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## Amazing Vista



View of Mt Baldy from Inspiration Point. Photo Credit: Mark T. Rush

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## July 2023 Trail Talk: Hiking and Sightseeing in the Peak District, Derbyshire, England

**Wed, July 19th, 2023 7:00 PM**

Norman Bossom presented his hiking and sightseeing adventures from his recent trip to England. He spent 3 days in the Peak District town of Buxton, Derbyshire. The hiking in this area is outstanding. The town dates back to the Roman era, has a spa, and is famous for its springs.

Norman Bossom is a San Gorgonio Chapter Outings Leader and has been the Outings Chair as well as the Political Chair for the Mojave Group for the past 6 years. He also serves as a member of the San Gorgonio Chapter Executive Committee.

You can catch up on this and previous episodes at the San Gorgonio Chapter's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@sierraclubsangorgonio5811/videos>

## Event Highlight: Stargazing at Joshua Tree

**Date and Time:** Sunday, June 18, 2023

**Organized By:** San Geronio Chapter

**Location:** Joshua Tree

**Event Organizer:** Mary Ann Ruiz

As the group gathered at the campfire, everyone was entertained by a storytelling session from John St. Clair. But as the night sky darkened, everyone was excited to be together, looking up at the vast expanse of stars above.

As the night grew darker, the stars seemed to pop out of the sky, twinkling against the blackness. Suddenly, someone pointed up excitedly and exclaimed, "Look! There's Scorpio rising!" The group turned to see the constellation, its bright stars peeking out between two rock hills. It was an unmistakable sight and everyone took a moment to appreciate the beauty of the night sky.

Before long, another member of the group pointed out that the Milky Way was starting to appear in the sky. The group watched in awe as the clear night sky revealed a broad band of stars stretching across the sky in a hazy glow. It was a breathtaking sight, and everyone felt a sense of wonder and elation.



The group settled in for a night of stargazing, with some setting up cots to relax and take in the spectacle. Someone had brought a telescope and they took turns looking at the celestial objects up close, marveling at the intricate details of the galaxies and planets. They talked excitedly about future stargazing trips and how they could come back to Joshua Tree National Park to see more of the night sky.

As the night wore on, the group started to grow tired, but nobody wanted to leave the beauty of the darkening night, everyone reluctant to leave the peacefulness and wonder of the starry sky. Finally, they packed up their belongings and said their goodnights, but not without contemplating their next stargazing trip. They knew that the experience they had shared in Joshua Tree would stay with them forever.



Photo credit: Mary Ann Ruiz

## A Message From Your Chair

Dear Folks,

Recently, our Chapter ExCom conducted a much-needed discussion about our finances and budget for the current and upcoming years. This conversation is particularly significant due to the changing landscape of our national organization and our recent search for a chapter director.

Following that budget meeting, we have recognized the importance of continuing the conversation in order to develop a well-thought-out and strategic budget and spending plan. Our focus will be on enhancing our investments in programs and initiatives that benefit our members and our chapter, such as a strategic plan for our conservation priorities, a chapter-strong training series to support our groups and group leaders, the re-implementation of the environmental justice committee, and gearing up for the upcoming 2024 election cycle.

Simultaneously, we are committed to ensuring that our members have the necessary resources and assistance to get involved in our campaigns, whether it be door-knocking, phone banking, or digital organizing. This is why I hope to prioritize learning and utilizing the technology and tools that Sierra Club national provides, which will help us reach a wider audience, mobilize our members, and engage everyone in the conversation.

Furthermore, I am excited to help lead the 2023 Awards Program, where we will recognize and celebrate individuals who have shown dedication and commitment towards fulfilling our mission, both within and outside our chapter. We invite our members to nominate someone for any of these honors.

Lastly, we encourage our members to share the work they have been doing in pursuit of Sierra Club's mission to enjoy, protect and explore. For instance, we would love to feature your stories, art, or photographs on our social media accounts. Mark Rush's photograph from a hike near Cucamonga peak was featured in this issue of the Palm & Pine, with permission. So, please feel free to share!

