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SAN GORGONIO

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## Membership Meetings

**Tuesday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup> • 7:30 PM**

*“Photography Safari in Botswana and Namibia”*

Presented by Sherry Schmidt  
(see write up on front page)

**Tuesday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> • 7:30 PM**

*“Peru and the Galapagos”*

Presented by Ann and Farley Olander  
(see write up on Page 2)

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

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## September 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter Program Takes us on a Photography Safari to Botswana and Namibia!

In March Sherry Schmidt took a break from teaching biology at Mount San Antonio College to do something she'd wanted to do for a long time: travel to Africa to photograph the wildlife. Sherry will present her best photographs at our September 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting.

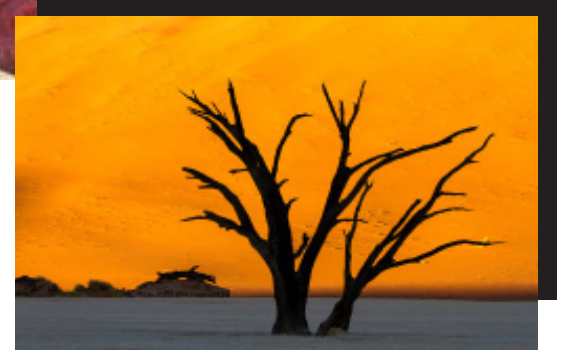
Sherry based her Botswana adventure at three camps in the Okavango Delta, which is known for its outstanding wildlife. At the first camp she saw lions numerous times, had a couple of leopard sightings, and saw two cheetahs, which was one of the highlights of the trip for her. She also saw baboons, elephants, zebras, and interesting birds including several hornbill species, bustards, bee-eaters, and several species of vultures.



One of the magical moments of her trip was at the second camp where she photographed red lechwe and kudu in the early morning light jumping over a deep pool of water (see photos on page 6). Other sightings included wild dogs and saddle-billed storks. At the third camp, she saw great birds, such as a goliath

heron, a hamerkop, helmeted Guinea fowl, a water thick-knee, a tawny eagle and a white-fronted bee-eater. She also saw wild dogs, spotted and brown hyenas and hippos fighting outside her room.

The Namibia adventure was a self-drive in an SUV with a GPS pre-programmed by the tour company. One highlight was two early morning visits to Deadvlei, a surreal landscape of tree skeletons in a white clay pan



backed by impressive sand dunes (above). Sightings on other days

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Please take a moment to use the form below and mail in a check to support this valuable source of information. Send the coupon (below) with your check, payable to "Sierra Club," to our Chair Mary Ann Ruiz, 4079 Mission Inn Ave, Riverside, CA 92501. Or visit our website and at <http://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/node/3> – just click on the



button.

As always, thank you for all you do for the environment and your San Gorgonio Chapter,

*Mary Ann Ruiz, San Gorgonio Chapter Chair*

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Here is my donation to help San Gorgonio Chapter publish and mail the *Palm and Pine*.

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## Come Explore Two Different Worlds (Galapagos Islands and Sacred Valley of the Inca) at Chapter's October 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting

In late April, Ann and Farley Olander traveled to destinations far removed from their usual trips. They returned home, however, filled with the mystique of the two magical places they visited: the Galapagos Islands – 600 miles off the coast of Ecuador – and the Sacred Valley of the Inca, between Cusco and Machu Picchu in Peru.

The Olanders will present a program on their adventure at the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the San Gorgonio Chapter at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, near the California Street exit from Interstate 10. The meeting starts at 7:30 P.M.

During their Galapagos week aboard a small catamaran, the Olanders and eight other passengers learned from a naturalist who'd lived and worked there more than

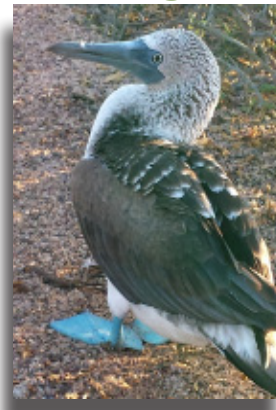
30 years. In this natural laboratory, she led two to three daily excursions from wet or dry landings on 10 different islands/islets.

Wonder came alive for the Olanders by getting close-up to the wildlife – wildlife that evolved while isolated on the islands for millions of years. Fresh awareness came each time the naturalist pointed out plants or animals adapted to an island's particular environment, like the Galapagos tortoises and Darwin's finches.

While snorkeling or walking on land, the Olanders found wildlife undaunted by their close presence, and they basked

in the magic – whether near land or marine iguanas, playful sea lions, waved albatrosses tending their newborns, or courting blue-footed boobies and great frigate birds, the males of the latter strutting their inflated sacs to attract females – truly Enchanted Isles, another name for the Galapagos Islands.

Flying into Cusco plunged the Olanders into an equally enchanted world, that of the Inca. Here the couple planned and traveled on their own.



