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Membership Meetings

Tuesday, November 6

"Canoeing the Alaska North Slope"

Speaker: Brian Elliott
(see write up on Page 1)

Tuesday, December 4

"Great Basin and Pioneer Basin Tour"

Speaker: Mary Ann Ruiz
(see write up Page 11)

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

Obama – The Clear Choice in 2012

By

Richard Isaac, New Jersey Chapter Political Chair (risaacx@aol.com)

The Sierra Club has endorsed President Obama for reelection in 2012. Since most Americans – including many Sierra Club members – may not be fully aware of the President's environmental record, here is a partial list, compiled by the Club's Political Team. The list is especially remarkable in light of the opposition from a Tea Party-Republican-controlled House of Representatives. For more detail, visit the Club's website (www.sierraclub.org) and Google the site for "Obama's Record."

- The EPA, under Administrator Lisa Jackson, released new protections for toxic mercury from power plants.
- Proposed strengthening of fuel efficiency and carbon pollution standards for cars and light trucks to 54.5 mpg by 2025.
- The first-ever fuel efficiency standards for medium and heavy duty vehicles sold from 2014-2018.
- Resistance to permitting the Keystone-XL pipeline that would carry oil manufactured from Canadian tar sands to export terminals in Louisiana and Texas.
- Cross-state Air Pollution standards that protect people from toxic emissions from plants located in other (up-wind) states hundreds of miles away.
- Through Executive Order 13514, the President established a greenhouse gas reduction goal of 28% by 2020, equivalent to taking 17 million cars off the road. It will save the federal government \$8-11 billion in energy costs. The reductions are based on action plans of some 35 federal agencies. This was the first time that the federal government developed clean energy plans agency by agency.
- With green investments of close to \$100 billion, the Recovery Act created good jobs for Americans, reduced dependence on dirtier energy sources, and promoted the shift to wind and solar power, high energy-performance, low-carbon cars and buildings, mass transit, and a modernized water and transportation infrastructure.
- The Obama Administration protected 1 million acres around the Grand Canyon from uranium and other mining – for 20 years.
- The Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 will safeguard millions of acres of new wilderness, protect hundreds of miles of rivers, expand trails, and keep important habitat in Wyoming safe from oil and gas leasing.
- 7-year ban on new oil and gas leasing and drilling in Atlantic, eastern Gulf of Mexico, and the Pacific Oceans.



Paddle Along to Alaska at Our November Chapter Program

Brian Elliott will present his slide show, "Canoeing the Alaska North Slope" at the November 6 chapter meeting. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.

Local Sierra Club member Brian and three friends completed a month long canoe trip this past summer on the Colville River on Alaska's North Slope.

The Colville River is in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A). The area is off most people's radar as wilderness and wildlife habitat, but is every bit as spectacular with wildlife and scenery as the nearby Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Brian witnessed several thousand caribou migrating across the area as well as wolverine, grizzly bears, Arctic fox, wolves, and many nesting rough-legged hawks



and peregrine falcons. He and his friends did not encounter any other river travelers along the way. The Teshekpuk Lake area near the coast in the reserve is on every environmental group's list of places to save but the wilderness of the NPR-A is much greater than just the lake.

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Election Guide

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



Sierra Club Recommendations and Endorsements

President – see Page 1

YES BARACK OBAMA

Congressional Races – see Page 9

YES Congressional District 36
RAUL RUIZ

YES Congressional District 41
MARK TAKANO

Assembly Races – see Page 9

YES Assembly District 41
CHRIS HOLDEN

YES Assembly District 52
NORMA TORRES

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YES Riverside County District 1
BOB BUSTER

Propositions – see Page 9-10

NO PROP 31
(State Budget)

NO PROP 32
(Billionaire's Bill of Rights)

YES PROP 37
(GMO Labeling)

YES PROP 39
(Tax Treatment for Multi-state Businesses)



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Brian will share his experience and advocate for the region's beauty and its conservation.

Brian is a former geologist who is now in his 27th year of teaching at San Dimas High School. He currently teaches Advanced Placement Environmental Science and Advanced Placement Physics classes and regularly takes his students on camping and hiking trips and coaches the school's Science Olympiad, Science Bowl, and Solar Boat teams.

He has long been an outdoor adventurer. Outside of school he has organized and led many backpacking trips including several in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge of Alaska and on Baffin Island in Canada.

He has rock climbed extensively across North America, Europe, and Australia including big wall ascents of El Capitan and Half Dome in Yosemite. Brian was a member of a Himalayan climbing expedition in the mid-90s with a group of his friends in the Karakorum Mountains in Pakistan.

His wife, Janice, always reminds people that Brian completed the Angeles Crest 100 Mile Run the summer that they met. He and Janice are avid birders and spend a good deal of their travel time visiting local and not-so-local birding areas. The past several years have found them visiting Panama, Australia, and southeast Arizona, pursuing this interest.

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San Gorgonio Chapter Ballot

Please indicate your vote on this ballot, cut out and mail so it is received by
November 26, 2012.

Mail to: Sierra Club
 PO Box 708, Blue Jay, CA 92317-0708

Remember to print your name and address and sign your name on the outside of the envelope so ballots can be verified. If two ballots from a joint membership are enclosed, be sure to print names and address and for each ballot.

SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER BALLOT
 (Please vote for 4 or fewer)

OTE

- Steve Farrell
- Bill Cunningham
- Ralph Salisbury
- Allen Bartleman
- Rick Estes

Group News

Big Bear Group by Christie Walker

It's Film Festival Time

Mark Thursday, November 15th at 6:30 for the Big Bear Environmental Film Festival. We will show one to two films that feature the environment as the "star." So bring a comfortable chair, some popcorn, even a blanket, and spend an evening at the Discovery Center for our annual Environmental Film Festival.

No Meeting in December

There is no general meeting in December due to the holidays. Check the Web site at www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org for the new schedule for 2013 programs.

Big Bear Group Cancels Their Local Newsletter

The October newsletter was the last newsletter sent to members from the Sierra Club Big Bear Group. Members will still receive the *Palm and Pine* and the *Sierra Magazine* with their membership. With no one stepping forward to help out the Executive Committee, or to replace Christie Walker as president and newsletter editor, it was decided to scale down the club's activities including the production of the newsletter. All club news will

be disseminated via the Web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org and through the e-mail blasts. Monthly meetings will be reduced, starting in 2013, to five per year, April – August. Check the Web site for meeting descriptions and the local media.

October Elections

This year, we will be voting at the October meeting to elect our next Executive Committee members in addition to the mail-in ballot below. You can vote to up to 5. Mail your ballot to: P.O. Box 3048, Big Bear Lake, CA, 92315 or attend the October meeting to vote.



Los Serranos Group by Mary Ann Ruiz, Chair

Please indicate your vote on this ballot, cut out and mail so it is received by January 15, 2013.

Mail To: Joe Whyte
1404 Albright Ave.
Upland, CA 91786

Remember to print your name and address and sign your name on the outside of the envelope so ballot can be verified. If two ballots from a joint membership are enclosed, be sure to print name and address and sign for each ballot.