Sincerely,



Bobbi Jo Chavarria

Chapter Chair, San Gorgonio Chapter



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CHAPTER  
AWARDS

2023

NOMINATIONS OPEN

JULY 1, 2023 - AUGUST 19, 2023

HELP US CHOOSE!

The **Ralph Salisbury Award** is given for outstanding contributions to our Outings Program.

The **Alice Krueper Service Award** is given for long-time service to a non-Sierra Club entity in the name of Sierra Club.

The **Joe Momyer Conservation Award** is given for outstanding contribution to our conservation effort.

**Marjorie & Clark Jones Service Award** given for outstanding contributions in any and all other chapter activities over a number of years.

**Environmental Justice Award** is given to an individual or organization that has done outstanding work toward identifying and addressing environmental problems that have a disproportionately adverse effect on communities of color and/or low-income communities.

[CLICK HERE TO NOMINATE  
SOMEONE TODAY!](#)

<https://bit.ly/2023SanGAwards>



## **Digging Into the State's Annual Report on the Salton Sea**

*By Alyssa Orozco and Erin Woolley | Reprinted from Capitol Voice, June 2023*

May was an important month for the Salton Sea, as state agency staff, community members and organizations, and environmental groups gathered in Imperial, California to discuss last year's progress on the Salton Sea Management Program.

The Salton Sea, California's largest inland lake, is rapidly receding due to reduced runoff and increased evaporation caused by climate change. This poses complex challenges for both the ecosystem and nearby communities. The exposed lakebed, known as playa, causes health issues like asthma in local communities. Additionally, the shrinking sea concentrates pollutants and diminishes habitat for migratory birds on the Pacific Flyway.

The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) is leading efforts to address the shrinking Salton Sea through dust suppression and habitat restoration projects. The State Water Resources Control Board has mandated CNRA to implement 30,000 acres of projects by 2028. Each year, CNRA releases an annual report outlining its progress and conservation plans. Recently, the State Water Board conducted a meeting in the Salton Sea region to hear from local residents and assess CNRA's restoration work on-site. This meeting provided an opportunity for direct community engagement and firsthand review of CNRA's efforts.

Additionally, the Salton Sea Management Program team hosted a project tour highlighting the progress at the Species Conservation Habitat (SCH) Project, located along the New River at the southern end of the Salton Sea. This project encompasses 4,100 acres of aquatic restoration that will cover harmful dust from the exposed lakebed and develop critical habitat through the creation of a network of ponds with islands and areas of varying water depths. Fresh water from the New River is mixed with high saline water pumped from the Salton Sea to create a less saline brackish water that fills the 4,100 acres of constructed wetlands that have been designed to provide habitat for migratory birds. Operations and maintenance of the project is estimated to cost between \$2-5 million annually.

In the first five years of the SSMP, CNRA has lagged far behind its projected restoration and dust suppression goals. The absence of agreements with landowners to access lands surrounding the Salton Sea remains a major barrier to timely project implementation. In 2022, CNRA completed a mere 290 acres of projects. However, completion of the SCH project, along with other projects planned over the next two years, would go a long way towards making up for the growing backlog and ensuring the overall project goals are met by 2028.

Over the course of the two-day meeting, the State Water Board heard CNRA staff report on the progress achieved in 2022. A series of panels made up of scientists, community members, stakeholders, and other agency staff spoke on a variety of issues, including declining Colorado River water supplies, air quality and public health, and community needs and perspectives on the Salton Sea. Ahead of the meeting, over 1,376 Sierra Club California supporters sent comments to the State Water Board asking for greater clarity as to project completion, accounting for water demands of future projects, and timely implementation of projects that incorporate public access and amenities. During the meeting, additional supporters, community members, and stakeholders gave direct feedback to the State Water Board about the urgently needed progress at the Salton Sea.

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After two days of discussion and testimony by passionate individuals sharing their field expertise and knowledge regarding the state of the Salton Sea, two things became abundantly clear - how much is at stake and how much people care not only for the Salton Sea ecosystem but the surrounding region and its communities. If projects are done right, the Salton Sea presents an opportunity for the environment, wildlife, and local residents to benefit.

