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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, November 6th • 7:30 PM
**“Photography for Bodie:
 Good Times and Bad”**
 Presented by Will Furman
 (see write up on front page)

Tuesday, December 4th • 7:30 PM
**“Saving the Mojave Desert from a
 Corporate Water Grab”**
 Presented by John Monsen and Chris Clark
 (see write up on Page 12)

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

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

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NOVEMBER CHAPTER PROGRAM FEATURES PHOTOGRAPHY FOR BODIE: GOOD TIMES AND BAD

Will Furman will give an illustrated talk on his photography, particularly images of Bodie, America's favorite ghost town, from the recent book, *Bodie: Good Times and Bad* at the November 6th meeting of the San Gorgonio Chapter. Mr. Furman did the photography and Nicholas Clapp wrote the text for the book. Mr. Furman appears courtesy of his publisher,

Sunbelt Publications. He is expected to have copies of the book available for sale and signing. The fine art images of Will Furman bring together a lifetime of immersion in film, drama, theater, music and photography. He has directed and photographed hundreds of film and television productions, and numerous live music shows. He is also a cabaret singer, musician and performer. Through his involvement in the arts he has developed a distinct

eye that captures the drama, serenity and magic of nature and the world around him. The landscape of the American West has been Furman's major focus. Furman's desire is to make people feel the spirit of the locale. *PhotoReflections* is a single exposure technique he has developed to capture the spirit that is still alive in the historic towns of the west. Shooting through a window while simultaneously

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Discovery Center North Shore, 6:30 p.m.
www.sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear

Los Serranos Group:
Chair – Brian Elliot brianeelli@aol.com
Meets 3rd Tuesday except July & August,
Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park,
11200 Baseline Rd. Rancho Cucamonga,
7 p.m.

Mojave Group:
Chair – Susan Stueber 760-900-5330
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Meets 2nd Wednesday except Jul. & Aug.
Sterling Inn, Regency Room,
17738 Francesca, Victorville 7 p.m.
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Chair – Kathleen Dale 951-941-3883

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Chair – Dave Barrie 909-337-0313
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Except Aug. & Dec. St Richard's
Episcopal Church, 28708 Hwy 18, Sky Forest

Santa Margarita Group:
Chair – Pam Nelson 951-767-2324
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Endorsements for Statewide Offices and Ballot Measure Endorsements

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter's Political Chair

Governor --- Gavin Newsom

Attorney General --- Xavier Becerra

Secretary of State --- Alex Padilla

Controller --- Betty Yee

Insurance Commissioner --- Ricardo Lara

Superintendent of Public Instruction

--- Tony Thurmond



There are eleven Statewide propositions on the ballot in November this year. They are numbered 1-12, with Proposition 9 having been removed by the California Supreme Court.

Sierra Club California has taken a position on five of them:

Proposition 1 – Affordable Housing Bond --- SUPPORT

Proposition 3 – Water Bond --- OPPOSE

Proposition 6 – Repeal of Gas Tax --- OPPOSE

Proposition 10 – Rent Control Initiative --- SUPPORT

Proposition 12 – Farm Animal Confinement --- SUPPORT

For more information on all of these endorsements, go to <https://www.sierraclub.org/california/2018-endorsements>

Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2018

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the January/February 2019 Calendar are due by December 1, 2018. 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 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) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

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

(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
Monthly chapter program. For more information, see front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS, ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (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

Check this out . . .



California Department of
Parks and Recreation

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

The 2018 limited Golden Bear Pass (\$20.00) to most state parks is good from January 1 through December 31, 2018, 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 2018 it will be valid until December 31st and then you will need another for 2019. 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 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: SUSAN STUEBER, [sstueber16@gmail.com](mailto:ssstueber16@gmail.com) MOJAVE GROUP

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

Monthly meeting except July & August. 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

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

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

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

NOVEMBER 1 - 4

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings

(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

NOV 1 (THU) 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, making it a KILLER 16-mile loop! Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Carpool from Upland or meet at trailhead, confirm with leader by October 31. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

NOV 1 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING

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

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NOV 2 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, STRAWBERRY CREEK HIKE
Come Join us for a 3 to 4-mile R/T moderate/strenuous hike with a 1000' elevation loss and gain. Learn more about the controversy that surrounds Nestle's extraction of Strawberry Creek water. MEET At the large (South Side) turnout on the West end of Pine & HWY 18 in Rimforest. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking boots. BRING snacks and water. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel.
MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOV 3 (SAT) 8:30 AM SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN HIKE
This is one of a handful of three-ecosystem hikes in the Big Bear area. From a forest of jeffries and ponderosas with occasional grassy meadows, we move into a forest of junipers, cedars, and pinyon pines with stands of mountain mahogany. Finally, very near the peak, we will see the limber pines, plus great views of the San Gorgonio wilderness and the high desert. 10-mile round trip. RATED: Strenuous with 2,500 feet climb/descent. MEET: Vons on Big Bear Blvd., near Starbucks. BRING: The ten essentials, poles, lunch and snacks, good boots, 3 liters of water, sunglasses and sunscreen, and layered clothing to include a coat or sweater. Snow cancels. I may proceed in a light rain. I will be in touch by email on the night before the hike. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: PETER MICHELSEN, petermichelsenor@gmail.com, 760-333-3103.
BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 3 (SAT) 9:00 AM MOJAVE RIVER EXPLORATION HIKE
This is a moderate 6-mile round trip from Hesperia Lakes to the pipes from the historic water ditch along the Mojave River. We will try to trace the direction that the pipes went. The river bed has loose sand making this a reasonable workout. There is no elevation gain. BRING: strong footwear, raingear, water and a snack. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, CA 92308 by 9am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3752, coachnorm@yahoo.com
MOJAVE GROUP

NOV 3 (SAT) 9:00 AM WHITEWATER PRESERVE CYN VIEW LOOP HIKE
Moderate to difficult 4-mile loop hike up the PCT South; approx. 1000 ft elevation gain. 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 Fwy East, exit at Whitewater, head north along canyon. BRING: Water, sunscreen, snack/lunch, layered clothing. Rain cancels. RSVP by 8 p.m. Nov. 2 to LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com LEADER IN TRAINING: NANCY POWER.
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