Yet during four of those days, they hired personal guides who made all the difference. Familiar with their Quechua roots as well as Inca history, they took the Olanders along back routes to learn about the Inca ruins, their people and beliefs, interspersed with occasional stories from a guide's own heritage. Their presence gave a taste for the area's spiritual culture that the Olanders are still trying to

assimilate. One guide led them all day, often cross-country – hiking above the village of Chinchero for better views of 18,000 to 20,000-foot mountains and to sacred Inca sites nearby, but also to scenes of local

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# Calendar of Outings, Meetings, and Other Events

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2016

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

## GENERAL INFORMATION/RULES/DISCLAIMERS

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

**\*\*ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE** - Outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland, or Los Padres National Forests MAY require a Forest Service "Adventure Pass" for each vehicle. **THE FOREST SERVICE IS IN THE PROCESS OF UPDATING MAPS WHERE THIS PASS IS REQUIRED.** These Outings will be preceded by \*\* in the listings that follow. 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 **WHERE A PASS IS REQUIRED** without making arrangements with the leader and you don't have a pass or find a ride in a vehicle with a pass, you **MAY** not be able to attend the outing. You are expected to share the cost of the daily passes **WHERE REQUIRED** equally with the others in the vehicle. A \$.50 contribution from everyone in the vehicle is reasonable for annual passes (above normal mileage contribution). Golden Eagle Passports and Golden Age Passports may be used in lieu of the Adventure Pass.

**CARPOOLING POLICY** - In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and 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.

**LIABILITY WAIVER** - In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please see <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/> or call 415-977-5630. You will also find the entire waiver printed below:

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

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

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

In consideration for my acceptance as a participant on this Outing, & the services & amenities to be provided by the Sierra Club in connection with the Outing, I confirm my understanding that: I have read any rules & conditions applicable to the Outing made available to me; I will pay any costs & fees for the Outing; & I acknowledge my participation is at the discretion of the leader.

The Outing begins & ends at the location where the Outing officially commences with leader & participants in attendance, as designated by the Sierra Club ("Trailhead"). The Outing does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to & from the Trailhead, & I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel. This does not apply to transportation provided by the Sierra Club after the commencement & before the end of the Outing. If I decide to leave early & not to complete the Outing as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision. Likewise, if the leader has concluded the Outing, & I decide to go forward without the leader, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to go forward & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision.

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

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

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

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

## RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS

(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

**(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 1, Apr 4, May 2, Oct 3, Nov 7.  
INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

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

**(1ST WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, [dogs111@msn.com](mailto:dogs111@msn.com) BIG BEAR GROUP

**(1ST THU) LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, [brianelli@aol.com](mailto:brianelli@aol.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](mailto:kimffloyd@fastmail.fm) (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

**(2ND WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, [susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com](mailto:susanquintin.stueber@gmail.com) MOJAVE GROUP

**(2ND THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 [sierraclubsmg@gmail.com](mailto:sierraclubsmg@gmail.com) SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly except July & August. Programs on nature, conservation & travel topics. The public is welcome & refreshments are served. See Los Serranos webpage for detailed program information: [sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/groups/los\\_serranos](http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/groups/los_serranos) PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA (educational building, entrance in rear). INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, [brianelli@aol.com](mailto:brianelli@aol.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](http://www.sierraclubbigbeargroup.org). PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, [dogs111@msn.com](mailto:dogs111@msn.com) BIG BEAR GROUP

**(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: Meeting is held via conference call. INFO: For copy of the agenda and call-in info email [Chair@San-Gorgonio.Sierraclub.org](mailto:Chair@San-Gorgonio.Sierraclub.org) or call 951-683-0204 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 walk (usually 3 miles) beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark & Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing & good hiking shoes. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 961-0731. MOJAVE GROUP

**WED 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING WALK WALK**  
Please join us for a 3 mile conditioning walk beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark & Bed, Bath & Beyond Store,

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address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Walks are paced for participants. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this 3 mile Mojave River walk. BRING: Flashlight & water. WEAR: layered clothing & good hiking shoes. 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 HIKE**

Please join me for a 3 to 6 mile conditioning walk (usually 3 miles) beside the Mojave River in Apple Valley. We leave promptly at 7 PM. MEET: In the Jess Ranch Marketplace parking lot closest to the Mojave River Bed, between the Jess Ranch Cinemark & Bed, Bath & Beyond Store, Address: 18815 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308. Light post location is 158. Come enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, stars & moon on this Mojave River walk. BRING flashlight, water, jacket & comfortable walking shoes. Wear layered clothing. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 961-0731 Labelady@msn.com MOJAVE GROUP

**SEP 1 – SEP 4**

Please read “**LIABILITY WAIVER**” preceding these listings  
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

**SEP1 (THU) 7:45 AM BONITA VISTA FIRST DAY HIKE HIKE**

This is a monthly hike at the Bonita Vista Trailhead in the Juniper Flats Area. The Bonita Vista trailhead has easy access just off the paved road and offers a great opportunity for individuals and families to get outdoors, exercise and appreciate nature in the desert. There are great views and hills to climb! Participants can listen to birds, breathe in the fresh air, discover wildlife tracks, and feel the wind and the warmth of the sun and shade of a few junipers. RATING: moderate. Hike will begin sharply at 8 am. Please arrive at 7:45 and give yourself time to park and reach the trailhead. MEET: Bonita Vista Trailhead -From Bear Valley Road take Central south and then east on Roundup Way to where the pavement ends. If you have a low passenger vehicle park here and walk the tenth of a mile south on Bonita Vista. If you have a high clearance vehicle you can drive the tenth mile to the trailhead. The hike will be 2-6 miles depending on the weather (it can be HOT). BRING: 2-3 liters of water, sun protection, layered clothing, sturdy hiking shoes/boots, hat, snacks, hiking stick. Contact LEADER: Jenny Wilder at JensOasis@aol.com or call 760 220 0730. MOJAVE GROUP

