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Chuckwalla Desert National Monument Legislation Introduced by Rep. Ruiz

The work to generate support for the Chuckwalla National Monument campaign has taken nearly four years for our Chapter and partners. Now, after significant effort, our work has paid off with Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz announcing on September 25 that he will introduce legislation in support of the efforts. This places the campaign in a strong position to gain national support and get the Biden Administration on board, highlighting the upswell of support from communities fighting to protect nature, cultural heritage, and public health.



Sierra Club's Moises Cisneros and community allies celebrate the next step towards the Chuckwalla National Monument

The Chuckwalla National Monument campaign aims to protect about 660,000 acres of the California Desert south of Joshua Tree National Park. The area reaches from the Coachella Valley region to the east, near the Colorado River. The initiative aims to preserve fragile ecosystems, cultural legacies on the landscape, and to expand access to nature for Southern California communities.

The Antiquities Act enables American presidents to designate federal public lands, waters, and cultural and historical sites as national monuments. This act would enable Biden to establish the Chuckwalla National Monument and expand Joshua Tree National Park to preserve an additional 17,000 acres of public lands.

The campaign saw Sierra Club's volunteer network secure hundreds of petition signatures from local communities. They passed resolutions from local municipalities, earned support from business leaders, and developed overall outreach strategies. We are grateful to everyone who has supported the Chuckwalla National Monument campaign, especially Joan Taylor, California/Nevada Conservation Chair,

Mary Ann Ruiz, immediate past Chair of the San Gorgonio Chapter, Jenny Binstock, and Moises Cisneros, who developed the short and long term strategies, and Ian Brickey, who worked on the communication strategy.

In response, Sierra Club's Chief Conservation Officer Chris Hill, released the following statement:

"National monuments help tell the story of this country through its landscapes. For the landscapes of the California desert, it's a diverse and important story that combines Indigenous peoples and cultures, veterans of World War II, and rare and unique species, all of whom have called this place home.

"By designating Chuckwalla National Monument, we can honor the Tribes who have stewarded these lands for generations, commemorate those who served our country, preserve the rich biodiversity of a truly (cont.)

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**Tuesday, December 5
7:00-9:00 pm**

SB County Museum
2024 Orange Tree Ln,
Redlands 92374

bit.ly/2023ChapterCelebration



**Join Us in Calling on
President Biden to Designate
a New Monument in the
California Desert & Expand
Joshua Tree National Park**

**Sign the petition at
<https://protectchuckwalla.org>**

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unique ecosystem, and move us closer towards achieving the goal of protecting 30 percent of lands and waters by 2030. We hope President Biden continues to build his monumental legacy by fully protecting this landscape.”

We encourage all members to join us in thanking Rep. Ruiz for his leadership and support.



Rep. Dr. Raul Ruiz
81719 Doctor Carreon Blvd., Suite G
Indio, CA 92201
Phone: (760) 424-8888



Plus, we can take this campaign national and show our support for protecting the California Desert's biosphere, cultural heritage, and public health. Visit the website <https://protectchuckwalla.org/> and sign the petition to President Biden to show your support for the Chuckwalla National Monument.

Let's show the world that we support efforts to protect our natural resources and the unique biodiversity of the California Desert. Together we can make this a reality and make Chuckwalla National Monument a symbol of our commitment to protecting the planet.



Photos shared by Moises Cisneros.



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Sierra Club Honors San Gorgonio Leader, George Hague, with National Volunteer Service Award



Sierra Club President Allison Chen, Executive Director Ben Jealous, and San Gorgonio Chapter leader George Hague at the September 9th Awards Ceremony in Chicago.

George Hague, former Group* Chair, was one of the founders of the Moreno Valley Group in 1984 and has been relentless in the fight against irresponsible development and other environmental ills in his community and throughout the region.

- CORRECTION In the print version, George was incorrectly referred to as former "Chapter" Chair. He is a former Group Chair.

December Chapter Meeting Celebration

Join us for our December chapter meeting at the San Bernardino County Museum on Tuesday, December 5th as we celebrate our successes over the past few years. (More info on the next page!)