I've been in the Sierra Club since August 2001, on the EXCOM since January 2005, and an outings leader since November 2005. I'm currently serving as the Los Serranos Group Education person which means organizing tabling events. My service also includes being a friend of the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden since 1990. I've supported the San Gabriel Mountains Forever Campaign by leading hikes into the San Gabriels and helping protect the mountains by getting letters signed in favor of making the San Gabriel Mountains a National Recreational Area. Please participate and vote. Also consider becoming a co-chair of the Education Committee.
– Dean Shimek

I am an outings leader and lead an average of 3 hikes every two months. I am currently the Los Serranos Outings Chair, I'm responsible for maintaining the Los Serranos web site, and I've been attending Los Serranos excomm meetings in 2012 as a non voting member. I would like to be a voting member of the Los Serranos excomm.
– John St.Clair

<p>LOS SERRANOS GROUP BALLOT Please vote for 3 or fewer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dean Shimek</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> John St. Clair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Farley Olander</p>	<p>LOS SERRANOS GROUP BALLOT Please vote for 3 or fewer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dean Shimek</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> John St. Clair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Farley Olander</p>
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Mojave Group by Jenny Wilder, Group Chair

It's that time of year again to send in your vote for the Executive Committee (ExCom) Election. Please find the Mojave Group Ballot in this issue of the *Palm and Pine*, cast your vote and send it in by the deadline (November 30). The Mojave Group territory stretches across the Mojave Desert from Wrightwood to Needles. It is a large area and every bit of it needs your help!

If you are able to help explore, enjoy and protect the Mojave Desert, please consider joining the group Executive Committee. We urge you to find out more by attending the monthly general meetings (2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm) and the ExCom meetings (usually held the Thursday before the general meeting at 7pm). Issues affecting your quality of life in the desert and are as diverse as the Mojave Desert flora and fauna. What is your passion? Contact Jenny at JensOasis@aol.com or call 760 220 0730.

Our Outings Chair, Melody Nichols, continues to help plan hikes for every ability level, including 3 conditioning walks each week. Check it out in the OUTINGS section. We also have informal exploration hikes on Tuesdays.

Our Program Chair, Carol Wiley, has some interesting programs on hand for the upcoming meetings, including the movie "Mother: Caring for 7 Billion" and our annual

Christmas Party pot luck (bring your own plate, cup, fork etc as well as a favorite dish to share. Also a "white elephant" gift for the gift exchange).

See our facebook page for details and updates on some of our activities (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Mojave-Group-Sierra-Club/128853927174168>).

Do you like hiking? We invite you to help maintain current hiking opportunities

and protect some places where there should be designated hiking trails. Hiking trails are more appropriate near desert riparian areas than motorized routes. We encourage you to let the Bureau of Land Management know that hiking trails are needed throughout the Mojave Desert and especially near large populations such as the Victor Valley. Here we are surrounded by superb opportunities in the Juniper Flats Area, Fairview Mountain, Bell Mountain, Granite Mountain, Calico Mountains, Ord Mountains and more, but there is a total lack of designated hiking trails. Please submit public comments by email at cawemopa@blm.gov or send them to Bureau of land Management, California Desert District, Attn: WEMO Plan Activity

Amendment, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553. From the BLM web page: http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd/west_mojave_wemo.html

See you soon at the meeting or on a hike!

MOJAVE GROUP EXCOM ELECTION FOR 2012 - 2013

PLEASE VOTE!!

Please vote for no more than 4 persons to serve on the Executive Committee, sign your ballot, and return no later than **30 November** to:

Laverne Booth
6710 Maple Ave.
Hesperia, CA 92344-0141

_____ Carol Wiley _____ Kim Floyd
_____ Bryan Baker _____ Melody Nichols
_____ (write in Vote)

Moreno Valley Group by Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

Photo by Theresa Carson of the Hidden Springs Hike, September 2012

Once again we are reminding group members that our executive committee election ballot will be in our fall group newsletter which is coming out in late October or early November. Please take time to read our news, mail in the election ballot, and make a donation to our group. A self-addressed, stamped envelope will be included with the newsletter. The group executive committee and many group members take time to follow conservation and planning issues in Moreno Valley. Some volunteers make written comments and others attend hearings, planning commission meetings, city council meetings and make comments there. Help support our work to improve our quality of life in Moreno Valley—your support makes a difference.

The Moreno Valley Group will be selling 2013 Sierra Club calendars this fall to support the Sierra Club. They make wonderful gifts for the holidays and their beautiful pictures are inspirational. Please contact Theresa Carson at tlcarson01@gmail.com or (951) 660-7246 if you would like to buy the 2013 wall and engagement calendars.

The Moreno Valley Group is now on Facebook. Please look for us and check out our pictures and other news.

Release of the draft environmental impact report for the World Logistics Center (WLC) has been delayed due to the need to conduct more comprehensive traffic studies

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Group News

Moreno Valley . . . Continued from Page 3

and study other related impacts such as air quality. A September 6 Press-Enterprise article quotes Moreno Valley Planning Official John Terrell as implying the judge's ruling on the Villages of Lakeview environmental impact report is causing the project proponent to do more traffic studies. From his comments there is no timeline as to when the environmental report will be released for public comments. The proposed WLC project is a 41.6 million square foot warehousing project (the size of 700 full-sized football fields). The project area is south of Highway 60 and north of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (it would share a two mile boundary with the wildlife area). Contact planning official John Terrell at (951) 413-3238 for more information. <http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/moreno-valley/moreno-valley-headlines-index/20120906-moreno-valley-ruling-delays-proposed-warehouse-projects-environmental-report.ece>

Thank you to those who have taken time to respond and send in donations to support making professional comments on the World Logistics Center environmental documents. If you haven't already sent a check, please take time to donate what you can to help our Moreno Valley Group submit comments on the World Logistics Center's massive environmental documents. If we could afford some professional comments to supplement those of our volunteers, it would probably make a huge difference in their final project. If we decide to litigate, these comments could make the difference between losing and winning. Please send your much appreciated donations to: Sierra Club, Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325.

According to a September 10 *Press-Enterprise* article, Skechers USA Inc. has contributed \$10,000 each to the city council campaigns of Jesse Molina (District 1) and Tom Owings, candidate for District 3 for the November 6 election. The article quotes Skechers Senior Vice President as saying they made the contributions "as a corporate resident". Please read the entire article for information on others who have contributed. <http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/moreno-valley/moreno-valley-headlines-index/20120910-moreno-valley-skechers-leads-in-city-council-contributions.ece>

The city of Moreno Valley will consider updating the city's general plan sometime in the new year. City staff presented a proposal at the council's September 18 study session to study the "highest and best use" for development in eastern Moreno Valley. Area covered would be between Nason Street and the eastern city limits and north to Hemlock

Avenue and south to Fir/Eucalyptus avenues. Comments from Councilmembers Batey and Hastings implied they were concerned about the proposal as were city residents who made comments at the council meeting. Their issue was not wanting to circumvent the city's existing general plan. Apparently, the council will consider another proposal including a general plan update early next year.

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved adding mining, solar and wind to the list of projects that can be 'fast-tracked' for county approval at their September 25 meeting. Many see this as a way to fast-track the Liberty Quarry project which was denied by the supervisors earlier in the year. Supervisors Marion Ashley, John Benoit, and John Tavaglione voted yes. Supervisors Bob Buster and Jeff Stone voted no. It is interesting to consider that county residents worked to oppose this project yet the majority of the board of supervisors has, in essence, reversed their input.

