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## Membership Meetings

**Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> • 7:30 PM**  
**Plastic Paradise: The Great Pacific  
Garbage Patch**  
A Film by Angela Sun  
(see write up on Page 1)

**Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> • 7:30 PM**  
**The Urban Black Bear**  
Presented by: Kim Boswell  
(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)

## Chapter Awards Presented

By Carol Wiley, San Gorgonio Chapter Awards Chair

The annual San Gorgonio Chapter awards were presented at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

### The Majorie and Clark Jones Service Award Was Presented to George Hague by Pamela Nelson

George Hague was a founding member of the Moreno Valley Group and has worked tirelessly ever since then, being a major leader of that group and the San Gorgonio Chapter. George has worked hard to protect and improve the quality of life in Moreno Valley. For many years he has made comments and participated in the public hearing process. He has worked on many projects such as Moreno Highlands in the



Congratulations to our 2014 Award Winners!

L-R Mary Ann Ruiz, George Hague, Pamela Nelson and Ed Wallace  
Photo by Ralph Salisbury

early 1990s, and Villages of Lakeview, where he advocated for protecting the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and got other

organizations to comment on the project. For years he has worked on the Riverside County General Plan Update, where he is the environmental community representative on the plan advisory committee. George also has a long history of working to protect the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, advocating for land acquisitions, educating others about its wildlife values and writing comment letters. His has lead the efforts to keep huge warehouses out of the Moreno Valley and to assure that those that were built incorporated the best environmental principles such as solar, non-water intensive landscaping, programs for carpooling to work, air quality and equally important,

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## Chapter's July Program: Plastic Paradise: The Great Pacific Garbage Patch A Film by Angela Sun

The July 1<sup>st</sup> chapter meeting will feature the award-winning documentary film *Plastic Paradise*. The 57-minute independent film was authored by journalist, sportscaster and television host Angela Sun. The film documents her personal journey of discovery to uncover the phenomenon called "the great Pacific garbage patch." The meeting starts at 7:30 PM at the San Bernardino County Museum 2024 Orange Tree Ln, Redlands.

In the film, Sun travels to remote Midway Island, ground zero for the mysterious phenomenon, which siphons plastics from three distant continents. Along the way she meets scientists, researchers,



<plasticparadisemovie.com> asks, "Every single piece of plastic that has ever been created since the 19<sup>th</sup> century is still somewhere on our planet. So if it never goes away, where does it go?" The *Honolulu Pulse* says, "Sun offers a fresh new voice for her generation and has made a film that will appeal to the masses."

The *Boston Globe* states that *Plastic Paradise* "Offers some alarming information that might cause viewers to think twice about buying one-time-use water bottles." According to the San Diego Asian Film Festival, it is "A film that moves the grassroots and has the

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influencers, and volunteers who shed light on the effects of our rabid plastic consumption and learns the problem in more insidious than we could have ever imagined.

The film's website



## Political Update By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter Political Chair



The June primary is now behind us and the summer lull is upon us. The summer of an election year often reminds me of looking out over a still pond with ducks representing candidate campaigns. They seem so serene on the surface, just sitting there waiting for the excitement to commence on Labor Day, all the while, staff and volunteers are working and planning like crazy, just as the ducks feet can be seen churning below the surface.

During the summer, Chapter volunteers will be busy targeting campaigns, planning, making lists of volunteers to help with those campaigns and even, perhaps, raising some money to help the Chapter political efforts. If you want to get more involved before you get a call or an email from our campaign subcommittee, send a note to jono@hildner.com or topamaggio@gmail.com. We'll find a place for you, whether it's working a little or a lot. All sorts of skills and interests are needed. Whether it's knocking on doors, making

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audience thinking twice before grabbing a straw to go with a beverage.” Released in 2013, *Plastic Paradise* won the Broadcast Award at the American Conservation Film Festival, the Environment Award at the San Francisco International Ocean Film Festival, and the Isla Award at the Catalina Film Festival. In 2014 it received the Jury Award at the Wild and Scenic Film Festival. It has been an official selection at numerous other film festivals from Hawaii to Georgia and from Boston to Big Bear. *Plastic Paradise* is Sun’s first full-length film. A graduate of UCLA, she was a pro/am surfing competitor in high school and college. She has had extensive experience as a television and Internet correspondent for sports, health and lifestyle. She was the first Asian-American female on-camera personality to appear on ESPN, Fox Sports, Tennis Channel, and Yahoo Sports. Sun was nominated for an Emmy award for her work on *First Look* on LXTV. She is currently host for Yahoo Sports Minute, winner of the Webby and Bronze Telly awards. She is a travel writer, health and fitness advocate, and played a part in the 2008 movie *Street Kings*. She is the cover story in the June 2014 issue of the health and fitness magazine *Experience Life*. Sun has a website <angelasun.com> and a Facebook page.

**Political Update . . . Continued from Page 1**

phone calls, doing computer work or making signs, we’ll accommodate you in our effort to make the Sierra Club a political force in the Inland Empire. Dr. Raul Ruiz and Mark Takano, our endorsed Congressional candidates, both won their respective primaries. Ruiz will have a very tough election in November, as his is one of those targeted by the GOP in pursuit of a lost seat two years ago. If you live in Congressional District 36, expect to get a call asking for your help. We also targeted Congressional District 35, where Norma Torres won easily, and Congressional District 31 that saw a vicious battle among the leading Democratic contenders. This is the District that saw the four Democrats critically split the vote allowing Republican Gary Miller (awful for the environment) to get elected in a District with a strong Democratic registration edge. This year, Paul Chabot-R, who came in first and Pete Aguilar-D, who came in second will be facing one another in November. We expect to play a major role in this election to make sure that we have a strong environmental voice representing us in Congress next year. State Senate races were also

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interesting this year. We targeted two of them. SD28 affecting most of the Tahquitz and Santa Margarita Groups and SD20, in a race to replace Norma Torres. We did not make endorsements in these races prior to the primary, but with Jeff Stone-R and Glenn Miller-R finishing first and second in SD28 and Matthew Munson-R and Connie Leyva-D in SD20, your political committee will act in short order to make endorsements in those races and post them on the Chapter website ([sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org](http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org)). The only Assembly race where the Club made an endorsement was the endorsement of Karalee Hargrove-D in AD42-Yucaipa. She won and will face the very conservative Chad Mayes-R in November. In a district with far more Republicans than Democrats, she’ll need all the help she can get from us to be our environmental leader in Sacramento. Other targeted Assembly races resulted in: Marc Steinorth-R over Kathleen Henry-D in AD40-Redlands; Cheryl Brown-D over Gil Navarro-D in AD47-Rialto; Freddie Rodriguez-D over Dorothy Pineda-R in AD 52-Ontario; Eduardo Garcia-D over Charles

Bennet-R in AD56-Imperial County; and Jose Medina-D over Rudy Aranda-R in AD61-Riverside. We’ll be looking to make endorsement recommendations in all of these races during June. Keep an eye on our new Chapter website as endorsements are made and expect a phone call or an email if you live in one of these targeted districts. Our Chapter won’t be represented by good environmental representatives if we just sit on our hands. We need to work to make it happen.