**SEP3 (SAT) 8:00 AM COUGAR CREST/PCT EAST HIKE**

This is a moderate, 7- 8-mile hike with approximately 800' of elevation gain. We will start at Cougar Crest trailhead, take it to where it branches off on the PCT. We will hike along the PCT east for another mile or so. The PCT behind Big Bear is a quiet and pretty place to hike. MEET: at the Cougar Crest Trailhead, 1/4 mile west of the Discovery Center on the north shore of Big Bear Lake. An Adventure Pass will be required to park at the trailhead. BRING:10 essentials, 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Contact Hike Leader Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932 or email judy5723@gmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**SEP 5 – SEP 11**

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**SEP 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 ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911 CHAPTER

**SEP 7 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**

The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**SEP 8 (THU) 6:00 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING**

Monthly meeting except July & August. The public is welcome. PLACE: Temecula Valley Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (951) 767-2324 sierraclubsmg@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**SEP10 (SAT) 7:30 AM SEC B: PCT/FULLER RIDGE TO IDYLLWILD HIKE**

We restart our Section B PCT hikes this fall with this hike. We have three Section B segments to complete. This is the middle segment. Starting on Fuller Ridge below the summit of Mt. San Jacinto, the PCT winds around the south face of San Jacinto Mountain 7.8 miles to Strawberry Junction, where we'll leave the PCT to take the Deer Springs Trail 4.1 miles down to Idyllwild. Total distance is 11.9 miles, with 2200 ft. of climb and 3300 ft. of descent. This is a shuttle-hike, and high-clearance vehicles are needed for the 8 dirt miles to Fuller Ridge. RATING: Strenuous MEET: We will meet at the U.S. Forest Service Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549 at 7:30 AM. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, and 4 liters of water, lunch, snacks, sun protection, and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Call Hike Leader, Dave Melton, at (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**SEP 10 (SAT) 8:00 AM ARASTRE FALLS HIKE**

It's that time of the year to check the Falls and surrounding area on a 4-mile hike through the lovely Juniper Flats area. Bring water and wear a hat. Who knows what the weather will be. All part of the adventure in the wild and scenic area. Bring plenty of water. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8 am. LEADER: Norman Bossom 760-912-3725 or coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

**SEP 10 (SAT) 8:00 AM SUICIDE ROCK HIKE**

Enjoy a day in the mountains! Join us on a 7-mile out and back hike to Suicide Rock. The hike is moderately difficult with about 1900 ft of elevation gain. This trail is good in

the summer because much of it is shaded by pines and oak and the view from the rock is breathtaking. DIRECTIONS: From the Ranger Station in Idyllwild drive 1 mile north on highway 243. Park on the north side of the road across from The County Park Nature Center. As always bring plenty of water, a lunch, comfortable hiking shoes, dress in layers and don't forget the sunscreen. This hike will be limited to the first twelve (12) that preregister. RAIN CANCELS. LEADER: Gary Marsalone at (858) 663-1201 or hikesie@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**\*\*SEP 11 (SUN) 9:00 AM SB MTS, HANNA FLATS HIKE**

Round trip approx. 8 miles, fairly level. This area was burned in the Butler 2 fire of 2007. We will look for new growth on the many pine tree seedlings that were planted after the forest was incinerated. BRING lunch, 2 quarts of water, jacket, sun block. MEET at the signed Gray's Peak trailhead parking lot on the left side of Hwy 38 before you reach Fawnskin. Leader: HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836. Adventure Pass required. MOUNTAINS GROUP

**SEP 12 – SEP 18**

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**SEP 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

**SEP 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

**SEP 14 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING**

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

**SEP 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. INFO: ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**SEP 16 (FRI) 6:30 AM CUCAMONGA PEAK HIKE**

This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Cucamonga Peak (elevation 8859 ft), 12.2 miles round trip with 3900 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first 1 1/2 miles under a canopy of oak, alder, cedar, and pine. Scenic view in all directions from the top of Cucamonga Peak. Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen. 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

**SEP 16 (FRI) 7:30 PM MOONLIGHT PADDLE NIGHT KAYAK**

Yes, we are going to enjoy a FULL MOON and cool mountain air while we paddle around a small section of Big Bear Lake. We will start our evening adventure at Captain John Fawn Harbor at 7:30 p.m. Free boat launching if you have your own equipment. If not, Captain John's will rent you the kayak, paddle and life vest for \$20 per hour. This fee pays for your lake permit as well. RESERVATIONS: Contact Water Outings Leader, Christine Jacobs at (909) 272-3755 or hikeit23@gmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**SEP 17 (SAT) 7:00 AM SEC B: PCT/FULLER RIDGE TO SNOW CRK HIKE**

