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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, March 7th • 7:30 PM

"Friends of the Inyo"

Presented by Ben Wickham

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Tuesday, April 4th • 7:30 PM

"EcoFlight: Flying High to Protect the West"

Presented by Bruce Gordon

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**Programs are held at the
San Bernardino County Museum,
2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands**

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Sierra Club's San Gorgonio Chapter Joined Riverside Women's March

San Gorgonio members and supporters joined over 4,000 in Riverside to march for justice.

Sierra Club San Gorgonio Chapter members and supporters joined over 4,000 activists as they took to the streets in Riverside as a part of

office, and to the world that women's rights are human rights. Advocates came together, recognizing that defending the most marginalized among us is defending

The Sierra Club's mission statement says that we will "enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment." President-elect Donald Trump, who ran the most hateful campaign in recent history with rhetoric against, women, immigrants, Muslims, the disabled and many more, threatens the human environment by endangering the safety of



all of us. In total, more than 600 sister marches including

a sister march of the Women's March on Washington. Chapter members also participated in the march in Los Angeles and Yucca Valley. The Women's Marches were organized to send a bold message to the Trump administration on their first day in

thirty international sister marches occurred globally, with an estimated 5 million marchers.



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Chapter's March Meeting Features "Friends of the Inyo"

Presented by Ben Wickham on March 7th

The March 7 San Gorgonio Chapter meeting features Ben Wickham, Membership and Outreach Coordinator for Friends of the Inyo, a conservation organization based in Bishop, California, and founded in 1986.

From the top of Mt. Whitney down to Death Valley, from Owens Lake to the Bodie Hills, and many places in between, Friends of the Inyo connects thousands of people to their public lands each year through hikes, tours, volunteer opportunities,



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Happiness in the hills!

habitat restoration, trail maintenance, civic engagement, and educational programs. Ben took the first job out of college that allowed him to work in the mountains. That summer at Merced Lake in the Yosemite Wilderness convinced him that mountains are where he should be. He migrated between Yosemite, Idaho, Montana, and the Eastern Sierra, working in the tourism industry to afford himself the opportunity to explore high alpine terrain on skis, deep forests by foot, and rapid rivers by kayak. Over time, Ben discovered that he wanted to do more to help people engage with the landscape around them. He taught at the University of Idaho's McCall Outdoor Science School while receiving a masters degree in natural resources with an emphasis in environmental education at the university. Ben is excited to help Friends of the Inyo connect the public with their lands in the Eastern Sierra. **For more information, visit <www.friendsoftheinyo.org>.**

I Just Donated \$8 Per Month to Our Chapter — JOIN ME!



Cheers to the Sierra Club! Mike Millspaugh here – and I too just started a monthly donation to our local San Gorgonio Chapter!

Here's how: Google San Gorgonio Chapter to find our website:

<http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/> and click on "Donate" found on the left.

If everyone in our Chapter would donate just five dollars each month with automatic deductions, it would make it possible for your Sierra Club to do much more for the environment right here in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties! Please consider a monthly donation of whatever amount you can afford.

Contact Us . . .

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Chat With The Chair . . . by Mary Ann Ruiz

Outrageous, dangerous, illegitimate; damaging, overwhelming and frightening.

These words describe how many of us see the new regime in Washington. Each day seems to bring another dismaying, shocking or at best worrisome action taken by the regime. Environmental protections, climate change action, and basic human rights protections are all under assault. Regulatory agencies designed to help us progress towards a safe, equitable, and healthy future are to be headed by those in direct opposition to the very agencies they will manage. Relationships with long term allies are discarded with a tweet or thoughtless phone call. The loser of the popular vote for President can't keep

his attention away from ratings, popularity and posturing. It would be easy to throw up our hands and head for the hills.

As I write this on Feb 2 though, I am encouraged. Today, a horrible bill designed to sell off public lands to the highest bidder is pulled because of constituent outrage. The candidate for Secretary of Education may be denied confirmation with a couple of Republican Senators choosing right



over partisanship. After nationwide protests, a brave Federal Judge stayed the immigration and travel ban. Where this will end up by mid-March when you receive this, I don't know.

What I do know, is that action works. Congress Members and Senators want most of all to be re-elected. If their constituents are

loud, focused, consistent and involved, partisanship is trumped by the democratic process. Voices that were silent in the past are becoming vocal and learning how to affect change.

As Sierra Club members, we stand for progress. Environmental protection comes only when everyone has a voice. Insuring basic human rights for all is essential to all voices being heard. Environmental protections must extend to all our neighbors in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. I encourage all of you to make your voices heard, prop up those who need some extra help to be heard, and do not give up!

Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

MARCH-APRIL 2017

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the May/June 2017 Calendar are due by April 1, 2017.

FORMAT items like those below. Send items electronically if possible.

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

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

GENERAL INFORMATION/RULES/DISCLAIMERS

All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Courses, and experience for the Outings they lead. Leaders may exclude individuals from participation if they believe they may not be qualified. Non-Sierra Club members may join outings unless otherwise stated in the write-up. All participants agree to abide by the Leader's rules. Participants should **CALL THE LEADER AHEAD TO SIGN-UP**. Many Outings specify items to be carried by EACH participant. Do not attend Outings without the specified items unless you have first discussed it with the leader. Often the **TEN ESSENTIALS** are required. They are: 1) Map 2) Compass 3) Flashlight 4) Knife 5) Windproof/waterproof matches in waterproof case 6) Fire starter 7) First aid kit 8) Extra food and water for emergency use only 9) Extra clothing including rainwear 10) Sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat. Carpooling is encouraged, but solely the responsibility of individual participants. The Sierra Club and its leaders may facilitate carpooling, however they will not assign. Drivers should have adequate insurance coverage and their vehicle should have no safety defects. For Sierra Club facilitated carpooling, drivers agree to not consume any alcoholic beverages. It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. The above information applies to Sierra Club Outings and Activities only. Non-Sierra Club activities may be listed in a separate location as a courtesy. Please be sure to read the disclaimer that accompanies these activities.

** ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE

Outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland, or Los Padres National Forests may require a Forest Service "Adventure Pass" for each vehicle. The Forest Service designates where the passes are required. Generally, areas that have developed parking and may include toilet facilities, interpretive signs and trash cans require passes and unimproved areas do not require passes. Outings that require passes usually will be preceded by ** in the listings that follow and/or the leader may indicate the need for Adventure Passes. While leaders try to provide accurate information, ultimately it is the vehicle's driver that assumes responsibility to adhere to all rules, regulations, and laws - not the Sierra Club. The permits cost \$30 per year or \$5 per day; however, they may not be obtainable the day of your outing. As a passenger, you are expected to share some of the cost of the daily passes along with a mileage contribution along with the others in the vehicle. Golden Eagle Passports and Golden Age Passports may be used in lieu of the 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 assumes no liability for carpooling arrangements. Carpooling, ride sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

LIABILITY WAIVER - To participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please visit the San Gorgonio Chapter website at sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org and click on Disclaimers under the Outings tab.

RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

(1ST MON) 6:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of selected months: Feb. 6, Apr. 3, May 1, Oct. 2, Nov. 6. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.
MOUNTAINS GROUP


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

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

(2ND MON) 7:00 PM 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.
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) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP



**Check this out . . .
Receive a \$20 CA State
Park Pass if you or a
relative are at least 62!**

The 2017 limited Golden Bear Pass (\$20.00) to most state parks is good from January 1 through December 31, 2017, for those 62 years or older and their spouse. Please tell your older relatives/friends. It can be purchased at Lake Perris as well as most other state parks that you must pay a car entrance fee. Whenever you buy it in 2017 it will be valid until December 31st and then you will need another for 2018. Since many day use passes cost \$10, it will pay for itself very quickly. It is good for everyone in your car and at most state parks. They can refuse you if the park is busy or expected to be busy. State park passes also include the Disabled Discount Pass (\$3.50 Lifetime) and Distinguished Veteran Pass (\$0 Lifetime). The following link provides more information https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1049.