**Turning the Inland Empire  
 from Red to Green,  
 one race at a time!**



# Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

## JULY-AUGUST 2014

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

### CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

**DEADLINE:** Items for the September/October 2014 Calendar are due by August 1, 2014.

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

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

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

### GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES & DISCLAIMERS

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

### WHAT TO BRING

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

### ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE

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

### CARPPOOLING POLICY

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

### LIABILITY WAIVER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

**(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 3, Apr 7, May 5, Oct 6, Nov 3.  
INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**  
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. (909) 800-3911 CHAPTER

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

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

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

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

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

**(2ND THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except July and August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except August, The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. The September 2013 meeting will be held at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens in Claremont and not at the church. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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

**(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <scsangor@gmail.com> CHAPTER

### WEEKLY RECURRING OUTINGS & FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings.

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

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**FRI 7:00 PM**  
**MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE**  
 Please join me for a 3 to 6 mile conditioning walk (usually 3 miles) beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark and Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, Address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this Mojave River walk. BRING flashlight, water, jacket & comfortable walking shoes. Wear layered clothing. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 961-0731 <Labelady@msn.com>  
 MOJAVE GROUP

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**JUN 23 – JUN 29**

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings.  
 (Also refer to Weekly Reoccurring Outings and Activities)

**JUN 24 (TUE) 7:00 PMSAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM** **MEETING**  
 Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <scsangor@gmail.com>.  
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**JUN 25 (WED) 6:00 PM** **HIDDEN SPRINGS** **HIKE**  
 Moderate 3.5-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills and then returns through the arroyo. We start promptly at 6:00 PM. BRING: water, flashlight, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Follow Hidden Springs Drive to Hidden Springs School on the left. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com.  
 MORENO VALLEY GROUP



**JUN 25 (WED) 9:00 AM** **WALNUT CREEK HIKE**  
 That's right, it's called Walnut Creek even though there are more oaks, sycamores, willows and assorted non-native ornamental trees present. It's also known as The MDA or Michael D. Antonovich Trail. The numbers are (modified) 3 miles R/T with a mere 400' elevation gain making this an easy jaunt through the canyon woods with multiple stream crossings, so hiking poles are strongly advised. BRING: water, sturdy boots, layered clothing and hiking poles. MEET: Stater Bros parking lot, 16th Street and Mountain Ave in Upland to carpool. PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM BY 24 JUNE, 5:00 PM. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 or e-mail jmwandjjw@hotmail.com.  
 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUN 27 (FRI) 7:00 AM** **MT. BALDY HIKE**

Let's hike to Mt. Baldy in the San Gabriel Mountains! This is a 13 mile hike, with 3,900' of elevation gain. This "no-nonsense trail ascends very steeply along the side of San Antonio Canyon," as stated by John McKinney, LA Times Hiking Columnist. (Please note that the Ski Hut Trail rises nearly 4,000 feet in less than 5 miles.) After a couple of miles we will reach the Sierra Club Ski Hut, built in 1935. Leaving the ski hut we cross a small creek (last source of water), and continue up and up over boulders, along steep switchbacks to a ridge top. The views keep getting better and better. From here we will continue up the "extremely rugged trail" that is "rough and tentative" to the summit (McKinney). After much effort, the views from Mt. Baldy (more accurately named San Antonio Mountain) will be your reward. We will descend along the aptly named Devil's Backbone Trail. We will first descend along short steep switchbacks, and then continue along the side of Baldy Bowl. Later we reach the "tempestuous saddle" where you will want to "hold onto your hat!" (McKinney). After about 3 miles of descent from the peak, we will come to the Mt. Baldy Ski Resort. Here we follow a dirt road through the resort for about 1 – 1 ½ miles to Baldy Notch. From Baldy Notch we will continue approximately 3 miles down a dirt service road. There are some spectacular views along this road, namely views back to where we were hiking earlier in the day. It is really beautiful and amazing to see where we were only hours earlier. This service road meets up with where we began our journey. MEET: Please contact Sondra Morison for carpooling and meeting time(s) and place(s). BRING/WEAR: hiking boots/shoes, layered clothing, hiking poles (recommended, not required), hat, sunglasses, lunch, snacks, 4 liters of water, and the 10 essentials. RESERVATIONS & INFO: LEADER: SONDRA MORISON at skbrian@earthlink.net.  
 CHAPTER



**\*\*JUN 28 (SAT) 6:30 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 8693 ft), 12.5 miles round trip with 3700 ft. elevation

gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, cedar, spruce, fir, and pine. 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. MEET: 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

**\*\*JUN 28 (SAT) 7:30 AM** **PCT SEC D MILL CR - MESSENGER FLATS CG** **HIKE**  
 This 11.8 mile hike is segment 11, in a series of Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) hikes that will encompass all of Section D in 2014. Those individuals completing all thirteen segments will be eligible to receive a recognition patch signifying the accomplishment and the completion of 110.2 miles. From Mill Creek Summit (4910'), the PCT parallels Mt. Gleason Road 3N17 as it winds west 11.8 miles along several ridges, finally ending at the Messenger Flats campgrounds (5870'). RATED: Moderate, BRING: the ten-essentials, sun-protection, 3.0 liters of water, and lunch. MEET: Mill Creek Summit Ranger Station parking lot, PRESERVATIONS: LEADER, L.J. FOSTER, (951) 845-9440, eljayeff@verizon.net, or CO -LEADER, ED CALIENDO, dogs111@msn.com or (442) 242-4103.  
 BIG BEAR GROUP



**JUN 30 – JUL 6**

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

**JUL 1 (TUE) 7:30 PM** **SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER** **MEETING**  
 PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. (909) 800-3911  
 CHAPTER

**JUL 2 (WED) 6:30 PM** **BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM** **MEETING**  
 The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org.  
 BIG BEAR GROUP

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



**JUL 3-6 (THU-SUN)** **WEEKEND AT BLACK ROCK DESERT** **CARCAMP**  
 Come visit this beautiful desert 100 miles north of Reno. Activities TBD but probably include hot springs, the Emigrant Trail and other explorations. Leader is very familiar with the area. Primitive camping, BRING your own food, water & shovel. It's a busy weekend on the Playa as many people use this weekend as a "shake-down" for Burning Man! There will be big fireworks. Possible Ham Radio class one day. Hams, bring your radios, there will be lots of Ham activity on the Playa! RV's & Trailers OK, no facilities. Dogs on leash only. RESERVATIONS: 6/15 thru 7/1. LEADER: DAVID BOOK, 775-843-6443.  
 CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**JUL 5 (SAT) 6:30 AM** **PCT SEC D1- CAJON PASS TO LONE PINE CYN** **HIKE**  
 This 5.3 mile hike is the first leg of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section D. Hikers who complete all thirteen segments of Section D (110.2 miles) will be eligible to receive a nifty recognition patch. The meeting time is early to avoid hiking in the heat and allow time to shuttle vehicles. Although the hike is a moderate climb up and over a ridge, temperature may exceed 100 degrees before noon. The hike begins near the McDonald's restaurant on the west side of Interstate 15 (about 3050'), descends slightly to the PCT as it crosses under I-15, and ends at Lone Pine Canyon Road (3560'). Elevation gain is about 650' to the top of the ridge overlooking Lone Pine Canyon. We hike over part of the Mormon Rock formation, solidified Miocene sand deposits that have been tilted by faulting. From the highest point on the ridge, one can see Cajon Pass in its entirety, as well as views beyond toward Hesperia. MEET: Across the street from the McDonald's restaurant, at 6:30 AM. Park along the street, not in the parking lot. RATED: Moderate but possibly hot. BRING: 3-4 liters of water and other fluids to maintain hydration and electrolytes; ten essentials, sun protection, snacks, and camera. CONFIRM with LEADER: L. J. FOSTER, eljayeff@verizon.net or leave message at 951-845-9440.  
 BIG BEAR GROUP

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**JUL 6 (SUN) 9:00 AM SB MTS, ARROWHEAD RIDGE WALK**  
 Eighty acres of the last remaining island of undeveloped forest within the Lake Arrowhead community, known as Eagle Ridge, was acquired by the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust in 2011 to protect as forest open space (but not yet officially open to the public). We will follow the Land Trust's newly created trail on the property, a little over a mile with a few steep stretches of medium elevation gain. Walk will take 2 hours or more with frequent discussion (and rest) stops as needed. BRING: snack, water, extra clothing WEAR: boots, sun hats. MEET: Arrowhead Ridge Parking area, Grass Valley Road, across from golf course. LEADER: STEVE FARRELL, 661-449-2867 <mr\_sqf@yahoo.com>  
 SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**JUL 7 – JUL 13**