This is the northern most segment of Section B, and the most strenuous because we descend continuously 7,000 ft. in 17 miles from Fuller Ridge to Snow Creek. The views as we descend down the north face of San Jacinto are absolutely spectacular. The hike will take all day and we will finish late, at dark. We will conclude the hike at Snow Creek and forgo the untrailed section through the desert to I-10. We need high-clearance vehicles to drive the 8 miles up the rough dirt road to Fuller Ridge. We have the possibility of a lengthy car shuttle in the dark after the hike; however, LJ and perhaps another person will be shuttling cars for us as we start hiking so we hope to skip said shuttle. RATING: Strenuous. MEET: On the north side of I-10 at Haugen-Lehman road at 7:00 AM. This is the first exit west of the junction of Highway 111 from Palm Springs and I-10. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, bug juice or face net, 4 liters of water, lunch plus snacks, sun protection, and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Call Hike Leader, Dave Melton, at (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**SEP 17 (SAT) 8:00 AM SUGARLOAF MTN 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 2500' elevation gain. RATING: Strenuous MEET: Vons Parking Lot, adjacent to the boulevard by Starbucks, 42170 Big Bear Blvd and we will carpool to the trail head on Holcomb Valley Rd. No Adventure Pass required. BRING: 2-3 Liters of water, snacks./lunch, sun protection, sunglasses, trekking poles and good hiking boots RESERVATIONS: contact RESERVATIONS: Contact Peter Michelsen at petermichelsenor@gmail.com or call me (760) 333 3103. BIG BEAR GROUP

**SEP 17 (SAT) 8:00 AM WEST FORK OF THE MOJAVE RIVER HIKE**

You just do not know how this area will be. Will there be water in the west fork? In any event it will be scenic. This 4-mile hike is made a little more strenuous because much of

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the journey will be in soft river bed sand. Bring plenty of water. A historic commentary will be given relating to the area. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8 am. LEADER: Norman Bossom 760-912-3725 or coachnorm@yahoo.com  
MOJAVE GROUP

### SEP 19 – SEP 25

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**SEP 20 (TUE) 5:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly except July & August. Note this program meets at a different location and time than our regular programs. MEET: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Chino Basin Water Conservation District board room, 4594 San Bernardino Street, Montclair, CA 91763. DETAILS: Bring a picnic dinner including your own eating utensils and non-alcoholic beverages. After our dinner, we will tour the beautiful demonstration gardens featuring drought tolerant plants. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**SEP 21 (WED) 9:00 AM BEAR FLATS HIKE**  
The Bear Canyon Trail to Bear Flats ( also known as Old Baldy Trail ) offers some of the finest scenery in the San Gabriel Mountains. This moderate hike has an elevation gain of 1,260 ft. with a 3.6 R/T mileage. BRING: water, hiking sticks, sturdy boots and layered clothing. MEET: Please call/e-mail me prior to scheduled date for details. Rain cancels. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 jmwandjjw@hotmail.com  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**SEP 23-25 (FRI-SUN) NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY SERVICE**  
Join us in helping out for National Public Lands Day in the Black Rock Desert, a beautiful and remote desert about 100 Miles north of Reno. Plans are not definite yet, but we will be doing a work project of some sort. The trip usually includes a day of work and day of play. More information will be available as the time draws nearer. LEADER: David Book 775/843-6443. GREAT BASIN GROUP/CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**SEP 24 (SAT) 8:00 AM ROUND MOUNTAIN HIKE**  
This moderate 5-mile hike with a short but strenuous climb to the top of Round Mountain is worthwhile for the wonderful views across the High Desert and Juniper Flats. BRING: Your camera and plenty of water. A very special outing. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8 a.m. LEADER: Norman Bossom 760-912-3725 or coachnorm@yahoo.com. MOJAVE GROUP

**SEP 24 (SAT) 8:00 AM KELLER PEAK/EXPLORATION TRAIL HIKE**  
This is a moderate, 8 mile, 1,300' elevation gain hike near Running Springs. It's a popular hike in the area. If the group decides it wants to continue to the top of Keller Peak we will do so. It will add a little more mileage to hike. MEET: at the Keller Peak/Exploration trailhead parking area off Hwy 18 and Keller Peak Rd. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, sun protection, snack/lunch, hiking boots and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Contact hike leader Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932 or email judy5723@gmail.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**\*\*SEP 24 (SAT) 8:00 AM BERTHA PEAK HIKE**  
This is a 'Peaks' of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Bear Valley will be given a commemorative patch. This will be an 8-mile round trip hike with 1400' elevation gain. You will have gorgeous views of Holcomb Valley, San Gorgonio Mtn. range as well as a bit of the desert. You will hike through forests of Juniper, Cedar and Jeffrey Pine. RATING: Mod/Strenuous BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hat, trekking poles and good hiking boots MEET: Cougar Crest Trailhead, located half mile west of the Big Bear Discovery Ctr. An Adventure Pass is required for parking RESERVATIONS: Contact Hike Leader, Charlotte Watts@momscampsite@gmail.com or call 909-866-7423  
BIG BEAR GROUP