NOV 4 (SUN) 8:30 AM SOUTH FORK TO SLUSHY MEADOWS HIKE
Let's get in one more hike up into the San Gorgonio Wilderness before winter sets in. This is an 8-mile out-and-back hike. We will first hike by Horse Meadow, then on to Poopout Hill and finally we will have our snack/lunch break at Slushy Meadows before returning on the trail to our vehicles. Rain or snow cancels. RATED: Moderate. MEET: South Fork trailhead parking lot on Jenks Lake Rd. BRING: Two liters of water, layered clothing, sun protection, snack/lunch, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: JUDY ATKINSON, (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 4 (SUN) 9:00 AM SB MTS, SPLINTERS CABIN TO HOLCOMB CROSSING HIKE
A moderate 8-mile R/T with 1200' elevation gain. Follow the popular Pacific Crest Trail to Holcomb Creek. BRING hiking boots, jacket, lunch and 2 bottles of water. WEAR layered clothing. No Dogs. MEET Cedar Glen Post Office parking lot to carpool (28982 Hook Creek Road, Cedar Glen, CA 92321). LEADER HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836 (no text), heathercsoo@aol.com. Inclement weather will cancel.
MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOVEMBER 5 – NOVEMBER 11

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MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOV 6 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
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NOV 7 (WED) 4:45 PM HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE
Moderate 4-mile loop on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. Wild donkeys usually seen on this hike. BRING: water, flashlight, wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET: next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the small park. INFO and LEADER: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA (562) 713-4470, bgonz002@ucr.edu
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

NOV 8 (THU) 8:00 AM WHITEWATER PRESERVE TO STONE HOUSE HIKE
Join us as we hike 6 miles from Whitewater Preserve to Mission Creek Stone House and back, making this a 12-mile RT with 800 feet gain. We will follow the PCT along the river, past Red Dome, then head east on Mission Creek Trail to enjoy lunch in comfort at the Stone House. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

NOV 8 (THU) 3:30 PM TAHQUITZ GROUP EXCOM MEETING
LOCATION: Starbucks, the River Mall, 71800 Hwy 111, Ste. A-119, Rancho Mirage. INFO: sangorgoio2.sierraclub.org/groups/Tahquitz
TAHQUITZ GROUP

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NOV 9 (FRI) 9:00AM SB MTS, GVL RIDGE/CRAFTS PEAK HIKE
Two hikes to pick from. Choose your difficulty level. A 3 to 4-mile easy/moderate hike on the ridge surrounding Green Valley Lake (GVL), or an 8-mile moderate/strenuous 1000' elevation gain hike to the top of Crafts Peak. Crafts Peak is one of the Sierra Club's 100 Peaks. Well-behaved dogs welcome. MEET at the Green Valley Lake Campground, at the end of Green Valley Lake Road. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking boots. BRING trekking poles, snacks and water. LEADER Sandy Ellis, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel.
MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOV 10 (SAT) 8:00 AM MOJAVE NARROWS REGIONAL PARK HIKE
We will meet and car pool to the Mojave Narrows Regional Park. There will be a car pool as there is a charge to enter the Park. Bill Deppe from Friends of Mojave Narrows will give us details of the Park's history and its diverse wildlife. During the easy 3 to 4-mile hike in the park we hope to see much of the wildlife. BRING: Water, strong footwear, warm clothing, a camera and a snack. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, CA 92308 by 7.45am for the car pool. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM. 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com
MOJAVE GROUP

NOV 11 (SUN) 9:00AM SB MTS, ARROWHEAD RIDGE HIKE
In honor of Veteran's Day, come join us on a moderate 2.5-mile family friendly hike. Learn more about the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust efforts in restoring this beautiful area. After the hike attend the Veterans Day event at the Veterans Monument. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. MEET at the trail head on Grass Valley Road across the street from the Lake Arrowhead Country Club. Look for the boulder with a carved Arrowhead. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel.
MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOVEMBER 12 – NOVEMBER 18

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

NOV 12 (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

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Big Bear Group

By Ellen Kesler, Group Chairwoman

Fall not only brings changing and dropping temperatures – it also brings the last of our Big Bear Group General Meetings/Programs. At the time I write this, we are planning to top off our year on October 18th with a local historian, Jonni Vindiola from our Bear Valley Historical Society presenting the history of our Bear Valley. We will also have Gloria Meade, who founded the Big Bear Rose Parade Association, coming to give us an update on the progress of the Big Bear Rose Parade Float we will be seeing in the parade come January 1st! Our very first entry into the parade.

November finds us meeting with our NomCom who will count the election ballots and inform us of the members.

December brings our annual Holiday Dinner to join together for a fun evening as an ExCom and honor special volunteers. A wonderful way to wrap up a busy year!

Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

Calling All Members. . .

YOU are the Key to Throwing Special Interests Out of City Hall on November 6th

The “bloom” of campaign signs around town is an endless reminder that campaign season is upon us. The upcoming election provides an important opportunity to break the special interest block that has controlled our City Council for far too long. YOU — and your friends and families — are the key to a successful outcome on November 6th.

We are pleased to announce the following Sierra Club endorsements for Moreno Valley City Council:

Keri Then for Council District 2 (generally north of the 60 Freeway) – Keri has been a member of the Moreno Valley Group since 2002 and has been active in our campaign against the World Logistics Center. Keri not only excelled throughout our endorsement process, she has also gained key endorsements from the Riverside County Democratic Party, AFL-CIO of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, Riverside County Office Teachers Association and United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1167. You can learn more about Keri and make donations at www.keriformoval.com

Cheylynda Barnard for Council District 4 (generally south of Cactus Avenue) – Cheylynda was previously endorsed for the 2017 Special Election and came in second in the field of four. With nearly 75% of the voters in the 2017 election choosing a candidate other than the incumbent, the head-to-head race this time provides an excellent opportunity to unseat the dreadful incumbent. Cheylynda is also endorsed by the Riverside County Democratic Party, AFL-CIO of San Bernardino and SEIU Local 721. You can learn more about Cheylynda and make donations at barnardforcitycouncil.com.

Group members will be receiving further information about opportunities to support our endorsed candidates, including joining a canvassing outing, making a few phone calls, or writing a check. A donation of just two hours of time or a very modest monetary donation by each of our approximately 150 members has the potential to make a real difference in the outcome of these campaigns. And don't forget to vote and tell a friend, or two, or ten!

Please inform yourself about all the candidates by “following the money” in the campaign finance documents available on the City's website at http://www.moval.org/city_hall/departments/cityclerk/election-2018.shtml

Many thanks to George Hague, Manya Jiannino, Carole Nagengast, Lori Nickel, Lindsay Robinson, and David and Susan Zeitz for your dedicated help in screening and interviewing candidates. Submitted by Kathy Dale, Moreno Valley Group Political Chair.

Feel free to contact Kathy Dale, Moreno Valley Group Political Chair, if you can spare a couple of hours to help change our City Council and/or have any questions. You may reach her at (951) 941-3883 or kdalenmn@aol.com

Here is some updated information on projects we are following:

World Logistics Center (WLC): The environmental impact report was declared deficient in June. The developer quickly released Revised Sections of the Final Environmental Impact report. The deadline to submit comments was September 7th. A coalition of environmental groups submitted comments. The California Court of Appeal voided the development agreement initiative on August 23, 2018. Despite our court victories, the WLC is still very much alive and our attorneys are still engaged.

