountains.

Our Executive Committee (ExCom) members Steve Farrell (Vice Chair, Co-Conservation Chair, Co-Program Chair), Bob Sherman (Publicity Chair, Co-Conservation Chair), Chris Del Ross-Risher (Conservation and Planning), Sherry Bailey (Membership Chair), Debby McAllister (Treasurer), and Karla Kellems (Outings Chair, Co-Program Chair) are a wonderfully diverse group of talented and dedicated individuals that can be counted upon to provide passion and expertise to any task or project that needs their involvement. Thanks to you all!

Our Fundraising Team Leader is Heather Sargeant and she is assisted by Maria Campos, Jack Witt, Crystal Riseley, Gayle Pinkston, Karla Kellems, Nancy Taylor and Sandy Ellis. Their efforts at the Mountain Thrift Shoppe provides funding for donations to the Children's Forest, the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust, Rim High Scholarships, a number of environmental organization memberships and any costs that we incur in our efforts to protect the environment through County and Court processes. We really, really appreciate their work and thank them for it. Our membership (about 230) should be thankful too – we don't have to keep asking for money from you all!

There are a few of our members that need mentioning here as well. Carl and Trudie Blank provide refreshments (hot, cold, sweet, savory, crunchy, chewy, healthy and yummy) for our monthly membership meetings at St. Richard's. Thank you both so much!

Sue (Tsunami) Walker has been active in Mountains Group activities since 2006, monitoring projects, writing letters, marshaling efforts and providing unflagging energy. If we are involved in something Sue finds a way to make a contribution. Thank you, Sue!

Hugh Bialecki is a Mountains Group member but channels his efforts to protect our environment into work as the President of the Save Our Forest Association (SOFA). The Mountains Group and SOFA are almost always partners on large development issues, sharing EIR review work, meeting attendance, communication efforts and, when necessary, legal costs. Hugh's leadership with SOFA is tremendously helpful to the protection of our mountain environment and we appreciate his efforts.

Peter Jorris and Kevin Kellems are also Mountains Group members but their primary environmental efforts are with the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust, protecting mountain land by buying it and, if possible, getting it added to the National Forest. The Mountains Group has been happy to help them acquire some of that property and we are glad that they are so good at what they do! Thanks! And Kevin, thanks for your support of Karla's efforts! Karla's many efforts!

I'm not going to go into detail here about active projects, but I do want to mention that the Church of the Woods project in Rimforest, the Blue Jay Resort project and the County General Plan revisions are all on our plates at this time. You can hear updates and details about them at our monthly meetings at St. Richard's.

The 2019 Mountains Group Executive Committee elections are in process and this year is especially critical. Our Executive Committee (ExCom) is made up of seven elected members that serve two-year terms. The elections are staggered, so four of our members are up for election in even numbered years and three in odd numbered years. This year we have three spots to fill, but only two incumbents are running again. The third incumbent (me) is stepping down from the ExCom (this is my 15<sup>th</sup> year as Chair of the ExCom) so we need someone new to join our ExCom. We do not elect for specific positions on the Committee, we elect seven members and they decide amongst themselves who is going to do what. But we do need a full seven members and they can always use some extra help as well. For example, we need a Secretary to take notes and provide minutes for our ExCom meetings (currently five meetings per year). The Secretary does not need to be an elected ExCom member just a Mountains Group member willing to do the work. There are other tasks currently handled by ExCom members that could be shared with volunteers as well.

If you are at all interested in helping the Mountains Group in this way please contact me for more information. That's Dave Barrie at [barriemail@mac.com](mailto:barriemail@mac.com)

Along these same lines, Heather Sargeant has been leading our fundraising efforts as the Mountains Group representative to the Thrift Shoppe board as well as working 3 three-hour shifts weekly and managing the shifts of our volunteers. Heather has been doing that for nearly twenty years and has targeted July of 2020 as her "retirement" date. Someone in the Mountains Group will need to take on that responsibility (we are in **REAL** trouble if someone doesn't) and stepping forward now would give Heather someone to share her workload with as she provides detailed training. Could that be you?