However, that will require increased transparency and accessibility of ongoing processes and greater coordination and engagement with community members as future projects get off the ground to ensure community perspectives and values are driving investments. There must also be significant financial investments and commitments to ensure future projects include community amenities and access, and that projects that are constructed have the resources to be operated and maintained to provide benefits long-term. Join our work to protect the Salton Sea - [sign up to stay up to date on efforts to protect the Salton Sea.](#)



**Sierra Club Big Bear Group Presents**



## Big Bear Valley Xeriscape Garden Tour 2023

Join us for a **FREE** Self-Guided Tour featuring local homes with water-wise yards and the BBL Department of Water and Power Xeriscape Demonstration Garden.

**Saturday, July 29th from 10 am - 3 pm**  
 Begin your tour at **Emingers Nursery** between **10 am - 12 pm**  
 41223 Big Bear Blvd # A, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315  
 Find us on FaceBook: **BigBearXeriscapeGardenTour**



## Hikers, Earn your Patch!

The Seven Peaks of the Cucamonga Wilderness Patch is awarded to those hikers who summit all seven of the Cucamonga Wilderness peaks. The program was started in 2019 to encourage hiking with Los Serranos Group outings leaders. To earn a patch, any hiker (no need to be a Sierra Club member and all hikes are free) must hike to the top of the seven peaks in the Cucamonga Wilderness on a Sierra Club hike led by a Los Serranos outings leader. **The Lost Serranos Group is leading hikes to four of the peaks in July!**

All seven of the hikes are considered strenuous and require high altitude conditioning prior to the hike. Contact John St. Clair ([sierraclubjohn@stclairs.us](mailto:sierraclubjohn@stclairs.us)) by email for ideas on how to condition for these hikes. There's no time limit to complete the hikes and it is possible to earn a second patch by completing the hikes a second time. If you were well on your way to earning a patch when COVID-19 restrictions put the hiking program on pause, you can finish this year and earn your patch by reaching your remaining summits.

There will probably be new patches awarded in July on the Bighorn Peak and Telegraph Peak hikes.

The seven peaks are, from lowest to highest: Timber Mountain (8,303 ft.), Big Horn Peak (8,441 ft.), Thunder Mountain (8,587 ft.), Etiwanda Peak (8,662 ft.), Ontario Peak (8,696 ft.), Cucamonga Peak (8,862ft.), and Telegraph Peak (8,989 ft.).

Register for hikes online on the [Sierra Club San Gorgonio Outings](#) page.



*Rick Sykora receives his patch on Bighorn Peak.*

## San Gorgonio Chapter In-Person Hybrid Event: Take Action Now and New Volunteer/Activist Information

Join Sierra Club Members from all around San Bernardino and Riverside County and take action to influence our State Legislature. Enjoy socializing and snacks with other concerned community members, and learn what Sierra Club is up to here in the Inland Empire.

We will start with welcomes and introductions, and a few chapter updates including our search for candidates to run for Chapter leadership roles.

**Next is action time: the state legislative session ends on September 14th, and those last two weeks typically have lots of actions we can take to help get bills passed or killed. We will review priority bills for Sierra Club and assist you with ways to make a difference.**

Sierra Club National has gone through a reorganization process to focus more resources at the chapter level - we will provide updates on any changes affecting our chapter and introduce any new staff in our chapter or Sierra Club California.

Then comes the fun stuff - we will move into social time with snacks, desserts and beverages, and hold a new member/new activist event. Tables will be set up around the room with volunteers to talk to you about our various ways to get involved. Whether you just want to take a hike, or are interested in political organizing, land use issues, climate change or conservation policy, administrative help or donating, we'll help you find the level of involvement that works for you!

August 30 meeting at 7:00 PM, San Bernardino County Museum Education building (and we are offering a hybrid virtual webinar option for those who can't make it in-person).

**RSVP HERE**



### Call to Action: Sign on to Protect our Planet

#### Support Zero Emissions For Rail Yards in California!

Two new rail yards are proposed for Long Beach and Colton, bringing with them a likely increase in air pollution. The heavy-duty equipment used to load and unload cargo emit harmful emissions from gas and diesel engines.