Villages of Lakeview: A coalition of environmental groups represented by Center for Biological Diversity has challenged the Riverside County Board of Supervisor's approval of this 8,725-unit development on the south edge of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. The court hearing on the project may happen in January 2019.

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

Outings leader Christina Torres has scheduled a November 3rd Whitewater Preserve Canyon View Loop Hike. Please view the information at our group web page, and please RSVP for the hike.

Check our group web page for details on this and other fall hikes: http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley

MV Group Ballot: The Moreno Valley Group will be sending our fall group newsletter in November. Please look for our excom ballot and take time to review our news, and share a donation if possible.

Santa Margarita Group

By Pam Nelson, Group Chair

• Pamela05n@yahoo.com • 951 767-2324 •

We started our speaker series with an interesting presentation on our public lands in honor of the Wilderness Act anniversary in September. Linda Castro of Cal Wild explained the origin and management of the U.S. public lands systems. It was very enlightening showing us the magnificent benefits Americans have, but the need for all of us to protect the system.

Our speaker series continues as below:

- Oct. 11th: Costa Rica and eco-tourism
- Nov 8th: Local land conservation: Lake Skinner
- Dec. 9th: Holiday party
- Jan.10th: History of Temecula water supply
- Feb. 14th: Salton Sea
- March 14th: Riverside County wildlife connectivity
- April 11th: Forest Health
- May 9th: Native Bees
- June 13th: Forest kelp and marine reserves

We're working with several of our partners on various projects. The Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve (SMER) has lots happening. Teri Biancardi offers a great opportunity for high school students with the Science Days again this year. The next one will be on Nov. 18th. Water quality and watershed is the focus. Beth Cobb (lead SMER docent) has set up the SMER hiking series again. And we're working together to protect the wildlife and wildlife corridors with Pablo Bryant (SMER manager).

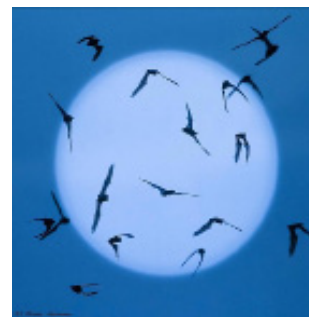


Another partner, the Nature Conservancy, is supporting our efforts to protect wildlife connectivity by continuing our wildlife linkage coalition, focusing on the Temecula and North San Diego I-15 crossings. This group will protect, restore and secure wildlife habitat. It will be composed of private and public entities.

Kathy Bundy, a member and Volkswalking leader, is continuing her fun walks (bunznkatz7@gmail.com, 951-218-3755) and will offer her Octoberfest day on Oct. 27th. There will be the usual 5 or 10 k walk, but afterwards she will provide a lunch at her KB Ranch in Wildomar. You can arrive and walk any time from 8 am to 11 am, so it is easy to fit in your schedule. Contact Kathy for details or to get on her list for her upcoming walks.

Teri Biancardi's Meadowview open-space restoration project is in full-swing with creek berms removed and hydro-modification vegetative plans going forward. There will be work-day opportunities, the first one is being organized by the Americorps team. These days will provide learning environments for all of us volunteers.

The Annual Native Plant Sale on Oct. 6th is next weekend (at this writing). The Anza-Terwilliger site at Dr. Pratt's 70-acres is worth the drive for its views and wildlife qualities and of course, the unique and specialized plants available for sale. The Pratt's will donate half the proceeds to our Group again. Thank you, Gordon and Cissy!



Sign up on our meetup site: meetup.com/outdoor_families, for announcements, if you haven't yet. We had a fabulous time watching So. California's largest bat colony emergence in August. Our member

and bat rescuer, Cindy Myers, provided bat echo-location and information before the bat “show.” The bat photo (above) was taken by Maria Serrano.

Our Outreach committee, led by Margaret Meyncke, is working hard to make sure our events and outings will be successful this year. Bob Audibert's hiking committee is looking for volunteers to help with hikes, as well.

If you are not on our email blast list, please contact me.

Be sure to vote for our executive committee members by using the ballot on Page 7 in this issue of the *Palm and Pine*.



SIERRA CLUB 2019 CALENDARS



Sierra Club 2019 Wilderness Wall Calendar
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3. Hit “submit” for a big **THANK YOU!**

from
San Gorgonio Chapter!



The efforts of the San Gorgonio Chapter of the Sierra Club to protect our local environment are overseen by a small group of elected Executive Committee members - five of whom are listed on the Chapter Ballot to the right.

There are only five candidates for five positions which means that “everyone wins” as long as one voter casts a ballot with a check mark next to each candidate’s name. Please don’t assume that someone else is going to cast that ballot - that one voter might be you! And you don’t have to cut up your *Palm and Pine* – you can go online to the Chapter’s website and vote there. Also, if you are a member of the Los Serranos, Tahquitz, Mountains, Mojave, Big Bear, or Santa Margarita Groups you can vote in your Group’s election there as well. The members of our Chapter and Group Executive Committees are underpaid (never paid) and under-appreciated.

This is your chance to let them know that you recognize and value their efforts by checking the boxes next to their names and casting your ballot.

San Gorgonio Chapter Ballot

Mail in this printed ballot below or vote electronically at <https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org>

San Gorgonio Chapter Ballot Please Vote for 5 or Fewer	San Gorgonio Chapter Ballot Please Vote for 5 or Fewer
<input type="checkbox"/> Mary Ann Ruiz	<input type="checkbox"/> Mary Ann Ruiz
<input type="checkbox"/> Jono Hildner	<input type="checkbox"/> Jono Hildner
<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Farrell	<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Farrell
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobbi Jo Chavarria	<input type="checkbox"/> Bobbi Jo Chavarria
<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Garza	<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Garza

(First Ballot) (Second Ballot – Joint Member)

Mail your ballot to Sierra Club, PO Box 651, Blue Jay CA 92317

VOTE NOW

Note:
The Moreno Valley Group Excom election ballots will be published in their Group's Fall newsletter.

Group Executive Committee Election Ballots and Ballot Instructions for 2018

Voting may be done by printed ballot or online. PRINTED BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS are as follows: Print your name and address and sign your name on the outside of the envelope so that the ballot can be verified. If two ballots from a joint membership are enclosed, please print and sign for both. Mail the ballots to the address specified for your Group.

BALLOTS (Printed or Online) MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 23, 2018

Los Serranos Group Ballot

Not sure if you are a Los Serranos Group member? Except for a few special cases, you are a Los Serranos Group member if you are in the following ZIP code areas: 91701, 91708, 09, 10, 91715, 91729, 30, 91737, 91739, 91743, 91759, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 91784, 85, 92334, 35, 36, 37, 92358.

Mail in the printed ballot (below) or vote electronically at <https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org>

For additional information about online voting please see the Chapter Excom Election information elsewhere in this issue.