**Everything we do is done by volunteers – and we need your help to continue our work!**

## July's Chapter Program is Truly "For the Birds"!

### *Birding the 2018 Spring Migration from Gulf Coast Texas to Ohio and Michigan*

The annual spring migration of birds at birding hotspots in Texas, Ohio, and Michigan is possibly the world's most spectacular birding event. Thousands of birders from all around the U.S. and the world come to these locales each spring to experience the mass movement of birds on their way north.

Sierra Club members Brian Elliott and Gary Charlton followed the 2018 spring migration starting in April at the Texas Gulf Coast hotspots of High Island and Sabine Woods. They followed that up in May with trips to the world famous Magee Marsh of northwest Ohio and the Tawas Peninsula on Lake Huron in Michigan.

Warblers, tanagers, vireos, and orioles were the main attractions but many other species were encountered as well. Each of the locales they visited had a unique and different birding "flavor." Come to our July 2<sup>nd</sup> general meeting where Brian and Gary will share their images from the trips and discuss their experiences birding this great spring migration event!

#### Meeting Details

**When**  
Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> • 7:30 PM

**Presented By**  
Sierra Club members  
Brian Elliott and Gary Charlton

**Where**  
San Bernardino County Museum,  
2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands  
(California St. exit off 10 Fwy)



male Scarlet Tanager



Kirkland's Warbler



*"Hope to see you on July 2<sup>nd</sup>!!"*

Gary & Brian



Young Great Egrets at TX

## Santa Margarita Group

By Elena/Maryellen Garcia, Ph.D.

• SMG Secretary •

At this time we are winding down our monthly general programs prior to the summer hiatus, giving us time to plan for the coming year of programs and activities. Here's a look back at the Santa Margarita Group's most recent activities as well as a look forward at those underway now and projected for the future.

The May 9<sup>th</sup> general meeting of the Santa Margarita Group was very successful, judging by the standing room only crowd in the room. In addition to our regular attendees, many middle school students attended Dr. Gordon Pratt's lecture on butterflies and their habitats, which he illustrated with photos and diagrams.

We held another well-attended Science Day on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, organized by SMG's Vice-Chair Teri Biancardi. About 30 high school and college students joined her at the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve (SMER) for a morning of watershed and water quality education, which we do in partnership with SMER and Riverside County Flood Control.

On May 19<sup>th</sup> we had a Sierra Sunday—an afternoon just to kick back and enjoy—at Shadow Mountain Vineyards. Everyone had a great time, with excellent wine, laid back music—a singer-guitarist and a percussionist—yummy food, a winery tour and lively talk and even dancing! Please let us know if you'd like us to schedule another such event in the future.



The Chair of our Transportation Committee, Michael Momeni, keeps us up to date on plans for light rail in the region. Sadly, there has been little progress made on this front locally since information was shared from several agencies at our Transportation Workshop in the Fall of 2017. He reports: We have a long way to go before we can ever solve the problem of regional transportation. For local trips I use my car to travel within the city and others around Temecula, where I live. But to travel to airports in Los Angeles or San Diego I would be better served using a rapid electric commuter train. With better schedules for Saturday and Sunday, I would be able to use light rail for my leisure activities, too. Our Interstates 15 and 215 are fully congested now and I don't see how they can handle more cars.

At the time of this writing, events for June are underway. In particular we're sponsoring an exhibit by wildlife artist Heather Lara at the Gallery at Warner Springs, 31652 Highway 79, House Ste 1, Warner Springs, CA 92086. In tandem with that exhibit, we're featuring a series of speakers from 4:00 – 6:00 pm on three summer Saturdays. The first was on June 1<sup>st</sup>, with Leigh Bittner, from the Wildlife Research Institute, lecturing on the challenges faced by local wildlife. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, mountain lion experts Dr. Winston Vickers and Jamie Bourdon (UC Davis and SMER) will speak on the struggles of mountain lions in our region to sustain their population. Later in the summer, on July 13<sup>th</sup>, the series winds up with Trish Smith and Cara Lacey, of The Nature Conservancy, speaking on wildlife connectivity in Southern California. Each lecture is followed by a reception with local wine and appetizers. Cost to attend is \$20; please contact SMG Chair, Pam Nelson for a reservation:

pamela05n@yahoo.com. Respond soon, as space is limited.