(2ND WED) 7:00 PM

MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com
MOJAVE GROUP

(2ND THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

(951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com

(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly except July & August. Programs on nature, conservation & travel topics. The public is welcome & refreshments are served. See Los Serranos webpage for detailed program information: sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/groups/los_serranos PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA (educational building, entrance in rear). INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except January, February and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site <sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear>. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

WEEKLY RECURRING 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

FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 5 Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings (Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

FEB 28 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

MAR 2 (THU) 8:00 AM FRANKISH PEAK HIKE
This will be a strenuous 9-mile through hike on a steep use trail up to the top of Frankish Peak (elevation 4198 ft.), with 2200 ft. elevation gain in 2.2 miles. We will hike down the north slope into a hidden valley, hike up to the Stoddard Peak saddle, and down Barrett Canyon to Mt. Baldy Road. Great panoramic views in all directions from the peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact John St. Clair to confirm and for directions to trailhead. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 2 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 4 (SAT) 8:00 AM DEEP CREEK CANYON HIKE
Spring in Deep Creek Canyon is not to be missed. This nine-mile hike is flat but rated moderate due to the distance. It is where the historic Hesperia Water Ditch is located. BRING: Water, snacks and layered clothing. Sturdy walking shoes are a must. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley 92308 by 8 a.m. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 4 (SAT) 8:30 AM JT CR&HT SEG 1: BLACK ROCK/COVINGTON HIKE
This hike was originally scheduled on January 21, but we substituted Segment #4 due to dirt road closures from the winter storm. So today we will hike Segment #1 of the four sections of the California Riding & Hiking Trail within Joshua Tree National Park. These hikes are part of a patch program, and we will repeat them next year to allow you to hike the segments you couldn't make this year. After a car shuttle on rough dirt roads,

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the 7.6-mile hike will start at Black Rock Canyon, south of Yucca Valley. We will hike east weaving through low scrubland vegetated with pinyon pines, juniper, and Joshua trees past several side trails to a wide sandy wash. Next is a 1,000' uphill march and the steepest gain of the hike. From the highpoint at 5,130', it's two mostly downhill miles to the Upper Covington Flats trailhead. RATED: Moderate. MEET: At the Applebee's parking lot, 57796 29 Palms Highway, Yucca Valley on Hwy. 62. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 2½-liters of water. RESERVATIONS: Contact Hike Leader Dave Melton, (760) 408-2456, dmelton61@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

MARCH 6 – MARCH 12

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

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

MAR 8 (WED) 7:30 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU, MURRIETA HIKE
Come enjoy hiking through this Ecological Reserve in all its glory during the spring! We will hike several trails, encompassing Vernal Pool, Adobe Loop, Poppy Hill, and Monument Hill. Be prepared to hike 10 miles in rolling terrain while enjoying vistas & wildflowers! COST: \$4 fee to enter park. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather, & you will want your camera for this hike! We will be carpooling from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 8 (WED) 4:45 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 4-mile loop on the Hidden Springs trail. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. We'll go an easy pace and return on the sidewalk. BRING water, WEAR sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the park. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 8 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 8 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
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MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 9 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MAR 10 (FRI) 9:00 AM SYCAMORE CANYON HIKE
This moderate hike is in the city of Claremont. It's an up and back 3-miler with a 600' elevation gain. A good one for this time of year. BRING: water, sturdy boots, hiking sticks, and layered clothing. MEET: Please call to confirm by 5:00 pm March 9. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL, (909) 985-7686, e-mail jmwandjjw@hotmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 10-13 (FRI-MON) MOJAVE PRESERVE OUTING CAR CAMP
Meet Friday, March 10 at Sunrise Rock Campground (12 miles from I-15 on Cima Road) at noon. There are no facilities here. We will then go to the trailhead across the road to hike to Teutonia Peak, which is about 4 miles round trip. Saturday, we will move to Mid Hills Campground and hike in the area. Sunday, we will head to Kelso Dunes to camp and will enjoy a moonlight hike on the dunes. Monday, we will have another hike in the area and then head home. More details will be available closer to trip dates. To sign up contact LEADER CAROL WILEY, earthlingwiley2000@yahoo.com, 760-245-8734.
MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 11 (SAT) 8:00 AM DEEPCREEK CANYON (NORTHERN SECTION) HIKE
This is an easy five-mile hike that explores the remains of the historic Hesperia Water Ditch. Towards the end of the hike we will get our feet wet crossing the Mojave River. It is an interesting and fun hike (if you like water). BRING: Water, snacks, and layered clothing. A small towel would add to your comforts. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley 92308 by 8 a.m. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com
MOJAVE GROUP

****MAR 11 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT SEC C: SILVERWOOD LAKE TO I-15 HIKE**
This is Hike #1, the start of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 13.6-mile through hike. RATING: Strenuous due to the distance. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, three-liters of water, lunch, sunglasses, hat, trekking poles and good hiking boots. MEET: McDonald's Restaurant, just east of the Cajon Pass at the junction of I-15 and State Route 138 at 8 AM. From there we will gather into as few vehicles as possible and caravan to the PCT trailhead at Lake Silverwood to begin our hike. An Adventure Pass will be required to park at the trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact HIKE LEADER, DARLENE TAYLOR, (951) 385-5706, dtaylorncrew@verizon.net or Co-Leader, Sharon Nardoza, snardoza@cox.net, (760) 208-3654.
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 12 (SUN) 4:45 PM BOX SPRINGS MOUNTAIN TOWERS HIKE
Moderate 3-4 mile easy paced, full-moon hike to the American Tower. Bring water, flashlight, DRESS in layers and WEAR sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: From 60 Freeway exit at Pigeon Pass Road and drive north about 4 miles. Pigeon Pass turns into Box Springs Mountain Rd and becomes a dirt road going up. In 1.2 miles, you reach parking area. Fee \$5. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MARCH 13 – MARCH 19

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MAR 13 (MON) 7:00 PM 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.
MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 14 (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

MAR 15 (WED) 9:00 AM STURTEVANT FALLS HIKE
The trail from Chantry Flats parking area to the 50-foot Sturtevant Falls is an easy 3.7-mile round trip hike but be aware that the last 0.6 mile return to the parking lot is all uphill and is sometimes referred to as "cardiac hill." There are several stream crossings before arriving at the Falls, so trekking poles are recommended. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. CONTACT LEADER, JOHN ST. CLAIR, john@stclair.us or 909-983-8501, prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 16 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except January, February and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site <sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear>. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 17 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS GREEN VALLEY LAKESNOWSHOE OR HIKE
We will snowshoe or hike depending on the weather. Green Valley Lake has some of the best snow in our local mountains, so come and join me for a day of fun. No prior snowshoe experience is necessary--it is not difficult to learn--just another form of hiking. You need to provide your own equipment. MEET: Green Valley Lake across from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341). WEAR: Layered clothing. BRING: Snacks and water. Please CALL to check weather conditions. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com
MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 18 (SAT) 8:30 AM EXPLORE AROUND HISTORIC BOWEN RANCH HIKE
Moderate 7-mile circular hike along the perimeter of Bowen Ranch and the San Bernardino National Forest. DRESS in layers. BRING: 10 essentials, snacks, at least 3 liters of water. MEET: Bowen Ranch Rd/Coxey Truck Rd at 8:30 a.m. LEADER: CAROL STUBBLEFIELD, 760-964-0039, carolwhitbylass@gmail.com
MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 18 (SAT) 7:30 AM INDIAN CANYONS: WEST FORK/MURRAY CANYON HIKE
This well-liked hike is in the Indian Lands adjacent to Palm Springs on the south side. We head southwest from the trading post, climbing 2500 ft. alongside a canyon on the trail that goes to Cedar Spring. At a fork, we turn north to drop into a green area in the canyon, lateral across the slope, and then descend to the lower end of Murray Canyon, where in this wet year we should still have a little water. Total distance is 10 miles. This is a shuttle hike; all driving is on paved roads. COST: Entrance fee of \$9 per person, \$7 for seniors. RATED: Strenuous. MEET: At the Starbucks parking lot, 682 S. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs, CA 92264. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 3-liters of water. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DAVE MELTON at (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 18 (SAT) 9:00 AM MAIDENHAIR FALLS HIKE
A 5.5 or 6-mile moderately difficult hike with 900' of elevation gain/loss. From the desert landscape at the trailhead we will travel past sycamores, cottonwoods then palms to Maidenhair Falls a true oasis in the desert. We should have a great hike and the opportunity to observe the desert wild flowers. Hikers must climb over or around some large boulders. Thorny cacti abound. BRING: 3 liters of water, lunch, and snacks. WEAR: Comfortable hiking shoes with soles that don't slip, waterproof is best there are some damp areas. DRESS in layers, wear a hat, long pants are a good idea and do not forget the sunscreen. DIRECTIONS: From Temecula take Highway 79 south (Temecula Pkwy) to Warner Springs. Turn left onto San Filipe Rd (S2). Travel about 4 or 5 miles then turn left on S22 (Montezuma Valley Rd.) heading to Borrego Springs. Continue on S22 for about 17 miles. The trailhead is on the left .7 miles from the stop sign at Palm Canyon Rd. If you missed the trailhead turn around at the stop sign. The trailhead is on the right .7 miles up the hill. rain cancels. No passes or permits are required. RESERVATIONS: Please register with LEADER: BOB AUDIBERT, bob.takeahike1@gmail.com or (951)302-1059.
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MAR 19 (SUN) 9:00 AM SB MTS, PCT - SILVERWOOD LAKE HIKE
A moderate 8-mile hike on the PCT from the Silverwood Park office to Cedar Spring Dam and return, a 500-ft. gain. There're beautiful views of the lake from the trail, and possible distant sightings of snow-capped peaks. BRING: Hiking boots, jacket, lunch and 2 bottles of water. MEET: call for meeting place and info. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836 (no text)
MOUNTAINS GROUP