<p style="text-align: center;">Los Serranos Group Ballot Please Vote for 3 or Fewer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Farley Olander</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> John St. Clair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gary Charlton</p> <p>(First Ballot)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Los Serranos Group Ballot Please Vote for 3 or Fewer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Farley Olander</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> John St. Clair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gary Charlton</p> <p>(Second Ballot - Joint Member)</p>
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Mail your ballot(s) to: Los Serranos Group, 7938 Montara Ave. Rancho Cucamonga Ca. 91730

Tahquitz Group Ballot

Not sure if you are a Tahquitz Group member? Except for a few special cases, you are a Tahquitz Group member if you are in the following ZIP code areas: 92201, 02, 03, 92210, 11, 92222, 92225, 26, 27, 92231, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 92239, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 92249, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 92266, 67, 68, 92270, 92273, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 92280, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 92292, 92539

Mail in the printed ballot (below) or vote electronically at <https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org>

For additional information about online voting please see the Chapter Excom Election information elsewhere in this issue.

<p style="text-align: center;">Tahquitz Group Ballot Please Vote for 2 or Fewer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Joan Taylor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Kathryn Kelley</p> <p>(First Ballot)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tahquitz Group Ballot Please Vote for 2 or Fewer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Joan Taylor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Kathryn Kelley</p> <p>(Second Ballot - Joint Member)</p>
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Mail your ballot(s) to: Tahquitz Group Sierra Club, P.O. Box 4944, Palm Springs, Ca. 92263

Mountains Group Ballot

Not sure if you are a Mountains Group member? Except for a few special cases, you are a Mountains Group member if you are in the following ZIP code areas: 92317, 92321, 92322, 92325, 92326, 92341, 92352, 92378, 92382, 92385, and 92391.

Mail in the printed ballot (below) or vote electronically at <https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org>

For additional information about online voting please see the Chapter Excom Election information elsewhere in this issue.

<p style="text-align: center;">Mountains Group Ballot Please Vote for 4 or Fewer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Steve Farrell</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bob Sherman</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sherry Bailey</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Karla Kellems</p> <p>(First Ballot)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mountains Group Ballot Please Vote for 4 or Fewer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Steve Farrell</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bob Sherman</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sherry Bailey</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Karla Kellems</p> <p>(Second Ballot - Joint Member)</p>
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Mail your ballot(s) to: Sierra Club P.O. Box 651, Blue Jay, Ca. 92317

Mojave Group Ballot

Not sure if you are a Mojave Group member? Except for a few special cases, you are a Mojave Group member if you are in the following ZIP code areas: 92301, 92307, 08, 09, 10, 11, 92327, 92340, 92342, 43, 92345, 92347, 92356, 92363, 92365, 92368, 92371, 72, 92392, 93, 94, 92398.

Mail in the printed ballot (below) or vote electronically at <https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org>

For additional information about online voting please see the Chapter Excom Election information elsewhere in this issue.

<p style="text-align: center;">Mojave Group Ballot Please Vote for 5 or Fewer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Susan Stueber</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bryan Baker</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Norman Bossom</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deborah Buchanan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Quintin Lake</p> <p>(First Ballot)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mojave Group Ballot Please Vote for 5 or Fewer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Susan Stueber</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bryan Baker</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Norman Bossom</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deborah Buchanan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Quintin Lake</p> <p>(Second Ballot - Joint Member)</p>
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Mail your ballot(s) to: Mojave Group, 17100 Bear Valley Rd, STE B PMB #237, Victorville, Ca. 92395-5852

Big Bear Group Ballot

Not sure if you are a Big Bear Group member? Except for a few special cases, you are a Big Bear Group member if you are in the following ZIP code areas: 92305, 92314, 92315, 92333, 92386.

Mail in the printed ballot (below) or vote electronically at <https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org>

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<p style="text-align: center;">Big Bear Group Ballot Please Vote for 4 or Fewer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ed Wallace</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Monique Phillips</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Coral Keating</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mike Cesares</p> <p>(First Ballot)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Big Bear Group Ballot Please Vote for 4 or Fewer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ed Wallace</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Monique Phillips</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Coral Keating</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mike Cesares</p> <p>(Second Ballot - Joint Member)</p>
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Mail your ballot(s) to: Big Bear Group, P.O. Box 3048, Big Bear Lake, Ca. 92315

Santa Margarita Group Ballot

Not sure if you are a Santa Margarita Group member? Except for a few special cases, you are a Santa Margarita Group member if you are in the following ZIP code areas: 92530, 92544, 92562, 92563, 92564, 92584, 92589, 92590, 92591, 92592, 92595, 92596.

Mail in the printed ballot (below) or vote electronically at <https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org>

For additional information about online voting please see the Chapter Excom Election information elsewhere in this issue.

<p style="text-align: center;">Santa Margarita Group Ballot Please Vote for 3 or Fewer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bob Audibert</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Michael Momeni</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> George McMackin</p> <p>(First Ballot)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Santa Margarita Group Ballot Please Vote for 3 or Fewer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bob Audibert</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Michael Momeni</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> George McMackin</p> <p>(Second Ballot - Joint Member)</p>
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Mail your ballot(s) to: Pam Nelson, 38723 Hwy 179, Warner Springs, Ca. 92086

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NOV 13 (TUE) 7:45 AM NORTH VIEW LOOP TRAIL, JOSHUA TREE NP HIKE

Hike 7 miles over three different trails (North View, 2.7mi; Maze, 1.2mi; Window Rock, 1.9mi; 1.2mi back to cars) with varied views and terrain. The trailhead is 1.7 mi from the West Entrance Station. Don't forget your camera! RATED: Moderate; short ascents/descents; a few hundred feet total elevation gain/loss overall. Some sand; some rough footing. MEET: Visitor Center, 6554 Park Boulevard, Joshua Tree CA 92252. Extremely limited trailhead parking; we'll take as few cars as possible. BRING: 2+ liters of water, snacks for 4-5 hours' hiking, trekking poles, wind/sun protection (hat, sunscreen, protective clothing), personal first aid supplies. WEATHER: Desert winter days can be warm or cold; check forecast prior to the hike. Rain or snow cancels. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: LJ FOSTER, eljayffhiker@yahoo.com, or leave name, contact number at (951) 845-9440 (voice, no text). **BIG BEAR GROUP**

NOV 13 (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**

****NOV 14 (WED) 8:00 AM SUNSET PEAK HIKE**

This will be a moderate 7-mile round trip hike on a fire road up to the top of Sunset Peak (elevation 5796 ft), with 1300 ft. elevation gain. Great panoramic views in all directions from the peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair to confirm and for directions to trailhead and carpooling meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

NOV 14 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING

Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, sstueber16@gmail.com **MOJAVE GROUP**