Our last monthly general meeting for the year, on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, will



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sun protection, hiking boots and poles. RESERVATION: Charlotte Watts (909) 866-7423, momscampsite@gmail.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 26 – AUG 31**

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

**AUG 25-31 (SUN-SAT) MONORECESSES & PIONEER BASIN BACKPACK**  
Visit Pioneer Basin and Mono Recesses, some of the most beautiful areas in the Sierras on this 30-mile, on trail, semi-loop backpack. Pioneer Basin and the Mono Recesses are north-south trending basins above and below westward-flowing Mono Creek. Start and finish at the Mosquito Flat trailhead at the end of Rock Creek Rd. Four camping spots and two layover days. CAPACITY: 3 leaders (Joe will assist as well) and 6 participants. RATED: Moderate, but all Sierra backpacks are strenuous, it’s just a question of degree. MEET: TBA. RESERVATIONS: Dave Melton (760) 408-2456, dmelton61@yahoo.com, David Holtegaard (909) 881-1329, d10olie@aol.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 27 (TUE) 7:00 PM SANGORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

**AUG 31 (SAT) 8:00 AM EYE OF GOD, BIG BEAR HIKE**  
By popular demand we will re-visit this extraordinary natural rock this summer. This is an easy 5-mile outing through a wooded area with views of the San Bernardino Mountains along the Pacific Crest Trail. WEAR: Strong shoes and a hat. Bring plenty of water. MEET: Apple Valley Museum, 11873, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308 or at the trailhead where the PCT crosses Highway 18 by 9:00 am. LEADER: Norman BOSSOM 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com  
MOJAVE GROUP

**COMING UP**

**SEP 2 (MON) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

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Monthly chapter program. For more information, see front-page notice. 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

**SEP 5 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP



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**(EVERY MON) 7:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU OR NEARBY TRAIL HIKE**

**NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT VOLKSWALKING IN SO. CALIFORNIA**  
Come walk with Kathy every Monday for a 3-4-mile hike on the beautiful Santa Rosa Plateau or on another interesting trail nearby. No hikes on Christmas & New Year’s Day. Noncompetitive hiking for fun, fitness, & fellowship, Volksmarch is a worldwide movement that started in Germany in the 1960s on air force bases. “Volks” means “people” in German. MEET to carpool at 7:00 AM sharp at Barons Market, 32310 Clinton Keith Road, Wildomar 92595. WEAR sunscreen, a hat & BRING plenty of cold water & a snack. INFO: KATHY BUNDY 951-218-3755. See also the meetup.com page: Volkswalking in So. California Open to Everyone! (MEETS July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29, August 5, August 12, August 19, August 26)

**(1ST & 3RD FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**

International folk dancing: Greek, Israeli, Serbian, Turkish, etc. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. 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 (MEETS July 5, July 19, August 2, August 16)

**(3RD WED) 6:30 OR 7:30 PMAUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY**

A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize on the third Wednesday of each month. The June & December meetings are potluck dinners starting 6:30 pm; other months start 7:30 pm. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201. (MEETS July 17, August 21)



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feature “A Sea of Change: Getting to the Point of Point Loma’s Kelp Forests” by Billie Beckley. Currently, Ms. Beckley is a third-year Master’s degree candidate in Marine Ecology at San Diego State University. She is broadly interested in marine conservation ecology and how environmental and other disturbances affect the biodiversity, productivity and resilience of marine systems. Her presentation at the SMG’s final general meeting of the year will be at the Temecula Public Library at 30600 Pauba Road, with social time and light refreshments from 6-6:30 pm, a brief business meeting at 6:30, and the speaker immediately following. Everyone is welcome.