The meeting will also feature an awards ceremony to recognize the accomplishments of our outstanding chapter award recipients. Relax and enjoy refreshments and music while connecting with other members of our community who share a passion for environmental sustainability. We look forward to spending time together and energizing our efforts towards building a better future for ourselves and the planet.

We hope to see you there!

The Sierra Club's National Volunteer Service Award honors volunteers committed to the environment or the organization consistently over an extended period. The recipients of the 2023 awards included six members from across the United States. They are Elaine Giessel of Overland Park, Kansas; George Hague of Moreno Valley, California; Gregory Monahan of Portland, Oregon; Ray Pingle of El Dorado Hills, California; Al Poplawsky of Moscow, Idaho; and the late Rod Webster of Merced, California.

One of the award recipients, George Hague, was a founding member of the Sierra Club Moreno Valley Group in 1984. Since then, George has been tireless in the fight against irresponsible development and other environmental concerns in his community and across the region.

George's efforts have made a significant impact in preventing dozens of dangerous projects from going forward and have changed the regulatory landscape regarding warehousing in the Central Valley and Inland Empire. Other environmental organizations such as Sierra Club's Clean Transportation for All Campaign, Earthjustice, and the Center for Biological Diversity have since joined the fight, with warehousing becoming an environmental justice issue for many groups in California.

George's organizing work always involves constant communication with his group's members so they can support his efforts with letters to officials. In addition, he works closely with environmental lawyers and a number of local agencies and community organizations.

The awards ceremony took place in Chicago on September 9, during the Sierra Club's Annual Meeting. The event was a momentous occasion, with the news breaking of President Biden's decision to cancel oil and gas drilling leases in the Arctic Refuge. Sierra Club leaders from all around the United States gathered to receive the awards, highlighting the organization's daily commitment to advancing its mission.

Congratulations to George Hague and all the recipients of the National Volunteer Service Award. We appreciate their valuable contributions, and they inspire us to continue fighting for a sustainable future.

Message from the Chair

Dear folks,

There are tons of exciting things in this newsletter and happening in the chapter! Firstly, legislation is set to be introduced for the Chuckwalla Desert National Monument - a must-visit location for any outdoor enthusiast. The Sierra Club has been advocating for this for a long time and we are looking forward to seeing it come to fruition.

We also want to congratulate **George Hague**, one of our own, for being recognized with the National Volunteer Service Award. George's tireless work in the fight against irresponsible development and protecting our environment has not gone unnoticed, and we are proud to have him on our team.

Save the date! Our Chapter Awards Celebration will be taking place during our December Chapter Meeting on December 5, 2023. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our members and community partners and recognizing their hard work.

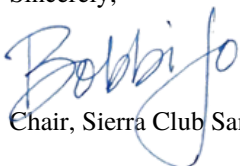
Speaking of which, the 2024 Chapter Elections are here, and we encourage everyone to vote. We are grateful to our dedicated members who help drive our mission forward, and we welcome fresh perspectives and new energy.

Don't forget to check out our Group Updates for more information on what they have been up to and ways to get involved.

Lastly, our 2024 Calendars are now available for purchase! This year's calendar features stunning images that remind us of the importance of protecting our natural spaces. Fill out the attached order form to get yours today.

Finally, we want to recognize the 91st Anniversary of the San Gorgonio Chapter on October 10. For decades, we have been fighting to protect the environment and our communities, and with our new Chapter Director, Joz Sida joining us, we will continue to do so for years to come. Thank you to all of our members for their dedication and support.

Sincerely,



Chair, Sierra Club San Gorgonio Chapter

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CHAPTER AWARDS

CELEBRATING 2023
RECIPIENTS

David Melton

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

Margaret Meyncke

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

Steve Loe

Amanda Frye

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

Jono Hildner

(posthumous)

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

Susan Phillips

Amparo Muñoz

Mike McCarthy

Mary Ann Ruiz

CCA EJ Support Staff

Region in Crisis Report

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

Also, recognizing the environmental leadership of the following elected officials:

Rep. Dr. Raul Ruiz

Assm. Eloise Gómez Reyes

Jesse Sandoval,

Fontana City Councilmember



Our November Trail Talk will feature the Sierra Club’s own **Moises Cisneros**, presenting information about the very exciting potential **Chuckwalla National Monument** and the positive impact it will have on Southern California communities and wildlife. Please join us on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00 PM on Zoom for this important presentation