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MAR 19-20 (SUN-MON) 9:00 AM EAST MOJAVE CAR CAMP
This two-day car camping and hiking trip will explore the geology and ecology of a few of the special highlights of the East Mojave Preserve. We will hike along a lava flow and up to the summit of a cinder cone, explore a lava tube, hike in the Granite Mtns and to the top of the Kelso Dunes. We will dry camp in the open desert. Rain MAY cancel. Email trip leader for more detailed trip information including recommended camping supplies. INFO & RESERVATIONS: contact leader for additional information, to confirm your participation, and for directions to the meeting place. Carpooling is suggested. LEADER: BRIAN ELLIOTT, 909-241-8036 or brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MARCH 20 – MARCH 26

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
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MAR 20 (MON) 9:00 AMBIG MORONGO CANYON BASIN HIKE
1st day of spring exploratory 4-mile hike on easy/moderate loops along desert willows and marshes, ridge vistas. BRING water, sunscreen, snack, sturdy shoes, layered clothing. MEET: Call for ride arrangements from Moreno Valley at 8 a.m. or meet at 9 a.m. at parking lot at 11055 East Drive, Morongo Valley (off Hwy 62). Rain cancels. CO-LEADERS: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com, and EILEEN O'BRIEN, (951) 616-9739. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 21 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly except July & August. Programs on nature, conservation & travel topics. The public is welcome & refreshments are served. See Los Serranos webpage for detailed program information: sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/groups/los_serranos PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA (educational building, entrance in rear). INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 22 (WED) 7:30 AM PCT to EAGLE ROCK HIKE
This is a moderate 8-mile one way hike with 700 feet elevation gain which requires a car shuttle. This section of the PCT near Warner Springs, rolls through meadows and ranch lands, with spectacular wildflower blooms in the spring, oak tree lined canyons and creeks, and the highlight boulder formation known as Eagle Rock. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen, & layer clothing appropriate for the weather. RESERVATIONS: Contact leader by March 20 to reserve a spot due to car shuttle arrangements. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 22 (WED) 9:00 AM SKYLINE LOOP 1 TRAIL - BOX SPRINGS MTN HIKE
Moderate 3-mile hike on the skyline trail. BRING: Water and sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: From 60 Freeway exit at Pigeon Pass Road and drive north about 4 miles. Pigeon Pass turns into Box Springs Mountain Rd and becomes a dirt road going up. In 1.2 miles you reach parking area. COST: Fee \$5. INFO & LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN, (951) 616-9739. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 24-26 (FRI-SUN) WHITEWATER PRESERVE CAR CAMP
The Wildlands Conservancy's Whitewater Preserve is surrounded by the BLM' San Gorgonio Wilderness, and includes the year-round Whitewater River. Rich riparian habitat hosts the endangered southwestern willow flycatcher and Bell's vireo. Spring boasts a spectacular wildflower bloom. Catch a glimpse of the elusive big horn sheep in this important wildlife corridor between the San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountains. Come for the day, or stay the night. This is a family-friendly location, activities will be planned for all age groups and ability levels. Easy access to the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). Free semi-developed tent camping with toilets and water. Campers under 25' OK. Pack out your trash. No fires, camp stoves OK. Dog(s) OK on leash. No cell service. RESERVATIONS: Contact leader for the schedule of activities and to reserve your spot. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text), karlakellems@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAR 24-26 (FRI-SUN) DESERT BLM MONUMENT SERVICE
Our series of trips to California desert wilderness with Needles BLM staff continues. CA/ NV Wilderness Committee joins with Mojave Group for special celebration and service venture in newly designated Mojave Trails National Monument – Afton Canyon area. Central commissary, fee. Exact car-camp site TBA. RESERVATIONS: Contact leader for project news and to sign up. LEADER: VICKY HOOVER, vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org or 415-977-5527. MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 24-27 (FRI-MON) SACATAR WILDERNESS TRAIL WORKSERVICE
Sacatar Trail is an old wagon road that at one time provided the only route into the Owens Valley from the west before the road over Walker Pass was built. Now it is a 10-mile trail that provides relatively easy access into this rugged and pristine wilderness area on the eastern slope of the southern Sierra Nevada Mountains, about 20 miles northwest of Ridgecrest. Our project will include trailhead improvement and recording places along the trail that need work. We will camp at Fossil Falls Campground (pit toilets, picnic tables and available water). RESERVATIONS: Sign up with LEADER: KATE ALLEN, kj.allen96@gmail.com or 661-944-4056. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

MAR 25 (SAT) 8:00 AM RIDGE ABOVE SUMMIT VALLEY HIKE
The views from this ridge are spectacular. The history of the area is an additional joy. It is an easy six-mile hike. A camera is a must. BRING: Water, snacks, and layered clothing. WEAR: Sturdy shoes. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley 92308 by 8 a.m. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 25-28 (SAT-TUE) 6:30 AM PCT-SEC C, ONYX SUMMIT BACKPACK
This is the last 40-mile segment of the Big Bear Recognition Program, promoting the

completion of Section C of the Pacific Crest Trail (132.9 miles). This is a backpack trip starting at Onyx Summit, located near Big Bear in the San Gorgonio Wilderness off of Hwy 38 and continuing to I-10 Freeway near Whitwater. We will spend three-nights camping along the PCT on our way. You will be asked to share gas expenses for drivers returning the backpackers to their cars at Onyx Summit. RATING: Strenuous. MEET: Haugen Lehmann Way off-ramp on I-10 Freeway at 6:30 A.M. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 3-liters of water, food, propane stove, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, backpacking equipment, bear canister, and water-purification capabilities. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER, ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103 or email at dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 26 (SUN) 8:30 AM CRAFTON HILL TRAILS HIKE
Join me for a meander in the local hills above Yucaipa. It's nice to have these hills with their many trails to enjoy when the mountains are still snowy. This will be a moderate 5 to 6-mile hike with some gradual elevation along one of the trails in the Crafton Hills Conservancy. This is an “urban” hike with views of the surrounding cities, mountains and out to the lakes in the distance. I know we will have wonderful green grass, a few trees, and maybe some early wildflowers. Weather cancels. RATED: Moderate. MEET: Trail head off Campus Dr. as you drive into Crafton Hills College. BRING: 10 essentials, 1.5 liters of water, wear layered clothing, snack, sun protection, hiking boots, poles, and camera. If hikers are interested, we can go to a local Yucaipa restaurant after the hike for lunch. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

MARCH 27 – APRIL 2

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MAR 27 (MON) 8:00 AM TENAJA FALLS HIKE
Tenaja Falls in the San Mateo Wilderness should be a pretty spring hike, with wildflowers and maybe even water in the San Mateo Creek and the falls. We start from the Fisherman's Camp Trailhead for an 8.1-mile hike, about 1500 ft elevation gain and loss. WEAR: Sturdy shoes or hiking boots, layered clothing, and hat; BRING water, snacks, and lunch. Hiking poles are helpful for stream crossings. Rain within 48 hours cancels due to several stream crossings. MEET: Ontario at 8:00 AM, contact leader for meeting place. LEADER: MARY ANN RUIZ 909-815-9379 or ruizmaryann@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 28 (TUE) 7:00 PMSAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

MAR 29 (WED) 9:00 AM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 4-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. BRING: Water, wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the park. INFO and LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MAR 29-APR 2 (WED-SUN) MOJAVE NATIONAL PRESERVE SPRING WEEKEND
We will visit the California desert when temperatures are cooler and wild flowers may be blooming. We will visit some of the well-known features of the park like the Hole-in-the-Wall, Kelso Dunes, Joshua tree forests, and Lava Tube. We are staying in a group campground (\$20 per person) which includes vault toilets, trash receptacles, potable water, fire ring, grill, picnic shelter with tables. We have the campsite from 2pm Wednesday until noon on Sunday. Wednesday is a free day. Arrive anytime and explore the park on your own. Maximum hiking distance is 8 miles with 1500' elevation gain. COST: Deposit required to confirm participation. Limited to 20 people. Net proceeds will support the Sierra Club Desert Report. RESERVATIONS: Email or call leader for reservation information. LEADER: RICH JURICICH, rich.sierraclub@pacbell.net, 916-492-2181. CNRCC DESERT COM