While at the Ronald H. Roberts branch of the Temecula Public Library, visitors can look at a new display set up by SMG Outreach Chair, Margaret Meyncke with the help of local librarians. The display features toy animals from different biomes, such as jungles, forests, deserts and oceans. Related books are also presented in the case, with authors such as John Muir, Rachel Carson, and Mathai Waangarai. As the 2018-19 year winds up for us, there is an end-of-year picnic, now scheduled for Sunday, June 30, at a place and time to be determined. Look for updates via email as well as an announcement at our next general meeting. During July and August, planning meetings of the Executive Committee will be held, details to come via email Blasts. Everyone is encouraged to attend these very informal brain-storming sessions, usually held in someone’s home. It’s a good way to let your ideas be known as well as to see what goes into the planning for the year!

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### meet *Smokey Bear!*

Our Big Bear Group General Meetings/programs are every third Thursday of the month in the Discovery Center at 6:30 pm.

### **Dave Melton, Outings Chair**

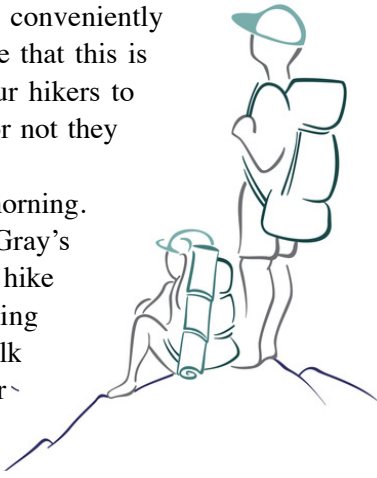
Our 2019 Summer Social and Patch Party will be on Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> at Charlotte Watt's house, which is conveniently located in Fawnskin at 963 Canyon Rd. Note that this is a new location this year. We encourage all our hikers to attend and enjoy some camaraderie whether or not they are earning a patch.

We will have a hike and a nature walk in the morning. At 8:00 am, Judy Atkinson will lead a climb of Gray's Peak. Contact Judy at 909-289-1932 or see the hike schedule for more information and the meeting location. At 9:30, LJ Foster will lead a nature walk down to the lake. Meet at Charlotte's house for the nature walk.

At noon the club will provide a barbecue lunch for the returning hikers and guests. Charlotte's husband Bruce will be the chef, with a great menu for vegetarians and non-vegetarians alike. You are invited to bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Following lunch, we will continue to socialize and award patches to all who have earned a patch since the last party.

All Sierra Club Members, hikers, family members, and friends are invited.

Please RSVP to Charlotte at 909-866-7423 or momscampsite@gmail.com



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leaves her husband George Hague and their daughters Micaela Hague and Maria Riemer.

Here is some updated information on projects we are following:

**Brodiaea Commerce Center warehouse settlement:** The City approved the Brodiaea Commerce Center warehouse (near SW corner of Alessandro Blvd and Heacock St) directly across the street from 13 family homes. Just like the larger Moreno Valley Logistic Center (MLC) across the street from 31 homes the Sierra Club worked with the developer to better protect the residents. As with the MVLC this developer agreed to provide each homeowner a state of the art \$18,000 HVAC and air filtration system with a 10 year maintenance agreement to help protect them from the toxic diesel pollution generated by the project. The developer also agreed to better protect the home owners with enhanced landscaping and restrictions on truck movement. Many other items in the settlement will better protect all of us from increased air pollution/greenhouse gas—such as the installation of EV chargers.

**Highland Fairview:** Highland Fairview submitted an application to expand the Skechers warehouse. The enlarged 768,000 square foot building would connect to the existing Skechers building by a conveyor bridge. The expansion of Skechers was approved by the City Council. They also voted to approve (3-2) changing all of Theodore Street (named after city founder Theodore Clark) to World Logistic Center Parkway.

**San Jacinto Wildlife Area Land Management Plan:** No new news. A number of years ago (June 2016) the Moreno Valley Group commented on the proposed Land Management Plan (LMP) for the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA). The LMP will be the guiding document for managing the 19,000 acre SJWA in the future. Once the LMP is approved visitors will have to pay a day fee to enjoy the SJWA.