The Moreno Valley Group submitted comments on the Motte Lakeview Ranch Specific Plan (SP366) draft environmental impact report. The proposed project would put 2,000 homes on land north of the Ramona Expressway and south of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. For more information on the project, contact project planner Matt Straite, (951) 955-8631, e-mail mstraite@rctlma.org

There will be a bird walk at Lake Perris State Recreation Area (LPSRA) on Saturday, November 10 at 9:00 a.m. Meet in parking lot 12. Free with paid day use fee (\$10 per vehicle) or camping fees. For information call (951) 321-9812 or (951) 940-5657. The second Saturday in December is the usual starting date for bald eagle counts at Lake Perris. Specific dates are not available at this time, but the count goes from December through March; the group meets at the Museum at 8:00 a.m. Please check the LPSRA web page (http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651) or call (951) 940-5657 for more details. Information on the Limited Use Golden Bear passes (a \$10 annual pass for those age 62 and older) can be found at: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23887 This annual pass may be purchased anytime during the year but is good only until December 31.

The Moreno Valley Group is looking for volunteers to help us accomplish our group priority goals (<http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/moreno-valley/index.html>) and increase outreach and membership. If you are interested in helping us and working to share information about our group, please e-mail us at: movalleygroup@yahoo.com or call Ann McKibben at (951) 924-8150 or George Hague at (951) 924-0816.

Help Protect Our Air Quality and the San Jacinto Wildlife Area by George Hague

Please donate what you can to pay for a much needed expert to help the Moreno Valley Group of the Sierra Club challenge the approval of THE 41,600,000,000 SQUARE FOOT WORLD LOGISTIC CENTER (WLC) WAREHOUSE PROJECT WITH ITS 24,000 DAILY TOXIC DIESEL TRUCK TRIPS ADDED TO SR 60 AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER FREEWAYS WITHIN OUR CHAPTER.

The executive director of the Southern California Association of Governments, Hasan Ikhrata, was quoted in the Press-Enterprise concerning the WLC saying that "you are talking about a huge amount of warehousing, and you don't have the infrastructure there to support that" (3.10.12) The WLC would also share a two-mile common border with the very special San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA). There are more than 20 species of raptors as well as threatened/endangered plants and animals that rely on the SJWA for their very existence. The WLC's light, noise and diesel pollution could have devastating impacts on the SJWA.

PLEASE SEND YOUR GREATLY APPRECIATED DONATIONS TO:
SIERRA CLUB, MORENO VALLEY GROUP, P.O. BOX 1325
MORENO VALLEY, CA 92556-1325.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your support.



Santa Margarita Group

by Jim Mitchell, Chair

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY?

There is now the very real possibility that Granite Construction will be digging and blasting Liberty Quarry in the Temecula foothills despite the fact it is opposed by a significantly large and impressive segment of the local community.

This opposition to Liberty Quarry has been going on for more than 7 years. When word got out about the proposed quarry, opponents gathered, marched, rallied, testified at public hearings, passed out petitions, wrote letters to the editor, sent emails and mailed letters. Easily hundreds of thousands of hours were spent expressing local opposition to Liberty Quarry.

And the public followed all the rules set out by the County. The Riverside County Planning Commission held numerous public hearings where the public and expert witnesses testified. The evidence was so overwhelming against Liberty Quarry that the Commissioners voted 4-1 to oppose the quarry. And then when the issue went to the Board of Supervisors for their final ruling, more public hearings were held with more members of the public and expert witnesses testifying. Afterwards the Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to oppose the quarry. That should have been the end of Liberty Quarry. But not so...

In a surprise move, after denying the Liberty Quarry project, a majority of the Supervisors took the unusual step of certifying the Environmental Impact Report, a critical part of the discredited quarry application, and then to make matters worse, they now plan to give the quarry status for "Fast-Track" approval. It is abundantly clear that Granite Construction has a lot of influence on some of the members of our Board of Supervisors.

But the real tragedy here is the simple fact that in Riverside County the people who live in the Temecula Valley seem to have no voice in the workings of county government even when it is about an issue so vital to their welfare and the welfare of the community.

But here is Fred Bartz, our expert on Liberty Quarry, with the current details:

Fred Bartz, Political Committee Chair LIBERTY QUARRY IS BACK

After being denied by the Board of Supervisors, Granite Construction filed a new application for a "revised" Liberty Quarry (approximately twenty percent smaller) on July 25th. In their application, Granite also requested that the quarry be "Fast-Tracked" through the County of Riverside's approval process, something that was not previously available for Surface Mining Permits. One of the major objectives of Fast-Tracking is to bring jobs. On September 25th,

after much testimony against the Fast-Tracking of Surface Mining Permits, the County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to approve adding Surface Mining, Wind Energy and Solar Panel projects to the list of Fast-Track projects. The adding of Solar Panel projects was actually opposed by County Counsel due to "pending litigation."

Major opposition to this change came from the City of Temecula, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians, the Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Temecula Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Save Our Southwest Hills. Most of the opposition was regarding that approving Liberty Quarry will not bring any new jobs, just relocate current jobs from other quarries as demand for aggregate (sand & gravel) is somewhat fixed. The proposed change to County ordinances now moves forward to the County's consent calendar. After the second approval, the changes take effect in thirty days. Next, the County would have to approve to put the Liberty Quarry project on the Fast-Track list, which could be in early November. Projects approved for Fast-Tracking could be approved in as little as ninety days, in the case of Liberty Quarry, before the end of the year.

Pam Nelson, Conservation & Educational Outreach Committee Chair

First starting with conservation, we

submitted a grant proposal to the National Parks Service in August and we have just received word from them our grant request was approved. The grant will provide technical assistance for our Trails Committee to form a coalition to create a trail system that would link the cities of Temecula, Murrieta and Wildomar. The three cities are enthusiastic about the idea and are actively working on their own trails. The Coalition would be composed of interested and participating stakeholders and agencies.

And in our Educational Outreach Program, the Outdoor Families are off to a good start again. The Lake Skinner get-together on Sept. 14th was successful and attended by enthusiastic parents and children. We reviewed the proposed outings and asked for suggestions. We gathered for an impromptu outing at a U-pick ranch near Pam's house on Sept. 21st where the children and parents gathered delicious apples, pears and jujubes. Our next outings are on Oct. 12th to the Wilderness Gardens in Pala, Nov. 9th to the Elfin Forest Reserve in Escondido and Palomar Mtn. on Dec. 14th.

Margaret Meyncke, Outings and Educational Outreach Committees

The first weekend in June, my husband John and I participated in the Sierra Club's "Outing Leader Training Course" at Keller

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Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2012

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Items for the January/February 2013 Calendar are due by December 1, 2012.

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

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

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

GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES & DISCLAIMERS

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

WHAT TO BRING

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

ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE

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

CARPOOLING POLICY

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

LIABILITY WAIVER

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

Sign-In Sheet & Acknowledgment of Outing Member Responsibility,

Express Assumption of Risk, & Release of Liability

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

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

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

(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. NOTE: The January, 2013, meeting is January 8 because of the New Year's Day holiday. 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, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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

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

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

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

(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except August. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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

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

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

WEEKLY RECURRING OUTINGS & FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings.

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

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

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

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

OCTOBER 15 - 21

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings.