NOV 15 (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**

NOV 16 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, COYOTE ROCK/MILL PEAK HIKE

Come Join us for a 4-mile round trip moderate hike with a 600' elevation gain. Explore the Jim & Cathy Sims Trail on the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust Coyote Rock Preserve. MEET Robert Hootman Senior/Community Center parking lot (2929 Running Springs School Road Running Springs, CA 92382). WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING snacks and water. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel. **MOUNTAINS GROUP**

NOV 17 (SAT) 7:00 AM PCT SEC D FROM CLOUDBURST SUMMIT HIKE

Short Pacific Crest Trail segments #8 & #9 combine for this 8.8-mile hike. Hikers who complete all 110 miles of Section D will receive a rare and highly desirable patch honoring their time and dedication. The first 4.7 miles of the scenic trail descend from Highway 2 at Cloudburst Summit (7018') to Three Points (5885'). From Three Points, the PCT descends 3.3 miles to Sulphur Springs (5200') and finishes after 0.8 miles at Little Rock Creek Road (5N04). This will be a shuttle hike and those with high clearance vehicles will bring us back to Cloudburst Summit. RATED: Moderate with 1800' descent. BRING: 10 essentials, sun protection, hat, poles, 2 liters water, snacks, and lunch. MEET: TBD by where hikers commute from. RESERVATIONS & LEADER DAVID HOLTEGAARD, (909) 881-1329. **BIG BEAR GROUP**

NOV 17 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT: SUMMIT TRAILHEAD TO I-15 HIKE

Moderate 6-mile hike along the PCT, from forest road 3N22 trailhead off Hwy 138 one way to the freeway. Expect some boulder hopping, a walk along a ridge hopefully in full sunshine, and fall temperatures. Bring water, hiking shoes, snacks and layered clothing. We will depart the Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308 at 8 a.m. to our parking area near McDonald's, 3230 Wagon Train Rd, Phelan, CA 9237. We will leave most cars here at the end of the trail and carpool to the trail head. LEADER: BOB MOURINO, 760-953-3854, rlmourino@yahoo.com **MOJAVE GROUP**

NOV 17 (SAT) 8:30 AM SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL HIKE

We will start this trail at the large South Fork pullout/parking area on Hwy 38 and hike along the trail for approximately 4 miles, have our snack/lunch break and then return to our vehicles for a total of 8 miles. This should be a good time for the leaves to be crunching under our feet with the blue skies above. Rain or snow cancels. RATED: Moderate. MEET: Large parking lot off Hwy 38 across from the South Fork Campground. BRING: 2 liters of water, layered clothing, sun protection, snack/lunch, hiking boots, trekking pole and camera. RESERVATION: LEADER JUDY ATKINSON, (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com **BIG BEAR GROUP**

NOV 17 (SAT) 11:00 AM OAK GLEN LOOP HIKE

Come enjoy stunning views of Victor Valley and Lucerne Valley with fall colors in riparian/wetland areas. This moderate 4-mile loop hike will end at the parking area in time to watch the sun set over Victor Valley. Trail head is 6 miles from Ocotillo Rd and Bowen Ranch Rd where BLM JF3221/ USFS 3N14 crosses the BLM/USFS boundary. BRING: 10 essentials optimized for windy/cool weather. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308, at 11 am. RATED: Moderate. LEADERS: MARY DELLAVALLE, marydellavalle@sbcglobal.net, (760) 810-0223, CAROL STUBBLEFIELD (760) 964-0039, carolwhitbylass@gmail.com **MOJAVE GROUP**

NOV 17 (SAT) 9:00 AM JTNP: PANORAMA LOOP TRAIL HIKE

Join us on a spectacular 6-mile easy to moderately difficult hike on Joshua Tree National Park's Panorama Loop Trail. There is 1100 ft of elevation gain/loss on the hike with little shade. The Black Rock area of Joshua Tree has an ideal climate for Joshua trees and they are displayed with all their distinctive beauty. No permits or fees are required. BRING: 3 liters of water, snacks, a lunch, dress in layers and a good pair of hiking shoes. Sun screen is a must and a hat is recommended. DIRECTIONS: From the 10 freeway take highway 62. In Yucca Valley turn south on Joshua Lane and drive 5 miles through a residential area to the Black Rock Ranger Station at 9800 Black Rock Canyon Road, Yucca Valley, CA. 92284. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: GARY MARSALONE, gmarsalone@gmail.com. Rain Cancels. **SANTA MARGARITA GROUP**

NOVEMBER 19 – NOVEMBER 25

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

NOV 20 (TUE) 7:30 AM SIERRA MADRE LOOP HIKE

Hike 3 miles up Bailey Canyon gaining 2300 ft to Jones Peak (elevation 3400'). After a break, we'll take Lost Canyon trail down 1 mile to connect with the Mt. Wilson Trail, stopping at First Water, then continuing 4.5 miles down, ending at Mt. Wilson Trail Park. This will complete an 8.5-mile loop, with a short car shuttle. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com **LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

NOV 20 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING

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

NOV 24 (SAT) 9:00 AM HORSETHIEF CANYON HIKE

This 6-mile round trip hike through the beautiful and historic Canyon, with its autumnal fauna, is rated as moderate because of some elevation gain and loss. BRING: Water, strong footwear, warm clothing, a camera and a snack. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Rad, CA 92308 by 9am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com **MOJAVE GROUP**

NOV 25 (SUN) 10:00 AM TAHQUITZ CANYON WATERFALL HIKE

Easy to Moderate 2-mile hike up riparian Indian Canyon to a 60 ft. waterfall. BRING: water, sturdy shoes, sunscreen, snack. MEET: 500 W. Mesquite Ave., Palm Springs. Call for ride arrangements from Moreno Valley at 8:45 a.m. or meet at 9:45 a.m. at parking lot at Tahquitz Canyon. Fee: \$12.50 per person. We may go to the Morton Botanical Garden very close by afterwards – fee: \$5. Rain cancels. RESERVATIONS: by 8 pm on Nov. 24 to LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com **MORENO VALLEY GROUP**

NOVEMBER 26 – DECEMBER 2

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NOV 27 (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

NOV 28 (WED) 8:00 AM ECHO MT TO INSPIRATION POINT HIKE

Strong hikers are invited to join us as we hike 2.6 miles up to Echo Mt from Lake Ave Pasadena, then continue on the Castle Canyon Trail another 2.3 miles up to Inspiration Point at 4480' elevation. We will return via the Sam Merrill Trail, 2.7 miles to Echo Mt junction, and then 2.6 miles back to Lake Ave. This will complete a 10.2-mile loop! Rain cancels. BRING 10 essentials including lunch. MEET: Contact Kathy Viola to confirm if meeting at trailhead or carpooling from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