**World Logistics Center (WLC):** The 40.6 sq ft World Logistic Center (WLC) warehouse project would cover 2,610 acres — an area larger than three New York Central Parks. The Superior Court ruled in the environmental community's favor in June 2018 on several issues, but we lost on the very important Greenhouse Gas (GHG) issue. On May 20, 2019, our Earthjustice attorneys who are also representing the San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, Center for Biological Diversity, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice and Coalition for Clean Air filed their opening brief to appeal the Superior Courts decision solely as it relates to the faulty GHG analysis. The City and the project developer, Highland Fairview, has filed a cross-appeal of the Superior Court's decision.

**Villages of Lakeview (VOL):** A coalition of environmental groups represented by Center for Biological Diversity has challenged the Riverside County Board of Supervisor's approval of this 8,725-unit development on the south edge of the San Jacinto Wildlife area. A hearing on the merits of the lawsuit is tentatively for August.

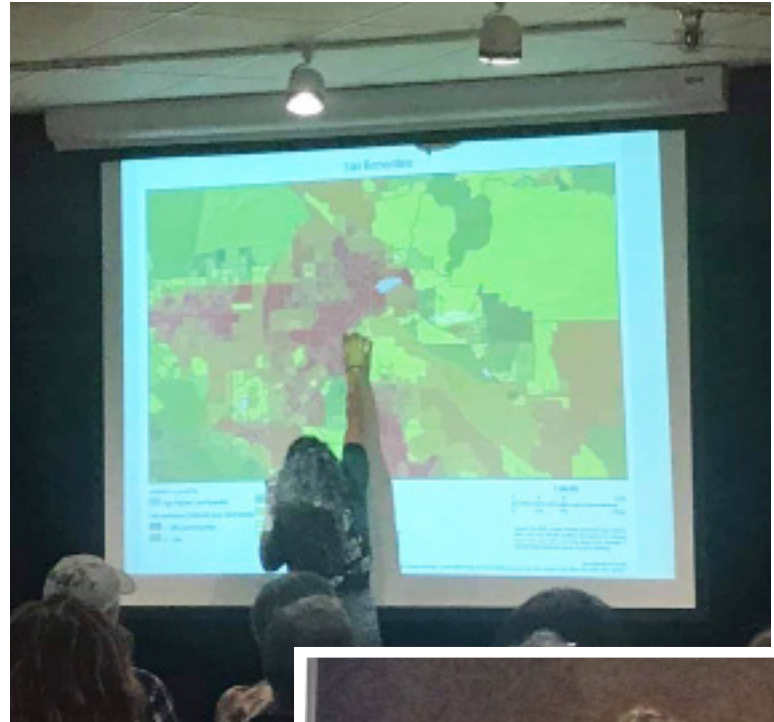
**Donations Needed:** Your donations are essential to our litigation against the Villages of Lakeview and the World Logistics Center as well as other projects in our area. Make checks payable to "Sierra Club" with a notation for WLC and/or VOL or other. Please send to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. We sincerely appreciate and thank all of you who have taken time to donate to the litigation fund! We appreciate your generous donations.

## Green New Deal Town Hall

*By Mary Ann Ruiz, San Gorgonio Chapter Chair*

**M**any of you attended our May Green New Deal Town Hall – over 80 people came to learn about this plan. Partnering

in and started their own "Victory Gardens" – around 20 million gardens – and produced 40 percent of all the vegetables grown in the US in 1943.



with the Sunrise Movement, the Sierra Club held Town Halls around the country. Our event featured the Sunrise Movement's presentation on just what the Green New Deal means to our country, with local activists discussing what it means here in the Inland Valley.

The meeting was interactive with the audience – everyone participated. Throughout the Town Hall, questions were given to the audience to discuss with their neighbors. The buzz in the room was exciting to see. Strangers before the meeting, the audience members engaged in conversations among themselves about the many issues to tackle.

In discussing the Green New Deal, we first look back on the original New Deal in the 30s. When we faced the emergency of the Great Depression, the New Deal responded with what FDR called "bold, persistent experimentation." The Federal Government created dozens of innovative programs for relief, recovery, and reform. They distributed aid for the unemployed. The Federal Government regulated finance, industry, and agriculture. Social Security was created for support for the disabled and seniors; as well as the safety net of unemployment insurance. Union rights were protected for the first time.