(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

OCT 16 (TUE) 9:00 AMJOHNSON PASTURE HIKE
This "Walk in the Pasture" is a pleasant 4 mile R/T loop stroll. It has a moderate rating with only a 800' elevation gain. Very enjoyable vistas will greet you along the way of this 180 acre plot that the city of Claremont wisely purchased in 2006, thus saving it from development. BRING: water, hiking sticks, sturdy boots and layered clothing. MEET: Please call/e-mail LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909)985-7686 jmwandjww@hotmail.com prior to scheduled date for details. Rain cancels. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 16 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net> SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

OCT 16 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Discover the beauty of birds in our area. See birds through the lens of professional photographer, Steve Kaye. Our speaker will share his unique photos and memorable stories. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 17 (WED) 7:00 AM ONTARIO PEAK HIKE
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Ontario Peak (elevation 8693 ft), 12.2 miles round trip with 3800 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1-1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, alder, aspen, spruce, fir, and pine. Scenic view from the top of Ontario Peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 17 (WED) 4:30 PM HIKE TO THE "M" HIKE
Difficult 4-mile round trip hike to the "M" on Box Springs. Trail has some very steep areas. BRING: jacket, flashlight, water, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60 fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass to left at the light on Hidden Springs Drive. Driveway into Box Springs Park is on the left off Hidden Springs Drive. Drive up the gravel road and park near the picnic tables. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tcarson01@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

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OCT 18 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 18 (THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

****OCT 20 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT/FULLER RIDGE TO SNOW CANYON ROAD HIKE**
Near to top of San Jacinto Peak, the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) winds down the north face of San Jacinto Mountain arriving at Snow Canyon Road. This is a through-hike that continues our quest of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section B. This is a 16.2 mile through-hike with a 6,000' elevation loss. RATING: Strenuous MEET: We will meet at Snow Creek PCT trailhead and carpool to Fuller Ridge where the hike will begin. Take I-10 to Hwy 111 exit towards Palm Springs. Take the next right turn identified as Snow Canyon Road. Drive south approximately 1.5 miles to the PCT. We will meet there. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 4 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER Ed Caliendo (760) 328-1090 or email at dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 20 (SAT) 9:00 AM SB MTS, SPLINTERS TO DEVIL'S HOLE HIKE
You will hike a scenic section of the Pacific Crest Trail along the Deep Creek Canyon. Distance: 6 miles RT with 600 foot elevation loss and gain. BRING: 10 essentials, 2- quarts of water, and snack. WEAR: hiking boots. CALL: LEADER, HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2838 for meeting place. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

OCT 20 (SAT) PCT HIKE IN THE DEEP CREEK CANYON HIKE
Come and join others on a moderate 6-7 mile round trip hike along the Pacific Crest Trail in the Deep Creek Canyon. This canyon is sometimes viewed thru hikes as the most scenic part of the trail since their start over 300 miles south at the Mexican border. The trail follows a contour above the stream to a little bridge. It is also the site of the historic water channel that was built in the 1800s to carry water from Deep Creek to potato fields in Hesperia. BRING 3 qts of water, lunch/snacks and sunscreen. Wear layered clothing, sturdy boots, & hat. Please email or call for this hike as the date may change due to a work project being planned for the trail in the canyon. Contact leader Jenny Wilder for details: JensOasis@aol.com or 760 220 0730. MOJAVE GROUP

OCTOBER 22 - 28

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(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings & Activities)

OCT 23 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>. CHAPTER

OCT 24 (WED) 4:30 PM SYCAMORE CANYON HIKE
Moderate 2-hour hike in Sycamore Canyon. This will be a leisurely paced hike, although there are some steep sections. BRING: jacket, flashlight, water, and sturdy shoes. MEET: in the Sycamore Canyon parking lot on the south side of Central Ave. between Canyon Crest Drive and the 215/60 Freeway. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tlcarson01@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

****OCT 27 (SAT) 8:00 VAN DUSEN CYN RD TO COUGAR CREST TRAIL HIKE**
This is a short section of the famous Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) from the Van Dusen Canyon Road PCT access road west to the Cougar Crest Trail and then south to Hwy 38. This section is rated moderate in difficulty. RATING: this is an estimated 5.0 miles through-hike requiring shuttling of hikers. MEET: At the Cougar Crest Trail head parking area. Adventure Pass is required. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, 2 liters of water, lunch/energy snacks, sunglasses, hat and good hiking shoes. CALL: for reservations Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

OCT 27 (SAT) 8:30 AM WONDERLAND OF ROCKS - WILLOW HOLE HIKE
Kick off the desert hiking season with an easy 7-mile level hike through the Wonderland of Rocks into willow Hole. Depending on the recent weather, there can be water at Willow Hole, or if not at least more greenery than most of Joshua Tree. Have some fun scrambling around the rocks as we eat lunch at Willow Hole. If time permits we can explore more of the park after our hike. Meet at 8:30 AM to carpool from the Ontario Mills parking lot in front of the Edwards Cinema. Or meet at the visitor center at the West Entrance of Joshua Tree National Park at 10:00 AM. Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots, layers, sunscreen, hat, 2 liters minimum of water, lunch, and snacks. LEADER: Mary Ann Ruiz 909-815-9379 or ruizmaryann@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

OCT 28 (SUN) 6:00 PM TERRI PEAK FULL MOON HIKE
Moderate to difficult 4-mile round trip hike to Terri Peak, overlooking Lake Perris. Actual full moon is October 29. Trail starts on a path behind homes with lots of barking dogs and has some steep sections as it follows an old road to the top. BRING: jacket, flashlight, water, and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60 fwy in Moreno Valley, exit south on Moreno Beach road. Follow Moreno Beech road for 3.4 miles; turn left on Via Del Lago. Park on the right side of the road past the housing tract, do not enter Lake Perris Park. Call or email to confirm meeting place: as the hours/days that Lake Perris is open may change in October. Rain cancels. INFO and LEADER: THERESA CARSON (951) 660-7246 or tlcarson01@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 4

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OCT 30 (TUE) 9 AM SB MTS, DOGWOOD TRAIL HIKE
Easy ramble starting in Dogwood Campground, off Hwy 18, and descending through groves of dogwoods as well as other large trees, and includes views towards Lake Arrowhead. BRING camera and a snack. LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2838. CALL for meeting place. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

****NOV 1 (THU) 8:00 AM SNOW VALLEY TO GREEN VALLEY LAKE HIKE**
This hike will lead us through rare stands of magnificent stands of pines, cedar and oaks. The elevation gain is less than a 1000 ft with a distance of 8 miles which could be lengthen depending on the desires of the hikers. We will meet at the Vons parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:00 am. Plan

on lunch at the Malt Shop in Green Valley Lake. Please bring Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. For more information Call hike leader Ed Wallace at 909 584 9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

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

NOV 2-4 (FRI-SUN) DEATH VALLEY SERVICE
Work with Death Valley National Park Wilderness Coordinator Charlie Callagan on restoration activities in the Park. Projects are to be determined, but will probably include fence removal. Camping will be at Mesquite Springs campground, north of Stovepipe Wells. Arrive Friday afternoon and work for part of the afternoon, work will continue on Saturday, with a potluck Saturday night. Sunday may be a work day or perhaps recreational. Leader: KATE ALLEN, kj.allen96@gmail.com, 661-944-4056. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

NOV 3 (SAT) 9:00 AM PACIFIC CREST TRAIL, LK SILVERWOOD HIKE
Join us for a moderately paced, 8 miles, 500 ft. gain hike on the PCT from the Silverwood Park office to Cedar Springs Dam and return. We will have great views of the lake and the park. BRING: water, lunch, layered clothing and hiking boots. Rain or snow may cancel. LEADER: BONNIE TRUSLER, 909-880-1334, (btrusler@verizon.net) for information and meeting place. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