MAR 31 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS: KELLER/MILL PEAK, COYOTE ROCK HIKE
Come Join us for a 4 to 5-mile moderate conditioning hike to explore this region of the San Bernardino National Forest. MEET: Robert Hootman Senior/Community Center parking lot, 2929 Running Springs School Rd, Running Springs, CA 92382. WEAR: Layered clothing. BRING: Snacks and water. Please CALL to check on weather conditions. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 909-939-5790 (no text), karlakellems@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 1 (SAT) 8:00 AM ARASTRE FALLS AND CANYON HIKE
This is a moderate 4-mile hike through the beautiful riparian area. There is elevation gain of about 300 ft. The views over Juniper Flats are stunning. A camera is an essential. BRING: Water, snacks, and layered clothing. WEAR strong shoes. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley 92308 by 8 a.m. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM. 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

APR 1 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT SECTION B-5: CEDAR SPRING-HWY 74 HIKE
This is one of the favorite segments of Section B, so we are offering it this year, even though we're not doing all of Section B. We'll hike up to the saddle on the ridge via the Cedar Spring Trail, then head southerly towards Hwy 74 in the San Bernardino National Forest, passing Pyramid Peak and Lion Peak, then descending through Penrod Canyon to the ending trailhead. Wildflowers should be good. The shuttle is relatively short and all on paved roads. RATED: Moderate-strenuous. MEET: PCT crossing of Hwy 74, located approximately 1.0 miles east of Hwy 74/Hwy 371 junction. A road sign identifies the PCT crossing. The dirt parking area is located on the north side of Hwy 74. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, and 4 liters of water. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER DAVE MELTON, (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

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Chapter's April 4th Meeting Features "EcoFlight: Flying High to Protect the West"

Presented by Bruce Gordon

Bruce Gordon, founder and Executive Director of EcoFlight, will be our speaker at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday April 4th at the San Bernardino County Museum. His presentation will include stunning aerial photos of our new national monuments in California, including Sand to Snow, Mojave Trials, and Castle Mountains, all here in the San Gorgonio Chapter!

The Sierra Club and many conservation organizations worked successfully for President Obama to protect 550 million acres in the West and the Pacific as new national monuments. Pictures



Bears' Ears photos.



and letters and meetings all helped, but how can so many acres of wild lands be presented visually? Enter EcoFlight, partner with over 300 environmental and conservation organizations.

EcoFlight provides a unique aerial perspective to conservation work. EcoFlight has flown conservation groups, policy makers, media representatives, concerned citizens and young adults over our Western landscapes. There is nothing more powerful than seeing the amazing beauty of our public lands, along with the impacts of development, from high above in a 6-seat Cessna 210. Founded in 2002 and headquartered in Aspen, Colorado, Ecoflight works on issues as diverse as a proposed copper mine in Washington, Bears' Ears National Monument in Utah, and landscapes adjacent to our national parks. Bruce will expand on the EcoFlight's mission, success, and plans for the coming year.

EcoFlight's mission is clear: "EcoFlight educates and advocates for the protection of remaining wild lands and wildlife habitat using small aircraft. The



Bruce Gordon

aerial perspective and our educational programs encourage an environmental stewardship ethic among citizens of all ages."

As EcoFlight's Executive Director, Bruce has been providing an aerial perspective for the critical issues in our Western landscape for over 30 years.

A Himalayan climber, the outdoors is close to Bruce's heart. Bruce is an ATP-commercial pilot with multi-engine, instrument, instructor, and floatplane ratings. He has flown over 10,000 hours of conservation missions in multiple countries, in bush and mountainous conditions. Passengers on his many environmental flight missions have included governors, senators, congressmen, scientists, and students of all ages.

Bruce and EcoFlight have received numerous awards, including the Conservation Hero Award and Best Business Award in Conservation. He lives in Colorado and is an Aspen Mountain Rescue member, Buddy Program mentor, and has served on the board of Aspen Center for Environmental Studies.



Mojave Trails



Big Bear Group By Ellen Kesler, Group Chair

"Change of Hats" for the Sierra Club Big Bear Group

The Executive Committee of the Sierra Club is busy getting ready for an active year by starting with an election of officers. These people will serve on the "ExCom" for 2017:



- Chairperson – Ellen Kesler
- Vice Chairperson – Ed Wallace
- Secretary – Sherry Noone
- Treasurer – Marv Cira
- Membership Chairpersons – Ellen Kesler/Sherry Noone
- Conservation Chairperson – Ed Wallace
- Outings Chairperson – David Melton
- Members at Large – Ed Caliendo, George Watson Jones, Joe Holmes, Terrence McCorkle



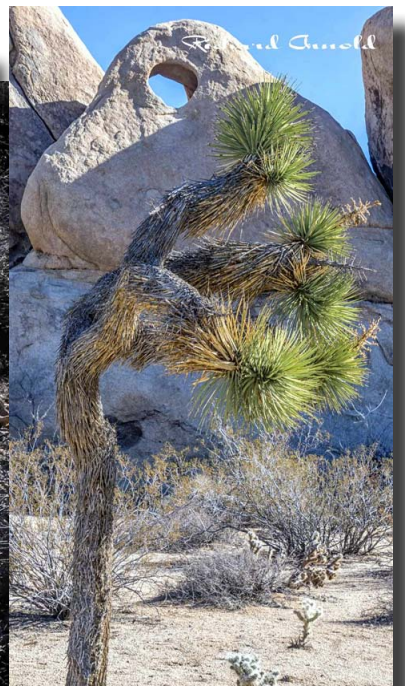
Ellen Kesler is a retired Physical Education/English teacher from Burbank Unified School District. She has been a member of the Big Bear Valley community since 1997 as a part-time resident until moving here permanently in 2009. She still serves on the CarePartners of Bear Valley support team, having been a caregiver to her husband. She has also served on the Board of Trustees for the Bear Valley Center for Spiritual Enrichment, serving as president for one year. Ellen has served as a volunteer for the Amgen Tour of California competitions here in our valley all three years.

The first General Meeting for all members and welcomed guests will be in March 17th at the Discovery Center to lead off the year of activities.

David Melton – Outings Chairperson

California Riding and Hiking Trail Patch Program

Our new Joshua Tree California Riding & Hiking Trail patch program got off to a good start with 14 people attending the first hike in spite of unsettled weather from the winter storms that kept some hikers snowed-in at home. We had to hike the fourth and last segment in place of the first due to dirt road closures. The four hikes in this program will wrap up for this year March 4. We will repeat this program next year.



These two photos were taken by Richard Arnold, a participant. We have his permission to put them in the Palm & Pine

Pacific Crest Trail Section C Patch Program

Our Section C Pacific Crest Trail hikes resume in March. Section C starts at I-10 near Palm Springs and travels north through the San Gorgonio Wilderness, Big Bear Lake, and the San Bernardino NF to Interstate 15. Section C is 133 miles long, and we cover it in 9 day hikes and one backpack. The first of three day-hikes in this issue gets underway on March 11. This set of three hikes starts at I-15 and works southward. In addition Ed Caliendo will be offering the 3-day backpack in March, running from Highway 38 south to Interstate 10.

Santa Margarita Group

By Michael H. Momeni, PhD - Environmental Nuclear Scientist

Déjà vu 1982

All Federal and State elections have environmental consequences. Unless we are proactive, we will lose our protected national and state parks, and the public lands. The changes may open these cherished nation heritages to commercial exploitation. These actions would be nicely couched in mantra of creating job, or energy-independence using the natural resources (oil, gas, coal and minerals such as uranium) located on the public lands.

I remember it well! As our previous experience during 1967 to 1975 in California, and then again during January 1982 to 1989 indicates, the institutions that have protected our air and water (EPA), labor safety (OSHA), and our national forests and public lands (Department of Interior) all will be made ineffective by cutting their budgets, eliminating the important regulations such as 40CFR Code of Federal Regulations, and by reducing their technical staff. The assault on the institutions of higher education and the intellectual cadre of our society was the low mark of the 1982-1989 periods.

We may argue against the outcome of the 2016 election. But, why the Electoral College elected this President and the public elected a larger assembly of environmental antagonists for the Congress and governorship? Where did we go wrong? But, for now, we can't back down; we have to protect our air, water and our public lands.

Transportation

The transportation corridor from Ontario to San Diego has exceeded the highway carrying capacity. Increasing the number of lanes will briefly alter the present congestion and but will only increase air pollution problems. The population of the southern California has been increasing for decades. It will increase because of demand for new developments.