These pollutants harm community members living by these railyards the most, increasing their risk for cancer, heart disease, and chronic respiratory illness like asthma. We can do something about these emissions with Indirect Source Rules at the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Sign the petition to ensure railyards have strong rules and accountability to clean up their act with zero emissions and facility caps on each site.

Click to [Support Zero Emissions Rail Yards in California!](#)

#### Protect Our Old-Growth and Mature Forests

Tell President Biden to protect our forests on federal land to safeguard our communities from the future impacts of climate change. We must act to protect one of our greatest climate solutions.

Click to [Sign on to Protect Old-Growth Forests!](#)

## Climate Updates in the First Half of California's Legislative Session

By Brandon Dawson | Reprinted from Capitol Voice, June 2023



It's a busy time in Sacramento, and as always, we need your support to fight the climate crisis. On June 2nd, we reached the house of origin deadline, where bills had to be voted out of the house they were introduced in (ABs in the Assembly, SBs in the Senate).

Sierra Club California has taken positions on nearly 200 bills this year. The California Legislative Committee voted to support 147 of them and oppose 48. We're actively tracking an additional 300 bills. Out of the 200 bills we took a position on, 140 are still in progress. Some bills we support include [AB 421 \(Bryan\)](#), which reforms California's referendum process to prevent corporations from hindering our progress in protecting communities, and [SB 252 \(Gonzalez\)](#), which stops two state pension funds from investing in major fossil fuel companies. You can find our [Priority Bill list from the Legislative Committee here](#).

We're also working hard to defend the climate budget passed in recent years. This budget has provided vital investments in combating and adapting to the severe impacts of the climate crisis. Unfortunately, the Governor has proposed cutting several programs, including those that incentivize transitioning low-income homes away from gas, safeguard against sea-level rise, and restore the Salton Sea. We must ensure that these programs receive the necessary funding before the June 15 constitutional budget deadline.

Furthermore, we're urging the legislature to allocate more funds to public transit agencies to support their operations and reduce vehicle emissions.

We're also actively pushing back on the process and substance of the Governor's infrastructure package, which threatens important environmental laws and the protections they offer to California's communities and ecosystems. Both the Assembly and Senate recently held hearings to review the package, and you can watch them [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#) (click Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee).

So, how can you contribute to this fight? Call your legislators and let them know that you support the specific pro-environment bills highlighted in our [Priority Bill list](#).

Together, let's take action and make a difference in this critical time.

**We're also hosting an in-district lobbying webinar on **Thursday, June 29th at 4pm PT** to ensure everyone is well-informed about our priority bills before the legislature's summer recess.**

**[Please register here!](#)**





## Moreno Valley Group News

*Compiled by Christina Torres, Moreno Valley Outings Leaders,  
George Hague, Conservation Chair, & Ann McKibben, Secretary*

*From the Outings Chair: Due to personal reasons, there are currently no hikes scheduled from the Moreno Valley Group, however, we expect to start some again by September at the latest.*

The American Lung Association has put out its 2023 “State of the Air” Report. By using the following link you can look up information by county, city <https://www.lung.org/research/sota>. It will show Ozone, Particle Pollution, Populations At Risk. Riverside County has a Failing grade as does most of southern California. The information reiterates why it is so important for residents to be aware of sources of air pollution and work to minimize the causes of pollution where it is possible. This is why we challenge several Moreno Valley warehouses.

**Compass Danbe Centerpointe Warehouse:** Thanks to your donations the Sierra Club filed our lawsuit on this project on February 17 and will be in court Friday, September 29 arguing our case. The 389,603 square foot project site is located south of Alessandro Boulevard between Frederick Street and Graham Street. The warehouse is across the street from a charter school, apartments and homes. The project’s Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) indicates that trucks accessing or exiting the project site may also use the city-designated truck routes along Frederick Street, Heacock Street and Alessandro Boulevard to travel to and from State Route 60. Nine schools are located within 1/4 mile of City-Designated truck routes that could/would be used by the proposed project. When settlement talks broke down our attorney filed their brief for the case in March.