****NOV 3 (SAT) 8:15 AM SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN HIKE**
This is a "Peaks" of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. This will be a 10-mile hike with a 2,500-foot elevation gain. RATING: Strenuous MEET: Contact leader for meeting place and carpooling. An Adventure Pass is required for parking at the trailhead. BRING: 3 liters of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. CALL: To register please contact Jim Seifert, Hiking Leader at (760) 694-5370 or email ironmany2k@hotmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 4 (SUN) 7:30 AM BIGHORN PEAK HIKE
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Bighorn Peak (elevation 8,441 ft), 10 miles round trip with 3,440 ft. elevation gain. Rain cancels. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour because daylight savings time ends at 2:00 AM. BRING: sturdy boots, 2 liters water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

NOV 4 (SUN) 9:00 AMAGUA CALIENTE TRAIL HIKE
Join us on an eight mile hike (out and back). This trail is a section of the PCT that runs through northern San Diego County. It is a moderately difficult hike with 900' of elevation gain/loss. There are no real steep grades to negotiate on this segment of the trail and I estimate the hike will take four hours to complete. The trail runs east, along a cottonwood shaded creek for about 1.5 miles. The trail then crosses the creek and climbs moderately through Chaparral before descending again to the creek bed. We will travel another 1.5 miles through an appealing stretch of canyon bottom lined with live oaks, sycamores and willows. Here we can find a comfortable place to take a break and begin the return trip. Directions: From 79 South in Temecula (Temecula Parkway) head east about 33 miles from the junction of 79 south and Margarita Rd. After passing the glider port look for a large gravel turnout (parking area) on the right side of the road. That is where we will meet. Bring plenty of water, comfortable hiking shoes, a hat, dress in layers bring a lunch and sunscreen. For further questions or to make reservations contact Bob Audibert (leader) at bob.takeahike1@gmail.com or at (951)302-1059. Rain cancels. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

NOVEMBER 5 – 11

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

NOV 6 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS (909) 800-3911 <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. CHAPTER

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

NOV 8 (THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

****NOV 9-12 (SAT-MON) 7:00 AM MISSION SPRING TO WHITEWATER BACKPACK**
This is the final leg, a 29.9 mile backpacking adventure that will complete the 132.9 mile Section C of the Pacific Crest Trail for 2012. Those individuals completing all of Section C during 2011-2012 will receive a special recognition patch at the annual Big Bear Special Achievement Awards Party. The backpacking trip commences from Mission Spring Trail Camp on the PCT and we hike south through Mission Creek and cross over to Whitewater River before continuing south to the I-10 freeway. RATING: Moderate MEET: at 7:00 a.m. at Heart Bar exit on Hwy 38, five miles above the town of Angelus Oaks. BRING: backpacking gear, tent, bear canister, water purification capabilities, food, and two-liters of water. CALL: for reservations and additional information, Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (909) 878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 11 (SUN) 8:00 AM ONTARIO PEAK HIKE
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Ontario Peak (elevation 8693 ft), 12.2 miles round trip with 3700 ft. elevation gain. Great views along the trail and at the peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass will be required for parking at the trailhead. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501 LOS SERRANOS GROUP

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NOVEMBER 12 – 18

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NOV 12 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard's Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

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 CUCAMONGA PEAK HIKE
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Cucamonga Peak (elevation 8,859 ft), 12 miles round trip with 3,850 ft. elevation gain. Scenic view in all directions from the top of Cucamonga Peak. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

NOV 14 (WED) 9:00 AM PCT – ONYX SUMMIT TO ARRASTRE CREEK HIKE
This is a moderate, 8-mile hike on the PCT with an elevation change of only about 800'. There is a variety of vegetation along the way in mostly scenic, lush forest. Bring sturdy boots, ample water and food for snack breaks and lunch. We will meet at Vons at 9:00 AM and carpool to the Onyx Summit parking lot. If you prefer to meet us at Onyx Summit at 9:15 AM please let me know. Call Dick Banks at 909-866-9232 for reservations.
BIG BEAR 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: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net>
MOJAVE GROUP

NOV 15 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006.
BIGBEARGROUP

NOV 15 (THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com>
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

****NOV 17 (SAT) 8:00 AM BERTHA PEAK VIA COUGAR CREST TRAIL HIKE**
This is a «Peaks» of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. This is a 7-mile hike, 1,400 elevation gain. RATING: moderate/ strenuous. MEET: Hikers are to meet at Cougar Crest Trail Head located 100 yards west of the Big Bear Discovery Center. An Adventure Pass is required for parking. BRING: 2.5 liters of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. CALL: To register please contact Jim Seifert, Hiking Leader at (760) 694-5370 or email ironmany2k@hotmail.com.
BIG BEAR GROUP

NOV 17 (SAT) 8:00 AM SB MTS, LAKE GREGORY FALL BIRD WALK
MEET: NORTH SHORE parking lot, across from Goodwin's Market. See which birds remain for the winter and possible winter arrivals as we walk around the lake. Optional breakfast after. LEADER: BILL ENGS (909-338-1910).
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

NOV 17 (SAT) 8:30 AM DEEP CREEK, JUNIPER FLATS AREA HIKE
Join us on a lovely moderate 6-mile round trip hike to Deep Creek from the Juniper Flats Area, just south of Apple Valley. We descend approximately 1,350 feet to the Creek, a little upstream from the Deep Creek Hot Springs. Enjoy the lovely views and a gorgeous location for a picnic beside the gurgling creek, which is proposed as a Wild and Scenic River in Senator Feinstein's California Desert Protection Act of 2010. Wear layered clothing, hat, and bring your lunch and plenty of water. Don't forget to bring binoculars and camera! Meet at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road at 8:30 am. High clearance vehicle is recommended to get to the trailhead. See photos of this hike: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/25273386@N08/sets/72157623133962755/> Contact leader for details: Jenny Wilder, JensOasis@aol.com, 760-220-0730
MOJAVE GROUP

NOV 18 (SUN) 8:00 AM WYSUP PEAK HIKE
This peak was named after George Wysup at his memorial July 2010. George completed the Hundred Peaks List (280 peaks) almost ten times as a leader. The hike starts at Onyx Summit with R/T 6.6 miles and 1538 foot gain. Carpool from Mill Creek Ranger Station at 8 AM or at the trailhead 8:45 AM. Call leader if interested Joe Whyte 909-949-0899
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

NOVEMBER 19 – 25

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

NOV 20 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net>
SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

NOV 20 (TUE) LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except August, The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

NOVEMBER 26 – DECEMBER 2

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

NOV 27 (TUE) 7:00 PM SANGORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsalisbury@att.net>.
CHAPTER

NOV 28 (WED) 8:00 AMSILVER PEAK VIA 3N36 HIKE
This 9 mile strenuous hike will utilize Forest Service Road 3N36 to get us to our final destination 6,767' Silver Peak with it spectacular views of the high desert and Bighorn Mountains. Bring at least two quarts of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. We will meet at the Vons parking lot in Big Bear Lake at 8:00 AM. Please call to confirm. Ed Wallace 909 584 9407
BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 1 (SAT) 8:00 AM OWL CANYON/RAINBOW BASIN HIKE
This scenic desert hike is an 8.0 mile loop. Location is north of Barstow. RATING: moderate/ strenuous with two minor rock climbs (no special gear/skills needed). MEET: Call hike leader for meeting time and place in Barstow CA. We will carpool to trailhead. BRING: Layered clothing, the ten essentials, a 3 liters of water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, and good hiking shoes. CALL: To register please contact Jim Seifert, Hiking Leader at (760)694-5370 or email ironmany2k@hotmail.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