To remedy the problem, jointly we must expand both the existing mass-transit system and create rapid electric trains from Ontario to San Diego. The train tracks could be placed between the north and south bound traffics on Highway 15. This option would be cost-effective, would reduce commuter travel time; but more importantly, it will reduce the impact of noxious exhaust on public health by improving the air quality in Temecula valley.

Members of the Transportation Task Group from the Santa Margarita Sierra Club have regularly attended the monthly Transportation-Now conference of the Riverside Transit Agency. We are looking forward to working with Joseph Morabito, representing the Southwest Transportation-Now group, to advance the expansion of Mass-transit system within the Southern California region.

Altair Development Complex in Temecula

Altair Specific Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 2014111029 was reviewed. The results the Review of Altair Specific Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Report SCH No. 2014111029, is posted as:

<http://sierraconservation.blogspot.com/2016/12/review-of-altair-specific-plan-draft.html>

The Land and People of the Santa Margarita Watershed

Eleanora Robbins was our speaker on our January monthly meeting. Her fascinating lecture centered on the geology of the Santa Margarita watershed. She said, in some respects it resembles many characteristics of the East African Rift Valley. The cities of Temecula and Murrieta lie in a tectonically active rift.

The background of Dr. Robbins is fascinating. She started her professional career in the Peace Corps as a geologist with the Geological Survey of Tanzania; on vacation, she mapped in the East African Rift Valley for Lewis Leakey. Then she was a researcher for the US Geological Survey for 34 years, working on mineral deposits, coal, and petroleum. In San Diego, she served as adjunct faculty for 14 years at San Diego State Univ. Her current research on the sulfur cycle of the San Diego River is with the San Diego River Park Foundation.

Hikes:

- Gary Marsalone and Robert Bob Audibert guided two tours: Eureka Peak Hike, December 3, 2016; and Sierra Santa Margarita Hike: West Side Loop
- Trail, Joshua Tree National Park, January 14, 2017.



Moreno Valley Group

By Ann McKibben, Secretary

Our first group hike in March will be on March 8th, 4:45 p.m., Hidden Springs Hike. All are welcome. More details about the hike can be found at our web page along with a list of our future outings: http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley

Another bald eagle count will take place at 8:00 a.m. at the Lake Perris State Recreation Area (LPSRA) on March 11th. Anyone can take part in the count. Meet at Lake Perris Regional Indian Museum (which is located within the LPSRA) for orientation. You do not have to pay the entrance fee if you are taking part in the count. After the count you are free to spend the rest of the day at LPSRA at no cost. Please call (951) 940-5600 to verify all information.

The Moreno Valley Group will have a table at the Earth Night in the Garden, Thursday, April 20; it will be held at the Western Municipal Water District's Landscapes Southern California Style Garden, 450 E. Alessandro Blvd., Riverside. Please email us at mvalleygroup@yahoo.com if you would like to help host the table for two hours.



Christmas Holiday Celebration – I think we all had a good time.

We had a very joyous holiday celebration at the scenic Vail Lake Resort just east of Temecula. The music (Caren Hanson) and sing-a-long Christmas carols lead by Elena Garcia “Joy to the world... and heaven and nature sing...the resounding joy...” We enjoyed hayride on open wagon; it was a reminiscent of experience some of us have enjoyed a long time ago. I still remember my first hayride; I was a junior high teacher. We all brought a dish to share: salads, cookies and cakes. The pizza and barbecued pulled chicken were among the hot items.

Planned Events

Earth Day: The Sierra Club is planning an Earth Day Celebration Fair. Earth Day is Saturday, April 22nd. The details are at the planning stage. Caren Hanson is the event coordinator.

Outreach to Children: Caren Hanson has been organizing outreach to children in elementary schools in Temecula. She has collaborated with ‘Kids4Birds’ to donate hummingbird feeders to schools, arrange visits to the classroom to discuss correct feeding of birds. Caren loves birds and wants to instill the same love in children.

February 9, monthly meeting: Brenda de Luna will be the speaker: “Youth Speakers on the environment.” *Note: who is Brenda de Luna? Who are the young speakers?*

Valentine’s Party: We will celebrate 2017 Valentine Day on February, 12. Our club members will meet for dinner at the Macaroni Grill in Temecula.

Ironwood Village Project: The Moreno Valley Planning Commission heard public comments on the project on January 26. Over 100 residents filled the hearing room with about 30 making public comments. The vote on the project was scheduled for February 9th. Residents are concerned about the small lot sizes and loss of rural land uses, compromising the city’s general plan, increases in traffic, elimination of city public multi-use trail; the city does not plan to do an environmental impact report; instead they’ve done a mitigated negative declaration which does not include a complete analysis of the project. Please contact George Hague for more information at mvalleygroup@yahoo.com



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World Logistics Center (WLC): A coalition of environmental groups (San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club and other groups) are being represented by Earthjustice. The appeal hopes to reverse the decision of a Riverside County Superior Court judge who denied the request by the coalition to block two Moreno Valley city initiatives which may allow the city to circumvent state environmental laws in analyzing the environmental impacts of the WLC project

Villages of Lakeview (VOL): Comments on the draft environmental impact report were submitted last fall by the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) and Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger for the San Geronio Chapter. Current information from the county indicates they are still working on responses to the comments. The DEIR is available online at: <http://planning.rctlma.org/Home/TheVillagesofLakeviewSP00342.aspx>

The proposed VOL housing project (11,350 units) is planned on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. You can contact planner Russell Brady at rbrady@rctlma.org or (951) 955-3025 for more information and to be put on their mailing list.

Please take time to make a donation to help us continue our efforts to challenge the latest version of the 11,350 unit Villages of Lakeview project on the southern border of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and continue our World Logistics Center litigation. You can make checks out to the "Sierra Club" with the notation WLC/VOL and send your donations to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. Thank you to all who have already donated.



Winter view at San Jacinto Wildlife Area.
Photo by Ann McKibben

The Riverside County General Plan Update aka GPA: The parties have agreed on the administrative record and they have 45 days to certify it. Some of our concerns include GPA 960's impact on greenhouse gases, agricultural lands and the San Jacinto Wildlife Area's at-risk species as well as promoting sprawl.

Mid County Parkway: The California Environmental Quality Act hearing is scheduled to be heard on June 9, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., Dept.10 of the Riverside Superior Court, downtown Riverside. The National Environmental Policy Act hearing is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2017, 8:30 a.m. in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California in downtown Los Angeles.

Lake Perris State Recreation Area: Check out their Facebook page for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/Lakeperris/> about their events. The 2017 limited Golden Bear Pass (\$20.00) to most state parks is good from January 1 through December 31 for those 62 years or older and can be purchased at Lake Perris. It is good for everyone in your car. State park passes also include the Disabled Discount Pass and Distinguished Veteran Pass. For information on hours, visitors fees, and passes, please check: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651

Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board hike, Saturday, March 25th, 2017, 7:30 a.m. Hike to San Timoteo Canyon (Moderate—approx. 5.6 miles round trip); meet at parking area next to the mobile office along Redlands Blvd., Moreno Valley Equestrian Center, 11150 Redlands Blvd., MV. Call (951) 413-3703 to confirm all information.



Mojave Group

By Susan Stueber, Group Chair

Juniper Flats Restoration Grant

The BLM (Bureau of Land Management) received a grant from the OHMVR (Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation) Division of State Parks. This restoration grant is expected to restore six sites in Arrastre Canyon. These are sites that have been disturbed by vehicles being driven off the designated route. On Saturday, January 28, 2017, nine volunteers joined the BLM and USFS staff members to complete restoration beside the open motorcycle route JF3355M just off Powerline Road. This area called Juniper Flats is



south of Apple Valley in the San Bernardino Mountain foothills and can be accessed with a high clearance or 4x4 vehicle from Milpas Dr (from Hwy 18). Friends of Juniper Flats set up a table with information about the

Juniper Flats Working Group and some snacks. One volunteer remained at the table to outreach to visitors who stopped by to explain what the project is all about and to solicit help. Other volunteers provided labor to complete 'vertical mulching' on the closed route. Vertical Mulching is a method of planting mostly dead branches to make the "trail" disappear and look like the surrounding desert landscape. We hope our efforts

will help encourage riders to remain on the designated signed routes. BLM is also installing numerous kiosks and interpretive signs to help riders become more aware of the damage done when they ride off the route. Much remains to be accomplished as there are over 200 active "incursions" (places where riders have gone off the designated route) in Arrastre Canyon. To get more information about this Restoration Project including future Volunteer Days, please contact BLM Barstow office – Alyssa Canoff, Visitor Use, Monitoring and Restoration Fellow, acanoff@blm.gov or call (760) 252-6051. Or contact Friends of Juniper Flats – Susan Stueber at ssstueber16@gmail.com, or Jenny Wilder at JensOasis@aol.com. Many thanks to all who have given time and energy to this project.