We can also look back to the emergency of the rise of global fascism of WWII, to see how our great country can come together and win. The Federal Government took the reins of the economy, mandating private industry to produce wartime goods. Few are left among us who remember wartime rationing of products, price controls and limits on corporate profits. Families around the country stepped

We now face the ultimate emergency – a climate crisis unfolding that we can still avert, but we must act now. The Sunrise Movement aims to "Stop climate change and create millions of good-paying jobs in the process." Finally, after decades of inaction and denial, Climate Change is rising to the top of the American's concerns.

The next steps will involve the upcoming Presidential Debates. June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> are the first debate dates for the Democratic candidates. The second debate dates are 7/30 and 7/31 in Detroit. This debate will be targeted by the Sunrise movement to Change the Debate. Candidates need to be clear on their position regarding Climate Change and the Green New Deal. ....

Watch parties are being organized at local levels and a major movement of youth to Detroit for a show of support for the Green New Deal is in the works.

Keep an eye on your emails from our Chapter, as well as our website calendar, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for information on our next event to support the Green New Deal.



## Community Benefit Agreement for the Inland Empire

By Ethan Chavarria and Yassi Kavezade, Community Organizer, My Generation Campaign, Southern California, Inland Valley

The Goods movement logistics industry dominates our Inland Empire railroads, freeways, skies, and streets. Multinational as well as large local corporations including Nestle, Amazon, Walmart, Smart and Final and others are making the Inland Valley the home of big box warehousing for distribution of our favorite items. Cities like Fontana, San Bernardino, Ontario, and Bloomington are sites that are strategic for the distribution logistics industry. Although the real estate is cheap, the cost to the health of our communities is staggering.

Last summer the urban areas of Riverside and San Bernardino County experienced 87 bad air days in a row. This bad air acts as a blanket of ozone trapping particulates and air pollution. High ozone presence in our air causes chronic diseases such as asthma, bronchitis, and cancer. For the first time since the beginning of the Inland Valley's logistics growth boom, we have a chance to reverse the course of this pollution through the community benefits agreement approach.

Community benefit agreements during development, policy, and advocacy include various partners of movements coming together and agreeing on how to set the table for all of our common interests. Our opportunity to change the course of future pollution is the proposed expansion of the San Bernardino airport. This expansion is expected to increase cargo flights from 5 a week to 26 per day 24/7, and add over a thousand truck trips per day – all without the promise of jobs that will provide a living wage and be filled by local hires. This

airport expansion project appeared to be rushed through approvals with little community involvement. Now, a coalition including the faith based organizations Inland Congregations United for Change, labor represented by Teamsters and Warehouse Worker Resource Center, the environmental justice organization Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice, the Sierra Club, My Generation campaign, and San Geronio Chapter are working to delay the project until community benefit agreements can be worked out.

Sierra Club's My Generation Campaign showed support for SB airport communities, by organizing a massive town hall in San Bernardino raising awareness of this project. We canvassed for weeks, spread the word to other groups, and introduced the concept of community benefits at the Town Hall Forum.

At My Generation we look forward to connecting with other organizations towards solutions for cleaner air, energy, transportation, and good green jobs that provide a living wage. This airport expansion project is an opportunity to do so. Community benefits must come from interested community members coming together to provide a dignified future for all. Our next meeting will be June 15<sup>th</sup> to solidify agreements to clean up our air, provide good union jobs, and ensure that some of the public funds spent on this project come back to the community.

To learn more about how you can become involved email:  
[yassi.kavezade@sierraclub.org](mailto:yassi.kavezade@sierraclub.org)



*"At the San Bernardino gathering, leaders of community, labor and environmental organizations did not advocate scrapping the airport development altogether. But new logistics facilities, they argued, should come with 'community benefits agreements' guaranteeing well-paid, stable jobs and measures limiting air pollution, including air filters and soundproofing for schools and residences."*



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build two 40-foot diameter, 30-mile long tunnels that would divert water from the Sacramento River around the San Francisco Bay Delta for export to the south. More recently, Governor Newsom has rejected the two tunnels plan and suggested they be replaced by a single tunnel.