Our December Trail Talk will feature **Brian Shomo**, director of the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA). Brian will briefly discuss **the history of habitat conservation in Riverside County** (he just finished the Stephens Kangaroo Rat census!) and ongoing efforts to expand the conservation. RCHCA hosted a Sierra Club-assisted habitat cleanup this past Earth Day at Lake Mathews in the Corona Hills, and will outline further service opportunities for members of our Chapter. Please join us on Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 PM on Zoom for Brian’s Trail Talk



The Sierra Magazine Fall Issue is a must-read for anyone who cares about the environment and the rights of indigenous people. **As we celebrate Thanksgiving this November**, please share with friends and family the article beginning on page 16, celebrating the Land Back movement, which is gaining momentum across North America. The Land Back movement is about reclaiming land that was unjustly taken from indigenous people and restoring it to its rightful owners. The article explores the history of this movement, its goals, and the activists who are leading the charge. It also highlights the successes that the movement has already achieved, making it clear that this is a cause worth fighting for. Whether you're a long-time supporter of indigenous rights or a newcomer to the cause, the Sierra Magazine Fall Issue is a valuable resource that will inform, inspire, and motivate you to take action.



Unraveling Manifest Destiny

ACROSS INDIAN COUNTRY, TRIBAL NATIONS ARE BUYING BACK THEIR LAND, ONE PARCEL AT A TIME

In June 2022, the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa nearly doubled the amount of land owned by the tribe. The Bois Forte's 1,600 enrolled members live in the northernmost reaches of Minnesota, amid a sprawling forest of aspen, birch, maple, and jack pine (Bois Forte is French for "strong wood"). The tribe's reservation includes three separate areas—Bett Lake, Vermillion, and Deer Creek. Most members live in Bett Lake, where the sulphur waters of the North Winds sustain some of the country's densest stands of wild rice, the Chippewa's sacred food.

As in many Native American reservations, the acreage within the Bois Forte's official boundaries is a mix of tribal lands, state lands, and non-Native private holdings. Across the United States, more than half the land within reservation boundaries is controlled by non-Indians—the result of 19th-century federal laws that allowed white settlers and corporations to snatch up reservation lands during western expansion. This is true for the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, which owns less than half the area within the three sections of its reservation. The summer land sale was a major step in addressing that imbalance.

Story by Kalen Goodluck
Illustrations by Amber DuBoise-Shepherd



Order your Sierra Club Calendars by Nov 10! Order form on back page.

“Sierra Club” and “family” go hand in hand for Mary Ann Ruiz

Article by Julia Curtis, Gift Planning Specialist

From her early childhood, Mary Ann’s formative experiences were outdoors with her family. Her parents “packed up all four of us kids in the station wagon every summer,” she shared, and they headed up to Yosemite, with spring break trips to Joshua Tree, or Death Valley. One memorable summer, they had an extended trip camping in several National Parks across the West.

Sierra Club was there, too. Her father, Ray Johnson, applied for membership in the Sierra Club “back when approval to join was required.” They learned about best practices for backpacking and Mary Ann went on her first official Sierra Club outing when she was 14.

Looking back, Mary Ann realizes how much of an impact those family adventures had on her. “Rocks, flowers, birds, night skies - my interest in seeing and learning was instilled by my parents. Those early experiences in nature often lead to a desire to protect Mother Earth throughout one’s life.”



Mary Ann’s parents, Ray & Virginia Johnson, instilled a love for the outdoors and the Sierra Club from an early age.



With a planned gift in her will, Mary Ann continues her family’s legacy and passion for nature by supporting the San Gorgonio Chapter. As the newest member of the Rachel Carson Society, she ensures a sustainable future for the Sierra Club and future generations of nature enthusiasts.

Many years later, in 2000, Mary Ann’s husband passed away and she became a single mom to her three children—a son in college and daughters 7 and 14. “I turned to Sierra Club to find outdoor opportunities for myself and my girls, and found a second family of lifelong friends.” Those outdoor adventures, with all types of family, continued. She’s been on too many hikes, backpacks, and river raft trips to name, but her favorite was an eight day backpacking trip she took in 2012 in the Pioneer Basin and Mono Recesses.

