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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, July 3 "From River to Sea"

Speaker: Cal French
(see write up Page 9)

Tuesday, August 7 "Is Rooftop Solar For You?"

Speakers: San Gorgonio Energy Team
(see write up Page 10)

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

Solar Homes Campaign Gears Up

By Ralph Salisbury

As the cost of rooftop solar decreases, more and more homeowners can economically benefit from "Going Solar". Getting a quote is free and without obligation. When is the last time you looked to see if solar is right for you?

The Sierra Club is helping members accomplish this with a new program aimed at catalyzing widespread deployment of clean energy: the Solar Homes Campaign.

Through an innovative partnership with Sungevity, a leading national solar service provider, the Club is able to offer its members and supporters an affordable way to get solar on their rooftops. For every home that goes solar through this program, Sungevity will give \$750 to the chapter for clean energy work and other efforts.

Previously, in order to get solar panels on your home you would have to conduct extensive research, hunt for rebates, obtain a permit, and be prepared to fork out perhaps \$20,000. That was before the one-stop solar shop.

Residential solar companies like Sungevity are now offering a "solar service" for people who can't afford to pay the up-front costs to put panels on their roofs. Sungevity will install the panels for no up-front cost, and also handle all maintenance and service. The homeowner pays for



clean energy with a small monthly bill—which may be less than the household's current energy bill.

Of course you have the option of outright purchase of a rooftop solar system as well as a prepaid lease where you keep the leasing advantages and save on carrying costs.

"In order to end our dependence on dirty energy, we need as many Americans as possible to switch to clean energy like rooftop solar. This is a high priority for the Sierra Club. We are urging all of our members

and supporters in California to work with Sungevity to find out if solar is right for them. Every home that goes solar gets us one step closer to our goal of a clean energy economy," said Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune about the program.

It's a win-win-win. An average Sungevity customer saves 15% on their electricity costs by going solar. The San Gorgonio Chapter will raise money for important campaigns and more solar will replace coal as Sierra Club members cut their carbon footprints and collectively help to scale this key clean energy solution.

To take the first step and get a quote for solar, visit the Chapter website at <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org> and click on the Solar Evaluation link on the home page. Once you do, Sungevity will contact you to discuss whether solar is right for you. In about five minutes, they can give you a really good idea about how much it might save you. As always, you are encouraged to do adequate comparison shopping for your solar solution.



Political Update

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter's Political Chair.

ATTENTION! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.

With the Primary election behind us, our endorsed candidates, and those that we will be endorsing this summer, need our help. Yes, having the Sierra Club endorsement can really help an environmentally committed candidate and the ability of the candidate to use our endorsement seal on the literature that she or he sends out, can help get votes. But what candidates really value, in addition to and sometimes more than money, is people who are willing to put in some time helping with the campaign. Typical tasks include walking door-to-door in precincts, making phone calls (which can now be done from home), helping in the campaign office and putting labels on campaign literature. Most of



these are group activities and can be a lot of fun. You can typically work for just an hour or two or you can volunteer for 10-20 hours a week. You get to decide.

I'd like the Club to have a database of members who have expressed an interest in helping one or more of our endorsed candidates win election; People who I can call or email when a candidate asks for our help. I know that many of you currently help on campaigns, but I'd like to see us do this in a way that makes it clear to the candidate that it was the Sierra

Club that helped, not just a random group of volunteers. This can pay real dividends for us when our candidate wins and takes office. If you have any interest in helping, please send me an email at Jono@Hildner.com or call 760/861-5365.

We may not have endorsed many candidates prior to the Primary, but they all survived and will be going on to the November General Election. Here's how they did:

Bob Buster, running for the 1st Supervisor District in Riverside County got a plurality of 39% of the vote, but faces an uphill battle and will need our help in the fall.

Norma Torres, running to hold her seat in Assembly District 52 – Ontario, came in first with 41.9% and will face Kenny Coble (37%) in November.

Mark Takano, running for the open seat in Congressional District 41 – Riverside, came in second with 36% of the vote and will face John Tavaglione (45%) in the fall. This could be a very tough battle and we will need to help Mark any way we can.

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Low turnouts, particularly among Democrats in our two counties, helped contribute to weaker showings for our endorsed candidates this election. One of the keys to getting environmental candidates elected in November will be getting our environmental voters to the polls. As they say in the campaign business, it will be about GPTV (get out the vote.) With very little (c)4 money (political cash) our Chapter is limited in the amount of direct support we can give to our candidates and therefore we are dependent on our members to volunteer.

Now that some of the dust has settled, we will be working very hard in June and July to determine whether to make endorsement recommendations in about nine other races. The process is already underway in three of those. We should have a much longer list of endorsements in the next edition of the P&P and we hope

to have our endorsements listed on the website by the end of July. So if anyone has a strong opinion, either positive or negative, please let me know.

Again, we are looking for candidates who are strong champions for the environment AND who have a reasonably good chance to win.



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Group News

Big Bear Group by Christie Walker

10th Annual Xeriscape Garden Tour

Conserving water and water restrictions is a way of life in Big Bear Valley but it doesn't mean homeowners have to go without beautiful, colorful gardens. The 10th Annual Xeriscape Garden Tour will highlight seven beautiful low-water use gardens that exemplify the best in Xeriscape landscaping plus two mountain nurseries. Held on Saturday, July 14th, this FREE self-guided tour leads participants through Big Bear Valley to see drought tolerant gardens that use the Xeriscape principles of landscaping.

The tour booklet will provide descriptions of each of the gardens as well as useful information on Xeriscape gardening. A highlighted map will make finding each home simple and easy. Volunteers and the homeowners will be on hand at each garden to answer any questions. Attendees will be able to vote for their favorite home with the winner of the People's Choice Award receiving a gift certificate to a local nursery.

You can pick-up a guide book and map at the start location, Emingers Mountain Nursery located at 41223 Big Bear Blvd., across from Denny's, any time between 9 am and noon. The gardens will be open until 4 pm.

For more information contact Christie Walker at 909-866-5006.

10th ANNUAL "AWARD WINNING"
**Xeriscape
Garden Tour**

Saturday, July 14, 2012
Sign-in at Eminger's Mountain Nursery
Between 9am-Noon to Start Your Tour.
The Gardens Are Open Until 4PM.

for information 909.866.5006 • www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org

Mitsubishi Plant Tour

It was a plant tour and a plant tour. The Big Bear Group organized a tour of the Mitsubishi Cement plant in Lucerne Valley on May 22nd. Sierra Club members from both mountain and the desert groups met at the cement plant to take an educational tour of the rehabilitation process and witness the various stages in the reintroduction of native plants to the blighted landscape. Based on what we saw, restoration is a slow, labor-intensive process with results that won't be recognizable for decades upon decades.



July & August Meetings

Both of the next two meetings will be off site and NOT at the Discovery Center. The July meeting will be our annual pot luck pontoon boat ride aboard the Big Bear Queen on Thursday, 19th, departing from Big Bear Marina at 6:30 pm, sharp! The August meeting will be a hike and dessert potluck. The location has yet to be determined. Contact Christie Walker at 909-866-5006 or visit the group's Web site at www.SierraClubBigBearGroup.org



Mojave Group by Jenny Wilder

In July and August the Mojave Group does not have a general meeting due to holidays etc. However, thanks to Melody and a group of regulars, the weekly evening conditioning walks continue through the summer months. We walk about 3 miles on Wednesday and sometimes 6 miles on Monday and Friday. We hope you will join us for an evening of animated conversation and exercise! See the outings section for more information. Melody, our outings chair, has also been encouraging us to attend the Pacific Crest Trail Fest in Big Bear (see below) and to lead some summer hikes on the Pacific Crest Trail (see the outings section). In the summer months many Mojave Group members enjoy hikes on the Pacific Crest Trail near Big Bear and Wrightwood; in the fall, winter and spring we often hike the sections near Lake Silverwood, and in the Deep Creek Canyon. There are many trailheads to this national treasure within an hour's drive of the Victor Valley. "Our" section is in need of constant upkeep and repair, much of which occurs naturally by regular use by equestrians and hikers. Although the US Forest Service is ultimately responsible, scheduled trail maintenance occurs largely because of volunteer efforts by the Pacific Crest Trail Association.

"Trail Fest": On July 27, 28, 29 the Pacific Crest Trail Association is holding their annual event in our neighborhood! It will take place at the Northwoods Resort & Conference Center, 40650 Village Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA. It is a weekend of fun with others who also appreciate the wonders of the Pacific Crest Trail and perhaps some who have hiked the entire trail from Mexico to Canada! There will be a Gear & Information Fair, trail classes, workshops, stories, movies, PCTA's Volunteer and Partners Awards, an opportunity to hike the trail and also do some trail maintenance. On Sunday there will

be family activities at the Big Bear Discovery Center. The Mojave Group is joining with the Big Bear and Mountain groups to host a table in the Gear and Information Fair. For all the details go to <http://www.pcta.org/>

The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail runs through the mountains that surround the Victor Valley, providing several very convenient access points for day hikes. This treasured pathway for hiking and equestrian use is one of the original National Scenic Trails established by Congress in the 1968 National Trails System Act. Beginning in Southern California at the Mexican Border. The PCT travels a distance of 2,650 miles through California, Oregon, and Washington and includes some of the most outstanding scenic terrain in the United States. The idea of a long distance footpath was conceived by Clinton C. Clarke in 1932 who then formed a Pacific Crest Trail System Conference to plan the trail and to lobby the federal government to protect the trail. The conference also included the YMCA, the Boy Scouts, and Ansel Adams. Volunteers formed the Pacific Crest Trail Association and in conjunction with the government it was finally declared finished in 1993. In May of each year I look forward to the great pleasure of meeting up with some of the 300+ hikers who attempt to complete the 2,650 miles in one season! This year, while doing graffiti cleanup in the Deep Creek Canyon I talked to about 15 such "through" hikers. First timers say the same thing – that the Deep Creek Canyon is the most scenic section so far (about 300 miles into the hike). Deep Creek has been proposed as a "wild and scenic river," however, the graffiti on the canyon walls has been

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Group News

Moreno Valley Group

by Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

As mentioned in our news in the previous issue of the Palm & Pine, the city of Moreno Valley has apparently partnered with developer Iddo Benzeevi, Highland Fairview, to consider a 41.6 million square foot warehousing project in eastern Moreno Valley called the World Logistics Center. The project would place warehouse space equivalent to 700 regulation football fields (2,000 acres) on land that is south of Highway 60. This massive warehouse project would generate at least 25,000 daily diesel trips and would share a two mile border with the north side the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. At their May 22 city council meeting the city council voted 3-2 to include 20 private properties, many with homes & families, within the project boundaries. About a dozen speakers asked that their lands be excluded from the project. The city already has the Moreno Highlands Specific Plan in place for the project area. The twenty year development agreement will expire in September. Many are speculating that the developer wants to have his warehousing plan approved and in place by the time the existing development agreement expires. In June the city planning staff indicated there is no firm timeline in place for the project, no date as to when the draft environmental impact report would be released, no dates for hearings are set although there are indications that the project proponent would like to have action on the proposal sometime in September. The Press-Enterprise editorial condemned the obvious bias of the city council in a May 29 editorial: <http://www.pe.com/opinion/editorials-headlines/20120529-moreno-valley-council-bias.ece> More information can be found at: <http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/mv-forum0118.shtml> Contact for the project is John Terrell, Planning Official; telephone (951) 413-3206, e-mail: john@moval.org It would be helpful if you would consider asking to be put on the list for all documents and meetings related to the project.