**Cottonwood & Edgemont Warehouses (CEW):** On Tuesday, May 2, 2023 our city council voted to approve the Cottonwood & Edgemont warehouse which is only 17 feet from one family home and 19 feet from another. There are other homes within 30 to 50 feet. This neighborhood is in an environmental justice (EJ) community and already is in the worse 5% of California for air and other pollutions as well as socio-economic impacts. Thanks to your donations we were able to afford the required \$750 to appeal this warehouse project



*Mystic Lake, San Jacinto Wildlife Area by George Hague*

near family homes to force a city council vote and now file our intentions to litigate this warehouse project. It is so sad to see our city’s continued failure to cover the massive warehouse roofs with solar, to require zero emission equipment, install many operational Level 1 and Level 2 Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers among other things.

**Please consider making a donation to our local Sierra Club (P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325) to challenge these unhealthy warehouse projects being built near people’s homes. Thank you to all of you who have already donated to help us make them less harmful to Moreno Valley residents, especially children.**

**Moreno Valley Business Park Warehouse (MVBWP):** The Moreno Valley Business Park warehouse is proposed at the southeast corner of Ironwood Avenue and Heacock Street, in the same shopping center as the new Sprouts. The warehouse’s diesel trucks will significantly impact not only family homes as they travel on adjacent roads, but also the SR-60/Heacock Street interchange as well as the entrance to the shopping center. After the administrative record was complete and we were ready for our hearing the developer said he found more information to put into the record which caused another delay—if the judge accepts them.

**Moreno Valley Business Center (MVBC) Warehouse:** This poorly located warehouse would be located at the SE corner of Alessandro Boulevard and Day Street. On the east



side of the project, homes are adjacent to the site; north are a few homes across a narrow two-lane road; and to the west a few homes are across a narrow two-lane road. The census tract containing this project site shows its residents are in about the worst 1% of areas in all of California for air pollution and other socioeconomic impacts. The project site is owned by the city. Both the Sierra Club and CCAEJ filed appeals on July 25, 2022. We were not given extra time as normal to present our appeal during the Dec 6th council meeting, but instead our outgoing mayor Gutierrez allowed us only two minutes each and would not accept our request for a continuance. Council members Edward Delgado, Elena Baca-Santa Cruz and Mayor Gutierrez (elected our new Supervisor in November 2022) voted in favor while council members David Marquez and Ulises Cabrera (our new mayor in November 2022) voted against it. On Thursday January 5, 2023 our Sierra Club attorney submitted a case for filing a lawsuit on this poorly placed warehouse. Your Moreno Valley Sierra Club volunteers are currently in settlement talks with the developer and their attorney. Thanks to your donations we hope to make this project have less impact on the environment and nearby families.

**MoVal 2040—Moreno Valley General Plan Update (GPU) & Climate Action Plan (CAP):**

On July 15, 2021, our Sierra Club filed a lawsuit against the city of Moreno Valley on their approval of the GPU and CAP. The big part of the litigation is pointing out the need to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas (GHG) impacts on the health of people—especially children and the elderly—as well as the environment. Hopefully litigation or a possible settlement agreement will help correct and/or improve the environment for Moreno Valley residents. In June 2022 the California state attorney general, Rob Bonta, joined our litigation. He issued a press release in which he stated, “We’re intervening today so that those communities do not continue to bear the brunt of poor land use decisions that site warehouses outside their doors.” Your Moreno Valley Sierra Club volunteers and our attorney, the city, as well as the attorney general’s office are as of March 2023 currently in settlement talks.

Have you thought about volunteering with our Moreno Valley Group? If you have a few hours or more to contribute to our efforts, please contact us at: [movalleygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:movalleygroup@yahoo.com) Some examples of tasks would be managing our group web page. Training would be provided; updating our information would be the main requirement.