NOV 29 (THU) 7:45 AM JTNP: LOST HORSE MINE LOOP TRAIL HIKE

On this 8.4-mile loop, hike past the abandoned Lost Horse Mine stamp mill then climb a small ridge for some really great views of the park, Pleasant Valley, and Malapai Hill. Descend past smaller mining claims, cross another ridge with pinyons, junipers Joshua trees and nolin. RATING: Moderate to strenuous due to relatively rough, steep trail segments. MEET: Visitor Center, 6554 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree, CA 92252 to consolidate into as few cars as possible. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, 2-3 liters of water, lunch/snacks, sun protection, sunglasses, first aid kit, and poles. Rain or snow cancels. WEATHER: Winter has variable conditions so check the forecast prior to the hike. RESERVATIONS: Email LEADER L J FOSTER, eljayeffhiker@yahoo.com, or leave your name & contact number at (951) 845-9440 (voice, no text). BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 1 (SAT) 7:00 AM PCT SEC D 10: FROM LITTLE ROCK CREEK RD HIKE

This is an 11.5-mile segment of the 110-mile Section D. There are plenty of sections to complete, the weather might let us do a different section this day. The plan is to complete Section D by June 2019. We'll hike from Little Rock Creek (5320') on the trail as it parallels road 3N17 winding west 5.9 miles along several ridges to a shady gap (6645') near the Pacifico Mountain. We will descend gradually through some interesting terrain for 5.6 miles, finally arriving at Mill Creek Summit (4910'). RATED: Moderate to strenuous due to length. BRING: 10 essentials, sun screen, hat, 2-3 liters of water, snacks, and lunch. MEET: To be decided by where hikers come from. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: DAVID HOLTEGAARD, 909-881-1329. BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 1 (SAT) 9:00 AM ROUND MOUNTAIN HIKE

This is a moderate hike of 5 miles in total. We will not be climbing to the top of the mountain. This lovely area has some moderate elevation gain and loss. The views throughout are quite stunning. BRING: Water, warm clothing, strong footwear, a camera and a snack. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, CA 92308 by 9am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com

MOJAVE GROUP

DEC 1 (SAT) 9:00 AM TERRI PEAK HIKE

Difficult 5-mile round trip hike to Terri Peak with 1,000-foot elevation gain. Trail starts on a path behind homes and has some steep sections as it follows an old road to the top. BRING: water, snack, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60 Fwy in Moreno Valley, exit south on Moreno Beach road. Follow Moreno Beach road for 3.4 miles, then turn left on Via Del Lago. Park on the right side of the road past the housing tract, do not enter Lake Perris Park. Rain cancels. INFO & LEADER: BEATRIZ VINDIOLA, (562) 713-4470. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

DEC 2 (SUN) 6:30 AM MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK

Join us and enjoy dawn and early morning on a 2.7-mile fitness walk looping Mt. Rubidoux in Riverside. MEET: Parking area of Ryan Bonaminio Park, 5000 Tequesquite Avenue, Riverside, 92506. WEAR: Layered clothing and walking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. DOGS: Well-behaved dogs welcome; must be on 6-foot leash. LEADER: JULIANN ANDERSON, (951) 833-1328 (text OK), Juliann.Anderson@gmail.com CHAPTER

DEC 2 (SUN) 8:30 AM MORTON PEAK FIRE LOOKOUT HIKE

This is a nice hike for the cooler weather. Hike the 3 miles to the Morton Peak Fire Lookout tower. At the tower there is a trail. I would like to do a mile or so on that trail to bring our total up to about 8 miles. Mostly on a fire road. Great views of Mill Creek Valley to Yucaipa Valley and beyond. Rain cancels. RATED: Moderate, with a 1200 ft. elevation gain. BRING: 2 liters of water, layered clothing, sun protection, snack/lunch, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. MEET: Mill Creek Ranger Station, 34701 Mill Creek Rd, Mentone, CA 92359. We can carpool to trailhead. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: JUDY ATKINSON, (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

DECEMBER 3 – DECEMBER 9

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DEC 3 (MON) 6:30 PMBIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING

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

BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 4 (TUE) 7:30 PMSAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING

Monthly chapter program. For more information, see front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS, ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911. CHAPTER

****DEC 5 (WED) 8:00 AM STODDARD PEAK HIKE**

This will be a moderate hike up Barrett Canyon to the top of Stoddard Peak (elevation 4624 ft), 6 miles round trip with 1100 ft. elevation gain. The hike in Barrett Canyon is easy and goes past some charming cabins. The last half mile up Stoddard Peak is a steep scramble. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. 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

DEC 7 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, STRAWBERRY CREEK HIKE

Come Join us for a 3 to 4-mile R/T, moderate/strenuous hike with a 1000' elevation loss and gain. Learn more about the controversy that surrounds Nestle's extraction of Strawberry Creek water. MEET: Large (south side) turnout on the west end of Pine Ave. and Hwy 18 in Rimforest. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking boots. BRING trekking poles, snacks and water. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel. MOUNTAINS GROUP

DEC 7-9 (FRI-SUN)DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARKSERVICE TRIP

Legalization of Marijuana has not stopped illegal growers from using spring-fed canyons in Death Valley NP for grow sites. We will clean up trash and tubing at a recently discovered site. (Sorry, all the plants are already taken out.) On Friday we will drive into the canyon as far as we are able and camp. Saturday morning we will hike in approximately 2 1/4 miles to gather up and haul out trash and tubing. If we can't get it all out in one trip, we will go back Sunday and get the rest. LEADER: KATE ALLEN, kj.allen96@gmail.com, 661-944-4056 (leave message).

CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

DEC 8 (SAT) 9:00 AM CALCITE MINE –ANZA BORREGO STATE PARK HIKE

Join us on a 4-5 mile easy to moderate hike with about 600' of gain /loss. We will travel through an amazing slot canyon. The upper slot on the way up and the lower slot on our way back. The hike requires bolder scrambling. At the mine area, which is a plateau with spectacular rock formations and great views of the Salton Sea, hikers will have time to explore. WEAR good slip resistant hiking shoes. DIRECTIONS: From Borrego Springs, the trail is located on Route S22 2/10 miles past mile marker 18. Park on either side of the road. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: BOB AUDIBERT, (951)302-1059, bob.takeahike1gmail.com. No fees, rain cancels. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

DEC 8 (SAT) 8:00 AM JOSHUA TREE NP: STUBBE SPRINGS LOOP HIKE

The Stubbe Springs loop trail branches off from the CR&HT near Juniper Flats, and gently climbs and descends through and over various ridges, canyons and washes. It offers great views of Quail Mountain, the Wonderland of Rocks, San Jacinto and San Gorgonio and the Coachella Valley via the Fan Canyon overlook. The spring itself is more of a seep surrounded by vegetation. Starting elevation of 4300 feet with cumulative 1200-foot gain/loss. 12-mile total distance. RATED: Strenuous due to length. MEET: Joshua Tree Visitor Center, 6554 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree 92252. BRING: ten essentials, hiking pole, layers and sun protection, lunch, and 3-liters of water RESERVATIONS & LEADER: DAVE MELTON, (760) 408-2456, dmelton61@yahoo.com

BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 8 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS: JUNIPER FLATS OAK GLEN HIKE

A 5-mile hike, considered moderate because much of the trail is in fairly deep sand. There is a very limited elevation gain and loss. The area's historic mines are remnants of an old mining town. There are a few large oak trees in this area, hence, its name. BRING: Water, warm clothing, strong footwear, a camera and a snack. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, CA 92308 by 9am. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM. 760-912-3725, coachnorm@yahoo.com

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DEC 8 (SAT) 9:30 AM WILDWOOD CANYON STATE PARK HIKE
Moderate 5-mile loop with some steep areas, follows a ridge and oak trees. BRING: water, a snack, sunscreen, sturdy shoes. MEET: Exit 10 Fwy at Oak Glen Rd (north), Right turn at 1st intersection onto Calimesa Blvd (east), turn left on Wildwood Canyon Rd, follow 4.3 miles, turn left on Canyon Drive to parking lot/equestrian area. Free entrance. Opportunity for lunch at German market/deli. RESERVATIONS by 8 p.m. Dec 7. INFO and LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

DECEMBER 10 – DECEMBER 16

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DEC 11 (TUE) 7:30 AM MECCA HILLS: LADDER & PAINTED CYN HIKE

This favorite hike starts in a desert wash, goes up a slot canyon requiring ascending ladders for the steepest parts, climbs up onto a mesa with great views of the Salton Sea & surrounding mountains, then descends back through the wash in geologically spectacular Painted Canyon. Located in the Mecca Hills east of Indio. Total distance: roughly 7 miles. RATED: Moderate to strenuous. You must be able to climb near-vertical ladders. MEET: Meet off Interstate 10 in Palm Desert at the Starbucks, 34300 Monterey Ave, Palm Desert, CA 92211. We'll carpool to the trailhead & need high clearance/4WD vehicles for the dirt/sandy road to the trailhead. Any rain will cancel this hike! RESERVATIONS: E-mail name & contact information to LEADER LJ FOSTER, eljayeffhiker@yahoo.com, or clearly leave name & contact number at 951-845-9440 (voice, no text). BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 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

DEC 12 (WED) 8:30 AM PALM DESERT: HOPALONG CASSIDY TRAIL HIKE

This is an 8.3-mile moderate hike with an elevation change of 1,345 feet. In places the trail clings to the mountainside while it slices across the escarpment, giving great views of residential enclaves and golf courses in Palm Desert. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DEC 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, sstueber16@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

DEC 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

****DEC 14 (FRI) 10:00 AM SB MTS: SWITZER PARK PICNIC AREA WALK**

Come Join us for a half mile easy walk on a paved, ADA-compliant path around Switzer Park. Ideal for those with limited hiking abilities or limited mobility. Learn more about the history of the park and surrounding area. Adventure Pass recommended, amenities include restrooms and picnic tables. MEET: Switzer Park Picnic area in Skyforest. WEAR walking shoes. BRING trekking poles/walking stick, snacks and water. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS, 760-405-4311 (text OK), karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel. MOUNTAINS GROUP

DEC 15 (SAT) 8:30 AM JOSHUA TREE NP: SQUAW TANK HIKE
This hike features a relatively new and remote trail that departs from the CR&HT three miles west of the Geology Tour Road. We will begin our 6-mile hike after shuttling some cars to the Squaw Tank Parking lot and leaving the remaining vehicles where the CR&HT crosses the road. Heading west through rolling open desert, we approach the junction to this little-used trail and head southeast down a long wash, past beautiful inselbergs, toward Malapai Hill with views toward expansive Pleasant Valley. We work our way around the hill leaving the wash and head slightly uphill toward Squaw Tank. RATED: Moderate. MEET: Oasis Visitor Center, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms. Park entry fee required. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, lunch, and 2 liters of water. RESERVATIONS: & LEADER: DAVE NEUMANN, 208-892-3001, idmtman@gmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 15 (SAT) 1:00 PM WATERFALL TO BOULDERS HIKE
A scenic 5 to 6-mile hike in Arrastre Canyon, climbing gradually to the upper canyon, experiencing the riparian area and huge boulders. BRING: 10 essentials optimized for windy/cool weather and a snack to share. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308, at 1 PM. RATED: Moderate. LEADERS: MARY DELLAVALLE, marydellavalle@sbcglobal.net, (760) 810-0223, CAROL STUBBLEFIELD, carolwhitbylass@gmail.com, (760) 964-0039. MOJAVE GROUP

DEC 16 (SUN) 6:30 AM MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK WALK
Join us and enjoy dawn and early morning on a 2.7-mile fitness walk looping Mt. Rubidoux in Riverside. MEET: Parking area of Ryan Bonaminio Park, 5000 Tequesquite Avenue, Riverside, 92506. WEAR: Layered clothing and walking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. DOGS: Well-behaved dogs welcome; must be on 6-foot leash. LEADER: JULIANN ANDERSON, (951) 833-1328 (text OK), Juliann.Anderson@gmail.com
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DECEMBER 17 – DECEMBER 23

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DEC 18 (TUE) 8:30 AM JTNP: LOST HORSE MINE 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, kviola826@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DEC 18 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DEC 21 (FRI) 9:00AM SB MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE SNOW SHOE
Join us on a 1 to 2-mile easy snowshoe excursion. Green Valley Lake has some of the best snow in our local mountains. No experience is necessary. It's not difficult to learn, just another form of hiking. We have a couple of extra pairs of snowshoes on reserve for those who want to try it out but don't have any, so contact the leader ahead of time to reserve them. MEET Green Valley Lake Campground at the end of Green Valley Lake Road. WEAR layered snow clothing and boots. BRING snacks and water. CALL to check on weather conditions. Not enough snow or inclement weather will cancel. LEADER SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com please.
MOUNTAINS GROUP

DEC 22 (SAT) 8:30 AM PALM SPRINGS: MURRAY HILL HIKE
Murray Hill is the prominent peak south of the Palm Springs airport. On this 9-mile loop hike, we climb a hefty 2100 ft. to the top, but the trail is generally well graded. On top we have 360° views of the city and desert, with great views of the Desert Divide and San Jacinto Mountains. RATED: Strenuous. MEET: East end of the Rimrock Plaza, 4733 E. Palm Canyon Dr, Palm Springs 92264 on Hwy 111. BRING: Ten essentials, good boots, hiking poles, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, and 3-liters of water. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: DAVE MELTON, (760) 408-2456, dmelton61@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

DECEMBER 24 – DECEMBER 30

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(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