### SEP 26 – OCT 2

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**SEP 27 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**  
Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: Meeting is held via conference call. INFO: For copy of the agenda and call-in info email Chair@SanGorgonio. Sierrclub.org or call 951-683-0204  
CHAPTER

**OCT 1 (SAT) 8:00 AM ARRASTRE WATERFALL FIRST DAY HIKE**  
This month the First Day Hike will be to Arrastre Waterfall and beyond. It is a great hike to the lovely riparian area near the waterfall (a seep this time of year) and then up to the hill beyond and back down to come out on top of the waterfall. About 4-6 miles round trip. RATING: moderate with some cross country travel and a small section of boulder hopping. MEET: at the Power Tower just south of the junction of Bowen Ranch Rd and Coxey Truck Trail (3N14). BRING: 2-3 liters of water, sun protection, layered clothing, sturdy hiking shoes/boots, hat, snacks, hiking stick. Contact LEADER: Jenny Wilder at JensOasis@aol.com or call 760 220 0730. MOJAVE GROUP

**OCT 1 (SAT) 8:00 AM SECC PCT ONYX SUMMIT-CUSHENBERRY PASS HIKE**  
This is Hike #7 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all eight segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 14.0 mile through-hike. RATING: Moderate/Strenuous. MEET: Those hikers from Apple Valley/ Yucca Valley should meet at Cushenberry Pass at 8:00 am; for those hikers traveling from San Bernardino should meet at Onyx Summit at 8:30 am. Those individuals living in the Big Bear area should meet at Cushenberry Pass at 8:00 am. BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection, 3 liters of water, food, 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 1-2 (SAT-SUN) 9:00 AM MT BALDY - HARWOOD LODGE GATHERING**  
Join friends and club members at the historic 1930s Sierra Club Harwood Lodge, just 25 minutes from Claremont, CA. You can come for the day or the weekend but arrive after 9:00 am. Lodge is a 2-story youth hostel style accommodation complete with kitchen, showers and warm fireplace. Bring potluck item to share for 8 for Sat night or for breakfast. BRING: personal items, food, pillows, bedding. The lodge has bunk beds, mattresses, plates, kitchen, microwave, stoves and utensils. There is a partial day fee of \$5 and overnight fee of \$15 for Sierra Club members, or \$20 for non-members. Directions: From the 210 East Freeway at Claremont, exit Baseline Rd. Go left off the ramp, then take the first right onto Padua Ave. Go right at the light to continue up Mt. Baldy Road through Baldy Village and up the mountain approximately 11 miles. Where road splits turn to the right on dirt road to the lodge. An Adventure Pass is not needed to park in our lots. INFORMATION: Contact Hike Leader Will Gaskill email wgaskill@hotmail.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**OCT 2 (SUN) 8:00 AM SUGARLOAF MTN 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 2500' elevation gain. RATING: STRENUOUS. MEET: Vons Parking Lot, adjacent to the boulevard by Starbucks, 42170 Big Bear Blvd and we will carpool to the trail head on Holcomb Valley Rd. No Adventure Pass required. BRING: 2-3 Liters of water, snacks./ lunch, sun protection, sunglasses, trekking poles and good hiking boots RESERVATIONS: contact Hike Leader Charlotte Watts at momscampsite@gmail.com or call 909-866-7423  
BIG BEAR GROUP

### OCT 3 – OCT 9

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**OCT 3 (MON) 6:00 PM CHINO HILLS URBAN TRAILS HIKE**  
Come out and enjoy the evening on one of our local urban trails in Chino Hills. We will hike 2-3 miles, exiting the trails by 7:00 pm at closing time. Hike is easy although there are some steep hills that will challenge as good conditioning practice! Chino Hills urban trails offer views of all our surrounding mountain ranges on a clear fall evening. We will also take a look at the Tres Hermanos Ranch area to the west, currently being reviewed for possible development. Bring: sturdy shoes, 1 liter of water. Contact leader for meeting place: LEADER: Mary Ann Ruiz, Hike 909-815-9379, or maryann.ruiz@sangorgonio.sierrclub.org  
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**OCT 3 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on Feb 1, Apr 4, May 2, Oct 3, Nov 7. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313..... SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**OCT 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 ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911  
CHAPTER

**OCT 5 (WED) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING**  
The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**OCT 7 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS, COYOTE ROCK HIKE**  
In 2013 the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust acquired 160 acres of forest land adjoining the National Forest near Running Springs. We will travel a new trail system constructed by volunteers. Beginning at Charles Hoffman Elementary School we will hike to the highest point, Coyote Rock. From there we'll climb Mill Peak. Then we will take a lateral trail to loop back to the Coyote Rock trail for return to the start. Distance: 4 miles, elevation gain/loss: 800 feet. Dogs on leash welcome. BRING: layered clothing, sun protection, lunch, 2 qt. water. CALL Leader, KARLA BARTON, 760-805-0782 or kbarkus2000@yahoo.com  
MOUNTAINS GROUP