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings.  
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**\*\*JUL 7-11 (MON-FRI) NORTHERN YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK BACKPACK**  
 Join Ed and Terrence on this scenic 17 mile round trip backpack up beautiful Robinson Creek in the Hoover Wilderness, Toiyabe National Forest, to our base camp destination on sparkling Peeler Lake. We will spend the next two days day-hiking in the northern reaches of Yosemite National Park far away from the crowds of the more popular tourist destinations. The wild flower blooms at this time of year should be spectacular so be sure to bring a camera or perhaps try your luck fishing Peeler Lake. Space is limited. RESERVATIONS & INFO: Call LEADER ED WALLACE at 909 584 9407 or email ednjeanne@charter.net or Co-Leader TERRENCE MCCORKLE at 760 252-2194 or email oldhikerdude@verizon.net.  
 BIG BEAR GROUP



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

**\*\*JUL 9 (WED) 9:00 AM FSR 2N08 TO GRANDVIEW POINT HIKE**  
 We will access Grandview Point via a moderate 7-mile loop route that includes Pine Knot Trail, Lost Trail and 2N08. RATED: Moderate in difficulty. If our timing is right, we should see a wide array of wildflowers along the way, including lemon lilies, corn lilies, fire weed and giant lupines. BRING: water, snacks, sturdy boots and clothing appropriate to the weather. MEET: east parking lot of the Big Bear Lake Performing Arts Center, then carpool to the trailhead from there. Drivers will need Adventure Passes. INFO & LEADER DICK BANKS, 909-866-9232.  
 BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 10 (THU) 8:00 AM MIDDLE MARSHALL CANYON HIKE**  
 Join me for this easy 4 mile R/T stroll in a beautiful riparian setting as you weave your way about stream and golf course vistas in the outskirts of La Verne. Elevation gain is a mere 300'. BRING: layered clothing, water, sturdy boots and a hiking stick to navigate some stream areas. MEET: call leader prior to the date of the hike for meeting place and carpool info. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL, 909-985-7686, <jmwandjjw@hotmail.com>.  
 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUL 11 (FRI) 6:30 AM GRINNELL MTN. FROM ASPEN GROVE HIKE**  
 Let's hike to Grinnell Mountain, elevation 10,284', from Aspen Grove. This 16 mile hike has an elevation gain of approximately 3,000'. Grinnell Mountain is within the San Gorgonio Wilderness and is named after Joseph Grinnell (1877-1924), a zoologist from the University of California who studied animals in the eastern San Bernardino Mountains (Robinson). This hike will pass through/by aspen trees, meadows, streams/stream beds, to Fish Creek Saddle. From here we will hike cross-country to the peak of Grinnell Mountain where we will enjoy lunch and beautiful views. MEET/CARPOOL: Please contact Sondra Morison for meeting time(s), place(s) and carpooling. BRING/WEAR: hiking boots/shoes, layered clothing, hiking poles (recommended, not required), hat, sunglasses, lunch, snacks, 3-4 liters of water, and the 10 essentials. INFO/RESERVATIONS/LEADER: SONDRA MORISON, skbrian@earthlink.net or 909- 335-9794 (before 8:00 PM please)  
 SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER



**JUL 11-14 (FRI-MON) EASTERN NEVADA WILDERNESS SERVICE**  
 Once again the California/Nevada Wilderness Committee partners with the BLM Ely office to enjoy camping in an Eastern Nevada Wilderness area and to do a valuable service project there. Join us! This year's special feature -- not only work, but celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act--don't miss it. Where? Latest word: Most likely location is Mt. Grafton Wilderness. (The summit of Mt. Grafton is the highest point in Nevada on BLM land.) Central commissary offered. INFO & RESERVATIONS: Vicky Hoover.(415)977-5527, vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org.  
 CNRCC WILDERNESS COMMITTEE

**\*\*JUL 12 (SAT) 8:00 AM JOHNS MEADOW HIKE**  
 This is a lovely hike along the Forsee Creek Trail in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. We may see some wildflowers in bloom and will cross a stream. RATING: This hike is approx. 6 miles, with 600 ft. elevation gain. It is rated easy in difficulty. MEET: Hikers are to meet at 8:00 at the Forsee Creek trail head. Coming from the Redlands area you will take Hwy 38 to Jenks Lake Rd. West, at approx. 3/10's of a mile you will turn right onto a dirt road. Take that road approx. 4/10's of a mile to the trail head parking. BRING: 1.5 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hat, trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: call APPRENTICE HIKE LEADER, JUDY ATKINSON (909)289-1932 or djatk57@gmail.com or contact LEADER ED CALIENDO, at (442) 242-4103 or dogs111@msn.com.  
 BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 12 (SAT) 8:30 AM PALOMAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK HIKE**  
 Join us on a 5-mile moderately difficult hike with 900' of elevation gain/loss through Palomar Mountain State Park. I estimate the hike will take about 3 hours. We will meet at and begin the hike at Doane Pond, which has the lowest elevation on the hike. The hike consists of a large loop utilizing several of the scenic trails in the park. We will travel through a skunk cabbage meadow, a dark forest of oak and conifers and much more. This and the breathtaking views of the San Lois Rey River Valley from the Silver Crest Trail make this a great summer hike. COST: There is an \$8 per car park fee. No other permits are needed. BRING at least 2 liters of water snacks and a lunch. WEAR comfortable hiking shoes, dress in layers and remember sun screen and hat. "Rain Cancels." DIRECTIONS: From Highway 76 at the foot of Palomar Mountain take either South Grade or East Grade to where the two meet at a crossroads, called Crestline. Follow East Grade Road west toward Palomar State Park. Once past the entrance keep making right turns on paved roads until you reach the parking lot for Doane Pond. RESERVATIONS & INFO: contact LEADER BOB AUDIBERT: at bob.takeahike1@gmail.com or (951) 302-1059.  
 SANTA MARGARITA GROUP



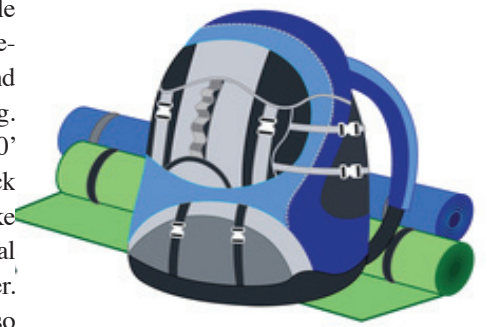
**JUL 14 – JUL 20**  
 Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings.  
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**JUL 14 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING**  
 Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.  
 SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**JUL 15 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
 Monthly meeting except August, The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. The September 2013 meeting will be held at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens in Claremont and not at the church. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>  
 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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

**JUL 18-20 (FRI-SUN) LITTLE JIMMY BACKPACK**  
 Join us on this easy local backpack to Little Jimmy Campground, a lovely, shaded, hike-in only camp (fire rings, picnic tables and pit toilet), with a nearby Zen-like spring. We'll hike in approximately 2 miles, 800' gain on the scenic PCT. Friday night potluck "trashbag" salad and campfire. Saturday hike to Mt. Islip. Contest for best backpacking meal Saturday night, with a prize for the winner. Well behaved dogs in good condition also welcome. RESERVATIONS: call LEADER LYGEIA GERARD, (760) 868-2179, Goody2shz@yahoo.com. COLEADER: BOB MOURINO.  
 MOJAVE GROUP