****DEC 1 (SAT) 7:30 AM APACHE PEAK HIKE**
This trip climbs Apache Peak (7,567') for a superb vista over the southern end of the San Jacinto Wilderness and the desert canyons and then drops over the desert side to secluded Apache Spring. This is a 12 mile round-trip hike. We will follow the route of the Spittler Peak Trail, then ascent the Pacific Crest Trail to the southeast slope of Apache Peak. RATED: Moderate MEET: Take Hwy 74 and turn north on Apple Canyon Road (just west of Lake Hemet) and drive 2.6 miles on paved road to a turn-out at the signed Spittler Peak Trailhead, park here. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection lunch, and two-liters of water. CALL: For reservations, contact Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (760) 328-1090 or dogs111@msn.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 1-2 (SAT-SUN) 1:00 PM SB MTS KELLER HUT GATHERING
You are invited to join us for our annual holiday celebration at Keller Hut. You may arrive any time after 1 PM on Saturday. We provide turkey and dressing for dinner, plus tea and coffee. Please BRING a suitable potluck dish to serve six, and cold beverages, plus a "white elephant" gift to exchange. You are welcome to stay overnight, and join us for a communal breakfast, followed by a hike on Sunday AM. OVERSEER: DAVE BARRIE, 909-337-0313. CALL for information, and to notify him if you plan to attend.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

DEC 1-2 (SAT-SUN) EXPLORE AND SERVE IN THE CARRIZO PLAINS SERVICE
Pronghorn antelope will not jump fences to escape predators but rather attempt to crawl under. For nearly eight years work has continued to remove fences and/or modify them to facilitate mobility of the pronghorn. The project has been very successful, and this will be one of the very last of these work weekends. Saturday will be a work day. We will camp and have a pot-luck dinner that evening in one of the campgrounds. Sunday, at the choice of the group, will be either a hike in the Caliente Range or else a tour of popular viewing areas in the Plains. Leader: CRAIG DEUTSCHE, craig.deutsche@gmail.com, (310-477-6670)
CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

DEC 2 (SUN) 8:00 AM STODDARD PEAK HIKE
This will be a moderate/strenuous hike up Barrett Canyon to the top of Stoddard Peak (elevation 4,624 ft), 6 miles round trip with 1,100 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. Contact John St. Clair prior to scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: John St. Clair, john@stclairs.us, 909-983-8501
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DECEMBER 3 - 9

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

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

DEC 5 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006.
BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 8 (SAT) 8:00 AM SANTA ANA RIVER BOTTOM BIRD WALK
MEET: at Sierra Club Office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. LEADER: BILL ENGS (909-338-1910). Bill will guide you to the birds. Breakfast at local restaurant after walk (optional).
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

DEC 8 (SAT) 8:00 AM MURRAY HILL (PEAK) HIKE
It is difficult to call Murray Hill anything but a "peak," yet officially it is a hill on all the maps. After climbing a 2,100 elevation gain you will think it's more like a PEAK! The views are magnificent, showing the region around Palm Springs, Cathedral City, and Palm Canyon while offering you the nearby San Jacinto Mountains to the west. This is an approximate 9.0 mile round-trip loop hike. RATING: Strenuous MEET: At the Vons Shopping Center on South Palm Canyon Drive, in Palm Springs on Hwy 111. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 3 liters of water CALL: for reservations contact Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (760) 328-1090 or dogs111@msn.com.
BIG BEAR GROUP

DECEMBER 10 - 16

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

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DECEMBER 17 - 23

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DEC 15 (SAT) 8:30 AM PAINTED CANYON/LADDER CANYON LOOP HIKE
This is a MUST hike! The Painted Canyon and Ladder Canyon Loop are located in the northeast corner of the Coachella Valley within the Mecca Hills. This hike cuts through twisted and exotic Painted Canyon and the hiker uses a series of ladders to climb the Painted Canyon area. This is a 5.0 mile hike taking 4 to 5 hours to complete the loop. RATING: Easy/moderate. MEET: Take I-10 to Spot Light 29 Casino, Dillon Road off-ramp and look for TA Travel Center gas station signage. Meet in parking lot under the TA Travel sign. BRING: Ten-essentials, layered clothing, 2-liters of water, lunch/snack, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. Hikers should wear long pants or 2-in-1 pants. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER Ed Caliendo (760) 328-1090 or dogs111@msn.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

DEC 15 (SAT) 9:00 AM PAM'S JUNIPER FLATS AREA HIKE
This is a moderate-strenuous 10-mile hike through the Juniper Flats Area. After starting with a warming 4-mile climb of about 1,200 feet the terrain opens up with only a couple more short inclines. The views are fantastic throughout the hike, starting with the Mojave River and San Gabriel mountains behind you. Then the San Bernardino Mountains to the south and finally the Victor Valley and beyond as you start the descent near Bonita Vista. We will be arranging a short shuttle for the hike. Wear layered clothing, hat and bring plenty of water/lunch/snacks and 10 essentials. Meet at the Victor Valley Museum at 9 am. For more information contact leader Jenny Wilder JensOasis@aol.com or call 760 220 0730 Some photos of the hike in June: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/25273386@N08/sets/72157625675624030/>
MOJAVE GROUP

DEC 18 (TUE) 6:00 PM SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAULI ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <gardens@netzon.net>
SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

DEC 18 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Holiday dessert potluck; bring a dessert to share. Program TBA. Visit our web page for details: <http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/losserranos/index.html> The public is welcome. PLACE: Educational Building, First Presbyterian Church, 869 North Euclid Ave., Upland. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

DEC DEC 20 (THU) 7:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 506-9607 <sierraclubsmg@gmail.com>
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

DECEMBER 24 - 30

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

No scheduled activities

DECEMBER 31 – JANUARY 6

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

JAN 2 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING
The meeting place rotates. INFO: CHRISTIE WALKER, (909) 866-5006. 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, call MARY ANN RUIZ (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com>
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

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

No scheduled activities as yet.

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES

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

**(1ST FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**
Join us for international folk dancing. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Meetings are twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: \$3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

**(3RD WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY**
(The November meeting has been moved to November 14.) PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. Note: The June and December general meetings begin at 6:30 pm and are potluck dinners. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

**MAY 4 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
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**OCT 17 (WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY**
PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

**OCT 19 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**
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**NOV 2 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
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**NOV 16 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**
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**NOV 14 (WED) 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY**
PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

**DEC 7 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
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**DEC 19 (WED) 6:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY**
PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. NOTE: The meeting starts with a pot luck dinner at 6:30 PM, followed by the program. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

**DEC 21 (FRI) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB**
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CONGRESSIONAL RACES

YES Dr. Raul Ruiz has been endorsed in the 36th Congressional District in his race against the incumbent, Mary Bono Mack. Dr. Ruiz, the son of farm workers, is a newcomer to the political scene, but after graduating magna cum laude from UCLA, he went on to receive three graduate degrees from Harvard; a Medical Doctorate, a Masters in Public Policy and a Masters in Public Health. Dr. Ruiz actually lives in the District and has been active in environmental justice issues in the eastern Coachella Valley. He is committed to the environment and can be counted on to fight against the efforts of the current House leadership that wants to weaken environmental regulations and the power of the Environmental Protection Agency.