Chapter's 2017 ExCom Election Update

By Dave Barrie, Chair, Executive Committee

At the January 24 Chapter Executive Committee (ExCom) meeting Dave Barrie (as Chair), Steve Farrell, and Mike Millsbaugh were appointed to be both the Nominating Committee and Election Committee for the 2017 ExCom election.

At the same meeting the following Election Schedule was approved:

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| January 24 | Deadline to appoint Nominating and Election Committees and set Election Schedule. |
| June 5 | Deadline for Nominating Committee Chair to submit Chapter Election article to <i>Palm and Pine</i> . |
| September 2 | Last date to accept nominations and Deadline for Nominating Committee to present list of candidates to the Excom. |
| September 16 | Deadline for Petition Candidates to present petitions. |
| October 5 | Deadline for Election Committee to provide final ballot, with petition candidates, (if any) to <i>Palm and Pine</i> . |
| October 20 | <i>Palm and Pine</i> mailed. (Approx.) |
| November 26 | Deadline to receive ballots. |
| November 27 | 11:30 a.m. Election Committee shall verify, open and count the ballots. |
| November 28 | 8:00 p.m. Election Committee shall inform the candidates, the Excom, and any other interested parties of the results. |
| January, 2018 | Annual Planning Meeting. Election Committee shall inform winning candidates of this required meeting. |

Please check future issues of the Palm and Pine for additional information and to learn how you might be able to help.

Ridgecrest BLM Volunteer Wilderness Projects

February 24-26 Kiavah Wilderness: Pacific Crest Trail

The Kiavah Wilderness is a beautiful wilderness that covers a transition zone between the Mohave Desert and the southern Sierra Nevada ecosystems. It is also host to a 16-mile section of the Pacific Crest Trail. This project will focus on the entrance to the PCT from Bird Springs Pass. We will remove fencing, install hard barriers, and perform trail maintenance. For more information, please contact Katy Meyer at kmeyer@blm.gov or (760) 394-5474.

March 3-5 Inyo Mountains Wilderness: Eastside

The Inyo Mountains Wilderness is a rugged wilderness that forms a towering barrier between the Owens Lake Valley and Saline Valley. For this project we will be focusing solely on the eastern boundary that borders Death Valley National Park. We will be signing the boundary and restoring illegal vehicle routes. For more information, please contact Katy Meyer at kmeyer@blm.gov or (760) 384-5474.

April 7-9 Owens Peak Wilderness: Sand & Short Canyons

The Owens Peak Wilderness is a popular area just west of Ridgecrest, CA. Sand Canyon is annually used by an environmental education program that



brings elementary and middle school students out to the desert to teach them about its history and ecology. Short Canyon is known for its abundant wildflower blooms after a good rainfall year such as the one we have had this year. To help beautify and preserve these beloved places, we will be removing graffiti, cleaning out campsites, and restoring illegal vehicle routes. This will be two days of work with a hike on the third day. For more information, please contact Katy Meyer at kmeyer@blm.gov or (760) 384-5474.

April 21-23, 24-25 optional Piper & Sylvania Wildernesses

Piper and Sylvania Mountain Wildernesses are located east of Bishop, CA. The two are neighbors and border the northern boundary of Death Valley National Park. We will aim to visit both Piper and Sylvania to work on old and new restoration sites. There will be two full days of work and a hike on the third day. This trip could also be extended by two days depending on volunteer availability and interest, as well as abundant restoration sites. For more information, please contact Katy Meyer at kmeyer@blm.gov or (760) 384-5474.

May 27-29 Surprise Canyon Wilderness: Happy Canyon

Happy Canyon is the neighbor to the popular Surprise Canyon. Happy Canyon boasts a beautiful riparian area that has unfortunately been invaded by the tamarisk. For this project we will be removing invasive tamarisk in Happy Canyon. This will be a continuation of previous work that has occurred in the canyon. For more information, please contact either Katy Meyer at kmeyer@blm.gov, (760) 384-5474 or Marty Dickes at mdickes@blm.gov, (760) 384-5444.

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millions of our friends, family members, and neighbors.

Mary Ann Ruiz, Chapter Chair, said: "Everyone deserves a good quality of life, with access to education, basic and reproductive health care, and economic and social opportunities, and we won't let one person take those away. President Trump's hateful campaign rhetoric puts the health and safety of so many of our friends, families, neighbors and fellow community members in jeopardy. But the magnitude of this march shows that our diverse movement won't let a Trump Presidency derail our basic human rights. We are proud to join the Women's March in Riverside and support all who may be threatened under a Trump administration."

Research shows that women bear the disproportionate burden of extreme weather, pollution and climate disruption, so it's clear we can't have climate justice without gender justice. Gender equity is vital to everyone's ability to thrive in the face of climate disruption.

About 400 Sierra Club supporters joined the Washington, D.C. march and Sierra Club chapters joined more than 50 sister marches across 25 states. The Sierra Club is an official partner of the Women's March on Washington. This year, the Sierra Club is breaking ground as the first major national environmental organization to have a gender equity program.



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****APR 1 (SAT) 9:00 AM BONITA FALLS HIKE**
This will be an easy hike to the 90-foot Bonita Falls in Lytle Creek Canyon. About 3 miles round trip, slight elevation gain, rocky trail. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: water and a snack; wear sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. MEET: Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for the meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 2 (SUN) 9:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU LOOP HIKE
Moderate 5 to 6-mile hike. We'll hike to the Vernal Pools and to the historic adobes and should see wildflowers along the way. BRING: Water, snack/lunch, hiking poles if you want, and sturdy shoes. COST: \$4.00 entrance fee per person. MEET: RSVP by 7:00 p.m. Apr 1st for meeting place and possible carpool. Rain cancels. INFO & CO-LEADERS: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com and EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APRIL 3 – APRIL 9

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

APR 3 (MON) 6:00 PM MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of selected months: Feb. 6, Apr. 3, May 1, Oct. 2, Nov. 6. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 4 (TUE) 7:30 AM MT. WILSON VIA CHANTRY FLATS HIKE
Strong hikers are invited to join us on this strenuous loop hike up to Mt Wilson Peak, 5650 ft. We will start at Chantry Flats, climb up 4000 feet elevation gain, enjoy a lunch break at the observatory at the summit, then descend by way of Sturtevant Camp, back to Chantry, making it a KILLER 16-mile loop! Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Carpool from Upland or meet at trailhead, confirm with leader by April 18. LEADER: Kathy Viola 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 4 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
PROGRAM: Please see the front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911. CHAPTER

APR 5 (WED) 9:00 AM HIKE INTO LAKE PERRIS HIKE
Moderate 6-mile hike along hills into Lake Perris. BRING water, snack and sturdy shoes, hiking poles if you like. Rain cancels. MEET: Ridgecrest Park at 28506 John F. Kennedy Dr., Moreno Valley. INFO and LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 5-7 (WED-FRI) MOJAVE RIVER FORKS REGIONAL PARK CAR CAMP
Mojave River Forks in the Summit Valley of Hesperia is at the gateway to the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). This park provides serenity for those who enjoy nature and wide open space. Visit Deep Creek hot springs/warm springs and Lake Silverwood on scenic PCT hikes. Come for the day and meet us at the trail head, or stay the night. Developed campsites - tents, campers, trailers, RV's, OK. Dog(s) OK on leash. RESERVATIONS: Pre-register

with leader by April 1 to reserve site. COST: Camping fee varies \$5-10 per/person per night depending on type of site (camping fee subsidized by Mt.'s Group). Contact leader for a schedule of activities and to reserve your spot. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text), karlakellems@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 7 (FRI) 9:00 AM UPPER MARSHALL CANYON HIKE
This moderate rated hike goes through a convoluted 4.5-mile trek that winds its way via a 750' elevation gain at the summit. There's plenty of foliage and views on this one. Thanks to the city of La Verne for making this a Regional Park for all to enjoy! BRING: water, sturdy boots, layered clothing, and hiking stick. Rain cancels. RESERVATIONS: Please call to confirm by April 8, 5:00 PM. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL, (909) 985-7686 or email jmwandjjw@hotmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