When the time came to update her estate plans, Mary Ann knew that she wanted to include a planned gift to support the San Gorgonio Chapter. Mary Ann has served in a number of volunteer leadership positions, including being Chapter Chair from 2015 until earlier this year. That involvement helped her to realize that there was a way she could carry on the work of the San Gorgonio Chapter long into the future.

By including a gift in her will, Mary Ann becomes the newest member of the Rachel Carson Society. She has made a plan to support the San Gorgonio Chapter for future generations of her Sierra Club family, all without any impact on her current budget. Said Mary Ann, “I’ve seen how legacy gifts have helped my own chapter, and want to provide what I can.”

To learn more about how you can join Mary Ann in the Rachel Carson Society and create a legacy at the San Gorgonio Chapter, reach out to Julia Curtis. giftplanning@sierraclub.org - (800) 932-4270

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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We are excited to welcome new members to the Sierra Club community! Our organization is committed to working towards a sustainable future for all and we are thrilled to have your support in that mission. We encourage you to explore our website and get involved in our various campaigns and initiatives.

Thank you for joining us in the fight for a better world!

2023/24 Chapter & Group Elections

Each year, our members elect leaders for the Chapter Executive Committee. This committee is made up of 9 at-large, elected members, who serve 2-year terms. Each group has one representative appointed by the group as a voting member, for a 16-member board.

The Executive Committee is the representative leadership team for the chapter, and is responsible for four key outcomes:

- **Advance the Club's Mission**
- **Provide service to members, supporters and the public**
- **Build Local Resources**
- **Exercise Effective Governance and Fiduciary Oversight**

The ExComm makes decisions regarding chapter priorities - where we direct our energy and resources. Running for ExComm is an excellent way to share your skills, knowledge and commitment to Sierra Club and our communities here in Riverside and San Bernardino County.

Two Ways to Vote:

Your membership number is required to verify voting eligibility. Your membership number is the eight (8) digit number on your mailing label on this publication.

Mail in voting: You must write your membership number on the outside of your mailing envelope (below your return address is a good place). Vote by cutting out the ballot for ExComm and for your group, and choosing no more than the number listed on each ballot. Joint members each have a ballot. Mail your ballot to Sierra Club San Gorgonio Chapter, PO Box 5425, Riverside, CA 92517

Online voting: Visit <https://bit.ly/SanGExcom2024> Have your member number ready - you can find it on your Palm and Pine address label, your Sierra Magazine address label, or your membership card.

If you can't find your member number, email jocelyn.sida@sierraclub.org or leave a message at 951-684-6203 and we'll help you find it.

All Chapter members are eligible to vote in the Chapter Executive Committee election. Group elections are limited to members in the group geography: if you are unsure about your group call the office at 951-684-6203 and leave a message



Candidate bios available online at bit.ly/2024CandidateBios

Single or Joint membership? The mailing label on this newsletter will indicate whether your household has a single ("SNGL") or joint ("JNT") membership. This will be found above your name and before your 8-digit membership number. Examples: JNT 12345678 = Joint membership, Membership number (8-digits). SNGL 12345678 = Single membership, Membership number (8-digits).

San Gorgonio Chapter Executive Committee
Vote for 3 or fewer

<input type="checkbox"/> Joan Taylor <input type="checkbox"/> Amparo Muñoz <input type="checkbox"/> Pam Nelson <input type="checkbox"/> Miramontes	<input type="checkbox"/> Joan Taylor <input type="checkbox"/> Amparo Muñoz <input type="checkbox"/> Pam Nelson <input type="checkbox"/> Miramontes
<i>(first ballot)</i>	<i>(second ballot - joint member)</i>

Mail your ballot to Sierra Club San Gorgonio Chapter, PO Box 5425, Riverside, CA 92517

Big Bear Group Executive Committee

Vote for 4 or fewer

Randy Carroll-Bradd Linda Garcia
 Marv Cira Peter Michelsen

(first ballot)

Randy Carroll-Bradd Linda Garcia
 Marv Cira Peter Michelsen

(second ballot - joint member)

Instruction for voting by mail:

Print your name and address and SIGN THE OUTSIDE of the envelope to verify your ballot. If two ballots are enclosed from a Joint Membership, print BOTH names and address and have BOTH MEMBERS SIGN the outside of the envelope.