YES Mark Takano is the Sierra Club endorsed candidate for the 41st Congressional District. This is an open seat that is getting a lot of national attention. Mark attended Harvard College and received his bachelor's degree in Government in 1983. Mark returned home to Riverside and obtained his secondary teaching credential in Language Arts and Social Studies at the University of California at Riverside. He began teaching in the Rialto Unified School District in 1988 and is a classroom teacher today. Mark has been an elected member of the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees since 1990. A very active member of the community, he has served in many capacities and is firmly committed to the environment. Mark was endorsed by the Club in his races in 1992 and 1994 which he lost by narrow margins.



PROPOSITIONS

NO on Proposition 32. The Billionaires' Bill of Rights
By Victoria Brandon, Redwood Chapter Political Chair

Once again, big corporations and multimillionaire right wing extremists are attempting to corrupt the electoral process by promoting a ballot measure that goes beyond mere deceptiveness to verge on the fraudulent.

Officially designated the "Stop Special Interest Money Now Act" and widely touted as the "Paycheck Protection Act," Prop 32 masquerades as campaign finance reform. The measure bans direct contributions to California candidates by both corporations and labor unions, and prohibits both corporations and unions from using payroll deductions to collect "political funds" even from employees or members who approve in advance. This apparently even-handed restriction is actually grossly discriminatory, since as the measure's authors know full well, unions get almost all of their funds through payroll deductions, and businesses almost none.

Prop 32 also contains enormous loopholes designed for the benefit of large corporations and the wealthy. Many common organizational structures such as LLCs, partnerships and real estate trusts are exempt. If you're a venture capitalist, land developer or law firm – exempt. Corporate executives – exempt. And as provided in the infamous "Citizens United" decision, corporations and billionaires can still give unlimited political contributions to anonymous, unaccountable "Super PACs."

This already sounds pretty bad, but it gets worse. Prop 32 also defines public employee unions as "government contractors," and would forbid them from attempting to influence any government agency with which they have dealings. That restriction would also cover political action committees established by any membership organization, or "any agency or employee representation committee or plan," seeking stronger civil rights or environmental protections, such as the Sierra Club. It's no wonder the measure is actively opposed, not only by organized labor, but also by the country's leading good-government groups, such as Common Cause and the League of Women Voters.

In the words of *Los Angeles Times* columnist Michael Hiltzik, "In this state, we've come to expect ballot initiatives sponsored by business interests to be, essentially, frauds. But it's hard to conceive how one could be more fraudulent than Proposition 32. If there was any doubt left that the initiative process has been totally corrupted by big business and the wealthy, this should put it to rest for all time."

If Proposition 32 passes it would effectively end organized labor's ability to influence the political process in California, and cripple the Sierra Club's ability to protect the environment.

YES on Proposition 37. Genetically Engineered Foods. Mandatory Labeling.
by Masada Disenhouse, San Diego Chapter

Passage of Proposition 37 would make California the first state to require labeling of genetically modified raw or processed foods sold in state. It would also prohibit labeling or advertising such foods as "natural."

As food consumers it is our right to know exactly what is in our food so that we can make educated choices for ourselves and our families. 50 countries with over 40% of the world's population already label genetically engineered foods, including the entire European Union and China. Genetically modified organisms (GMO) are made by inserting genes from another species into an organism's DNA. Genetic modification is very different from the traditional practice of selective breeding to improve the qualities of plants or animals.

Usually the purpose of GMOs is to create crops that are resistant to herbicides or to have crops self-manufacture their own insecticides. GMOs are currently in 75% of processed food in grocery stores. In the US up to 85% of corn, 91% of soybeans and 95% of sugar beets are now genetically engineered.

The genetic engineering of plants and animals is likely to be one of the greatest environmental challenges of our time. A number of studies have shown that GMOs can pose serious risks to humans, animals, and the environment. Human health effects can include higher risks of toxicity, allergenicity, and antibiotic resistance. GMOs contribute to our growing dependence on industrial agriculture which is energy- and toxic-chemical intensive, destructive to biodiversity and the environment, and unsustainable. GMOs are coming under fire for the documented growth in herbicide-resistant weeds and are suspected of negatively impacting beneficial insects.

Due to cross pollination, GMO crops are contaminating non-GMO and organic crops.

While the supporters of Prop. 37, mostly organic food companies, have raised about \$2.7 million, opponents have already raised ten times

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STATE ASSEMBLY RACES

YES Chris Holden is the Sierra Club endorsed candidate in Assembly District 41, most of which is in the Angeles Chapter.

YES Norma Torres is endorsed in Assembly District 52. This is the third time Norma has been endorsed by the club and she continues to have an outstanding record for the environment. She was the only endorsed candidate in the San Geronio Chapter to receive a financial contribution from the Sierra Club California PAC.



Left to right: Mary Ann Ruiz, Los Serranos Chapter Chair, Assemblywoman Norma Torres, Jono Hildner, Chapter Political Chair.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR RACES

YES Bob Buster is endorsed for Riverside County Supervisor District 1. Bob has received many previous endorsements from the Club and continues to be the only consistent voice for the environment on the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.



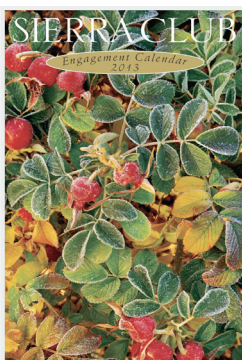
PROPOSITIONS

Please vote NO on Prop 31.
By Margaret Okuzumi, Angeles Chapter

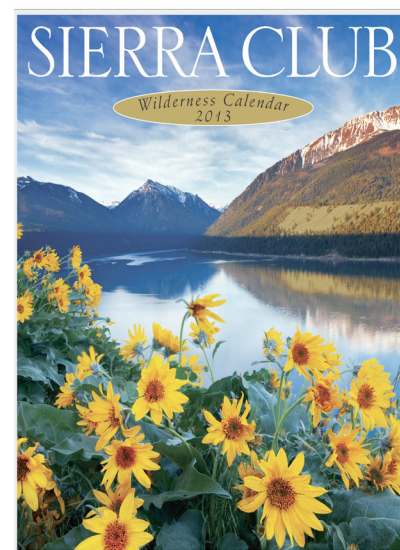
While this well-intentioned measure touts its devotion to reform, transparency and oversight, this flawed initiative actually creates a more complex and unmanageable governance system and undermines environmental laws. Prop 31 contains a dangerous provision allowing local governments to override state laws, including environmental laws. Under Prop 31, if local governments decided compliance was too costly and "impedes" local goals, they would be free to circumvent state laws and regulations such as ones pertaining to municipal drinking water quality, air quality, protection of coastal lands, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, mitigation for endangered species, and hazardous waste remediation, to name some examples. Prop 31 would increase the time spent reviewing programs and reduce the time state workers will be able to devote to implementing them. It give the governor excessive power and provides incentives for the minority party in the Legislature to block action on the budget.