****APR 8 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT SEC C: SILVERWOOD-MOJAVE RIVER DAM HIKE**
This is Hike #2, of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 15-mile through hike. RATING: Strenuous due to the distance. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, three-liters of water, lunch, sunglasses, hat, trekking poles, and good hiking boots. MEET: Silverwood Lake Campground near the lake entrance. From there we will gather into as few vehicles as possible and caravan to the PCT trailhead at Mojave River Dam to begin our hike. An Adventure Pass will be required to park at the trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact HIKE LEADER, DARLENE TAYLOR, (951) 385-5706 or dtaylorncrew@verizon.net or CO-LEADER, SHARON NARDOZZA, snardoza@cox.net or (760) 208-3654. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 8 (SAT) 8:30 AM ROUND MOUNTAIN PEAK CLIMB HIKE
This is a 7-mile moderate to strenuous cross-county hike and a steep ascent. Round Mtn. is part of the 100 Peaks offering fantastic 360 degree views and few other hidden surprises. BRING: Ten Essentials, hiking poles, sturdy hiking shoes, snacks, 3 liters of water and lots of energy. MEET: Bowen Ranch Rd. junction with Coxey Truck Trail at 8:30 a.m. LEADER: CAROL STUBBLEFIELD 760-964-0039, carolwhitbylass@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

APR 9 (SUN) 8:30 AM MORTON PEAK TRAIL HIKE
Join me for a hike up the service road to the Morton Peak Fire Watch Tower. A moderate, 6-mile round trip with 1300 ft. elevation gain. The views are great from the road we follow and fabulous from the top. We will see down Mill Creek toward the Forest Falls area, the surrounding mountains, valleys and in the distance the lakes - if we get clear weather. The best part of the hike is the views. Weather cancels. RATED: Moderate. MEET: Mill Creek Ranger Station near the corner of Bryant St and Hwy 38. We will carpool to the trailhead a short distance away. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, wear layered clothing, sun protection, snack/lunch, hiking boots, poles, and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

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APRIL 10 – APRIL 16

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APR 10 (MON) 7:00 PM 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. MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 11 (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

APR 12 (WED) 7:30 AM JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK HIKE
This is a moderate 7-mile loop trail to Lost Horse Mine. We gain only 600 feet elevation to enjoy stunning desert vistas and reflect on the historic gold mine. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, plenty of water, snacks & lunch, sunscreen/hat, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact Kathy Viola to confirm & for directions to trailhead or carpool place in Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653 or kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 12 (WED) 9:00 AM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 4-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. BRING: Water, wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the park. INFO and LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 12 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 12 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

APR 13 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

APR 15 (SAT) 8:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER BOTTOM BIRD WALK
MEET: Sierra Club office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. Bill will guide you to the birds. Breakfast at local restaurant after walk (optional). LEADER: BILL ENGS 909-338-1910 (no text) MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 15 (SAT) 8:00 AM HORSETHIEF CANYON HIKE
Historic and attractive, Horsethief Canyon sits at the western end of Summit Valley. This is an easy six-mile hike through an area that is rarely visited. BRING: Water, snacks, and layered clothing. WEAR strong shoes. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley 92308 by 8 a.m. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM. 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

APRIL 17 – APRIL 23

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APR 18 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly except July & August. Programs on nature, conservation & travel topics. The public is welcome & refreshments are served. See Los Serranos webpage for detailed program information: sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/groups/los_serranos PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA (educational building, entrance in rear). INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 19 (WED) 9:00 AM TERRI PEAK HIKE
Difficult 5-mile round trip hike up Terri Peak, overlooking Lake Perris with 1000 ft. elevation gain. BRING: Water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: from 60 Freeway exit at Moreno Beach Drive, go south for 3.4 mi., then turn left on Via del Lago. Park in the dirt area on right side just past the housing tract, do not enter Lake Perris SRA. INFO and LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 20 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except January, February and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site <sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear>. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 21 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS: CRAB FLATS / CALVARY TRAIL HIKE
A 4 to 6-mile easy/moderate hike around the Crab Flats/Calvary Trail area of the San Bernardino Mountains. MEET: Green Valley Lake across from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341). WEAR: Layered clothing. BRING: Snacks and water. Please CALL to check on weather conditions LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com. CO-LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

****APR 22 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT SEC C: DEEP CREEK-MOJAVE RIVERHIKE**
This is Hike #3 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 15.9 mile through-hike requiring a car shuttle. This is a particularly beautiful section of the PCT as we hike along Deep Creek several miles. RATING: Moderate/Strenuous due to distance. After hiking ten miles, we will pause for a one-hour stop at Deep Creek Hot Springs for a swim in 102 degree hot pools of a natural spring cascading out of the mountain into man-made bathing pools. Following our rest, we will continue north to our destination Mojave River Forks Dam. MEET: U.S. Post Office in Cedar Glen, 28982 Hook Creek Rd, Cedar Glen CA 92321. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, sun-protection, 3-liters of water, lunch, sunglasses, bathing suit, hat and trekking poles. An Adventure Pass is required to park at the Deep Creek Bridge trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER DARLENE TAYLOR, (951) 385-5706 or dtaylorncrew@verizon.net or CO-LEADER, SHARON NARDOZZA, snardozza@cox.net or (760) 208-3654. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 22 (SAT) 8:30 AM JUNIPER FLATS WILDFLOWERS HIKE
We are all looking forward to a good wildflower showing this year due to all the rain that we have received. This will be a leisurely hike so that there will be ample time to take pictures and identify. So, bring your camera and wildflower identification books. It may be necessary to caravan to the trailhead as there is limited parking. RATED: Easy/Moderate. This hike is approximately 3-4 miles roundtrip. BRING: water, a snack/lunch, binoculars, cameras, sun protection, (hat/sunscreen). WEAR: Sturdy shoes/boots. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, (11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley 92308) at 8:30 am. LEADER: SUSAN STUEBER, 760-900-5330 or sstueber16@gmail.com, CO-LEADER: QUINTIN LAKE, 951-315-7691 or qlake15@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

APR 23 (SUN) 8:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL HIKE
This is a moderate, 8-mile round trip hike, with little elevation gain. Known for its beautiful terrain, rich with foliage and oak trees, the river will be even richer this year. After returning to our vehicles, we will drive 5 minutes to the old stagecoach lodge, built in 1876, and adjoining rustic restaurant, to have lunch by their high rustic hearth. MEET: Big Bear's Convention Ctr. parking lot right at the corner of Division & Big Bear Blvd. 8 AM sharp. DIRECTIONS: We'll carpool to the trailhead off the 38 & Glass Road, Angeles Oaks. If you are driving up Highway 38 from Mentone, make a left at Glass Road, drive approx. 5 minutes to the trailhead, small parking lot across the street. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, snacks, wear layered clothing, hat, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER CHARLOTTE WATTS, momswebsite@gmail.com or 909-866-7423. BIG BEAR GROUP

APRIL 24 – APRIL 30

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APR 25 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379. CHAPTER

APR 26 (WED) 9:00 AM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 4-mile loop hike on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. BRING: Water, wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the park. INFO & LEADER: EILEEN O'BRIEN (951) 616-9739. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 28 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS GREEN VALLEY LAKE AREA HIKE
Join us on a 4 to 6-mile easy/moderate hike around the Green Valley Lake region of the San Bernardino Mountains. MEET: in Green Valley Lake, across from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341). WEAR: Layered clothing. BRING: Snacks and water. Please CALL to check on weather conditions. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com, CO-LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 29 (SAT) 8:00 AM TENAJA TRUCK TRAIL, SAN MATEO CANYON HIKE
This an approximately 8-mile loop trail near Lake Elsinore that features wild flowers, steams, and lots of picturesque scenery. We start at the Tenaja Trailhead (1968') and hike through Fisherman's Camp (1312 ft.) and loop back toward the start of the trailhead where we end the day's hike. RATED: Moderate. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, sun-protection, 3.0 liters of water, and lunch. MEET: Tenaja Trailhead, from I-15N. take exit 68 and from I-15S, take the Clinton Keith Road exit in Wildomar go West and continue onto Tenaja Road which will take you to the trailhead parking lot. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER, SHARON NARDOZZA, (760) 208-3654 or snardozza@cox.net, or CO-LEADER DARLENE TAYLOR, (951) 243-0198 or dtaylorncrew@verizon.net BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 29 (SAT) 8:30 AM SPLIT ROCK HIKE
On this hike, we will see many interesting rock formations and also some wildflowers. This is a loop hike with Split Rock in the middle of the hike. A high clearance vehicle is recommended to get to the trailhead. RATED: Moderate, there is some elevation gain at the being and at the end. This hike is approximately 4 miles long. BRING: water, a snack/lunch, binoculars, cameras, sun protection, (hat/sunscreen). WEAR: sturdy shoes/boots. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, (11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley 92308) at 8:30 AM. LEADER: QUINTIN LAKE, 951-315-7691 or qlake15@gmail.com CO-LEADER: SUSAN STUEBER, 760-900-5330 or sstueber16@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