**OCT 8 (SAT) 8:00 AM LOWER DEEP CREEK HIKE**  
This 3-mile hike into a spectacular riparian area is always different. The east fork of the Mojave River flows through/around the hiking trail and changes according to the amount of water. Prepare to get your feet wet. How wet? We do not know until we get there. You can be certain that this scenic area will not disappoint. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8 a.m. LEADER: Norman Bossom 760-912-3725 or coachnorm@yahoo.com  
MOJAVE GROUP

**\*\*OCT 8 (SAT) 8:00 AM SUICIDE ROCK TRAIL SAN JACINTO MTS HIKE**  
This family hike is a 6.7 mile out and back trail near Idyllwild that features beautiful wildflowers and great views of the San Jacinto Mountain. Suicide Rock provides spectacular views of Strawberry Valley at Lily Rock and Tahquitz Peak. RATING: Moderate, with a 1400' elevation gain MEET: across from the San Jacinto State Park in the parking area marked with a sign that says Deer Springs Trail Parking that provides access to the trail, an Adventure Pass is required. BRING: 10-essentials, 2-liters of water, lunch, trail snacks, sun-protection, and trekking poles optional. RESERVATIONS: Confirm participation by contacting Hike Leader, Sharon Nardoza at snardoza@cox.net or (760) 208-3654 or Co-Leader Darlene Taylor (951) 385-5706 or dtaylorncrew@verizon.net  
BIG BEAR GROUP

### OCT 10 – OCT 16

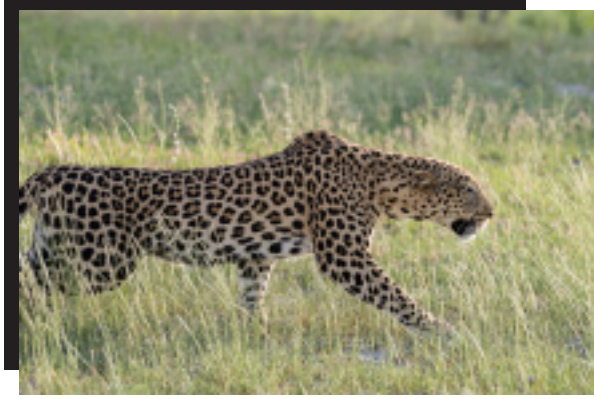
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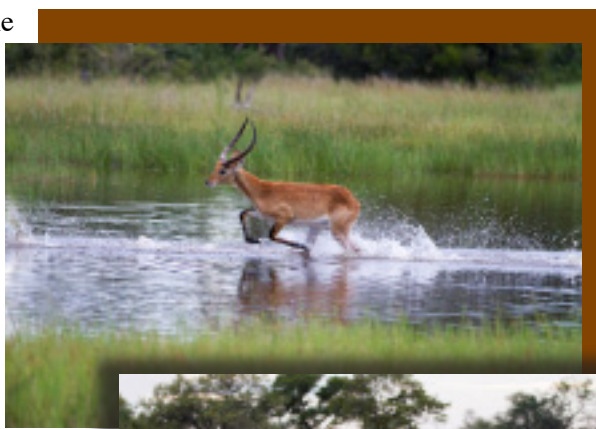
included ostrich, gemsbok, springbok, social weaver birds and many dune animals, including Namaqua chameleons and sidewinding adders. In and around Etosha National Park, she sighted both white and black rhino, zebra, elephant, giraffe, the endemic Damara dik-dik, secretary birds and other beautiful bird species. A last magical moment was watching a leopard hunting in the tall grass in the late afternoon light (below).



Sherry earned her B.A. at University of Montana and her M.A. at CSU Fullerton. She conducted the research for her master's thesis in the Cottonwood Basin of the southern Sierra Nevada, comparing the ability of two species of shooting star

(Dodecateon) to control water loss.

She started teaching biology full time at Mount San Antonio College right after graduate school. She has taught a number of courses, including zoology, botany,



natural history of California, and conservation of natural resources. She is currently teaching general biology, marine biology, and conservation biology.

Her primary academic interests today are the natural history of desert and mountain ecosystems and conservation biology. In her free time she loves to camp, hike, and travel. She also loves photography. She traveled through the eastern half of Australia for four months as part of a sabbatical. She has also traveled to Costa Rica, Mexico, the Galapagos, Antarctica, Madagascar, the Peruvian Amazon, Peninsular Malaysia and Borneo, Brazil, and Patagonia.



## Big Bear Group

By Ed Caliendo, Group Chair

### Patch Party Awardees

Seventy-five hikers and family members showed up for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Patch Party. Twenty-nine overachievers received special recognition patches including 22 that climbed the five peaks of Big Bear in 2015, and the others for accomplishing sections of the Pacific Crest Trail. Each section consists of 120 miles plus in distance.