What California needs is not two tunnels, or one tunnel. What it needs is a diverse water portfolio, including firm commitments of water for the environment. California can meet its water needs and provide the flows needed to restore the Delta with a combination of increased agricultural and urban conservation, groundwater storage and management, increased water reuse, and stormwater capture. A smart and sustainable water portfolio will enable us to meet the challenges of climate change and provide the water

our families, farms, and ecosystems require to flourish.

The amount of water we could save in California with this combination of conservation measures is enough to stop the over-draft of California's groundwater basins and replace much if not most of the water we now take from the Delta, thus restoring the ecological health of the Delta and making even one tunnel unnecessary.

This table has been compiled from 2014 analysis by the Pacific Institute and Natural Resources Defense Council,<sup>4</sup> and 2016 analysis by the Department of Water Resources.<sup>5</sup> The Sierra Club opposes the more aggressive operation of reservoirs and the Delta pumping plants DWR proposes in order to achieve maximum gains from conjunctive groundwater

storage as we believe these gains can be achieved using more sustainable and environmentally-friendly techniques.

Potential Water Savings/Supplies from a Portfolio of Resilient Strategies	
Resource Strategy	Water Savings/Supplies (million acre-feet/year)
Agricultural Water Use Efficiency	5.6 - 6.6 MAF
Urban Water Use Efficiency	2.9 - 5.2 MAF <sup>2</sup>
Recycled Municipal Water	1.2 - 1.8 MAF <sup>3</sup>
Stormwater Capture	0.4 - 0.6 MAF
Groundwater Storage and Conjunctive Use	0.5 - 2.0 MAF
TOTAL	10.6 - 16.2 MAF

2. About 2.1 MAF of Pacific Institute's projections of potential urban water conservation savings were realized in 2015. The Untapped Potential of California's Water Supply used the average of urban uses between 2001 and 2010 as a baseline, which was 9.1 MAF a year. According to the 2018 California Water Plan Update, in 2015, urban uses consumed an average of 7.0 MAF a year (p. 1-5.) Available at <https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/California-Water-Plan/Docs/Update2018/PRD/California-Water-Plan-Update-2018-Public-Review-Draft.pdf>

3. Even greater supplies could be realized if SB 332 is enacted -- estimates are 2.5 MAF.

4. Peter Gleick et. al. The Untapped Potential of California's Water Supply: Efficiency, Reuse, and Stormwater. Pacific Institute and Natural Resources Defense Council, June 2014. Available at <https://pacinst.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/ca-water-capstone.pdf>.

5. California Department of Water Resources, Conjunctive Management and Groundwater, A Resource Management Strategy of the California Water Plan, July 2016. Available at [http://www.water.ca.gov/waterplan/docs/rms/2016/08\\_ConjMgt\\_GW\\_Storage\\_July2016.pdf](http://www.water.ca.gov/waterplan/docs/rms/2016/08_ConjMgt_GW_Storage_July2016.pdf).

## Action Alert Tell Riverside County “Don’t Pave Paradise”

**W**e need to tell the County Planning Commission to oppose Paradise Valley, a proposed “new town” of 25,000 people on the south edge of Joshua Tree National Park, 17 miles east of the Coachella Valley. Paradise Valley is an atrocious project – it should have been a non-starter.

Please write to the Planning Commission at the address below. Personalize it: add your own words as to why you’re opposed. The Planning Commission will consider the project at its August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, so we want to get as many letters (or emails) as possible to them before that.

Via email to: [esarabia@rivco.org](mailto:esarabia@rivco.org)

Or regular mail to:

Riverside County Planning Commission  
County Administrative Center  
4080 Lemon Street  
Riverside, CA 92501

Please also send a separate email to: [mountaintracker47@gmail.com](mailto:mountaintracker47@gmail.com) to let us know you’re opposed to Paradise Valley and would like to receive updates.

Thank you for helping!

### Have you checked out the *Palm and Pine Online*?

Have you received your email each month with links to the paper and our calendar? We would love to hear from you about the online publication.

In January of 2020, we will be publishing online only, saving trees and \$\$\$ that can be put to work on environmental issues.