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****APR 29 (SAT) 9:00 AM TENAJA CANYON TRAIL HIKE**
We hike to the falls, then down to Fisherman's Camp via Tenaja canyon and over the San Mateo trail to view the beautiful San Mateo Canyon! An 8.0-mile hike: 4 miles out and 4 miles back. RATED: Moderate with about 1300 ft of elevation gain over several hills and crossings over several seasonal creeks. Be prepared for areas with poison oak and chaparral. BRING: Plenty of water, WEAR comfortable hiking shoes (sandals may be useful for creek crossings). DRESS in layers and don't forget the sunscreen. A Wilderness Pass is required for all parked cars, available at sporting goods stores. MEET: At the first trail head, Tenaja Trail. DIRECTIONS: From I-15 take the Clinton Kieth exit. Go west on Clinton Keith. Past the Santa Rosa Plateau Eco. Reserve turn right onto Tenaja Road at the 3 way stop sign. Stay on Tenaja Rd. past the stop sign and follow down the long downhill and curve to the left. Shortly after the curve turn right on Cleveland Forest Road. You will see the trail head parking lot on the left about a mile in. Rain Cancels. Make RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: GARY MARSALONE, (858)663-1201 or hikesie@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

APR 29 (SAT) 9:00 AM WHITEWATER PRESERVE HIKE
Easy to moderate approximately 5-mile out and back hike along a portion of the PCT to Red Dome rock. MEET: Call for ride arrangements from Moreno Valley at 8 a.m. or meet at 9 a.m. at parking lot at Whitewater Preserve by ranger station. Take 10 Freeway East., exit at Whitewater, head north along canyon. BRING: Water, sunscreen, snack/lunch, layered clothing. Rain cancels. RESERVATIONS: by 8 p.m. Apr 28 to CO-LEADERS: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com, and EILEEN O'BRIEN, (951) 616-9739. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 30 (SUN) 8:30 AM MOMYER TRAIL TO ALGER CREEK HIKE
Join me for the perennial favorite in the Forest Falls area. It's a moderate/difficult, 7.5 mile, 1600 ft. elevation gain, round trip hike. This hike leader takes the uphill slowly as it can be steep in places. We will cross Mill Creek, wander through some low oaks, then head up the trail which switchbacks up a chaparral-covered hillside. From there we hike up through Juniper, Oak and Jeffery Pine. We descend the last 3/4 mile into the Alger Creek camp area where we will have our lunch/snack before returning on the same trail. Weather cancels. RATED: Moderate/Difficult. MEET: Momyer Creek Trail head in Forest Falls, 2.9 miles from the turnoff into Forest Falls. It's a large turnout on the left. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, wear layered clothing, sun protection, lunch/snack, hiking boots, poles, and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON, (909) 289-1932 or judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

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MAY 5-7 (FRI-MON) BRIGHT STAR WILDERNESS RESTORATION SERVICE

We will be working on the Bright Star Corridor fence that was burned in the Erskine Fire of 2016. We will rebuild a fence that blocked access to a cabin site that has been removed but still faces vehicle trespass issues. This project will be the beginning of an even longer fence line that will extend across the corridor route to help protect the vulnerable burned area. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: KATE ALLEN, kj.allen96@gmail.com or 661-944-4056. CNRCC DESERT COM.

MAY 6-7 (SAT-SUN) 11:00 AM S B MTS, KELLER HUT SPRING GATHERING
Join us at Keller Hut for group meals, hikes, bird and nature walk, games, and conversation. BRING: Food for the weekend including a dish (salad, desert, or main dish) for a potluck dinner on Saturday. We furnish hot beverages and table service. We will provide breakfast on Sunday. For information call OVERSEER: DAVE BARRIE, 909-337-0313 barriemail@mac.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

The following activities, meetings and events are not sponsored nor administered by the Sierra Club. The Sierra Club has no information about the planning of these activities and makes no representations or warranties about the quality, safety, supervision, or management of such activities. They are published only as a reader service because they may be of interest to the readers of this publication.

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

**(1ST FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**
Note: there will be no meeting July 4. Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

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

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NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

**MAR 3 (FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
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**MAR 15 (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.

**MAR 17 (FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
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**APR 7 (FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**
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Results of Recent South Coast Air Quality Management (SCAQMD) Meeting

By Mary Ann Ruiz, Chapter Chair

Sierra Club's My Generation Campaign organizers, volunteers and supporters came out in droves to fight for clean air at the South Coast Air Quality Management District hearing on Friday Feb. 3rd. The Board was scheduled to vote on a major smog reduction plan and they finally voted 9-3 to postpone the vote until the March 3rd meeting, due to absence of one of the members and all the testimony from Sierra Club activists and many others. Concern about pollution from ports, warehouses and refineries were raised by residents from the Inland Empire, Long Beach, Porter Ranch areas and the entire geography served by SCAQMD.

"We can't have any more children, or people, or our community hurting from the health impacts of this pollution," said Marina Barragán, a Sierra Club organizer who held up a photo of her 4-year-old nephew at the hospital for an asthma attack.

This delay will allow another month to review aspects of the plan of concern. Some members of the Board have suggested improvements, with possible amendments to add regulation after one year if voluntary improvement does not happen.

The most controversial topic was this voluntary approach for improving ports, warehouses and rail yards. My Generation Activists, along with concerned citizens from throughout Southern California, are skeptical that a voluntary approach will work. Funding incentives to businesses for voluntary improvements moves the cost from the pollution-causing sources to residents through potential tax increases.

Thanks to the over 300 Sierra Club volunteers and other concerned residents for taking time away from school, work and busy schedules to attend and testify at this important meeting.



**Celebrate the Walk on Blue Mountain
Now for the Tenth Annual Year
...Goal of year-round access to peak nearing a reality!**

The 10th anniversary of the Walk on Blue Mountain will be held Sunday, March 5th at 8:00 a.m. Recent rain, great views and the promise of abundant wildflowers make March ideal for hiking up this private and normally closed Inland Empire mountain.

The 1.6 mile hike to the top provides spectacular views in all directions both on the way up and at its 2,428 foot summit. The trailhead at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Honey Hill Drive in Grand Terrace is easily freeway accessible from all points in the IE.

Begun 10 years ago by the Friends of Blue Mountain and assisted by the Sierra Club the goal of opening up this hidden treasure to the public has now been adopted by the City of Grand Terrace. With the Design Report completed for the Blue Mountain Nature Trail, the city already has the \$200,000 matching funds needed to complete the project. A grant request is being processed by California Department of Parks and Recreation Habitat Conservation Fund Program for the other 50% needed funding.

There is no charge to participate and ample parking is available at the gates and down Palm Avenue at Azure Hills Church and the City Hall parking lot. Participants should arrive early as the starting window to begin is between 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.



Remember to bring water, a hat, sunscreen and at least a windbreaker for the always breezy top. Sturdy footwear is a must! And don't forget your camera.

Pets are allowed but must remain on a leash. But dogs aren't the only animal friends usually on the mountain as the event is a favorite with llama owners. And for those looking for a scenic change in venue, a church service will be held at the top.

Extreme interest in this trail as evidenced by participation of up to 800 folks in past years led to the

City of Grand Terrace adopting this project. Ultimately the park entrance will be accessible from a 20-acre city-owned parcel that will provide a direct trailhead along with parking, restrooms and water.

For those unfamiliar with the location, take the 215 Freeway to the City of Grand Terrace and exit East on Barton Road; proceed uphill until Barton begins to veer left. Continue straight on Palm Ave. to the top where Palm meets Honey Hill Drive – you have arrived.



For more information you can contact Ralph Salisbury at ralph.salisbury@sangorgonio.sierraclub.org



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Be the Change: An Environmental Justice Invitation

While the state of environmental justice for the next several years is unpredictable, most likely our low income and communities of color will not fare well.

That's where you come in. San Geronio Chapter and Sierra Club National are committed to walking alongside our sisters and brothers as friends and allies.

Through our newly-forming Environmental Justice Committee, will you join us on the trail to a healthy planet as we learn the most pressing issues as experienced on the ground in these communities, help us organize on and advocate for clean air, potable water, and other concerns that affect the health of our most vulnerable neighbors? Will you join with parents, educators and us as we gain the skills and power to make a healthier future for their children – and, as a result, all of us?

To participate in this new committee or offer suggestions, contact Diane Lopez Hughes 217 572-6004 dianelopezhughes@gmail.com



Diane Lopez Hughes is an environmental justice activist and ardent supporter of the High Desert. She is a retired registered nurse and a part-time caregiver for her grandson, wanting to insure his enjoyment of Joshua Tree National Park and environs for years to come.