#### Five Peaks Awardees

Rachelle Barbato	Margaret Huenefeld
Bonnie Bacon	Carla Martin
Ed Caliendo	Peter Michelson
Eric Chu	Sue McIlwain
Gary Clay	Robyn McQuade
Lynne Clay	Lorrie Ann Monson
Steve Costley	Howard Olson
Allen Dardenelle	Lynda Schmittle
Michelle DeYoe	Jay Smith
Kim Eng	Sandra Simper
Beatrice Etchison	Charlotte Watts

#### PCT Section B Awardees

Eric Chi
Janet Jackson
David Melton
Darlene Talyor

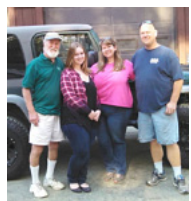
#### PCT Section D Awardees

Bill Geisler
Chris Kemp
Bob Young

### FUN WAS HAD BY ALL!



### 2016 Selection of College Scholarship Awardee



L to R: Marvin Cira, Treasurer of Big Bear Group & Miranda Thomas and parents

Miranda Thomas was selected to receive this year's College Scholarship \$1,000 award. Her future career goal is to become a bio-medical researcher or bio-medical engineer – a goal partially developed as a result of witnessing her grandfather and father struggle with diabetes. Miranda has been accepted to attend the University of California at Irvine. She maintained a 4.0 GPA and participated in community services. The entire Thomas family has participated in environmental conservation. As a child, Miranda assisted her father in the Adopt-A-Trail program, assisting the National Forest Service in the maintenance, restoration, and cleaning of off-road trails. Miranda was involved in creating barriers for rain-water flow and establishing barriers to prevent illegal off-trail travel. Miranda volunteered approximately 150 hours of service during her four-years attending Big Bear High School.

### Three Sisters Making a Positive Impact

It is not often that a single family contributes so much, but that is the result of Darlene Taylor, Sharon Nardozza, and Yvonne Gonzales. While all three lead separate lives and each with a full-range of activities, they have banded together to enjoy the outdoors and make a positive impact on the Big Bear Group.

Darlene states, "Both Sharon and myself are Hike Leaders and have been training under Ed Caliendo's guidance, learning new skills and trails over the past few years. Our sister Yvonne is an experienced First Responder EMT and is a helpful resource to have along in the event of a personal emergency." They can be found on most weekends leading fellow hikers through the forest and trails of So Cal and continue to plan and organize hikes for the upcoming months.

During the week, Darlene Taylor teaches a diverse group of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students including those characterized as gifted and talented at North Ridge Elementary, a STEM school located in Moreno Valley. Her sister, Sharon Nardozza, works as a Sr. Paralegal in Real Estate Legal in San Diego that provides a full range of real estate services to the life science and university communities. Last but not least, is Yvonne Gonzales, caretaker

of three grandchildren and an EMT/Emergency Management provider who serves as a medical volunteer with Riverside County Public Health which supports Riverside County Emergency Response System and the state of CA Disaster Response team. She also serves as a federal Medical Reserve Corps volunteer.

With the support of their families, all three sisters take extra time each week to review trails and plan hikes. On hike day each sister takes time to visit with each hiker to ensure that all hikers in the group are provided a positive experience when they come out to spend the day hiking with the Big Bear Group. Together, they try to make a positive impact on the many people who participate in hikes led by these three sisters.



Sharon Nardozza  
Hike Leader



Darlene Taylor  
Hike Leader



Yvonne Gonzales  
EMT

### Ed Wallace installing fence to protect the Pebble Plain

Ed Wallace has been a key volunteer in the preservation of the Pebble Plain above Sugarloaf in the Big Bear area. Recently he participated in installing several hundred feet of new steel fence posts and 2" x 8" wood beams to help protect the Pebble Plain from unwanted motor bikes and unauthorized trash dumping.



### Family Outing Scheduled at Historic Harwood Lodge

Big Bear Group has reserved the 1930's historic Harwood Lodge for



a family weekend of fun over October 1 (Saturday) and October 2 (Sunday). Located near Claremont, CA, in the foothills near Mt. Baldy Village, it's a two-story youth hostel-style lodge with bunk beds & mattresses, complete kitchen (plates, kitchen, microwave, stove, and utensils), bathrooms and showers, plus a group fireplace. There is a partial day fee of \$5 or overnight fee of \$15 for Sierra Club members, or \$20 fee for non-members. For inquiries and reservations, please contact Will Gaskill, Outings Leader, by email at wgaskill@hotmail.com.

### BBG Adopts Lake Shoreline

Recently, the Big Bear Group adopted a section of Big Bear Lake shoreline in order to voluntarily keep the shoreline clean of trash and help reserve the rustic beauty of Big Bear Lake. As a result, we have selected the Sunday (September 11) following the Labor Day National holiday to schedule a cleanup. If you would like to participate in the trash cleanup, please contact Ellen Kesler at (909) 585-1062. cumulation of debris from the shoreline between the Solar Observatory and Captain John's Fawnskin marina. Let us know if you can help.... And we will contact you one-week in advance of the shoreline cleanup.

### Solicitation of New Board Members

It is that time of the year when the Big Bear Group solicits individuals who may wish to join the Big Bear Group and become an active board member. If you have experience in Accounting, Fund Raising, Environmental activities, Hiking Leadership, or Administration Support, please apply. All interested applicants are to submit their intentions to Ed Caliendo, Group Chairperson, to email address: dogs111@msn.com. If you wish to ask questions, please call me at 442.242.4103.

In order to qualify, you must be a member of the Sierra Club and must be assigned to the Big Bear Group. Both of these requirements can quickly be accomplished if you do not already qualify. You must apply before September 30, 2016.