Mail the ballot(s) to: Sierra Club Big Bear Group, P.O. Box 3048, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Ballots are due no later than NOVEMBER 15 at 12 noon.

If voting by email, please email your ballot to Ellen Kesler at bbsierrascholar22@gmail.com.

Big Bear Group Update

We came to a close for Group's General Meetings with our last meeting on October 19th. Our ExCom will enjoy our Holiday Gathering with an evening of fellowship in December at a local restaurant. With a successful Xeriscape Tour this year, thanks to our ExCom member Linda Garcia's hard work and her committee, we look forward to selecting another senior high school scholarship next year and continue keeping a watchful eye on environmental issues in our Bear Valley. We would appreciate members sending us their ballots to help us continue our work supporting the mission of the Sierra Club. We are ALWAYS looking for volunteers to join us!

Ellen Kesler, Chair



Ben Jealous Visits UAW Strikers in Rancho & Ontario



The Sierra Club, alongside many in the environmental movement, has been echoing the demand of auto workers to ensure that the clean energy transition is a just transition.

Upon the UAW's strike announcement, Sierra Club Executive Director Ben Jealous noted:

"The transformation of the auto industry away from the fossil fuel car can be a win for workers, a win for climate, a win for the auto industry, and a win for consumers. Auto workers have the right to strike to secure a strong contract, and the Sierra Club supports that right."

Read the full statement at

<https://www.sierraclub.org/press-releases/2023/09/sierra-club-statement-solidarity-united-auto-workers>

Santa Margarita Group Update

by Pam Nelson

Fall has brought some cooler temperatures so we are planning some outdoor get-togethers. Keep an eye out for our upcoming announcements.

Some of our members have been very busy over the last several months. Shea Millan received a certificate from the Hemet City Council honoring our Group for our contribution towards tree purchases for the restoration at Simpson Park. She and family and friends planted trees on our behalf.

Margaret Meyncke has been networking! Here's a note from her:

“What do the Sierra Club, the Temecula Valley Woman's Club, the Great Old Broads for Wilderness, the California Native Plant Society, Citizens' Climate Lobby, and the Temecula Valley Native Plant Network have in common? ME!

“Networking is the effort to connect to people with similar interests. I love to work with different organizations to promote nature and environmental issues. Connecting with different people allows for different perspectives and different ideas. It makes every event personal and relational. It gives me a chance to make new friends and introduce my friends to new friends. Together, we inspire each other to accomplish more. The Sierra Club has provided a path for me to pursue education and leadership. It continues to inspire me to do more in my community to accomplish our mission to Explore, Enjoy, and Protect our beloved planet.”



Photo credit: Elden Shoemaker. Fire restoration project in Hemet; member Shea Millan planting Group's donated trees.

Caren Hanson has perfected her Butterfly Garden guide. It is very comprehensive, giving a prospective native plant gardener all the tools needed to make a successful pollinator garden. Visit our website to view it. She continues to help others create their gardens, including local city officials. If you find a site in need of a garden or if you would like to help with her Native Plant team, contact her at: carenhansonb17@gmail.com



Jerry Willenbring worked hard on his project funded by the Sierra Club Grass Roots grant that he was awarded. With the help of Shaul Rosen-Rager, they put on a presentation with an expert panel that discussed how to electrify one's home. The target community was San Jacinto. They “hit the pavement” for many 100+ degree days and found a receptive welcome, but the turn-out for the presentation was poor. Even so, the group of fifteen people had a lively and informative time. The next step is to find other activists that might want to promote the theme. Contact Jerry if you have an interest in promoting heat-pumps, induction cooking and other ways to electrify your home. He wants to give incentives for those that would like to help. Would you like to test out and keep an induction cooktop? Contact Jerry: jerrywill951@gmail.com As conservation committee chair, we commented on a proposal for an inappropriate housing development in east Hemet (Citrus Valley area), recently. The 767-acre high-density residential (*continued on next page*)