**\*\*JUL 19 (SAT) 7:00 AM FORSEE CREEK TRAIL TO ANDERSON PEAK HIKE**  
 This is a great conditioning hike through the San Gorgonio Wilderness. This is a full day of rigorous hiking to the top of Anderson Peak (10,864') and returning the same route to our cars. This is a 15.0 mile hike with a 4,064 elevation gain. RATING: Strenuous MEET: We will meet at the trail head or Vons Shopping Center. We will meet at Vons Shopping Center at 6:15 a.m. or meet at the trailhead at 7:00 a.m. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 4 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. RESERVATIONS: Call early as San Gorgonio Wilderness Permits needs to be obtained. This hike is limited to 12  
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## Group News

### Big Bear Group

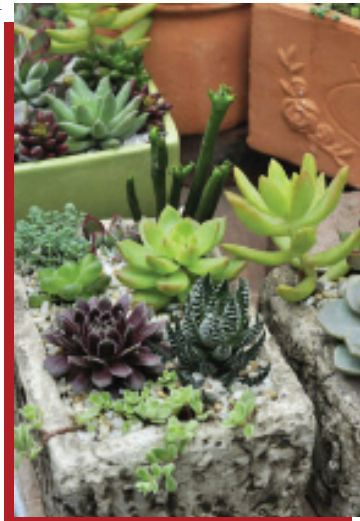
By Ed Wallace, Group Chair

#### Monthly Meeting Subjects

For almost five years the Big Bear Group has been heavily involved with the Big Bear Valley Education Trust, the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust, the USFS, the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District, and others to protect the Sawmill and Villa Grove Pebble Plains. Presently these unique habitats, which are only found in the Big Bear Valley, have been reduced to less than ten percent of what once existed. They contain plant species that only exist in Big Bear.

Recently the Land Trust has taken ownership of the 163 acre High Timber Ranch, which contains the Villa Grove Pebble Plain and will help serve as a buffer to protect the Sawmill Pebble Plain. At our July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting Elisabeth Harris, former mayor of Big Bear Lake and head of the Education Trust, will present a vision of how the preservation of this habitat will also provide unique educational opportunities for our local students from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through college, as well as recreational opportunities for residents as well as visitors.

At our August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting Linda "LJ" Foster will lead on a nature walk/hike. LJ is a Sierra club hike leader, naturalist and school teacher. She has



also hiked the entire Pacific Crest Trail twice. This is a chance to learn something about the unique environment in which we live and perhaps get a chance to ask some questions about long distance hiking. This is also a dessert potluck so bring something to share.

#### Conservation

For twelve years the Big Bear Group has hosted a free Xeriscape Garden Tour. This year's event will be held on July 19<sup>th</sup> and will feature 7 homes with water wise yards. The free self-guided tour starts from 9:00 am to noon at Eminger's Mountain, 41223 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake. You are allowed to tour the homes until 4:00 pm. At the start location you will pick up a tour map and book, and get a chance to enjoy the vendor and sponsor tents at this location.

Once again we will be awarding the annual "Water Wise Award" which highlights a low water use home, the "Jim Otterstrom Earth Garden Home Award," which is awarded to a home that uses native and natural settings and the ever popular "Peoples Choice Award" where you vote on your favorite tour home. This is your chance to learn how to have a beautifully landscaped home that saves water.

### Mojave Group

By Jenny Wilder, Group Chair

Explore

Enjoy

Protect

**T**he Mojave Group needs your help. There is so much going on in the vast Mojave Desert and it all needs our attention! If you know of someone with leadership skills, please nominate them (including yourself) for the Mojave Group Executive Committee by sending their name and contact information to Jenny Wilder at [JensOasis@aol.com](mailto:JensOasis@aol.com) or call 760 220 0730. We will be including a ballot for the ExCom in the fall issue of the Palm and Pine. Join us for our ExCom meetings at 6pm before the General Meeting. Have you visited our Facebook Page? Join in the discussions at [MojaveGroupSierraClub](https://www.facebook.com/MojaveGroupSierraClub) on Facebook.

#### Wilderness photos needed!

Summer is here and the Mojave Group will be "dark" until our meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in September (Sept 10). At that meeting we will share some photos of hikes we have experienced in nearby Wilderness Areas in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wilderness Act. There are Wilderness areas in the local mountains as well as the desert. To make this meeting as interesting as possible we would like to share your photos and experiences in nearby Wilderness Areas (and proposed Wilderness Areas), so please send photos you have taken to Jenny Wilder at [JensOasis@aol.com](mailto:JensOasis@aol.com). Photos should have a date and place as well as what you found impressive about the area. We will have refreshments and discussions about Wilderness and what it means to you, future generations etc. Please join us to share and learn about nearby Wilderness Areas. Even if you are unable to attend the meeting, we would like to share your photos and/or story. Please send photos/stories as soon as possible (**NOW!**) but definitely before August 31. Thank you for helping to expand the knowledge and importance for the designation of Wilderness Areas!

#### North Peak Wind Farm and Southern California Edison proposed projects update:

As more information about these projects becomes available, one can more effectively evaluate the impact of the projects on our public lands and neighborhoods. The North Peak Wind Farm proposed for the Juniper Flats Area would turn the northern slope of the San Bernardino Mountains from an important watershed into an industrial zone; public lands into corporate profit. The map shows the roads that will have to be constructed (black lines), the numbered massive 400 foot high turbines and the routes for construction (green lines). The pink circles are "property intersection improvements." A new community group has formed to help fight these projects. The Mojave Community Conservation Collaborative has a facebook page (2 Save Our Skyline) and may be contacted at

[2SaveOurSkyline@gmail.com](mailto:2SaveOurSkyline@gmail.com). They are getting petitions signed, holding public meetings and meeting with elected officials, etc. If you are a resident of the Victor Valley and/or you value your public lands in the San Bernardino Mountains, these projects will have a negative effect on your quality of life. Although the project has been delayed (awaiting SCE's Desert View Substation and the Pisgah-Lugo Transmission line for inter-connection studies) it is a good idea to begin now to voice your opposition and concerns. The Draft EIR should be out by the end of this year. You can get your copy by writing or calling the BLM Barstow office and be sure you get a response: Joan Patrovsky, ([jpatrovs@blm.gov](mailto:jpatrovs@blm.gov)), Realty Specialist/Project Manager, BLM Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311. For the SCE projects you can visit their website and also contact the CPUC (California Public Utilities Commission) for proceeding # A1308023 at CPUC, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102. For more information: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/aspen/cltp/cltp.htm>

Please consider sending a letter or calling the County Board of Supervisors and city council members in Apple Valley (and maybe Victorville, etc.). Letters to the Editor would also help. Many people seem to believe that all "renewable" energy is inherently 'green and clean' even if it means making a wasteland of wildlife habitat and giving our public lands away to international corporations.

You may contact the Mojave Community Conservation Collaborative at: [2SaveOurSkyline@gmail.com](mailto:2SaveOurSkyline@gmail.com) • Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL) "Political Will for a Livable World" By Quintin Lake and Susan Stueber.

The Citizens Climate Lobby is a group of citizens dedicated to promoting the political action on climate change. To accomplish this, they are proposing that a Carbon Fee be assessed on all fossil fuels at their source, as they come out of the ground or into the country. This fee would be collected from the businesses that extract fossil fuels (i.e., oil, gas and coal companies). Assessing this fee would raise the price of most items for us the consumers. To offset the financial impact of this increased cost the fees that are collected would be returned equally to every citizen as a dividend. What CCL hopes this will accomplish, would be to encourage the public to conserve and rely more on renewable energy technologies. It will help to "level the playing field," for renewable technologies making them more competitive with fossil fuels. The more that individual consumers conserve and rely on renewable technologies, the less of their dividend will go to cover the increased costs, thus financially rewarding conservation.