Please donate what you can to help our Moreno Valley Group make comments on the World Logistics Center's massive environmental documents. If we could afford some professional comments to supplement those of our volunteers, it would probably make a huge difference in their final project. If we later decide to litigate, these comments could make the difference between losing and winning. Please send your much appreciated donations to: Sierra Club, Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. The City of Moreno Valley is holding a series of meetings to consider the city's Energy Efficiency and Climate Action Strategy. A public outreach meeting and planning commission meeting were scheduled to be held in June. A city council study session is scheduled for August 21; another planning commission meeting on September 13, & a city council meeting on October 9. This is our opportunity to let the city know how important a climate action plan is, something that will improve our quality of life and save energy in Moreno Valley as well as significantly reduce our contribution to global warming/climate change. Here is the link for the document: <http://www.moval.org/misc/pdf/eec-actionstrategy220512.pdf> For more information contact planner Gabriel Diaz at gabriel@moval.org & (951) 413-3226. According to Riverside County planning staff the draft environmental impact report for the Riverside County General Plan Update (GPU) has been delayed and will now be released in December. The county Planning Commission could possibly consider the plan in March/April 2013. The county Board of Supervisors could consider the plan in May or June 2013. The GPU will impact all of us within Riverside County as it will lay out land use designations for years to come, address sprawl, global climate change, noise and open space issues. Land use designations will significantly impact the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and also open up valuable agricultural lands for development. County

planner for the GPU is Frank Coyle, Riverside County Planning Department, fcoble@rctlma.org or (951) 955-2706.

New information about the Motte Lakeview Ranch Specific Plan 366 indicates that the Draft Environmental Impact Report was to be released in early June. The proposed project plans to put 2,000 homes on land north of the Ramona Expressway and south of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (northeast of the Villages of Lakeview project site). Prime farm lands would be lost; it would have devastating impacts on the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. For more information, contact project planner Matt Straite, (951) 955-8631, e-mail mstraite@rctlma.org

The Moreno Valley Group hosted an information table at the Earth Night in the Garden event held on April 19 at the Western Municipal Water District gardens in Riverside. Volunteers handed out information about the Sierra Club, talked about local planning issues, and gave out nature-oriented temporary tattoos for children. Many visitors stopped by our table and took time to learn about the Sierra Club. A big Thank You to Manya Giannino for organizing flyers, membership forms, handouts & volunteers for our table! And another big thank you to our volunteers: Barbara Dean, Theresa Carson, Kathryn Jones, Manya Giannino, Steve Giannino, Johnathan Lipscomb, and Ann McKibben.



Information Table at Earth Night in the Garden. Photographer: Ann McKibben



Mountains Group

by Dave Barrie, Chair

To celebrate Earthday this year (Sat. April 21) a dedicated band of Mountains Group members set up our canopy and tables in Lake Arrowhead Village. Don Fischer, Jo Ann Fischer, Bob Kinzel, Carol Kinzel, Sherry Noone, and Sue Walker shared Sierra Club information with passersby and helped kids make and paint their own little Planet Earths.

On the 5th and 6th of May we had our annual Spring Retreat at Keller Hut. The Retreat is our chance to get away from town (without going too far) and enjoy some quiet time at the Sierra Club cabin. A hike on Saturday afternoon, potluck dinner that evening, and, as always, pancakes for breakfast prepared by Bill Eng.

On May 17 Don Fischer led a "downhill only" hike on the Children's Forest Exploration Trail. The oak trees were starting to show their leaves and Spring flowers were beginning to bloom.

May 26th (Sat.) dawned chilly with more than a hint of "June gloom" but the weather could not stop Heather Sargeant and Barbara Levering from sharing Spring flowers with an undaunted gathering of hardy Mountains Group flower aficionados.

And the following day (much warmer) we spotted 23 species of birds as we circled Crestline's Lake Gregory on the Spring Birdwalk. Thanks to Steve Farrell for filling in for usual leader Bill Eng.



The annual Forest Festival, sponsored by the Forest Service, the National Forest Association, Rim Recreation and Park District and REI was held on June 2 at the Children's Forest Visitor Center in Running Springs. In addition to displays from forest-related environmental and service organizations, visitors were given the opportunity to participate in trail maintenance on the nearby Children's Forest Exploration Trail.

We had a nice time talking forest issues with visitors to our booth and sharing Sierra Club information with interested attendees.

Just two of the many Mountains Group volunteers at this year's Forest Festival were Don Fischer (far left with his hands raised in celebration) and Dave Barrie (far right). Below, Peter Jorris was impressed by an endangered Southern Rubber Boa (pictured below).

— Both people photos taken by Mary Barrie.



According to Theresa Carson, Group Outings Chair, group hikes will restart in October when the weather is cooler. Theresa says that group hikes have been a lot of fun this past spring. On one hike in Sycamore Canyon Park they were fortunate to see a bobcat; on the hike to Reche Mountain they saw many burros and their babies. Anyone who wants more information on our group hikes can contact Theresa at: (951) 660-7246, e-mail: tlcarson01@gmail.com And check our group web site: <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/moreno-valley/index.html> next fall for our new schedule of hikes.

Lake Perris State Recreation Area (LPSRA) has returned to its regular schedule: open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please call the LPSRA numbers for more information on events taking place at Lake Perris—(951) 940-5657 (or (951) 940-5600. Information on Limited Use Golden Bear passes (a \$10 annual pass for those age 62 and older) can be found at: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23800 This annual pass may be purchased anytime during the year but is good only until December 31st.

The Moreno Valley Group is looking for volunteers to help us accomplish our group priority goals (<http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/moreno-valley/index.html>) and increase outreach and membership. Please e-mail us at: movalleygroup@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping us share information about our group.

The city of Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board will sponsor a "Hike to Hidden Springs" on July 28, 2012. Meet at 7:30 a.m., Hidden Springs Elementary School, 9801 Hidden Springs Drive, Moreno Valley. The hike is classified as moderate, 3.3 miles round trip. Please call (951) 413-3702 to verify all information.

For more information about our group and volunteering with the Moreno Valley Group, contact Ann McKibben at (951) 924-8150, Theresa Carson, (951) 242-4752 or George Hague at (951) 924-0816 or e-mail us at: movalleygroup@yahoo.com

A highlight, for us, was the chance to see a Southern Rubber Boa (see photo). The elusive and seldom-seen reptile is a leading character in every EIR we review and its protection is important to us.

Rim of the World Recreation and Park District is sponsoring four Family Summer Hikes (two in July and two in August) and Outings Leader Don Fischer, of the Mountains Group, will be leading the hikes. Don and Bob Kinzel (of both Rec. and Park and the Mountains Group) wanted to offer local hikes that could get kids (and their folks) out for a visit to our natural environment. Visit our website (<http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/mountains/>) for more information about the hikes. Just click on "Squirrel Tracks – Summer Issue" to see the flyer.

Development battles are simmering quietly at the moment. We've done our thing (letters, comments, etc.) and now we're waiting on various agencies to do what they do. Our brightest and best are constantly watching for signs of life on these projects and will blow the whistle at the earliest moment should anything stir. I'm not going to mention who it is that we are watching... but they know who they are!

Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

JULY/AUGUST 2012

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the September/October 2012 Calendar are due by July 31, 2012.

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 Ralph Salisbury at <ralphsalisbury@att.net>.

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.

CARPOOLING POLICY

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

LIABILITY WAIVER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb. 6, Apr. 2, May 7, Oct. 1, Nov. 5. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

(1ST TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. CHAPTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclub-bigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

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

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

WEEKLY RECURRING OUTINGS & FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

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

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

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

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

JUNE 18 – JUNE 24

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

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

JUN 20 (WED) 8:00 AM GLENDORA MOUNTAIN HIKE
This is a hike in the Glendora area. The hike is 3 miles R/T with a gain of 800 Ft. The hike is all on trail and steep in some places. BRING water, boots and sunscreen lotion. MEET: Call for meeting place. LEADER: JOE WHYTE 909-949-0899 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUN 20 (WED) 5:00 PM BOX SPRINGS PARK HIKE
Moderate 4-mile hike in Box Springs Park, about 800ft elevation gain. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: From 60fwy in Moreno Valley, exit on Pigeon Pass. Drive north on Pigeon Pass about 4 miles, turns into Box Springs Mountain Rd. and soon turns to dirt. In 1.2 miles you reach the parking area on the right. Rain or temperature over 95 cancels. LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or <tlcarson01@gmail.com> MORENO VALLEY GROUP

JUN 21 (THU) 10:00 AM S B MTS CHILDREN'S FOREST/MILL PEAK HIKE
Moderate five-mile RT hike with a 400 ft. elevation loss/gain. Starting at Rimwood Ranch in Running Springs, the trail will follow a ridge overlooking San Gorgonio and San Jacinto Peaks, then drop down to a beautiful meadow in the Children's Forest, ending with snacks at the leader's home! BRING: a quart of water, lunch and snacks; WEAR: hiking boots and sunscreen. MEET: Call for directions. LEADER: DON FISCHER, 909-939-0332. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

JUN 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.sierraclub-bigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

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

****JUN 23 (SAT) 6:30 AM CUCAMONGA PEAK HIKE**
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Cucamonga Peak (elevation 8859 ft), 12 miles round trip with 3950 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1-1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, alder, aspen, spruce, fir, and pine. Scenic view in all directions from the top of Cucamonga Peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, <john@stclairs.us>, 909-983-8501. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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****JUN 23 (SAT) 8:00 AM VAN DUSEN CYN TO LITTLE BEAR SPRG HIKE**
This is Hike #5 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 12.1 mile through-hike. RATING: Strenuous. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, adequate water, food, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. MEET: Vons Shopping Center in Big Bear Lake. An Adventure Pass is required to park at the trailhead. RESERVATIONS Call LEADER: ED CALIENDO (909) 878-3813 or <dogs111@msn.com> BIG BEAR GROUP