If you are not seeing the email with the online version let us know so we can fix that! Email [ruizmaryann@gmail.com](mailto:ruizmaryann@gmail.com), or call our office at 951-684-6203 and leave a message so we can be sure you receive future issues!



### SAMPLE LETTER

*Dear Planning Commissioners,*

*I’m strongly opposed to the Paradise Valley project that threatens thousands of acres next to Joshua Tree National Park Wilderness, affecting, wildlife, air, water, and the night sky just to construct a new city of 25,000 people where it simply doesn’t belong.*

*This project is sprawl on steroids, located 17 miles from the closest urban area! It would create a huge demand for infrastructure, bypassing east Coachella Valley communities in much greater need of clean drinking water, good roads, sewage treatment and other County services. An international developer who has no understanding of the desert is trying to develop this atrocity right in the middle of a designated Conservation Area for threatened desert tortoise and other wildlife that Riverside County and many cities have all agreed to protect.*

*Because of the sensitivity of this area, next to Joshua Tree National Park and in a Conservation Area, I oppose anything on this site.*

*Thank you for your consideration in this matter,*



We are looking for a Digital Communications Volunteer who can help with our Chapter emails, action alerts, online events, social media, and database management.

We use Salesforce as our main database, which looks great on your resume. Don't worry, we'll train you!

The time commitment can be between one and three hours per week, and can be conducted remotely. Contact [ruizmaryann@gmail.com](mailto:ruizmaryann@gmail.com) if interested!

## Topic of Chapter's August Meeting Aims to Draw Big Crowd

### "Keep California Leading: Our Voice at the Capitol"

While our federal government dodges any action to avert a climate disaster, here in California, the fifth largest economy in the world is leading the charge to combat climate change. Sierra Club California is Our Voice at the Capitol in Sacramento, giving a voice to the environment in the State Legislature and at state-wide policy agencies. Join us to learn more about this effective organization at our August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Sierra Club California Chair (also our Chapter Chair) Mary Ann Ruiz will lead this meeting. In addition to learning about our presence at the Capitol, you

**MEETING DETAILS**  
**Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> • 7:30 PM**  
*"Keep California Leading: Our Voice at the Capitol"*  
*Presented by Mary Ann Ruiz*

**Program held at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands (California St. exit off 10 Fwy)**

will have the opportunity to learn more about helping to influence our Legislature on important environmental bills coming up in the August/September Legislative session. We will have a short video about in-district lobbying, with signups from anyone interested in learning more. We'll show you how to be sure you are on the Action Alert list, so that when we need phone calls and emails to your State Assembly Member or Senator, you can help.

We will also have an action you can take that night to make a difference. Many of you came to our June Green New Deal Town Hall. Here's your opportunity to help influence California Policy towards sustainable infrastructure, clean transportation and water for all, and a better future.



*California State Capital  
Photo by Mary Ann Ruiz*

*California Leads! Solar Panels being installed on roof of LA Convention Center • Mario Tama, Getty Images*

## JOIN NOW Membership

YES, I want to help safeguard our nation's precious natural heritage. My check is enclosed.

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Life .....	\$1,000	\$1,250
Senior .....	\$25	\$35
Student .....	\$25	\$35

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### Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park

**July 14-16, August 18-20,  
September 22-24, October 20-22**

Join us for a 3-day, 3-island, live-aboard tour of the enchanting Channel Islands. Hike wild, windswept trails bordered with blazing wildflowers. Kayak rugged coastlines. Marvel at pristine waters teeming with frolicking seals and sea lions. Train your binoculars on unusual sea and land birds—and an occasional whale. Watch for the endangered island fox. Look for reminders of the Chumash people who lived on these islands for thousands of years. Or, just relax at sea. This cruise departs from Santa Barbara. The cost, \$730, includes an assigned bunk and all meals, snacks, and beverages. Kayaking will be overseen by our concessionaire; all hikes will be on trails, class 1 terrain. This trip is a fundraiser to support the Sierra Club political program in California. To reserve space send a \$200 check, written to California Sierra Club PAC to Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732.

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