We wish California Forward had been more responsive to the early concerns expressed by the environmental community about the ballot measure language, because we favor better government performance and accountability. **As it stands, we strongly urge your NO vote on Prop 31 in order to protect our environment.**

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Hut in the San Bernardino Mountains. I would like to recommend this training to anyone interested in learning the basics about leading a hike. We met Saturday morning for breakfast and to get acquainted. Ralph Salisbury, the Chair of the Leader Training for the San Geronio Chapter, passed out our instructional materials and began to educate us on the importance of outings to the Sierra Club and having quality hiking leaders. I am now more familiar with the structure of the Sierra Club and how the outings fit into the big picture. We spent the day covering the comprehensive training manual with breaks for lunch and dinner. The camaraderie of our fellow students made the experience a lot of fun. Included in the training are topics such as... "Wilderness Etiquette," "Leader Requirements," "Planning an Outing," "Map and Compass," "Ten Essentials," and "Safety Management." The next day, Sunday, students were taken on a cross-country hike called "Field Exercises." Each student was handed a scenario to dramatize a different issue that might occur while leading a hike. Everyone in the group took turns being the leader and dealing with different problems during the hike. They returned after six hours tired but smiling.

And then on Sunday, September 23, my husband John Meyncke led his first hike. Thirteen was a lucky number for the thirteen people that enjoyed hiking on the Santa Rosa Plateau that morning. We met at the trailhead at 8:30, bright and early, and took off under John's leadership. John has just recently completed his training to become a Hiking Leader. This hike was the first of two provisional hikes required to obtain his official status as a Hiking Leader.



Our group (pictured above) was diverse in age and experience. At least two hikers had never been to the Santa Rosa Plateau! We were thrilled to be able to introduce them to one of our local natural wonders. Puffy clouds created some shade, while the large oaks and acres of grassland provided vistas that were spectacular. After stopping briefly at the ancient adobes for some light refreshments, we continued on past the tenaja pools and large, shady oaks. We finished off the loop trail and arrived back at our cars in just three hours. What a lucky day to take a hike!

OUR SANTA MARGARITA GROUP GENERAL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 3rd THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST AT THE RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, 42135 WINCHESTER ROAD, TEMECULA 92589

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that – about \$25 million. The lead opponent, unsurprisingly, is chemical giant Monsanto. Others include DuPont, PepsiCo, Coca-Cola, Nestle, Kellogg, and many other biotech and processed food suppliers.

Opponents' claims that the price of food will increase are greatly exaggerated, based on previous labeling requirements. Note that there is nothing in Prop. 37 that limits anyone's ability to grow or produce genetically modified foods. The labels wouldn't even imply that genetically modified foods are unsafe – they would simply state that the product contains GMOs.

Exemptions, including foods sold in restaurants, ensure the law is not overreaching. The Sierra Club supports citizens' fundamental right to know what they are putting into their bodies and their environment.

We urge our members to vote "Yes" on Prop. 37.

YES on Proposition 39. Fairer Corporate Taxes to Fund Energy Efficiency and Education

By Jim Metropulos, Sierra Club California staff

Smart policy wonks around California must be swooning as they read Proposition 39 on the November ballot. It does so much so elegantly.

Sierra Club California has endorsed this measure. It will help increase solar and other alternative energy while reducing energy demand at schools and other government buildings.

Overall, Proposition 39 would simultaneously fix an unfair corporate tax loophole, generate billions of dollars in new funds for education, and for five years fund job-creating energy efficiency and alternative energy projects at schools and other public buildings. Those energy efficiency and alternative energy projects would, in turn, save on heating and cooling bills at those public buildings for decades to come.

Proposition 39's fix to the tax loophole would establish a "single sales factor" method for calculating corporate taxes. This method is used by most large states already. It essentially requires out-of-state companies that do business in California to pay taxes on California sales the same way that in-state companies pay taxes.

The Legislative Analyst estimates that, as a result of Proposition 39, at least \$500 million dollars a year will be available for efficiency and alternative energy projects beginning in 2013 through 2017. That funding also can be used for job training and workforce development in energy efficiency and alternative energy.

Generally, energy efficiency experts figure that the average building could cut its energy use by 25 percent through efficiency improvements. In California, just meeting 2020 efficiency goals for schools and other government buildings will cost about \$2.1 billion, according to one study done for the Public Utilities Commission. Proposition 39's funding will substantially help cover that cost.

The measure also makes sure there is coordination and accountability in how the energy funds are used. Among other things, it creates a nine-member board that includes technical and finance experts to be responsible for oversight of how the funds are spent.

It is supported by a range of interests, including environmental and environmental justice organizations, labor, and progressive business organizations, such as the Los Angeles Business Council and the U.S. Green Chamber of Commerce. Its most noteworthy backer is Tom Steyer, a Bay Area-based investor who helped fund the fight that defeated efforts to roll back California's global warming policies two years ago.

So to help accelerate California's clean energy transition, and to reduce energy waste, vote YES on Proposition 39.

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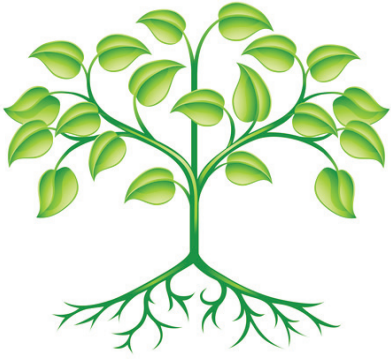
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- Rooftop-solar helps the economy. The Sierra Club Solar Partner is Sungevity but the installers will be local reputable companies. You will be creating Green Jobs!

THIS IS HOW IT WORKS



- Go to the San Geronio Chapter Website and click on the Solar Evaluation photo
- You will be asked for your address and an image of your house will pop up
- Confirm it is your house and enter your electric usage for last month from your bill
- Add your e-mail and phone and within 24 hours, you'll receive your iQuote
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THAT'S IT! THERE IS NO OBLIGATION

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

Chapter's December Program to Focus on TWO National Parks!

Mary Ann Ruiz will give her illustrated talk, "Great Basin and Pioneer Basin Tour," at the December 4 chapter meeting, which starts at 7:30 PM at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.

Most people don't consider Nevada a late July destination. If asked what state is the most mountainous, Nevada does not come to mind. As National Parks go, Great Basin is one of the least visited, and most people have no idea where it is or what it is like.

A camping and hiking trip to Great Basin changes that perception. With a campground close to 10,000 ft elevation, it's nice and cool when the surrounding desert is blazing. At the visitor center you will learn that Nevada is the most mountainous state, with 318 distinct ranges. The park is a mountain oasis in the middle of the vast deserts of the Great Basin.

Come along on a 4-day camping trip, with hikes each day into this little known treasure. Finish up with a climb to the top of 13,064' Wheeler Peak, with panoramic



views of this rugged mountain range. This is a "dark Sky" park, with the best visibility of the Milky Way in the continental United States.

Then, we will head to Pioneer Basin in the Eastern Sierra, on an 8-day Sierra Club national backpack trip. Starting up and

over 12000 ft Mono Pass, experience the lakes, recesses, peaks and granite of the Mono Divide High Country.

Our Speaker Mary Ann Ruiz chairs the Los Serranos Group, is an outings leader and has been active in the San Gabriel Mountains Forever campaign. She grew up visiting National Parks with her family, and took her first backpack trip at 9 years old to Merced Lake in Yosemite National Park. That was it, she got the bug and loves hiking and backpacking ever since. Mary Ann has been active with San Geronio Chapter since 2001.



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