JUNE 25 – JULY 1

*Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
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****JUN 26 (TUE) 9:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL LOOP HIKE**
This is about a 10-mile, 5-hour, moderate to difficult hike with about 1,000' of elevation gain. We will hike north on the Santa Ana River Trail along a ridge to Heart Bar Road and return via the Meadow Trail. Bring sturdy boots, plenty of water, appropriate clothing, sun protection and lunch. MEET: Vons parking lot in Big Bear Lake and carpool to the trailhead. For those coming from the Redlands area, meet us at 9:40 AM in the South Fork parking lot on Hwy 38 between the Santa Ana and South Fork Rivers. Drivers must display Adventure Passes. LEADER: DICK BANKS, (909) 866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 26 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>. CHAPTER

JUN 27 (WED) 5:00 PM SYCAMORE CANYON EASY HIKE HIKE
Approximate 2-hour easy hike in Sycamore Canyon. This will be a leisurely paced hike/walk. BRING: water and sturdy shoes. MEET: in the Sycamore Canyon parking lot on the south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive and the 215/60 Freeway. Rain or temperature over 95 cancels. LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 <tlcarson01@gmail.com> MORENO VALLEY GROUP

JUN 29-JULY 1 (FRI-SUN) EMIGRANT TRAILS, BLACK ROCK DES CARCAMP
We'll probably leave Reno, NV, Friday evening and head to Double Hot Springs about 30 miles north of Gerlach, NV to meet a group of Trails West people who are doing a survey of the Emigrant trail between Double Hot Springs and Mud Meadows about 20 miles north - Some hiking, some driving, some time in hot springs. We'll probably visit the ghost town site of Hardin City and the Lassen-Clapper Murder site nearby. Sorry, no RV's or Trailers, 4 WD strongly preferred. SIGN UP 6/15-6/27. LEADER: DAVID BOOK, 775-843-6443. GREAT BASIN GROUP TOIYABE CHAPTER

****JUN 30 (SAT) 8:15 AM SAN BERNARDINO PEAK HIKE**
This is an historic trail established in 1852 by U.S. Government Army Surveyors. One-hundred and sixty years later we will follow this route through beautiful subalpine country with breathtaking views across the vast San Bernardino Valley to the distant San Gabriel Mountains. The round trip hiking distance is 16.0 miles with an elevation gain of 4,700'. RATED: Strenuous, BRING: ten-essentials, layered clothing, lunch, 2 liters of water, water purification drops, sun-protection, and good hiking boots. MEET: Take Hwy 38 east from Redlands to mountain town of Angelus Oaks. We will meet in front of the Oak's restaurant. From there we will caravan to the trailhead. An Adventure Pass is required for parking. REGISTER early as wilderness permit must be arranged. LEADER: ED CALIENDO, (909) 878-3813 <dogs111@msn.com> BIG BEAR GROUP

JUL 1 (SUN) 6:00 PM MOONLIGHT HIKE HIKE
Come for a 2 to 3 hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the "full" moon. (Actual full moon is July 3.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 and 5 miles rt, 400 to 1200 ft elev.. Hike locations will vary. MEET: North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, at NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Blvds. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, and wear sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. LEADERS: PATTY and DAVID THORNE (909) 981-5813. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JULY 2 – JULY 8

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JUL 3 (TUE) 6:30 AM BIGHORN PEAK HIKE
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Bighorn Peak (elevation 8441 ft), 10 miles round trip with 3440 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, alder, spruce, fir, and pine. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 2+ liters water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, <john@stclairs.us>, 909-983-8501 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUL 3 (TUE) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

JUL 3 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com CHAPTER

JUL 5 (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 7 (SAT) 6:30 AM VIVIAN CREEK TO SAN GORGONIO MTN PEAK HIKE**
This is a 16.0 round-trip day hike to the top of San Gorgonio Mountain (11,500'). The Vivian Creek Trail starts at approximately 6,200' and climbs 5,300' to the top of San Gorgonio Mountain. RATING: Strenuous MEET: Participants can meet at Vons Shopping Center at 5:30 a.m. in Big Bear Lake or meet at the Vivian Trailhead at Forest Falls near Hwy 38 at 6:30 a.m. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, trekking poles, sun protection, 4 liters of water, lunch and energy snacks, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. CALL: Advance reservations required, Ed Wallace, Hiking Leader at (909) 584-9407 or Co-Leader, Ed Caliendo, (909) 878-3813 or email dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

JUL 7 (SAT) 7:00 AM SUICIDE ROCK HIKE
Enjoy a day in the mountains! Join us on a 7 mile out and back hike to Suicide Rock. The hike is moderately difficult with about 1900 ft of Elevation gain. I like this trail in the summer because much of it is shaded by pines and oak and the view from the rock is breathtaking. Directions: From the Ranger Station in Idyllwild drive 1 mile north on highway 243. Park on the north side of the road across from The County Park Nature Center. As always bring plenty of water, a lunch, comfortable hiking shoes, dress in layers and don't forget the sunscreen. This hike will be limited to the first twelve (12) that preregister. RAIN CANCELS. Gary Marsalone at (858) 663-1201 or hikesie@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

JULY 9 – JULY 15

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**** JUL 10 (TUE) 8:00 AM WILDHORSE SPRINGS TO SUGARLOAF MTN HIKE**
Strenuous, 8 miles, 2,000 ft. elevation gain. Great views of San Gorgonio and the Santa Ana River drainage. This is a Peaks of Big Bear hike. Those reaching all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a patch commemorating the effort. Bring water, snacks, layered clothing, and hiking boots. We will meet at the Von's parking lot in Big Bear Lake. For information call Ed Wallace (909) 584- 9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

****JUL 11 (WED) 7:00 AM WILDHORSE CREEK TO SUGARLOAF MTN HIKE**
Let's hike a seldom travelled route along Wildhorse Creek and then connect to the more popularly used trail up to Sugarloaf Mountain (elevation 9,952). This is a strenuous, moderately paced, 17 mile roundtrip hike with an approximate 3,500 foot elevation gain. MEET: Contact leader for meeting place and carpooling. Adventure Pass required for trailhead parking. WEAR: Broken in hiking shoes/boots, layered clothing, sun hat and sunglasses. BRING: 4+ litres of water, hiking poles (if you use

them), sunscreen, insect repellent, snacks, lunch and the 10 essentials. INFO/LEADER/RESERVATIONS: SONDRAMORISON, email: skbrian@earthlink.net, or 909-335-9794, before 8 pm please. SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER

JUL 13-16 (FRI-MON) HIGHLAND RANGE NEVADA SERVICE
Once again we partner with ranger John from the Ely, Nevada office of BLM for a scintillating Wilderness service project in Highland Ridge, just south of Great Basin National Park. Help find and mark old historic trail, clean up aspen grove in order to keep vehicles on designated cherry stem route, historic Arborglyph inventory in aspen stand, maybe also put up a small post and rail fence, route obliteration/rehab etc. Good work at a beautiful location. Sign up with LEADER VICKY HOOVER, vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org, 415-977-5527. Central commissary offered. CNRCC WILDERNESS COMMITTEE

JUL 13-15 (FRI-SUN) SHELDON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SERVICE
We will be working with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Friends of Nevada Wilderness, removing old barbed wire fence in the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge. Cattle grazing has been eliminated in the refuge and the fence is a threat to native pronghorn antelope and sage grouse. This is a family friendly event. All meals are provided except lunch. For details contact leader or Pat Bruce of FNW pbruce@nevadawilderness.org. LEADER: GRAHAM STAFFORD, 775-686-8478, graham@grahamstafford.com. GREAT BASIN GROUP-TOIYABE CHAPTER

JUL 14 (SAT) 9:00 AM PCT TRAIL HIKE - FAWNSKIN TO COUGAR CREST HIKE
Come join other hikers for a moderate 11-12 mile hike from Fawnskin to Cougar Crest. This is a terrific hike starting in Fawnskin we hike up 3N14 to 3N12 and then the PCT to Cougar Crest. A great hike thru the forest area around Delamar Peak and then a beautiful trek on the PCT to Cougar Crest. Bring 2-3 quarts of water, sturdy boots and lunch/snacks. For more info and meeting place contact Terrence McCorkle at 760-252-2194 or 760-412-1683 (cell) and oldhikerdude@verizon.net MOJAVE GROUP

JUL 14 (SAT) 7:00 AM OZZIE TRAIL HIKE
Come and experience a morning hike in the Juniper Flats Area, Apple Valley. There is an invigorating climb at the start of the hike with about 1,000 elevation gain. Then we walk along the ridge with beautiful views of the Victor Valley and mountains beyond. Bring plenty of water/snacks and a hiking stick; wear sturdy hiking boots/shoes, layered clothing, hat, sunscreen. Don't forget your camera and binoculars! Well-behaved, inquisitive children who love the Great Outdoors are encouraged to come along with their parents/guardians! Meet at Victor Valley Museum in Apple Valley at 7:30am. Hike is about 4 miles round trip and rated easy/moderate. For more information contact leader Jenny Wilder JensOasis@aol.com or (760) 220 0730. MOJAVE GROUP

****JUL 14 (SAT) 8:15 AM GREY'S PEAK HIKE**
This is a "Peaks" of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. The hike is 8.0 miles, 1,400 ft. elevation gain. RATING: Moderate MEET: At 8:00 A.M at the Big Bear Discovery Center or 8:15 A.M. at the Grey's Peak trailhead located on the west side of Hwy 38, 6/10's of a mile west of Fawnskin. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. CALL: To register please call Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

JUL 15 (SUN) 8:30 AM SB MTS, STRAWBERRY PEAK MEANDER
Join us for an easy 1.5 mile hike with views (a Royal Rendezvous) through the beautiful forest land recently acquired by the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust. For nearly 10 years, this natural area between Highways 189 and 18 below Strawberry Peak was threatened by an ill-conceived proposal for an oversized, environmentally-destructive Adventure Camp development. However, the Sierra Club and other allied conservation-minded groups and individuals were determined to save the area from development. Fortunately, their long fight was ultimately successful and provided the SBMLT the opportunity to step in and purchase the land as part of their ongoing commitment to local forest preservation. Today we will celebrate this success as we explore and learn about this valuable parcel. BRING: Water and snack. MEET: Across from Pinecrest Camp on SR 189. CONTACT LEADER: STEVEN FARRELL, 661-449-2867 <mr_sqf@yahoo.com> MOUNTAINS GROUP

JULY 16 – JULY 22

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JUL 16-20 (MON) LAKE SABRINA TO MIDNIGHT LAKE BACKPACK
This short backpack trip (13 miles rt. 2600' elevation gain) into a portion of the John Muir Wilderness will take us to a beautiful 11,000' alpine lake set against a cluster of 13,000+ granite peaks. We will camp at Midnight Lake and spend the next two days day hiking to the numerous spectacular alpine lakes in the region. Space is limited. Call hike leader Ed Wallace at 909 584 9407 for information. BIG BEAR GROUP