Santa Margarita Group Executive Committee

Vote for 4 or fewer

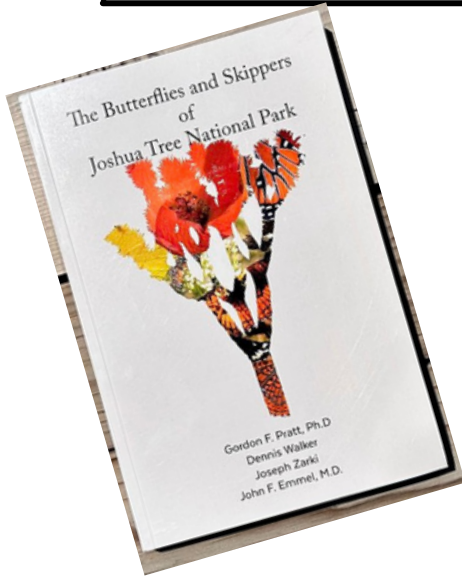
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(second ballot - joint member)

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(Santa Margarita Group Update continued from previous page) project is a poor fit in this agricultural zone. In addition, the largest bat colony in Southern California would be significantly impacted. We're keeping an eye on this one.

Member Dr. Gordon Pratt gave a us a beautiful presentation in September based on his book, The Butterflies and Skippers of Joshua Tree National Park. Photographer Dennis Walker attended as well. You can get one of their books by contacting me at pamela05n@yahoo.com.

The annual Fall native plant sale is canceled this year due to unforeseen events.

December brings us at least two interesting events. Member and Trail committee chair, Gary Oddi, will be telling us about his popular bicycle coalition, Bike Temecula Valley, as well as local trails for bicycles and hiking on Dec. 7th at our General Meeting/Speaker Series. We've been invited to tour the Dorland Art Colony on Dec. 3rd and join them in their Annual Art reception. We will see how the Colony blends art and nature.



Gary Oddi will share info on Bike Temecula Valley, as well as local trails for bicycles and hiking on Dec. 7th at our General Meeting/Speaker Series

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Moreno Valley Group News

By Christina Torres, Outings Chair; George Hague, Conservation Chair and Ann McKibben, Secretary

Moreno Valley Group Members: We need your email address so you can receive the other five electronic issues of the Palm and Pine throughout the year. Please send your email address to: movalleygroup@yahoo.com Besides this newsletter you will receive notices on Moreno Valley projects which would impact the environment and families.

From the Outings Chair: Hello fellow hikers and nature lovers, our group has a few hikes being planned for the winter months starting with the Wildwood Canyon State Park hike on November 16. I certainly hope to be back in hiking form by then as I have been dealing with a foot injury for several weeks, but it finally seems to be healing better now so hopes are high. You will find this and other updated outings on our Chapter website where you can register for them online. Also, if you are interested in becoming a hike leader for our group, please contact me (cmt.teck@gmail.com) for more information. Training sessions are normally held in June every year, so you have some time to think about it and get prepared! Hope to see you out on the trails soon. Christina Torres

Our Fall Group Newsletter and Election Ballot: Look for our Moreno Valley Group fall newsletter with our fall group executive committee election ballot during the first half of October. Please take time to read our news and mail your ballot to us in the return envelope that we have provided. Deadline to return the ballot is: Wednesday, November 8.

Moreno Valley Business Center (MVBC): This poorly located warehouse will be at the NE corner of Alessandro Boulevard and Day Street. The census tract containing this project site shows its residents are in about the worst 1% of areas in all of California for air pollution and other socioeconomic impacts. On Thursday January 5, 2023 our Sierra Club attorney filed a lawsuit. **Because of the lawsuit your Moreno Valley Sierra Club volunteers were able to work out a settlement with the developer and their attorney to provide some protections to nearby residents from air pollution and noise as well as provide further protection for the environment.**



San Jacinto Wildlife Area, Oct. 19, 2008 photo credit: George Hague

The settlement will include \$32,000 for each of the nearest 20 homes to have a state-of-the-art HVAC/air filtration system installed with necessary electrical upgrade. This will significantly reduce the pollution impacting the health of nearby families caused by the warehouse. Some of that money—if needed—will also be used for dual pane windows to reduce noise caused by the operation of the warehouse.