This would work similarly to what is done in Alaska. All Alaskan citizens receive a check from taxes levied on the oil and gas that is extracted from

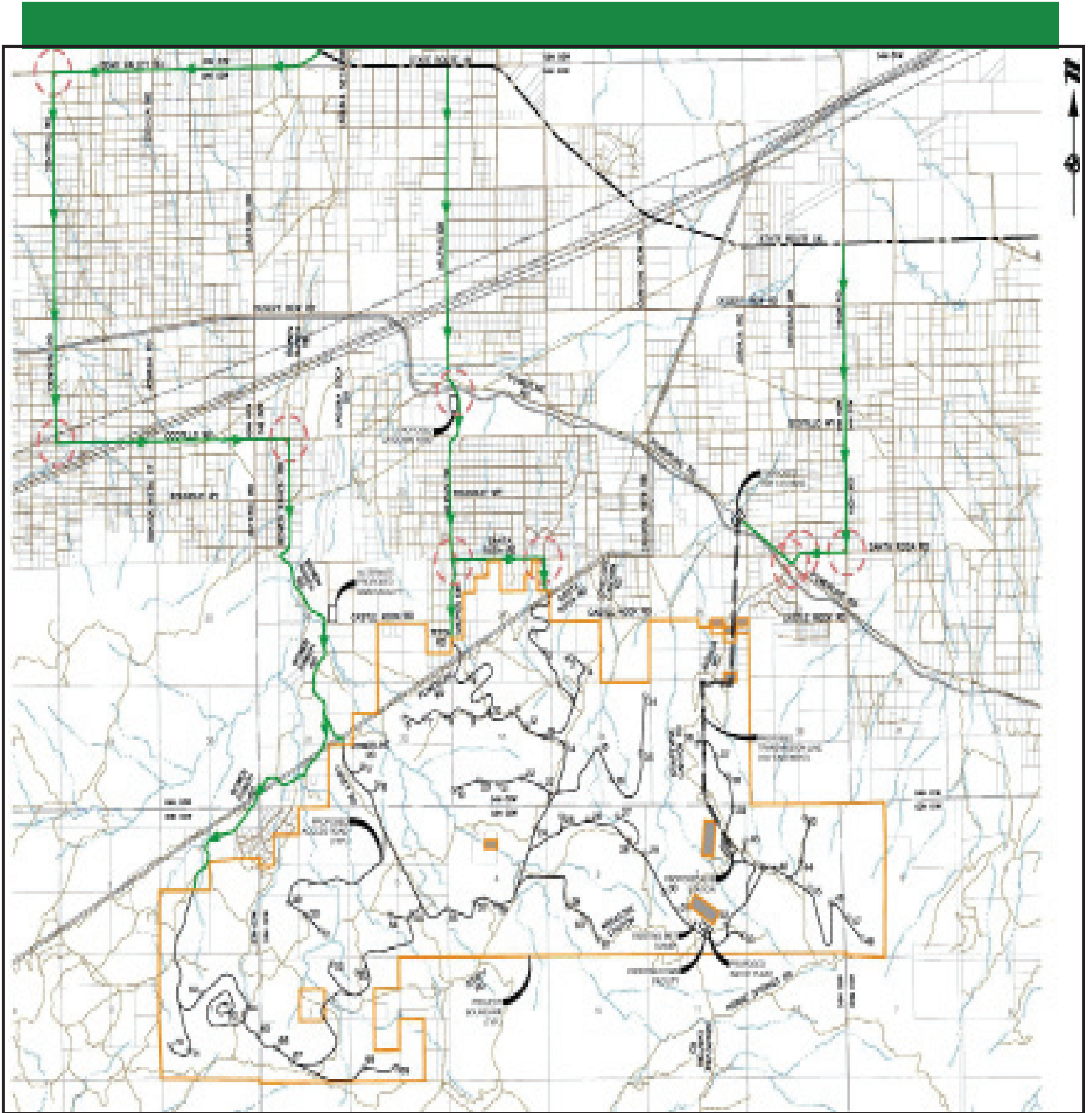
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their state. The amount is usually in excess of \$1,000 a year. This money helps to stimulate the local economy when Alaskans spend this money.

CCL is working to organize groups all over the country and the world to petition politicians to act now to do something about Climate Change.

Come be a part of this growing movement. For further information you can contact Quintin Lake at 951 315 7691 (High Desert) or Mark Tabbert (Co-Founding Member of the Orange County Chapter) at: cell 949 310 5256; email: mtabbert15@gmail.com; Website: www.citizensclimatelobby.org.



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follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, spruce, fir, and pine. Scenic view in all directions from the top of Cucamonga Peak. Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: 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

**\*\*AUG 16 (SAT) 7:30 AM GRINNELL MOUNTAIN PEAK HIKE**

Grinnell Mountain is located within the San Gorgonio Wilderness at an elevation of (10,284'). Our hike will begin at Aspen Grove trailhead (7,410') and we will hike 2.0 miles to the Fish Creek trail junction before our ascent begins. Upon reaching Fish Creek Saddle (9,805') we will hike cross-country to Grinnell Mountain Peak, a total ascent of 2,874 feet and a total distance of 6.3 miles. We will return to same route making our entire hike 12.6 miles. RATED: Strenuous, BRING: ten-essentials, lunch, 3 liters of water, sun-protection, and rain protection. MEET: We can meet either at the Vons Shopping Center in Big Bear Lake or at the Aspen Grove Trailhead. An Adventure Pass is required for parking at the trailhead. CALL: Register early as the U.S. Forest service limits our group size to a maximum of 12 individuals. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER DAVID MELTON, t (760) 408-2456. BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 18 – AUG 24**

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**AUG 21 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**

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

**AUG 21-24 (THU-SUN) FROG LAKE HOOVER WILDERNESS BACKPACK**

In celebration of this year's 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, join us for one of the easiest backpacks in the Hoover Wilderness in the High Sierra. Beautiful Frog Lake sits at an elevation of 10,300' surrounded by other pristine lakes. We'll meet early Thursday afternoon at the Virginia Lakes trailhead, south of Bridgeport (approximately 300 miles one-way from Victorville). From there we'll pack approximately 1-1/2 miles and 600 ft. gain to our destination. There will be day hikes, fishing, lots of relaxation, a potluck "trash bag salad," and other fun activities. Although the hike is easy, you must be well conditioned. Beginner backpackers in good shape are welcome as long as you have all the necessary gear. Well behaved dogs in good condition are also welcome. INFO & LEADER: LYGEIA GERARD, (760) 868-2179, [Goody2shz@yahoo.com](mailto:Goody2shz@yahoo.com). CO-LEADER: BOB MOURINO. MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*AUG 23-29 ANSEL ADAMS WILDERNESS ADVENTURE BACKPACK**

We will explore the Lillian Lake Loop within the Ansel Adams Wilderness. This Wilderness is located within the Sierra Nation Forest, northwest of Mammoth Lakes. Starting at the Clover Meadow Ranger Station, we will hike the Fernandez Trail to Vandenberg Lake and camp before continuing our journey to Lady Lake, Chittenden Lake, Gale Lake, Lillian Lake, Ruth Lake, Rainbow Lake, and Flat Lake. While we could complete the entire trip in three days, the country is just too scenic and several of its lakes too beautiful rush through this wilderness! You will be surrounded by some of the most beautiful scenery the High Sierra has to offer. If trout fishing is your second passion, then bring your fly rod and give it a try! BRING: ten-essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, insect repellent, tent, bear canister, sleeping bag, food, water purification, cooking system, and rain gear. An Adventure Pass will be required to park at the trailhead. Space is limited to 8 participants. RESERVATIONS: call LEADER ED CALIENDO, at (442) 242-4103 or [dogs111@msn.com](mailto:dogs111@msn.com) or Co-Leader, Terrence McCorkle at (760) 252-2194. BIG BEAR GROUP