JUL 17 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net> SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

JUL 19 (THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

JUL 20-22 (FRI-SUN) LITTLE HIGH ROCK CANYON WILDERNESS SERVICE
We will be rebuilding culvert and doing route rehabilitation on the edge of Little High Rock Canyon Wilderness in the Black Rock Desert High Rock Canyon Immigrant Trails NCA. All meals except lunch provided. For details contact leader or Pat Bruce of FNW, pbruce@nevadawilderness.org. LEADER: GRAHAM STAFFORD, 775-686-8478, graham@grahamstafford.com. GREAT BASIN GROUP-TOIYABE CHAPTER

JUL 20 - 22 (FRI-SUN) LEMON LILY FESTIVAL IN IDYLLWILD EVENT/CAR CAMP
Celebrate Idyllwild's 3rd Annual Lily Festival, a community-wide event with lots to see and do around town. Festival celebrations take place at Idyllwild Nature Center, easy walking distance from our campsite at Riverside County's Idyllwild Park. ARRIVE FRI EVENING OR SATURDAY AM. Tent camp one or two nights. Hike nature trails to spot seasonal lemon lilies, or day hike on Devil's Slide Trail (5 mi, 1,700' gain). Happy hour Sat. Parking limited to 5 vehicles. Ridesharing encouraged. Reserve by July 4. SEND email or SASE, phones, rideshare info, Fri/Sat arrival, \$25 (Sierra Club-Pasadena Group) to LEADER: Bill Joyce, 2661 College Lane, La Verne, CA. 91750-3737; email (preferred) bill@rollingtherock.com phone (909)596-6280 LOS SERRANOS GROUP/PASADENA GROUP

****JUL 21-22 (SAT) 8:15 AM ONYX SUMMIT TO DEER SPRING TRAIL BACKPACK**
This is an introduction to backpacking and the requirements of overnight camping in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. This is a single over-night eight-mile R/T adventure. We will backpack from Onyx Summit off Hwy 38 to Deer Springs Trail Camp located north on the Pacific Crest Trail. RATING: easy/moderate MEET: At the Big Bear Lake Vons Shopping Center or at the trailhead. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. BRING: The ten-essentials plus; backpack, sleeping bag, tent (optional), food, Bear vault, water purification drops or water purification pump, trekking poles, layered clothing, 2 liters of water, personal hygiene items, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, rain gear, and good hiking shoes. CALL: Advance registration is required, limit of ten individuals, Leader, Ed Caliendo, at (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

JULY 23 – JULY 29

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****JUL 24 (TUE) 6:30 AM MT. BALDY HIKE**
This will be a strenuous hike to the top of Mt. Baldy (elevation 10,064), 12.8 miles round trip with 5744 ft. elevation gain. The trail offers spectacular views along the way. On a clear day there is a great view of downtown Los Angeles. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3+ liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. 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

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JUL 24 (TUE) 7:00 PM **SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM** **MEETING**
Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>. CHAPTER

****JUL 25 (WED) 7:00 AM** **SAN BERNARDINO PEAK** **HIKE**
Would you like to see some spectacular vistas within the San Gorgonio Wilderness? This strenuous, moderately paced, 16 mile roundtrip hike will provide you with many enjoyable vistas as we climb 4,700 feet in elevation to San Bernardino Peak (altitude 10,649). MEET: Contact leader for meeting place and carpooling. Adventure Pass required for trailhead parking. WEAR: Broken in hiking shoes/boots, layered clothing, sun hat and sunglasses. BRING: 4+ litres of water, hiking poles (if you use them), sunscreen, insect repellent, snacks, lunch and the 10 essentials. INFO/LEADER/RESERVATIONS: SONDR MORISON, email: skbrian@earthlink.net, or 909-335-9794, before 8 pm please. SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER

****JUL 25 (WED) 9:00 AM** **SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN** **HIKE**
This is a difficult 10-to-11-mile round-trip hike with a 2000-foot elevation gain. We will meet at Von's in Big Bear Lake at 9:00 AM and carpool to the trailhead near Greenspot Campground. A National Forest Adventure pass is required for parking. Bring 2 quarts of water, snacks, sun protection, layered clothing and sturdy hiking boots. To register and learn more, call Dick Banks at 909-866-9232 BIG BEAR GROUP

****JUL 28 (SAT) 8:00 AM** **VAN DUSEN CYN ROAD TO CUSHENBERRY PASS** **HIKE**
This is Hike #6 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 9.5 mile through-hike. RATING: Moderate MEET: Vons Shopping Center in Big Bear Lake or at Cushenberry Pass located at east end of Baldwin Lake at Hwy 18. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, three liters of water, lunch, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. CALL: Must call for reservations Jim Siefert, Hiking Leader at (760) 694-5370, or Co-Leader (Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

JUL 29 (SUN) 9:00 AM **PALOMAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK LOOP** **HIKE**
Join us on a four mile loop hike in Palomar Mountain State Park. The hike will begin at the Doane Pond parking area. I will use several trails to form a loop hike of about four miles. This is a moderately difficult hike with about 800' of elevation gain/loss and a wonderful place to spend a summer day. We will hike through beautiful meadows and dark forests of oak and conifers. The western part of the loop offers spectacular views of the San Luis Rey River Valley. There is an \$8 per car day use fee at the park. No wilderness pass is needed. Directions: From Highway 76 at the foot of Palomar Mountain take South Grade Road or East Grade Road to where the two meet called Crestline, high atop the mountain. From there follow East Grade Road west toward Palomar Mountain State Park. Once you go past the park entrance, just keep making right turns on paved roads until you reach the parking lot for Doane Pond. As always bring plenty of water, a snack, dress in layers, sunscreen and wear comfortable hiking shoes. There are picnic areas within the park for a post hike picnic, and fishing is permitted at Doane Pond which is stocked. You must have a fishing license. Leader: Bob Audibert. To register or if you have questions, email me at bob.takeahike1@gmail.com or call me at (951)302-1059. Rain Cancels. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

JUL 29 (SUN) 6:00 PM **MOONLIGHT HIKE** **HIKE**
Come for a 2 to 3 hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the "full" moon. (Actual full moon is August 1.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 and 5 miles rt, 400 to 1200 ft elev.. Hike locations will vary. MEET: North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, at NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Bldvs. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, and wear sturdy shoes/boots. RAIN CANCELS. INFO: Leaders PATTY and DAVID THORNE (909) 981-5813 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JULY 30 – AUGUST 3

*Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
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****AUG 1 (WED) 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), 12.2 miles round trip with 3800 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, alder, aspen, spruce, fir, and pine. Scenic view from the top of Ontario Peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. 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

****AUG 2 (THU) 9:00 AM** **SAND/BOW CANYON LOOP** **HIKE**
A moderate 6 mile partial cross country hike below the southern ridge line of the Big Bear Valley. Meet at the Vons parking lot in Big Bear Lake to car pool to the trailhead which has limited parking. For additional information please call Ed Wallace, Hiking Leader at (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 3-5 (FRI-SUN) 2:00 PM **S B MTS, ANNUAL CHILDRENS' FOREST** **CAR CAMP**
We'll camp at Shady Cove group campground. TIME: arrive any time after 2:00 PM on Friday or join us on Saturday at 5 PM for Happy Hour then our potluck at 6 PM. BRING: drinks, a dish to share, fire wood and folding chair to sit around the fire. Camp overnight. Day hikes and other optional activities. If you plan to attend, please CALL LEADER, HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836. MOUNTAINS GROUP

AUG 4 (SAT) 8:00 AM **PALM SPRINGS TRAMWAY TO SAN JACINTO PEAK** **HIKE**
Famous naturalist John Muir, exclaimed "that the view from San Jacinto, (10,804') was one of the most sublime spectacles seen anywhere on this earth." One-hundred mile visibility is not uncommon. You will hike 11.0 R/T miles and experience a 2,600' elevation gain. RATING: Strenuous. MEET: at the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, 8:00 A.M. and purchase a round-trip ticket. We will travel from the desert floor to the tramway mountain station at (8,516') at 8:30 a.m. The cost of the R/T ticket is \$23.95 or \$21.95 for seniors 62 and older. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 3.0 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, rain gear, and hat and gloves. RESERVATIONS: Call Hiking Leader Ed Caliendo (909) 878-3813, or dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 4 (SAT) 9:00 AM **PCT HIKE - VAN DUSEN RD TO HWY 18** **HIKE**
Come join other hikers for a moderate 9-10 mile hike on the PCT from Van Duesen Rd to Hwy 18 at Cushingbury Pass. This is a perfect hike thru the San Bernardino Mtns. north of Big Bear Lake. Bring 2-3 quarts of water, sturdy boots and lunch/snacks. For more info and meeting place contact Terrence McCorkle at 760-252-2194 or 760-412-1683 (cell) and oldhikerdude@verizon.net MOJAVE GROUP

****AUG 5 (SUN) 7:00 AM** **WILDHORSE CREEK TO SUGARLOAF MTN** **HIKE**
Let's hike a seldom travelled route along Wildhorse Creek and then connect to the more popularly used trail up to Sugarloaf Mountain (elevation 9,952). This is a strenuous, moderately paced, 17 mile roundtrip hike with an approximate 3,500 foot elevation gain. MEET: Contact leader for meeting place and carpooling. Adventure Pass required for trailhead parking. WEAR: Broken in hiking shoes/boots, layered clothing, sun hat and sunglasses. BRING: 4+ litres of water, hiking poles (if you use them), sunscreen, insect repellent, snacks, lunch and the 10 essentials. INFO/LEADER/RESERVATIONS: SONDR MORISON, email: skbrian@earthlink.net, or 909-335-9794, before 8 pm please. SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER

AUGUST 6 – AUGUST 12

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AUG 7 (TUE) 6:30 PM **BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM** **MEETING**
The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 7 (TUE) 7:30 PM **SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER** **MEETING**
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. CHAPTER

AUG 9 (THU) 9:00 AM **CASTLE ROCK & BLUFF LAKE** **HIKE**
This is a moderate 5 to 6-mile round-trip hike with a 1000-foot elevation gain. In route we will see Castle Rock, Champion Lodgepole Pine and Bluff Lake. Bring 2-quarts of water, snacks, clothing appropriate to the weather and sturdy hiking boots.