A few other settlement points include significant limitation on use of lighting, restrictions on backup beepers, solar instillation, all equipment must be electric/zero emissions, the building must also be all electric, every truck dock must have electric Auxiliary Power Units (APU) plug-ins, significant walls of evergreen trees taller than the building will surround much of the warehouse, 10% of big rig parking spaces must be equipped with electric infrastructure, 10% of car parking spaces must be electric vehicle ready with half being fast charging, all graffiti, trash and litter removed weekly and there are many other points in the settlement which should have been required by the city.

Thanks to your donations we have been able to require this project, as well as others, to have less impact on nearby families and the environment.

Moreno Valley Group Conservation Priorities

- Protecting the San Jacinto Wildlife Area
- Local land use, transportation issues
- Preservation of city trails, open spaces, hilltops/skylines
- Health effects of irresponsible development
- Logistics centers, warehouses, distribution centers proposed for Moreno Valley

The 2030 Strategic Framework

provides a vision for the world Sierra Club wants to conserve, protect, and create. This vision is firmly rooted in our Core Values of anti-racism, balance, collaboration, justice, and transformation.



- Protect 30% of US lands and water.
- Cut the nature equity gap in half by ensuring an additional 50 million people can exercise their human right to connect with the outdoors.
- Restore clean air and water, provide affordable clean energy, support family-sustaining jobs, and address inequities in our response to climate disruptions.
- Stop the expansion of the oil and gas industry: Gas and oil production is at (or below) 2019 levels, industry internalizes the costs of pollution, and new markets for fossil fuels are blocked including oil exports, gas exports and petrochemical expansion.
- Replace fossil fuels with clean energy: We will continue to eliminate coal and gas in the power sector and achieve 80% carbon pollution-free electricity by 2030; 60% of all new light-duty vehicles and 30% of all new heavy-duty vehicles will be electric, contributing to an 18% decrease in transportation sector oil use from 2019; and we will end the sale of gas appliances by 2030 while ensuring that electrification of homes is the most affordable and accessible option for all families and communities.
- Shift trillions of public and private dollars from the fossil fuel economy to restore clean air and water, provide affordable clean energy, support good paying jobs, and increase the ability of communities to be resilient to climate disruptions.
- Empower, diversify and expand our base of millions of members and supporters through our Chapters and Groups and share the power of outdoor experiences to restore accountability to our democracy and economic system so that decision makers meaningfully address the climate crisis, protect ecosystems and dismantle systemic racism.

Visit www.sierraclub.org/2030-strategic-framework for more information.

NEWS From the field!

"BIG news! The Indirect Source Rule for Warehouses is almost set for approval at EPA. Once approved this will give FULL Authority for ISR's to exist at the South Coast and across the state for warehousing. Many thanks to all of you for your help in getting us here. We have a social media tool kit to help tweet out the news so that EPA can feel the pressure to approve the rule by the November deadline."

***Yassie Kavezade**
CA Field Manager*



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*Join the Fight for Cleaner Air:
Visit the Social Media Toolkit
and Urge the EPA to Approve
the Indirect Source Rule for
Warehouses!*

30x30 Partnership 2023 Gathering in Riverside

The 30x30 Partnership Gathering event was held in Riverside on October 11-12, 2023. The event was organized by the California Natural Resources Agency and the California Biodiversity Network to discuss how to protect 30% of California's land and waters by 2030.

The event brought together a variety of stakeholders including elected officials, tribal leaders, conservation and community groups, academics, and industry representatives, as well as a strong contingent of Sierra Club staff and volunteers.



Discussions centered around creating partnerships and collaborations to achieve the 30x30 goal. Participants talked about the importance of diverse representation in these efforts, ensuring that the voices of communities most affected by environmental degradation are heard.

Read the Annual Report to learn about success stories from across California, our progress toward reaching 30%, and how we will continue to leverage the power of the 30x30 Partnership to continue advancing 30x30 statewide!

www.californianature.ca.gov/pages/resources

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