DEC 28 (FRI) 9:00 AM CRAFTON HILLS GRAPE AVENUE TRAIL HIKE
Moderate 4.5-mile hike with good views. About 1000 ft. elevation gain past a reservoir. BRING: water, sturdy shoes. MEET: From I-10, take the Live Oak Canyon Road/Oak Glen Road exit. Head northwest for 4.2 miles to Bryant St. Turn left and go 1.1 miles to Grape Avenue. Turn left and go 0.5 miles to an unsigned trailhead on the left side of the road. RESERVATIONS: by 8 p.m. Dec 27th. LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503, cmt.teck@gmail.com
MORENO VALLEY GROUP

DEC 29 (SAT) 8:30 SB MTNS: MOUNTAIN HOME TRAIL HIKE
Explore this hike from the Loch Leven Conference center, off Hwy 38, not far from the Mill Creek Ranger Station. It's approximately 9 miles round trip with an elevation gain of 1500 ft. The flora changes from chaparral to oak forest to pine forest along the way. It is a trail shared with bike riders. Rain or Snow cancels.

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RATED: Moderate/Difficult. BRING: 2 liters of water, wear layered clothing, sun protection, snack/lunch, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. MEET: Mill Creek Ranger Station, 34701 Mill Creek Rd, Mentone, CA 92359, and we will carpool to trailhead. RESERVATIONS & LEADER JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

DECEMBER 31 – JANUARY 6

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DEC 31 (MON) 8:30 AM JTNP: NEW YEAR'S WARREN PEAKHIKE
Take a break from the holidays to. The 7-mile loop combines easy wash walking in pretty Black Rock Canyon; an occasionally steep trail through the aptly named Panorama Loop; a short, steep, occasionally loose walk-up ascent of Warren Peak; followed by a longer descent on a use trail off the north side of the peak. Vegetation includes some nice larger pinyon/juniper and oak. Starting elevation of 4000 feet with 1100-foot gain. RATED: Moderate. MEET: Visitor's Center, 9800 Black Rock Canyon Road, Yucca Valley, CA 92284. No entrance fee. We should be back to the trailhead by 3:00 pm. BRING: Ten essentials, hiking pole, layers and sun protection, lunch, and 2.5-liters of water. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: DAVE MELTON, (760) 408-2456, dmelton61@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

JAN 3 (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

JAN 6 (SUN) 6:30 AM MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK WALK
Join us and enjoy dawn and early morning on a 2.7-mile fitness walk looping Mt. Rubidoux in Riverside. MEET: Parking area of Ryan Bonaminio Park, 5000 Tequesquite Avenue, Riverside, 92506. WEAR: Layered clothing and walking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. DOGS: Well-behaved dogs welcome; must be on 6-foot leash. LEADER: JULIANN ANDERSON (951) 833-1328 (text OK), Juliann.Anderson@gmail.com
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COMING UP

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JAN 20 (SUN) 6:30 AM MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK WALK
See the January 6 write up.

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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**NON-SIERRA CLUB
RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

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

NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT VOLKSWALKING IN SO. CALIFORNIA
Come walk with Kathy every Monday for a 3-4-mile hike on the beautiful Santa Rosa Plateau or on another interesting trail nearby. No hikes on Christmas and New Year's Day. Noncompetitive hiking for fun, fitness, and fellowship, Volksmarch is a worldwide movement that started in Germany in the 1960s on air force bases. "Volks" means "people" in German. MEET to carpool at 7:00 AM sharp at Barons Market, 32310 Clinton Keith Road, Wildomar 92595. WEAR sunscreen, a hat and BRING plenty of cold water and a snack. INFO: KATHY BUNDY 951-218-3755. See also the *meetup.com* page: *Volkswalking in So. California Open to Everyone!* [MEETS October 29, November 5, 12, 19 & 26, December 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31]

(1ST & 3RD FRI) 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE

FOLK DANCE

NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB
International folk dancing: Greek, Israeli, Serbian, Turkish, etc. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right.

INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

[MEETS November 2 and 16, December 7 and 21, January 4]

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

PROGRAM: Note the November meeting is the second Wednesday to avoid the Thanksgiving holiday. 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 starting 6:30 p.m. other months start 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

[MEETS November 14, December 19]



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double exposure, but this one click of the shutter creates a ghost-like image that makes the viewer feel they are looking back in time. This technique is introduced in *Bodie: Good Times and Bad*.

Furman has a long background in the commercial art world that prepared him for becoming a fine art photographer. He received a B.A. and M.A. from San Francisco State University in Television and Motion Pictures. His Master Thesis

was a documentary film he filmed in Afghanistan.

He founded Furman Films in San Francisco and was commissioned to produce, direct and photograph hundreds of commercials for America's largest advertising



agencies, and scores of films for corporations such as Apple Computer, Levi Strauss, Boise Cascade, Black & Decker, and Sun-Maid Raisins. His award-winning documentary *Beyond Courage: Surviving Viet-*

nam as a P.O.W. was the first program to take P.O.W.s back into the Hanoi Hilton and other prison camps after the war.

"All the chapters of my life: directing, producing, acting, singing, film, television and theater, have now converged in my still photography," says Furman. "Each discipline is about connecting with people and touching them emotionally in a lasting way. Using all the skills I have acquired over the years, I strive to achieve that in each one of my images."



Chapter's December Program is a Must-See: *Saving the Mojave Desert From a Corporate Water Grab*

Please join John Mosen and Chris Clark for an important timely program at the December 4th meeting of the Sierra Club San Geronimo Chapter.

A private corporation, Cadiz Inc., plans to drain water from under public lands in the Mojave Desert near Joshua Tree National Park and sell it to the highest bidder. New scientific research has confirmed that this dangerous project promises to dry up critical springs that desert life depends on. One such is Bonanza Springs, "One of the few natural watering areas for wildlife within the Mojave Desert," according to the Bureau of Land Management, which has designated the springs as a "Watchable Wildlife Habitat." It is tucked into a beautiful, small canyon of yellow and white limestone.

Cadiz Inc. itself has a dubious corporate history that dates back two decades. Two years ago, they placed their own attorney on the Trump transition team which subsequently lifted the requirement of a federal environmental review for the Cadiz desert water mining scheme. In late August their army of lobbyists helped defeat a proposed state law that would have subjected the project to additional state environmental review. Can anything stop the Cadiz juggernaut?



During this presentation you will learn more about the majesty of the Mojave Desert and as its fragility – as well as the history of Cadiz and efforts to stop it – from Chris Clarke, California Desert Program Manager for the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA). He will also fill us in on the latest scientific research. John Mosen, NPCA consultant and long-time Sierra Club organizer, will provide an update on efforts to stop the project, covering the prospects for state legislation in 2019 and how we can educate our local water districts about the risk of signing up for Cadiz water and the damage the Cadiz water grab will cause.

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