We will meet at the east parking lot of the Performing Arts Center in Big Bear Lake at 9:00 AM and carpool to the trailhead. Call Dick Banks to register and learn more at 909-866-9232 BIG BEAR GROUP

****AUG 11 (SAT) 8:00 AM** **GOLD MOUNTAIN** **HIKE**
This is a "Peaks" of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. The hike is 8.0 miles, 1,325 ft. elevation gain. RATING: moderate/ strenuous MEET: At the Vons Shopping Center. Big Bear Lake at 8:00 a.m. or at the trailhead at 8:30 a.m. We will carpool to trailhead. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. BRING: Layered clothing, the ten essentials, a minimum of two-liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. CALL: Leader, Jim Siefert (760) 252-1117 or Co-Leader Ed Caliendo, (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 11 (SAT) 7:00 AM **PCT HIKE - MT WILLIAMSON** **HIKE**
This is a lovely hike along the Pacific Crest Trail through the Pleasant View Ridge Wilderness. After an invigorating 1.6 mile climb of 1,200 feet to the Mt Williamson Summit Trail (option to continue the short climb to the summit at 8200ft) we drop down again and then hike back along the road, which includes a tunnel. 5 miles round trip rated moderate due to the climb. Meet at Park and Ride off I-15 and Bear Valley Road in Victorville at 7:00 a.m. Contact leader for details Jenny Wilder: JensOasis@aol.com or (760) 220 0730. MOJAVE GROUP

AUG 12-14 (SUN-TUE) **CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK** **CRUISE**
Explore the wild, windswept islands of Channel Island National Park. This fundraising cruise benefits Sierra Club California. Enjoy the frolicking seals and sea lions. Train your binoculars on rare sea and land birds, and for whales and dolphins. Watch for the endangered Island Fox. Hike trails bordered by blankets of wildflowers and plants found no other place on earth. Kayak or snorkel the pristine waters--- or just relax at sea. All tours depart from Santa Barbara aboard the 68' twin diesel Truth. Fee for all tours, \$590, includes an assigned bunk, all meals, snacks, beverages, plus the services of a ranger/naturalist who will travel with us to lead hikes, call attention to items of interest and present evening programs. To make a reservation mail a \$100 check, payable to Sierra Club to leader: Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732. Contact leader for more information (626-443-0706; jholtzhl@aol.com) SIERRA CLUB CALIFORNIA

AUGUST 13 – AUGUST 19

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AUG 16 (THU) 6:30 PM **BIG BEAR GROUP** **MEETING**
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclub-bigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 16 (THU) 7:00 PM **SANTA MARGARITA GROUP** **MEETING**
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

AUG 17 (FRI) 9:00 AM **SB MTS, EAGLE RIDGE** **MEANDER**
Join us for an easy exploration hike of another of the recent land acquisitions by the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust. This remarkable 80-acre parcel was originally part of the National Forest, but was sold off and purchased for extensive residential development in the 90's. Although some grading and development was initiated, the economy and environmental problems stopped construction with the majority of the parcel was left largely unaffected. Recognizing the importance of this natural area buffer between Grass Valley and Lake Arrowhead, made more so by its atypical North/South ridge alignment which gives it an ecosystem diversity unusual in our mountains, the SBMLT once again (see our July 15th Strawberry Peak Meander) acted in 2011 to save this important area for the community. For the last year, the Land Trust has been working to create a public trail through the parcel which we will follow as we explore and learn about this wonderful public benefit purchase. BRING: Water and snack. MEET: on Grass Valley Drive (but call for specific parking details) CONTACT LEADER: STEVEN FARRELL, 661-449-2867 <mr_sqf@yahoo.com> MOUNTAINS GROUP

AUG 18 (SAT) 7:00 AM **BONITA VISTA** **HIKE**
Come out and enjoy a morning hike with others in the local foothills of Apple Valley. This is an invigorating but short 3 mile loop on soft sandy trails with a 1,000 foot elevation gain, providing lovely views of the Victor Valley and the San Bernardino Mountains. It has easy-access from a paved road (Roundup Way). Bring plenty of water/snacks and a hiking stick; wear sturdy hiking boots/shoes, layered clothing, hat, sunscreen. Don't forget your camera and binoculars! Well-behaved, inquisitive children who love the Great Outdoors are encouraged to come along with their parents/grandparents! Meet at Victor Valley Museum in Apple Valley at 7:30am. Hike is about 4 miles round trip and rated easy/moderate. For more information contact leader Jenny Wilder JensOasis@aol.com or (760) 220 0730. MOJAVE GROUP

****AUG 18 (SAT) 8:00 AM** **BERTHA PEAK VIA COUGAR CREST TRAIL** **HIKE**
This is a "Peaks" of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. This will be a 7.5 mile hike, 1,400 + elevation gain. RATING: Strenuous MEET: Hikers are to meet at Cougar Crest Trail Head located 100 yards west of the Big Bear Discovery Center. An Adventure Pass is required for parking. BRING: 2.5 liters of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. CALL: To register please contact Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

AUGUST 20 – AUGUST 26

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AUG 21 (TUE) 6:00 PM **SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE** **MEETING**
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net> SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

****AUG 22 (WED) 8:00 AM** **BERTHA PEAK VIA COUGAR CREST TRAIL** **HIKE**
This is a moderate to difficult 6-to-7-mile round-trip hike with a 1400-foot elevation gain. Bring at least 2-quarts of water, appropriate clothing, snacks and sturdy hiking boots. We will meet at the Cougar Crest Trailhead (1/2 mile west of the Discovery center) on highway 38 at 9:00 AM. Call Dick Banks for more information and to register at 909-866-9232. BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 24-26 (FRI-SUN) **SHELDON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE** **SERVICE**
(May be moved to AUG 3-5 depending on wildfire risk) We will be working with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Friends of Nevada Wilderness, removing old barbed wire fence in the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge. Cattle grazing has been eliminated in the refuge and the fence is a threat to native pronghorn antelope and sage grouse. This is a family friendly event. All meals are provided except lunch. For details contact leader or Pat Bruce of FNW pbruce@nevadawilderness.org. LEADER: GRAHAM STAFFORD, 775-686-8478, graham@grahamstafford.com. GREAT BASIN GROUP-TOIYABE CHAPTER

****AUG 25 (SAT) 9:00 AM** **SB MTS GRAY'S PEAK** **HIKE**
A moderate enjoyable trail to the summit of Gray's Peak at 7,952 ft. Elevation gain: 1,200 ft. 6 miles round trip. Good views of Big Bear Lake and surrounding mountains. BRING lunch, 2 quarts of water, jacket, sun block. MEET at the signed Gray's Peak trailhead parking lot on the left side of Hwy 38 before you reach Fawnskin. PLEASE CALL ahead for additional information or if you want to carpool from Running Springs. Contact LEADER: DON FISCHER, 909-939-0332. Adventure Pass required. MOUNTAINS GROUP

****AUG 25-SEP 1** **MT. WHITNEY PEAK VIA COTTONWOOD LAKES** **BACKPACK**
If climbing Mount Whitney is still on your bucket list of lifetime achievements, here is your chance for experienced backpackers. This is a 7-8 day odyssey, 60+ miles R/T backpacking trip starting from Horseshoe Meadows (9,950) south of Lone Pine, California, via the Pacific Crest Trail and John Muir Trail to the top of Mount Whitney (14,500'). RATING: Strenuous BRING: The ten-essentials, backpackers gear, tent, water purification, bear canister, food, first aid materials, trekking poles, 2.0 liters of

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water, energy snacks, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, rain gear, and good hiking shoes. CALL: Experienced backpackers only, please contact Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 dogs111@msn.com or Co-Leader, Ed Wallace, at (909) 584-9407.

BIG BEAR GROUP

AUGUST 27 – AUGUST 31

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
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AUG 28 (TUE) 7:00 PM **SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM** **MEETING**
Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>. CHAPTER

AUG 31 (FRI) 7 P **PCT ON A FULL BLUE MOON** **HIKE**
Please join me and other hikers for a 6 to 7 mile evening hike on the Pacific Crest Trail during a full Blue Moon. The exact location will be revealed in August. Plan to wear layered clothing for weather changes, & sturdy hiking boots; bring FLASHLIGHT, walking stick (optional) snacks and plenty of water. For more information contact leader Melody Nichols at (760) 963-4430 or email Labelady@msn.com MOJAVE GROUP

AUG 31 (FRI) 6:00 PM **MOONLIGHT HIKE** **HIKE**
Come for a 2 to 3 hour evening hike in the foothills to enjoy the "full" moon. (Actual full moon is August 31.) Hikes are moderately paced. Between 4 and 5 miles rt, 400 to 1200 ft elev.. Hike locations will vary. MEET: North parking lot of U.S. Bank, Claremont, at NE corner of Indian Hill & Foothill Blvds. BRING: Jacket, flashlight, water, and wear sturdy shoes/boots. RAIN CANCELS. INFO: Leaders PATTY and DAVID THORNE (909) 981-5813 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

AUG 31 (FRI) 7:00 PM **S B MTS MOUNTAIN MOONLIGHT** **MEANDER**
Join us for our 2nd annual moonlit stroll (and night-time picnic) in the forest. An easy route, we'll not be setting any speed records here; just a leisurely and safe adventure in the "dark" (who knows what we will see?). Afterwards, we'll share a small informal potluck if we all make it back together. (Rain, fog or fire will cancel.) BRING: weather appropriate clothes and a flashlight (preferably night-vision red lights). MEET: Current plan for location is the Children's Forest Trail, but do check in to confirm. CONTACT LEADER: STEVEN FARRELL Call for important details and to verify where we'll meet: 661-449-2867 or <mr_sqf@yahoo.com>. MOUNTAINS GROUP

COMING UP

SEP 4 (TUE) 6:30 PM **BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM** **MEETING**
The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 4 (TUE) 7:30 PM **SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER** **MEETING**
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. Afterwards, SAN GORGONIO SIERRA SINGLES will adjourn for food & drink. COST: \$1 donation requested. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. CHAPTER

SEP 6 (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

SEP 8 (SAT) 9 AM **PCT - ACORN TRAIL TO VINCENT GAP** **HIKE**
Come join other hikers for a moderate 10-11 mile hike along the PCT from the Acorn Trail to Guffy Campground to Vincent Gap. This is another great hike thru the beautiful forested San Gabriel Mtns. just west of Wrightwood along the Pacific Crest Trail. Bring 2-3 quarts of water, sturdy boots and lunch/snacks. For more info and meeting place contact Terrence McCorkle at 760-252-2194 or 760-412-1683 (cell) and oldhikerdude@verizon.net MOJAVE GROUP

SEP 8 (SAT) 7:30 AM **PCT - INSPIRATION POINT TO VINCENT GAP** **HIKE**
Enjoy a moderate 8-9 mile hike along the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) from Inspiration Point to Vincent Gap and back to Inspiration Point. BRING 3qtrs of water, lunch/snacks and sunscreen. Wear layered clothing, sturdy boots, & hat. Shorter hike option: Some could arrange a shuttle vehicle at Vincent Gap to avoid the return hike. Meet at the Park and Ride off I-15 and Bear Valley Road in Victorville at 7:30 AM. Contact leader for details: Jenny Wilder: JensOasis@aol.com or (760) 220 0730. MOJAVE GROUP