The Moreno Valley Certified Farmers Market is held every Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Riverside University Health System Medical Center, 26520 Cactus Avenue (near Nason Street). You can follow them at their Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/morenovalleycertifiedfarmersmar](https://www.facebook.com/morenovalleycertifiedfarmersmarket/)  
[ket/](https://www.facebook.com/morenovalleycertifiedfarmersmar</a><br/><a href=)

Lake Perris State Recreation Area (LPSRA) has a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Lakeperris/> ) where they post information on events they sponsor whether they are bird walks, hikes, events for children. Information on entry fees and annual passes can be found at: [https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=23887](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23887)

Please take time to check out our Moreno Valley Group Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/MorenoValleySierraClub/> for more information about our group and the variety of issues we are following here in Moreno Valley.

Our Moreno Valley Group web page can be found at: [https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno\\_valley](https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley) Future outings and hikes are listed in the “Upcoming Events” column.

**According to California's Office of Planning and Research, a General Plan is the "constitution" for land use and development within a city or county. This plan includes policies and regulations regarding economic development, housing, transportation, environmental protection, and other aspects that shape communities' growth and sustainability. A General Plan update is a process where jurisdictions periodically review and revise these policies to address changing demographics, community needs, and challenges, such as climate change and natural disasters. The update process typically involves community engagement, data analysis, and collaboration with stakeholders to ensure that the plan represents the community's vision for its future.**

## **Big Bear Group News**

*By Ellen Kesler, Group Chair*

With snow now melted and our lake rising back to normal level, activities up here are filling the calendar rapidly.

For our Group, it's exciting to have our Xeriscape Tour back as an 'in-person' tour. That will occur on July 29th. Our newest ExCom member, Linda Garcia, is spearheading this year's committee and is doing a superb job of organizing. Many community businesses are rallying back in support again, too.

We will be tabling at two outdoor events. June 24th will find us at the Discovery Center for "Adventure Days" as we assist visitors in making pinecone birdfeeders at our booth, while our Conservation Chair, Ed Wallace, leads hikes in the near area. Then on August 19th, we will join in the "Forest Festival" sponsored by the San Geronio Wilderness Association at the Barton Flats Visitor Center. This is always a fun event with many other organizations participating in the beautiful setting. Even Smokey Bear is there!

Our hiking program has slowed a bit with only one Hike Leader, Judy Atkinson, who is recuperating from a broken ankle. She is starting with shorter, less strenuous hikes, but beautiful landscapes. Check our Chapter website for information.

Our General Meetings are always the third Thursday of the month in the Bridges Presbyterian Church at 6:30pm. June's speaker will be Ed Wallace sharing his John Muir Trail backpack experiences. We're hoping for July to demonstrate composting techniques with our ExCom member, Marv Cira, a Master Composter, and a new community member who has opened a native plant nursery to share his expertise on planting native species here in the Bear Valley. At this time, things are tentative.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCOM) NOMINATIONS**

It is that time again! We are seeking volunteers to be a part of our ExCom up here in Big Bear who would like to help in the decision-making process, as well as participate in the activities our Group supports. We ALWAYS welcome new ideas and enthusiasm for supporting the Sierra Club mission and purpose. We meet the first Monday of each month at 6:30pm.

If you are interested or have questions, please email me at [bbsierrascholar22@gmail.com](mailto:bbsierrascholar22@gmail.com) or send me a note at;  
Sierra Club Big Bear Group  
P.O. Box 3048  
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315  
Attention: Ellen Kesler

Deadline for nominations is September 7th.

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**Contact us:** San Geronio Chapter Website: <https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org>

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or call our office and we'll mail you a membership form.

For all other inquiries, check our website or email [chair@sangorgonio.sierraclub.org](mailto:chair@sangorgonio.sierraclub.org).

## Santa Margarita Group Update

*By Pam Nelson, Group Chair*

Summer is here so it's time for planning. We will be meeting in-person for some fun, organizing and setting up our calendar for the upcoming season that starts up again for us in September. We would love to have you join us. We'll meet at Lake Skinner Recreation Area at Day Shelter 2 (37701 Warren Rd, Winchester, CA 92596) at 9:30 am on Friday, July 7th. Some will likely go kayaking before or afterwards since you can rent them at the marina. RSVP so you will know where to find us.