**AUG 25 – AUG 31**

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**AUG 26 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**

Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 <[scsangor@gmail.com](mailto:scsangor@gmail.com)>. CHAPTER

**SEP 1 – SEP 7**

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(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)*

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

PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS <[ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com](mailto:ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com)>. (909) 800-3911 CHAPTER

**SEP 3 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**

The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED WALLACE, (909) 584-9407, [www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org](http://www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org). BIG BEAR GROUP

**SEP 4 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**

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

**NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES**

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**NON-SIERRA CLUB****RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY MEETINGS  
(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)****(1ST FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**

Note: there will be no meeting July 4. Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 [lgseekins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lgseekins@sbcglobal.net) or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

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

PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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**NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR****JUL 16 (WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY**

PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

**JUL 18 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE  
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**AUG 15 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE  
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**AUG 20 (WED) 6:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY**

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**SEP 5 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE  
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**

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made sure that the best environmental policies were adhered to during the building process, which greatly improved the projects. He also worked on transportation projects such as the Ramona Expressway Expansion, which ultimately will affect traffic issues around the SJWA and Moreno Valley. George has an encyclopedic knowledge of planning, traffic and transportation issues.

George Hague is a man of integrity, a mentor to others, and patiently encourages others to take part and make contributions to the Moreno Valley Group and community organizations. He has brought a lot of concern to Moreno Valley from other environmental groups and has motivated a lot of folks to follow through with their efforts.

### Mary Ann Ruiz Was The Recipient of the Ralph Salisbury Outings Award

Mary Ann has consistently led Sierra Club outings essentially every outing schedule cycle since she became a leader many moons ago. She also participates in many National Outings and many other outings. She has served as chair of the Los Serranos Group for a long time and has now assumed a position with SC California. Mary Ann headed up local efforts for the San Gabriel National Forest Recreation Area and the "San Gabriel Mountains Forever Campaign." She also maintained a presence in development of the Chino Hills State Park. Mary Ann's contributions extend far beyond leading outings and include education, environmentalism, and leading campaigns.

Mary Ann has managed to do all this while having a hectic work schedule requiring world travel and raising a family. In Ralph Salisbury's words *she is a special breed without question and the closest thing we have in our chapter to Vicky Hoover.*

### The Joe Momeyer Conservation Award Was Presented to Pamela Nelson

Pam's achievements in the arena of conservation and environmental stewardship date back decades, to before even 1970 when she established the recycling program for the city of Corvallis, Oregon. A microbiologist by training, her work has taken her to Baja where she lived for several years, and into the field of water quality and management in Carlsbad, before turning to education, where she earned Teacher of the Year at Fallbrook High. After retiring in '04, she decided to devote her new-found free time and her professional expertise to working for environmental and conservation causes, where she has had numerous successes, and like any good environmentalist, a few hard fought battles that didn't go her way.

Pam was a leading campaigner for the designation of Beauty Mountain and Agua Tibia as a Wilderness Area. She has worked diligently to protect open lands from the incursion of off-road vehicles. She has argued for ground water storage as an important component of water management in California and won a grant for a comprehensive water study in Anza. She has put on numerous Earth Fairs and recently secured a \$20,000 grant for upgrading the kitchen at the Warner Springs community center so Pacific Coast Trail through-walkers can be fed there. She is now applying for another grant so that it can be run by staff and not just dedicated volunteers.

In addition to that, she spearheaded an effort to get a 16 mile stretch of trail developed along the Murrieta Creek, which would span from Temecula to Lake Elsinore. This she did by securing a technical support grant from the National Parks Service and then lining up a team of city officials and planners, as well as community members. This project has just been unanimously approved by the last of the four city's City Councils.

She is a director of the Elsinore Anza Murrieta Resource conservation group, which secures land for mitigation purposes, and both the Chair and Conservation chair of the Santa Margarita Group of the Sierra Club. She is involved in the Steelhead Coalition and the California Wilderness Coalition and many other groups.

Pam knows just about everyone there is to know in her field now, and frequently acts as a matchmaker of sorts. One example of this is how she paired a Sierra Club Meadowview resident, who's HOA has 370 acres of open space to manage, with the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program. Three years on, this HOA is now, in just one of its several projects, grazing instead of mowing which has potentially great ecological advantages - especially in arid areas prone to desertification.

This list doesn't begin to cover the extent of Pam's exhaustive work for the health of the planet, but perhaps one more thing worth mentioning is that she is a huge supporter of a many, many groups with environmental objectives.

She is truly an inspiration and an example of the difference that just one person can make.

### Ed Wallace Receives the Joe Momeyer Conservation Award

*By Ed Caliendo, Outings Chair, Big Bear Group*

For over a decade, Ed Wallace has focused much of his time and energy on defending and protecting the natural wilderness of the Big Bear area, San Bernardino Mountains and San Geronio Wilderness.

While Ed has admirably handled several leadership responsibilities within the Big Bear Group, none has been more accomplished than his tenure as Conservation Chair. Today, the City Counsel of Big Bear Lake and the Big Bear Building Department continually utilize Wallace as their "Go to Guy" for developmental approvals for home subdivisions, corner stores, and complex building or construction projects. The City wants Wallace's review and approval before proceeding with a construction project. The reason you ask? Wallace can identify the risks to nature and the animal habitat that depend on the wilderness to survive.

Wallace works closely with the San Bernardino Land Trust as well as the U.S. Forest Service Regional Manager to protect and restore land and plant life.

For the last four years, Wallace has been working with the Big Bear Valley Education Trust, The San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust, the USFS San Bernardino National Forest, the City of Big Bear Lake and other Land organizations to protect 302.5 acre parcel of forest containing the last pristine pebble plain area only found in the Big Bear area. This rare habitat is only known to exist in the Big Bear Mountains and was being destroyed by unauthorized access to gain firewood, off-road vehicle use, and trash dumping. Working together, the land has now been purchased by the San Bernardino Land Trust. With the added resources of the U.S. Forest service, illegal roads have been closed and land is being restored. In the future, this land will be used to educate Big Bear students on the "best ways to protect our environment."

Wallace also serves as a member of the "Friends of Fawnskin Board" a small community on the northwest side of Big Bear Lake. Wallace serves as their environmental authority when dealing with building development activities.

Wallace has made himself a positive role model for protecting our environment.



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# Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

**T**hank you to Theresa Carson, Christina Torres and Eileen O'Brien for organizing and leading the Moreno Valley Group outings this season! Many good hikes have been taken, many beautiful views have been seen and more people are taking part in the hikes. The leaders will be taking a break this summer because of the heat but please plan on joining them next fall when a new season of outings starts up. Please contact Theresa Carson at (951) 660-7246 or tcarson01@gmail.com if you have any questions and/or suggestions about our outings.

Thank you to Manya Jiannio for organizing the information table and volunteers for the Moreno Valley Group table at the Earth Night in the Garden event on April 22. Thank you for volunteers: Theresa Carson, Manya Jiannio, Ann McKibben, Mike Millspaugh, Eileen O'Brien & Christina Torres for their help.

The Sierra Club is working to help maintain and extend the original allocations of recycled water used at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. The allocation is critical for maintaining wildlife habitat throughout the year.