****SEP 14-16 (FRI-SUN) 7:00 AM** **SAN GORGONIO MOUNTAIN** **BACKPACK**
This is the Third Annual three-day backpacking adventure into the San Gorgonio Wilderness starting at the South Fork parking lot off of Hwy 38 and Jenks Lake Road. From there we hike the South Fork Trail to Dry Lake Trail and camp overnight at Lodgepole Spring. Saturday, we hike to San Gorgonio Mountain peak (11,499' elevation) and return to Lodgepole Spring camp site. Sunday, we break camp and return to South Fork trail head. This will be a moderate paced hike, but considered strenuous due to the 25+ mile total distance and 5,000' feet elevation gain. Nature's water should be available at Lodgepole Spring. MEET: 7:00 A.M. at the Von Shopping Center in Big Bear Lake or at South Fork parking lot at 7:30 A.M. An Adventure Pass is required for parking at the trail head. BRING: the ten-essentials, two liters of water, plus water treatment drops/tablets and/or water purification pump, over-night camping provisions, layered clothing, food, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking boots. RESERVATIONS: call LEADER Ed Caliendo (909) 878-3813 dogs111@msn.com or Co-Leader Jim Siefert (760) 252-1117. BIG BEAR GROUP

SEP 15-16 (SAT-SUN) **BRIGHT STA** **SERVICE AND HIKE**
The Bright Star Wilderness Area, north of Ridgecrest, has been impacted by both trash and by illegal ORV trespass. On Saturday our group will assist BLM Wilderness Resource Specialist Marty Dickes putting up barriers, concealing illegal routes, and placing signs. Sunday is reserved for a long hike through the interior of the wilderness to visit Cortez Creek and monitor a cherry-stemmed vehicle corridor. The ponderosa forest and chaparral should provide a delightful diversion in the early fall. Leader: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

SEP 21-23 (FRI-SUN) **NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY IN BLACK ROCK** **SERVICE**
We will be doing assigned service work and celebrating National Public Lands Day in the Black Rock Desert High Rock Canyon Immigrant Trails NCA. All meals except lunch are provided. Contact closer to the date for full details. LEADER: GRAHAM STAFFORD, 775-686-8478, graham@grahamstafford.com or Pat Bruce of Friends of Nevada Wilderness pbruce@nevadawilderness.org GREAT BASIN GROUP-TOIYABE CHAPTER

****OCT 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM** **JOHN'S MEADOW TO ANGELES OAKS** **HIKE**
Come join other hikers for a moderate 11-12 mile hike in the San Gorgonio Wilderness Area from John's Meadow to Angeles Oaks. This is an outstanding hike thru the beautiful San Gorgonio Wilderness Area with a great place to dine after a perfect hike. Bring 2-3 quarts of water, sturdy boots and lunch/snacks. For more info and meeting place contact Terrence McCorkle at 760-252-2194 or 760-412-1683 and oldhikerdude@verizon.net MOJAVE GROUP

OCT 13-14 (SAT-SUN) **EXPLORE AND SERVE IN THE CARRIZO PLAINS** **SERVICE**
Pronghorn antelope will not jump fences to escape predators but rather attempt to crawl under. This trip is one of a continuing series to either remove or modify several sections of fence to facilitate this mobility. Saturday will be a work day. We will camp and have a pot-luck dinner that evening in one of the campgrounds. Sunday, at the choice of the group, will be either a hike in the Caliente Range or else a tour of popular viewing areas in the Plains. Leader: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, 310-477-6670. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES**

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

(1ST FRI) 8:00 PM **INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE** **FOLK DANCE**
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT **UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**
Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$2 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 Igseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

(2ND SAT) 9:00 AM (MAY-JUN) **LAKE PERRIS BIRD WALK** **LAKE PERRIS STATE RECREATIONAL AREA**
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT
Join Volunteer Naturalist Rosedith Marx at the Lake Perris SRA every 2nd Saturday May - June for bird walks. Moderately easy walks, 1-2 hours. Everyone welcome. COST: Free with paid day use fee or camping fees. BRING water, snacks and binoculars. Wear comfortable shoes. MEET: East end of parking lot 12. INFO: (951) 940-5657, (951) 940-5600 or (951) 321-9812.

(2ND SUN) 9:00 AM (FEB-JUN) **SAN JACINTO WILDLIFE AREA** **BIRD WALK**
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT **FRIENDS OF NORTHERN SAN JACINTO VALLEY**
Join us for bird walks on the 2nd Sunday, February to June. Friends of Northern San Jacinto Valley Bird Walk introduces participants to birds found at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and learning how to identify birds. BRING binoculars, bird book, sturdy walking shoes, hat, sun screen bug repellent, lunch or snacks, plenty of water and wear appropriate clothing for the weather. Walk is free. MEET: 9:00 a.m. at 17050 Davis Road, Lakeview. Do Not Drive on Davis Road if it is muddy or raining. Call if there have been recent rains. For more information, driving instructions: (909) 228-6710 or (951) 321-9812 or newsletter at <www.northfriends.org>

(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 EVENT **UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**
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NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

JUN 20 (WED) 7:30 PM **AUDUBON SOCIETY** **MEETING**
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JUL 27-29 (FRI-SUN) **TRAIL FEST** **FESTIVAL**
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT **PACIFIC CREST TRAIL ASSOCIATION**
The Pacific Crest Trail Association's 2012 Trail Fest will be held at the Northwoods Inn in Big Bear this year on the weekend of July 27-29th. All hikers and outdoor enthusiasts are welcome. Come enjoy a weekend celebration of the trail. Meet up with new and old friends, attend trail classes and visit the vendor and info fair. Spend a day hiking with others or volunteer for trail maintenance. Registration is required in advance and can be done on line at www.pcta.org. Stay at the Inn for the weekend or camp nearby at one of the Big Bear Campsites. The Sierra Club Big Bear Group, Mountain Top Group, and Mojave Group will be sharing a table at the vendor & info fair.

AUG 3 (FRI) 8:00 PM **INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE** **FOLK DANCE**
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AUG 17 (FRI) 8:00 PM **INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE** **FOLK DANCE**
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AUG 15 (WED) 7:30 PM **AUDUBON SOCIETY** **MEETING**
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT **SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY**
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SEP 7 (FRI) 8:00 PM **INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE** **FOLK DANCE**
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Santa Margarita Group

by Jim Mitchell, Chair

Hiking, biking and equestrian trail systems in Southwest Riverside County has always been a high priority for the Santa Margarita Group. In addition to using them; we are active in their preservation, expansion and mapping.

A long term goal of our Group is to develop a full service trail that follows the Santa Margarita River between Temecula and the Pacific Ocean. But there has always seemed like insurmountable obstacles to our goal. Not the least of these barriers is the security requirements of the Camp Pendleton Marine Corp Base at the ocean's edge and the 4000 plus acre research field station operated by San Diego State University. But recently it seems that we are getting closer to making the Temecula Ocean Trail a reality. San Diego State has now agreed to work with the City of Temecula to come up with a lease agreement to open up part of the ecological reserve to the public. This is just the beginning, but it is a significant step in the right direction to make a trail from Temecula to the Pacific Ocean a reality.

Pam Nelson, Conservation & Educational Outreach Committee Chair

Our Conservation efforts have been extensive recently. I tabled 3 Earth Day events (Temecula, Glen Ivy and Anza) and took material up to the Earth Fair in Idyllwild. I think we should have a table there next year. It's a great event and well attended. Dave Santiny of the Tortoise and Turtle Club and Desert Tortoise Council attended 2 of the events, as well as Teri Biancardi's tortoises. They presented the plight of the tortoise and the rescue opportunities available. We are sending a format for our members to comment on the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the

amendment to the Forest Service's land management plan focusing on the lack of road less additions in the Santa Ana Mountains. Comments are due on June 11th.

Our Educational Outreach effort through the Outdoor Families program is going very well. Teri Biancardi is managing a meetup.com site that has attracted over 50 members. Our outings are very well attended and we have been getting conservation themes out to these families while having lots of fun. Last May we visited Hubbs-Sea World Marine Institute in Carlsbad where the fish hatchery is breeding and restoring wild sea bass populations. There we were limited to 25 people and that was exactly the number we had, not to mention a few babes in arms. In April we picked strawberries and learned about hydroponic strawberry growing at the Temecula Valley Strawberry Farm. In June we made our third visit to the Santa Margarita River where we explored its route to the ocean. We have visited its origin, the area in the gorge at the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve and now the river bed adjacent to Fallbrook. For more information, please email me at (pamela05n@yahoo.com).

Bob Audibert, Outings Committee Chair with Gary Marsalone

In July we have 2 excellent hikes planned. On Saturday, July 07, starting at 7am we will hike Suicide Rock. You will enjoy a day in the mountains! This is a 7 mile out and back hike to Suicide Rock. The hike is moderately difficult with about 1900 ft of elevation gain. I like this trail in the summer because much of it is shaded by pines and oaks and the view from the rock is breathtaking. Directions to the Suicide Rock Hike: From the Ranger Station in Idyllwild drive 1 mile north on highway 243. Park on the north

side of the road across from the County Park Nature Center. As always bring plenty of water, a lunch, comfortable hiking shoes, dress in layers and don't forget the sunscreen. This hike will be limited to the first twelve (12) people that preregister. Contact Gary Marsalone at (858) 663-1201 or hikesie@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITAGROUP. RAIN CANCELS

On Sunday, July 29, starting at 9am join us on a four mile loop hike in Palomar Mountain State Park. The hike will begin at the Doane Pond parking area. I will use several trails to form a loop hike of about four miles. This is a moderately difficult hike with about 800 of elevation gain/loss. A wonderful place to spend a summer day. We will hike through beautiful meadows and dark forests of oak and conifers. The western part of the loop offers spectacular views of the San Luis Rey River Valley. There is an \$8 per car day use fee at the park. No wilderness pass is needed.

Directions to the Palomar Mountain Hike: From Highway 76 at the foot of Palomar Mountain take South Grade Road or East Grade Road to where the two meet called Crestline, high atop the mountain. From there follow East Grade Road west toward Palomar Mountain State Park. Once you go past the park entrance, just keep making right turns on paved roads until you reach the parking lot for Doane Pond. As always bring plenty of water, a snack, dress in layers, sunscreen and wear comfortable hiking shoes. There are picnic areas within the park for a post hike picnic, and fishing is permitted at Doane Pond which is stocked. You must have a fishing license. Leader: Bob Audibert. To register or if you have questions, email me at bob.takeahike1@gmail.com or call me at (951)302-1059. RAIN CANCELS.