Our Hiking committee is back on it's feet again. Gary Marsalone is organizing hikes now since Bob Audibert left the area. Aaron Parsons has just finished the Outings training so we are looking forward to having a new hiking leader on-board. Eagle Rock in Warner Springs was the recent hike. See the photos of the hiking group and Aaron below.

Summer is also a good time to recruit interns. We hope to have several projects for the summer. Angelina McCarron, a Mt. San Jacinto Community College student, has already started her research on green investing. We're hoping for a few more intern projects this summer so they can speak at our Sept. 7th general meeting.

Speaking of that, our first in-person general meeting and speaker series will be on Sept. 7th at the Ron Roberts Library at 6:30pm. We haven't met since the pandemic started so we're excited to be back.

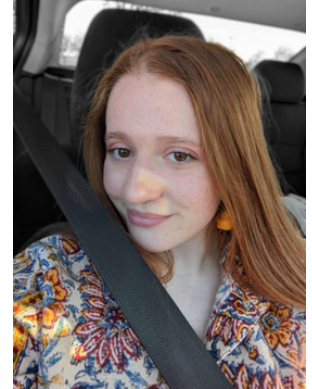


*Hikers at Eagle Rock in Warren Springs*



*Hike leader,  
Aaron Parsons*

*Santa Margarita Group's  
new intern, Angelina  
McCarron*



## Call For Volunteers: Chapter Fundraising Committee



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**We are looking for volunteers to join our chapter fundraising committee**



**HOW YOU CAN HELP!**

- **Donor Appreciation** (thank you notes & calls!)
- **Build our community** of like-minded people
- **Hosting low-maintenance events** like cookouts or parties at home or office or on the trail
- **Taking photos** of events or programmatic work
- **Writing up** grant proposals
- **Data entry**
- **More!**

CALL NOW 951-684-6203



## Notice: 2023 Chapter Elections

According to our bylaws: An Annual Election shall be held in the fourth quarter of each year to choose ExCom members. The ExCom shall provide written notice of this schedule and of the opportunity to nominate candidates by petition to all Chapter members. Group elections are conducted in the same manner.

**Chapter Executive Committee functions:** The day-to-day governance of San Geronio Chapter is provided by 9 elected at-large members plus one representative from each group. The board, called the executive committee or ExCom, is responsible for managing our finances, ensuring that the organization is financially sound, including by raising funds for the organization, setting priorities and plans, supporting our groups, committees and staff, and organizing our efforts towards environmental justice and conservation.

[The complete election schedule can be downloaded here.](#)

### Last Date for Nominations:

Chapter & Los Serranos, Mojave, Tahquitz, Santa Margarita and Mountains Groups: July 15  
Big Bear Group: June 15  
Moreno Valley Group: August 25

### Deadline for Petition Candidates:

Chapter & Los Serranos, Mojave, Tahquitz, Santa Margarita and Mountains Groups: Oct. 2  
Big Bear Group: Sept. 18  
Moreno Valley Group: Aug. 31

### Minimum Signatures for Petitions:

15 for all, except Mountains group which is 5

Send questions or ExCom nominations to [chair@sangeronio.sierraclub.org](mailto:chair@sangeronio.sierraclub.org). For Group nominations, contact your current Group Chair.

## New Volunteer & Activist Orientation!

Are you looking to make a difference in your community? Do you want to get involved in volunteer work but don't know where to start? Then we invite you to our volunteer and activist orientation event!

It's a great opportunity for new and long-time members who want to get more involved to meet and learn about our organization and how we make a positive impact in the community.

During the event, we will provide information on our current volunteer opportunities, our mission, and the benefits of volunteering with us. You will also have the chance to meet with our experienced volunteers who will share their stories and advice on volunteering successfully.

We welcome all individuals who are passionate about making a difference to attend our orientation event. Whether you're looking to help with fundraising events, community outreach, or administrative tasks, we have a place for you.

So mark your calendar and [RSVP](#) for our volunteer orientation event: **Thursday, July 13 from 7-8pm**. It will be a great opportunity for you to learn, share, and connect with others who are committed to making a difference in the community.



**NEW VOLUNTEER & ACTIVIST ORIENTATION**

Be a volunteer, make a difference!

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**7 - 8 pm PST**

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