There is still no word on when the final environmental impact report (FEIR) for the proposed World Logistics Center (WLC) will be released for public review. The 41,600,000 square foot warehouse project proposes to put warehouses on 2,710 acres of land south of Highway 60 and if built would share a two mile border with the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, home to threatened/endangered species as well as more than 20 species of raptors. In April the project proponent paid to have large glossy mailers sent to the city's residents, used phone calls, going door-to-door asking for public support. Iddo Benzeevi's letter within the packet asked for people to support the project and ignore those who oppose it. "Those opposed are few but loud and they are counting on you to stay silent so they can bully their way into derailing our proposal with just a few loud voices." The city may have the Final EIR out by summer or later. Please plan on attending public hearings on the WLC which will be held before the planning commission and city council—you can speak or support those who speak. It is important that all voices be heard in the planning process. Please contact planner Mark Gross at (markg@moval.org) & (951) 413-3215 for more information.

Please take time to donate what you can to help us as we work to provide strong comments on the World Logistic Center project. Your donations will be used to support our ability to hire experts to review the documents. Any size donation is appreciated. Please send your donations to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. Please make a memo notation "WLC." Thank you to all who have made donations—your strong support makes a difference!

Results of the Moreno Valley recall election: Mayor Tom Owings was recalled; George Price was elected to replace him. Election results have to

be verified by the city before Mr. Price takes office. Supporters of Owings spent close to \$40,000. Pro-recall groups spend under \$5,000.

Riverside County General Plan Update (GPU)—The draft environmental impact report (DEIR) and Climate Action Plan (CAP) were released in May. All comments were due by June 30. The GPU will have a dramatic effect on the land use patterns in the Nuevo/Lakeview communities and lands on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Loss of prime agricultural lands, leapfrog development, & traffic are just a few of the concerns. Contact Kristi Lovelady (klovelad@rctlma.org), Riverside County Planning, 4080 Lemon Street, 12th Floor, Riverside, CA 92501-3634 at (951) 955-0781 and request a copy of the draft EIR for the GPU and all other documents and notices of all meetings pertaining to it.

Planning documents can be viewed online at:

<http://planning.rctlma.org/ZoningInformation/GeneralPlanGeneralPlanAmendmentNo960EIRNo521CAP.aspx>

Riverside County planners are still working on the revisited version of the Villages of Lakeview project. The revised environmental documents may be available by late summer. Contact Matt Straite at [MSTRAITE@rctlma.org](mailto:MSTRAITE@rctlma.org) or (951) 955-8631 for more information.

Moreno Valley residents who are concerned about the huge number of warehouses proposed for Moreno Valley can check out the articles and information posted by a local citizens' group at <https://www.facebook.com/SaveMoVal>

There is a Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board hike, Saturday, July 26, 2014, Hike to Hidden Springs (Moderate), 7:30 a.m.; meet at the parking lot in front of Hidden Springs Elementary School, 9801 Hidden Springs Drive, MV. Verify all information at (951) 413-3703 and [http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/resident\\_services/park\\_rec/trails.shtml](http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/resident_services/park_rec/trails.shtml)

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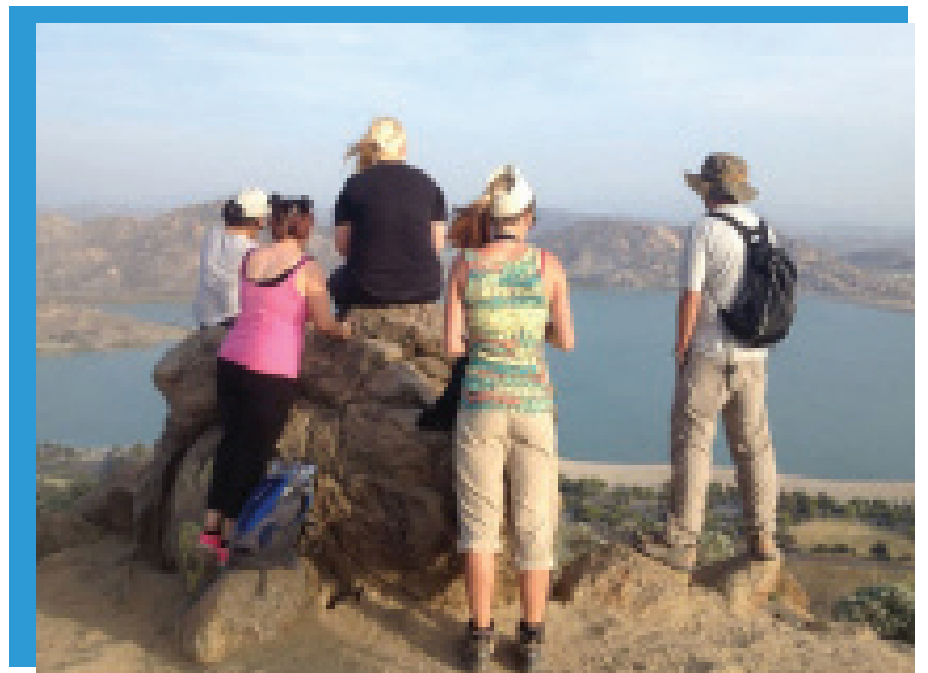
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Earth Night in the Garden, April 22, 2014  
Photographer: Ann McKibben



Moreno Valley Group Table, Moreno Valley Black Chamber of Commerce Event, April 2014  
Photographer: George



Terri Peak Hike • April 23, 2014

Photographer: Therea Carson

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## Santa Margarita Group

By Teri Biancardi

Two projects several years in the making have finally come together for the Santa Margarita group.

Our Murrieta Creek Trail project received formal approval from the final of four participating cities at the end of May. That means we've had unanimous support from all the voting city councillors of Lake Elsinore, Wildomar, Murrieta and Temecula for the development of our 16 mile trail along the creek. Stalwart Sierra



Meadowview open space restoration project

Club members turned out for every meeting, as well as other cycling, walking and equestrian groups who added their voices to the call for this path which will serve as stem for the

which residents hope to graduate to - this year its really just about meeting fire control regulations and figuring

out what all is involved - this style of land management has become quite the tourist draw, with dozens of people descending on the association simply to watch the sheep graze, or the shepherd and his dogs do their thing. It is an amazing sight to see these quite small dogs control this flock.

We're also excited that our tireless leader Chair and Conservation chair Pam Nelson has been awarded the honor of Joe Momeyer Conservation Award. We couldn't agree more with the decision to honor her - Pam is not just

a force of nature, she is a force for nature, with a resume of service to the environment to be proud of.

We celebrated Earth Day, with two separate events, at the Temecula Rose Garden on April 20th, we had a birthday cake in honor of John Muir's birthday, we had a table at the fabulous recycled fashion show at Mira Monte winery, and the Meynckes tabled at the Idyllwild Earth Fair, and a day later we were tabling at the Los Coyotes reservation, which was a really special and happy event.

And on May 3rd, we had a Pacific Crest Trail/50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act celebration at Warner Springs where we had two hikes and fed the through-hikers free tacos. This was courtesy of a mini-grant from Sierra Club national. Thank you Pam, for organizing this event.

As the heat of summer bears down, we'll have one hike in July, in the cooler elevations of Mt. Palomar, a 5 miler starting at Doane Pond, and then looking further ahead, we'll be at the Walk for Wilderness in Claremont at the Rancho Botanical Garden on Sept. 27. This is organized by the CA Wilderness Coalition and the Palm Springs BLM division.



Warner Springs, Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wilderness Act

development of many other regional trails.

This four city partnership gives new leverage to efforts to secure grants for the construction of the trail and influence in its development, as well as creating new partnerships within and between communities in south west riverside. The *Press Enterprise* ran a story on the plan, you can see it here: <http://www.pe.com/articles/temecula-695541-trail-murrieta.html>

Another Sierra Club spin-off project found its legs this month—about 2000 of them – all roaming the 370 acres of Meadowview home owners association, based in Temecula. For years the HOA disced, and then mowed their land for fire abatement but some long-time residents yearned for the days when sheep used to graze through there - and there was no need for heavy, soil-compacting, fossil-fuel burning machines to cut the dry grass.