Fred Bartz, Political Committee Chair

LIBERTY QUARRY – What was expected to be a routine confirmation of their original DENIAL of the Liberty Quarry project, turned out to be not only a confirmation of the DENIAL, but unexpectedly, the Riverside Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to certify the Liberty Quarry's Environmental Impact Report. This eliminates one more hurdle Granite Construction as the project applicant must meet to get the proposed mega-quarry approved. Now, many of the groups opposed to the Liberty Quarry project's location, significant health and environmental impacts are deciding on what grounds they may separately, or jointly, decide to file lawsuit(s) against the County's decision. At the time of the writing of this update, the Sierra Club has not determined the next best action to take.

OUR GENERAL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 3rd THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST AT THE RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, 42135 WINCHESTER ROAD, TEMECULA 92589 STARTING AT 6:30PM.

Questions, please email us at sierraclubsmg@gmail.com and visit our web site: www.sierraclubsmg.org



Share in Cal French's Journey from River-to-Sea at Our July 3rd Chapter Meeting

The July 3 chapter meeting features Cal French speaking on his 530-mile journey from the Colorado River to the Pacific Ocean. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.



Beginning on the first day of spring 2011, former San Gorgonio Chapter leader Cal French set out on foot from the Colorado River to cross the Mojave Desert and continue on to the Pacific Ocean. His goal was not simply to backpack 530 miles to Morro Bay. More important was his plan to demonstrate that public lands and private conservancy lands make vital connections from the river to the sea.

Years ago, Elden Hughes, a champion for wild open spaces, had pointed out that public lands--Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service, Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and California Department of Fish and Game lands almost interconnect across California. The "almost" consisted in two large ranches, the mammoth Tejon

Ranch and the San Emigdio Ranch in the mountains south of the San Joaquin Valley. In recent years, conservancies have protected about 400,000 acres here, tying the vital connection between the Mojave, the Carrizo Plain National Monument.

Cal took 47 days to make his 530-mile trek, joined here and there by friends, including San Gorgonio's Joan Taylor for the

Southern Sierra portion. He and the others were resupplied with water and food at vital road crossings by Cal's wife Letty. His goal of going cross-country, avoiding roads, including the four-wheel-drive Mojave Road proved a big challenge as did staying on public and conservancy land. A sign reading "Trespassers will be shot at and then prosecuted" helped him stay on the narrow path at one point.

With the development of huge solar plants and wind farms our public lands and large, open private parcels the resilience of desert and mountain habitats is ever more threatened. Yet if 74-year-old man can find connections across California maybe threatened species of plants and animals can do the same.

**One Environment . . .
One Simple Way to Care for it.**

Join us in protecting the future by doing your share today.

How can you choose between the eagle and the buffalo? Between the elephants and the whales?

Between drinking clean water and breathing clean air? Between parks and beaches? How can you choose? Would there be a right choice?

Now there's a way to help not just one, but all these things. It's called Earth Share of California – the world's leading environmental and conservation charities working together.

Through Earth Share of California you can make a one-time gift, or a payroll deduction donation that helps every day to preserve and protect the environment – locally, regionally, nationally, and globally.

Earth Share is not part of your employer's workplace giving campaign? We'd like to do something about that. Call Ladd Seekins at 909-888-0161 weekdays or 909-825-4427 evenings and weekends. Address e-mail to iwfladd@eee.org.

Mojave Group . . . from Page 3

getting increasingly menacing over the past few decades. The beautiful rocks are then usually painted over which just creates a new canvas for the graffiti and often the paint is not well matched to the color of the rocks. People do not come from all over the world to look at graffiti in one of the most scenic river canyons in Southern California. In the last few years, I have been experimenting with a simple and natural method of scraping or pecking the graffiti with a rock and then covering the spot with a clay-based mud. The through hikers and others I meet on this section of the trail express their gratitude. I also saw many of the through hikers hauling out not just their heavy packs but also bags of trash that they had found left by locals. If you are also interested in this section of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, please contact me at JensOasis@aol.com or call 760 220 0730. This is an ongoing problem that will not go away unless people take action. That action may be to continue to hike the section and report problems, help with the graffiti mudding and consistently hauling out a bag of trash. Suspicious or illegal activity that does not require emergency response should be reported as soon as possible to local rangers (909 383 5651) or local law-enforcement (760 245 4211) and now you can report incidents on line at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/pct/home/?cid=stelprdb5361615>.



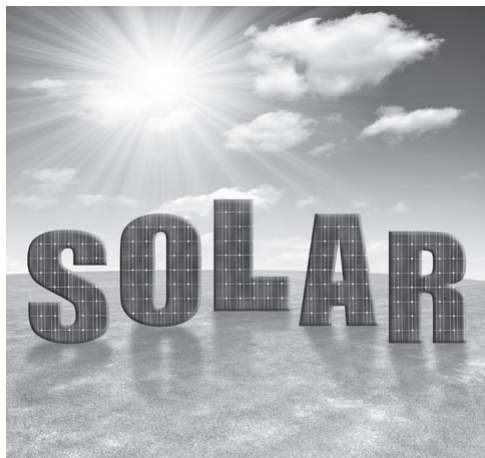
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Find Out if Rooftop Solar is Right For You at Our August 7th Chapter Meeting

For most everyone, the cost for electricity consumed is the largest part of your monthly utility bill. That is unless you have rooftop solar (a photovoltaic system) on your home.

The cost of these systems has fallen considerably; what didn't make



be a good candidate.

But rooftop solar isn't the only way to save money on your electric bill. Energy audits are a great way to discover the most cost-effective changes you can make. Even for those with lower monthly energy bills, there may be many additional ways to save even

more. Tips on creating shade along with some of the best shade trees will be provided. Insulation, whether in the attic or your walls, and insulated (dual-paned) windows will be reviewed.

There will be tips on energy-saving lighting and Energy Star appliances. Just how much energy can you save by replacing older appliances? Is it cost effective? How long does it take to pay for itself? What is a whole-house fan? You should know as it saves significant dollars and they aren't expensive at all.

It's a sure bet that the cost of energy will climb. Every step you take now will be compounded month after month in savings. Now is the time to act.

economic sense before may work to your advantage now. But most people have found the issue confusing and difficult to see the economic advantages. There's a maze of forms and permits involved. Is it best to lease or purchase? Besides the Federal Investment Tax Credit there are many additional rebates and energy credits available but how do you find what's available to you? Our August program will help answer these questions and more. Information will be provided about the Federal Tax Credit, State programs and other local programs that provide credits, rebates and assistance. The Sierra Club's Solar Home Program will be reviewed so you can better understand how it works and if you might

Sierra Student Coalition



Students: Check out <http://www.ssc.org> Get Involved – Whether you're brand new to activism or you've been organizing for years, the Sierra Student Coalition offers many ways to plug into the youth clean energy movement.

- Stay Connected • Sign up for the *SSC Update*, our monthly newsletter, to stay up to date on the SSC's campaigns and highlights. Join the SSC Energy Forum to receive e-mails about energy

campaigns and new opportunities and events.

Get Trained – Learn more about the SSC's phone trainings or summer trainings, where you can get the skills you need to win victories for clean and just energy solutions.

Questions? E-mail sierra.student@sierraclub.org



Eureka to San Francisco • Sept. 9-13, 2012

5 days • 320 miles

You can enjoy an incredible 5-day bicycle ride in Northern California while supporting Sierra Club California.

Climate Ride is a fully supported bicycle ride from Fortuna to San Francisco under towering redwoods, through the Russian River Wine Country, and along the Pacific Coast Bicycle Route.

Climate Ride is more than a bike trip. It's an inspiring journey with 150 like-minded people who are united by their passion for sustainability, renewable energy, and bicycles—the ultimate carbon-free form of transportation. Climate Ride also features an acclaimed nightly speakers series, known as the 'green conference on wheels,' where we hear from bright minds in policy, advocacy and innovation.

Please Sign Up for Climate Ride 2012 and Support Sierra Club California

Registration for Climate Ride is \$75 (which includes a beautiful jersey and more), and then you raise at least \$2400 to participate in the five-day, all-inclusive event. The ride is fully-supported by a team of talented leader-hosts, bike mechanics, medics, and massage therapists.

When you sign up, you'll be joining many other people who want to do something to help create a better future for us all. Climate Ride is a great way to get involved and experience an amazing adventure, powered by your own energy. The best bet is to sign up early not only so you have time to fundraise and train, but also because spots fill up! Visit www.climateride.org to find out about the route, tips for getting in shape, and finding sponsors for your trip.

Everyone who registers for the ride gets to choose which organization they will be raising money for – and we hope you will choose Sierra Club California!

Please visit www.SierraClubCalifornia.org to learn about the work the Sacramento advocates do at the Capitol and state agencies. If you would like to learn more about the event or other ways to support Sierra Club California, please contact Vicki Lee at 510-741-1201.

Wonderful Local Court Decision Protects the San Jacinto Wildlife Area

by George Hague

In case you have not heard or read, we have won a wonderful court decision on the Villages of Lakeview's 11,350 housing units on the southern border of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Below is the press release prepared by our attorneys from Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger and the Center for Biological Diversity as well as individuals connected to the environmental groups. When you make donations and bequests to all the local environmental Groups involved – specifically to our San Gorgonio Chapter of the Sierra Club as well as to the Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley, San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society and the Center for Biological Diversity – you help win important cases like this. Thanks to all of you who made donations and perhaps plan to make bequests to these groups.

Judge Waters' final Statement of Decision confirms that we have won the case on the merits. We now will wait for the court to enter its judgment. This is where the court will decide the actual remedy: whether to order the County to rescind the project approval, as we wish, or some other sort of remedy. Since the developer opposes our proposed judgment, we can expect significant debate about the remedy.

Ann Turner-McKibben is one of the main people we should thank for this wonderful outcome. She was president of the Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley for many years. She stepped down last year only after the case was before the judge and firmly in the hands of our attorneys. Ann continues her environmental work as an Executive Committee member of the Moreno Valley Group of the Sierra Club.

The 10,000-acre San Jacinto Wildlife Area is located adjacent to and east of 9,000 acre Lake Perris. It is a cornerstone of the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan with more than 65 of those species of plants and animals found there—including several threatened and endangered species. The San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society's Christmas bird count usually produces 145 - 160 different species in the area. Most years this places it in the top 1% - 2% of all inland areas of North America for diversity of bird species. The San Jacinto Wildlife Area provides habitat for 25 species of raptors, which include five species of owls.

We should all be very happy and cautiously optimistic about the pending remedy.

Riverside Superior Court Issues Final Decision Against Mega-Development Adjacent to Wildlife Area in Riverside County

Ruling protects one of Southern California's most significant wildlife areas Riverside County, Calif. – Judge Sharon Waters of the Riverside County Superior Court issued a final decision in a consolidated case brought against the County of Riverside. Plaintiffs in the case were the Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley, Sierra Club, Center for Biological Diversity, San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, and the City of Riverside. Judge Waters found that the County of Riverside violated the California Environmental Quality Act, State Planning and Zoning Law, and the County's own general plan in approving the controversial Villages of Lakeview development.

The lawsuit was filed in response to the County's 2010 approval of the development. Villages of Lakeview was to be sited northwest of the City of San Jacinto and was slated to include over 11,000 residential units and 500,000 square feet of commercial space. Plaintiffs

argued that the development would cause significant environment damage and degrade regional quality of life.

The proposed development would have edged up to the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. The 19,000-acre Wildlife Area represents an \$80 million public investment in conservation. This public resource has long served as an outdoor classroom for area schools and is regularly enjoyed by hunters, bird watchers, and hikers. In 2004, the Wildlife Area was designated a core reserve in the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, which is designed to protect 146 imperiled species in the region.

"The County of Riverside ignored California law and its own local ordinances when it gave the green light to the massive Villages of Lakeview development," said Rachel Hooper of Shute, Mihaly, and Weinberger, LLP, who represented several of the plaintiffs in the case.

The ruling held that the approved Environmental Impact Report (EIR) did not sufficiently analyze and mitigate for increases in greenhouse gas emissions that would result from the project, and that the County should have recirculated the EIR for public comment after it disclosed the project would emit significantly higher levels of pollutants than originally calculated. The court also found that the County did not adequately consider the impacts the project would have on regional traffic and on the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

"The County should never have approved a new city next to one of California's most important birding areas," said Jonathan Evans, an attorney with the Center for Biological Diversity. "Luring tens of thousands of residents to the edge of the environmentally sensitive San Jacinto Wildlife Area is a reckless decision that was properly rejected by the court.

It is estimated that residents of the proposed Villages of Lakeview would generate at least 85,000 car trips daily, which would collectively add up to 294 million new miles of car travel each year. These car trips would significantly increase the County's greenhouse gas emissions and worsen air quality, which is already rated by the American Lung Association as some of the worst in the nation.

"This project would have created a new 34,000-person city at the edge of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area," said Tom Paulek of the Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley. "The project as approved would conflict with the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan and would imperil the very species and wildlands this Wildlife Area is meant to conserve, as well as add significantly to traffic problems in the region."

The judge also found that the County improperly justified its use of an Extraordinary Amendment to its General Plan when it approved the project.

"The last thing Riverside County needs is more sprawl, more empty houses, and more gridlock. Planting a new city in the middle of a rural area adjacent to the San Jacinto Wildlife Area goes against the most basic principles of good land use planning," said George Hague of Sierra Club's San Gorgonio Chapter. "Judge Waters rightly noted that the County should have properly analyzed the project's environmental effects before approving such a major change to the region."

The plaintiffs will ask the court to direct the County to set aside the unlawful approval of the Villages of Lakeview Development in her final judgment.

Join The Team!

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 eight elected members,

one appointed member and seven Group reps. Three of the elected members and the one appointed member 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 one more candidate. You can help us 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 Mike Millspaugh at mmillspaugh@verizon.net

San Gorgonio Chapter Executive Committee Election Rules

1. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed on, or before, July 24, 2012.
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 27th and a final list of nominees will be available from the Chapter office on August 28th.
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.
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 14th.
6. An Election Committee shall be appointed on, or before, September 25th, 2012.
7. All San Gorgonio Chapter members as of September 1st, 2012 shall be sent ballots.
8. Ballots will be mailed (as part of The Palm and Pine) by October 26th.
9. Final receipt date for ballots shall be November 26th, at 12 noon.
10. Ballots will be verified, opened, and counted at 6:30 pm on November 27th at the Chapter Office.
11. The two year term of office for the newly elected Excom members will commence on January 1, 2013, and will run through December 31, 2014.



Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park 3-Day, Live-Aboard, Multi-Island Cruise August 12-14, 2012

• This fundraising cruise benefits Sierra Club California •

Explore the wild, windswept islands of Channel Island National Park. Enjoy the frolicking seals and sea lions. Train your binoculars on rare sea and land birds, and for whales and dolphins. Watch for the endangered Island Fox. Hike trails bordered by blankets of wildflowers and plants found no other place on earth. Kayak or snorkel the pristine waters – or just relax at sea. All tours depart from Santa Barbara aboard the 68' twin diesel Truth. Fee for all tours, \$590, includes an assigned bunk, all meals, snacks, beverages, plus the services of a ranger/naturalist who will travel with us to lead hikes, call attention to items of interest and present evening programs. To make a reservation mail a \$100 check, payable to Sierra Club to leader: Joan Jones



Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732. Contact leader for more information (626-443-0706; jholtzhl@aol.com)

SIERRA CLUB SOLAR HOMES PROGRAM

Request a Free iQuote and see how rooftop solar will save you money
 Just go to the San Geronimo Chapter website and click on Solar Homes <<http://sangeronimo.sierraclub.org>>

Why Now?

- If you care about the environment, rooftop solar is as green as it gets.
- Solar has never been more affordable—materials and installation costs have fallen dramatically. If you purchase there are significant Federal Tax Credits and most Chapter locations have additional incentives available to bring the cost down.
- Rooftop solar helps the economy. The Sierra Club Solar Partner is Sungevity but the installers will be local reputable companies. You will be creating Green Jobs!

THIS IS HOW IT WORKS



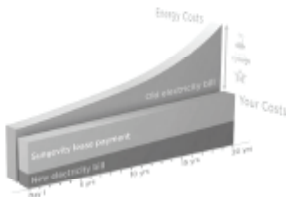
- ← Go to the San Geronimo Chapter Website and click on the Solar Evaluation photo
- You will be asked for your address and a "Google" image of your house will pop up
- Confirm it is your house and enter your electric usage for last month from your bill
- Add your e-mail and phone and within 24 hours, you'll receive your iQuote
- The quote will show your immediate savings going solar, savings over time, the environmental impact and your proposed system's specifications

THAT'S IT! THERE IS NO OBLIGATION

If you like what you see then you'll need to decide what's best for you—should you lease or buy?
 If you want to proceed, Sungevity will link you up with a local Solar Installer

SOLAR LEASE

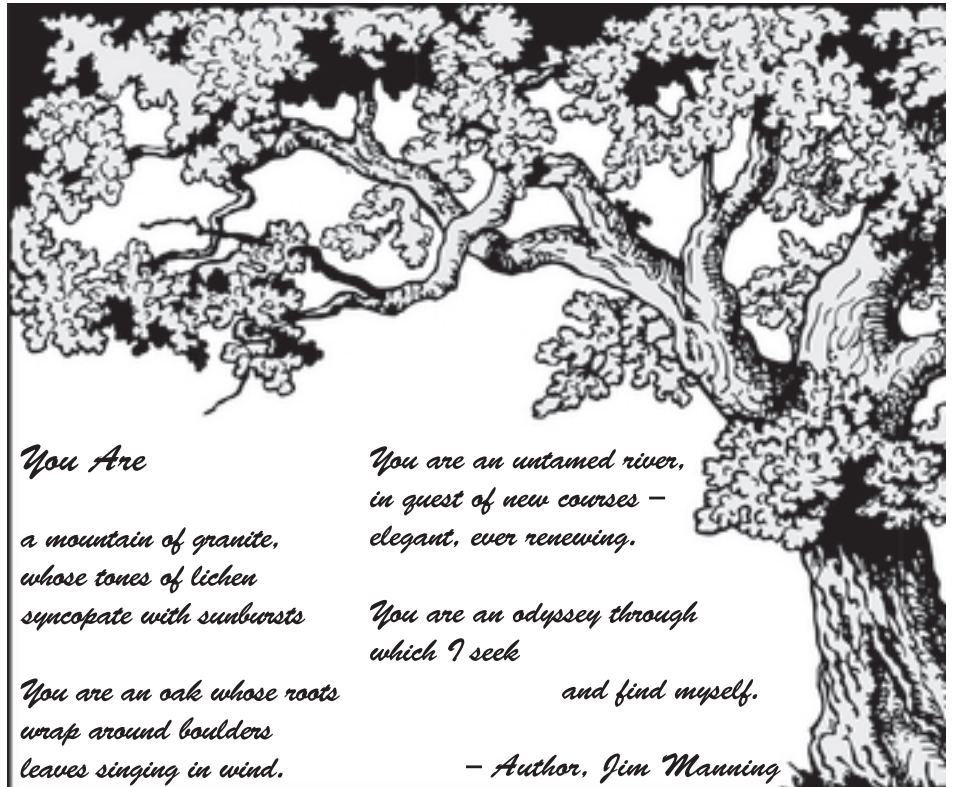
- Upfront costs range from zero to a small down payment (Usually \$1,000)
- An average Sungevity customer saves 15% on electricity from day one
- You'll lock in your energy costs for 20 years regardless of rising energy costs
- All maintenance and repairs, even insurance, are covered by the lease
- You have an option to prepay your solar lease. If you prepay, you keep the advantages of leasing without the monthly payments and save on carrying costs



OUTRIGHT PURCHASE

- Larger upfront investment but no payment for life of system (25+ years)
- You are eligible for the Federal Investment Tax Credit and other available rebates
- If RECs are available, you are eligible to benefit from associated revenue
- You are responsible for repair/maintenance but most panels carry a 25 year warranty
- It puts idle dollars to work immediately with a much better rate of return

More information about the Solar Homes Program—After a thorough vetting by the Club's Business Partnership Committee, legal staff and financial staff, and a competitive bidding process the Club has selected Sungevity to be the Club's Solar Partner. In today's market most residential solar customers lease their solar system so there is little or no upfront money required and very little paperwork or other concerns. As a major supplier of solar systems to the residential market, Sungevity through its competitive pricing can provide ongoing energy cost savings while making a \$750 contribution to the Club's Clean Energy Programs and providing a \$750 cash gift card back to you. As always, you are encouraged to do adequate comparison shopping for your solar solution.



You Are

*a mountain of granite,
 whose tones of lichen
 syncopate with sunbursts*

*You are an oak whose roots
 wrap around boulders
 leaves singing in wind.*

*You are an untamed river,
 in quest of new courses —
 elegant, ever renewing.*

*You are an odyssey through
 which I seek*

and find myself.

— Author, Jim Manning

Preserve The Future

Not everyone can make a large gift to protect the environment during their lifetime, but you can preserve the environment for generations to come by remembering the Sierra Club in your will.

There are many gift options available. We can even help you plan a gift for your local Chapter.

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Regular	\$39	\$47
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