These land management strategies came at a cost - both financially, and to the land which has visible scars and substantial erosion in areas which were disced, not to mention the disappearance of much of its wildlife, including the absolutely adorable burrowing owl. But at the end of May, after years of planning, almost 500 sheep arrived with a shepherd and two little dogs and the grazing is underway. In addition to the targeted grazing plan



## A Call for Executive Committee Volunteers

The Executive Committee (the Excom) of the San Gorgonio Chapter is designed to be comprised of nine elected members and seven Group representatives. We currently

have nine elected members and seven Group reps. Four of the elected members are serving terms that end in December.

That means that the Nominating Committee for this year's Executive Committee election is looking for candidates to fill four available positions.

Even if all four incumbents are willing to run for re-election we would still like to find at least two more candidates. We need your help to do that.

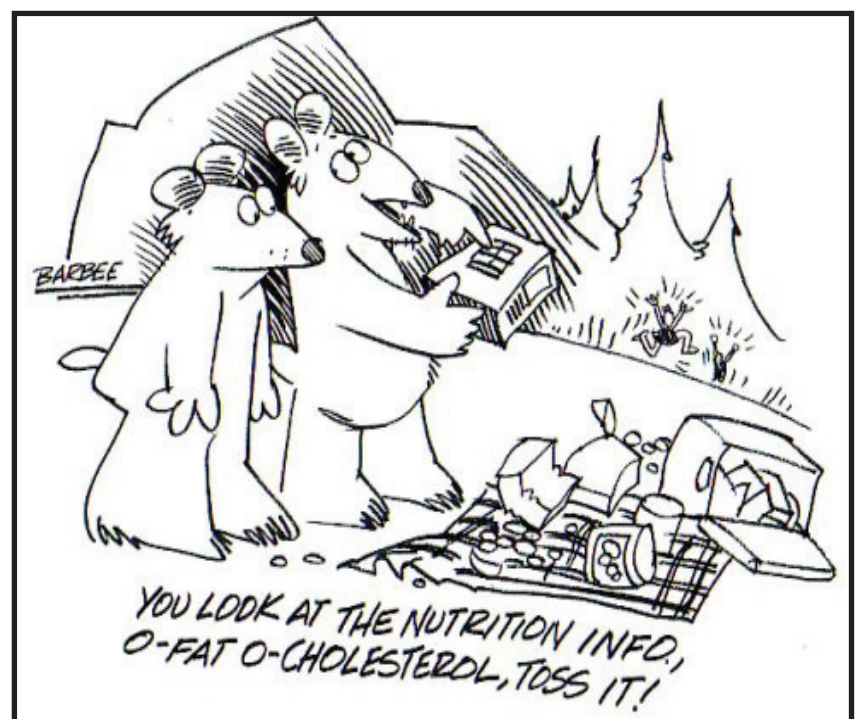
We are especially hoping to find Chapter members living in the Riverside or San Bernardino areas (and not part of one of our Groups) that are interested in providing input and helping us gain perspective about environmental issues and opportunities in those areas. You do not have to be an environmental expert, you just need to know your community and have an interest in improving it. We will help you learn what to look for and who to watch and how to get involved.

Or maybe you have some interests or experience that might be helpful to the Chapter. Our Treasurer could use help with our financial recordkeeping. Our Program Chair could use some help finding speakers and programs for our monthly meetings. Maybe you have IT skills that can help us with modern meeting and communication techniques. Or, perhaps, your background would be useful in fundraising or membership drives. You know what you can do, tell us!

If you would like to be considered for nomination, or know someone that you would want to present for nomination, please contact Dave Barrie at [barriemail@mac.com](mailto:barriemail@mac.com)

### San Gorgonio Chapter Executive Committee Election Rules

1. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed on or before July 22, 2014.
2. Nominees for the election must be San Gorgonio Chapter members who give their consent to be nominated.
3. Requests for nomination must be received by August 26<sup>th</sup> and a final list of nominees will be available from the Chapter office on August 27<sup>th</sup>.
4. If the Nominating Committee chooses not to place a willing candidate on the ballot as a nominated candidate, the candidate will be notified and may seek placement on the ballot as a petition candidate. To obtain Petition Candidate information, contact Dave Barrie at [barriemail@mac.com](mailto:barriemail@mac.com).
5. The name of any Chapter member may be proposed by written petition (with candidate approval) containing the signatures of at least 15 Chapter members. Petitions with valid signatures are to be sent to:  
**Sierra Club  
P.O. Box 708  
Blue Jay, CA 92317  
and must be received by 6 pm on September 12<sup>th</sup>.**
6. An Election Committee shall be appointed on or before September 23, 2014.
7. All San Gorgonio Chapter members as of October 17, 2014, shall be sent ballots.
8. Ballots will be mailed (as part of *The Palm and Pine*) by October 24<sup>th</sup>.
9. Final receipt date for ballots shall be November 24<sup>th</sup>, at 12 noon.
10. Ballots will be verified, opened, and counted at 6:30 pm on November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Chapter Office.
11. The two-year term of office for the newly elected Excom members will commence on January 1, 2015, and will run through December 31, 2016.



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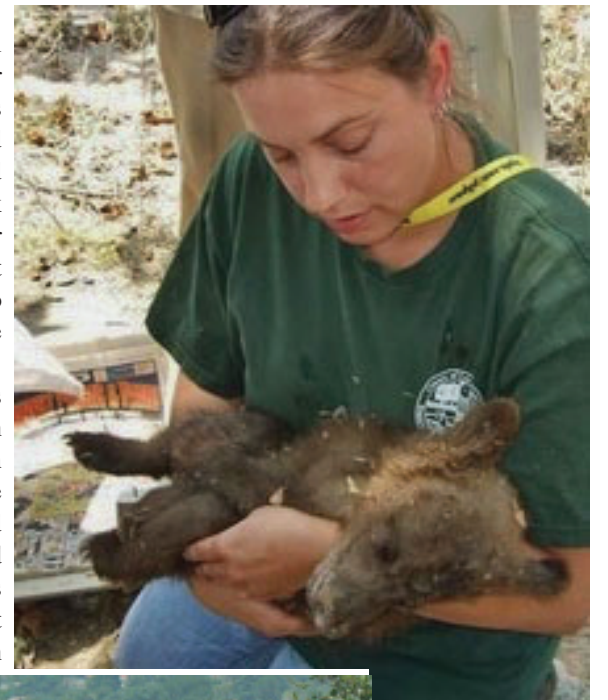


## Chapter's August Program: "The Urban Black Bear"

Kim Bosell, Natural Areas Administrator for the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, will give a talk and slide show on the urban black bear at the August 5 chapter meeting. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM at the San Bernardino County Museum 2024 Orange Tree Ln, Redlands.

American black bears (*Ursus americanus*) roam through urban neighborhoods and down trash lined streets each summer and are typically captured in photos and videos. They are often the lead story on the nightly news. This is the urban black bear: bears that are second and third generation born and raised within city limits. These opportunistic creatures are mastering the techniques of living with humans.

Bosell spent three years with the California Department of Fish and Game as a scientific aide on an urban bear study which trapped and radio-collared bears. She tracked the bears to determine how much time the bears were spending in urban areas, what they were eating and where they were sleeping while there. Later she worked for the City of Monrovia Parks and Police Departments, handling all black bear and



mountain lion calls and running their Bear-Be-Gone program for five years.

Currently Bosell administers the natural areas in the Los Angeles County park system, which

include over six thousand acres in fourteen wildlife reserves and several notable natural parks, such as Eaton Canyon, Devil's Punchbowl and Vasquez Rocks, all frequent destinations for San Geronio Chapter hikers. She works out of the Eaton Canyon Nature Center in Pasadena.

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