## Los Serranos Group

Submitted by Mary Ann Ruiz, Chapter Chair & Group Member

Los Serranos Group is back in high gear with summer behind us. We kick off the fall meeting schedule with our second annual trip to the Chino Basin Water Conservation District's Water-Wise Demonstration Garden, 4594 San Bernardino St, Montclair, CA 91763, on September 20. Come early – beginning at 5:00 pm, the Garden facilities



will be open for our members and guests. Bring your own picnic dinner and (non-alcoholic) beverages and enjoy the surroundings. After enjoying a fun picnic we will tour the demonstration garden, described here on their website:

“Our 1.75 acre Water Wise Demonstration Garden is a [Certified Wildlife Habitat®](#) and is designed to provide educational encounters at every turn. There are numerous model gardens to help homeowners identify water wise plants that would also look good in their home landscape. The model gardens include a Southwest Garden, a Woodland Garden, a Mediterranean Garden, a turf demonstration area to compare water use of different types of turf, and much more. Each area has interpretive signage to further explain the plants and strategies used. The garden also features full-size architectural facades to emulate what a landscape might look like next to your own home.



In addition to the model gardens, the landscape showcases best practices for Low Impact Development strategies, such as permeable surfaces, mulching, bioswales to collect runoff and recycled water irrigation throughout.”

Everyone is welcome – we hope you will join us! The next meeting, October 18, will continue with the garden theme. Gordon Pratt, California Native Plant Society will speak on how we can attract butterflies to our gardens. Join us at our usual meeting place, Upland Presbyterian Church, at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome and refreshments will be served.

Los Serranos Group Outings leaders are also gearing back up for the fall hiking season. Check the calendar for hikes in the West end of SB County – including a couple of new evening hikes along Chino Hills Urban trails. For information on outings and meetings, check the Chapter website or Sierra Club Los Serranos Group Facebook page.



## Mountains Group

By Dave Barrie, Group Chair

The last 12 months found the Mountains Group looking for replacements for Executive Committee (ExCom) members that were leaving the ExCom. And we're still looking.

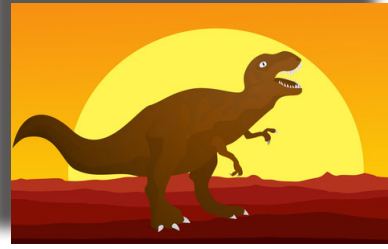
Sherry Noone, our Secretary, left at the end of 2015 (she's now the Big Bear Group's Secretary) and we are still looking for someone to be our Secretary. (On the ExCom or not)

Bill Engs, our Treasurer, decided to step away from that position and has been replaced (officially, finally, earlier this year) by Debby McAllister.

Bill will also be leaving his position as Outings Chair at the end of 2016 and will no longer be a member of the ExCom after this year. We are actively pursuing a replacement for Bill in both capacities.

We are also looking for help on our Conservation Committee (ConsCom) and at the Thrift Shoppe.

Our ConsCom is currently five active members, with a little help here and there from one or two other folks. We have seven major projects/developments that we are tracking/involved in and there are several other potential projects as well. We will soon need to address which projects we must “drop” from our active list unless we have some additional



## A Dinosaur in the Making

By Bryan Baker

(Conservation Chair for the Mojave Group)

The “Jurassic Park” movies notwithstanding, dinosaurs are extinct and should not be brought back to life. But that's essentially what CalTrans wants to do by building a massive new \$8 billion toll road and rail corridor in the High Desert between Palmdale and Victorville/Apple Valley. The “High Desert Corridor” (HDC) would not only destroy thousands of acres of habitat and disrupt the rural character of the area, but would build a road for which there is little demand.

CalTrans touts two justifications for the road: it would relieve expected congestion between the High Desert communities, and would provide an alternative route between the L.A. basin and Las Vegas and other points east. But demand is lacking on both fronts. The two paved roads between the communities (Palmdale Road/138 and El Mirage Road) together average less than 10,000 vehicles per day (by comparison, the I-15 at Bear Valley Road carries around 100,000 vehicles per day). Even overly optimistic estimates of future demand from San Bernardino County point to traffic growth on these roads of about 50 percent in the next 30 years. Yet CalTrans predicted that by 2040, the HDC would carry over 110,000 vehicles per day!

So where would all that traffic come from? It must be from all those people and trucks from L.A. trying to avoid the I-15 up the Cajon Pass, right? Let's look at that. The trip from the Port of L.A. to Barstow is 125 miles via the I-15. But it would be 160 miles via the HDC—35 miles farther! From the City of Industry to Barstow, it would be 55 miles farther. In fact, the only part of the L.A. basin from which the HDC would be a shorter trip is from the northwestern corner of the San Fernando Valley. Add toll charges on top of lengthier routes, and it makes the HDC unlikely to attract any significant portion of current traffic in the Cajon Pass.

The HDC is likely to end up in worse shape than the Orange County toll roads. Those roads have attracted many fewer vehicles than projected. But at least they clearly provide an attractive alternative route compared to nearby freeways. The HDC, on the other hand, is out of the way for nearly all imagined customers.

The HDC also proposes a bullet train that would link the California high-speed rail line to a proposed train to Las Vegas. Of course rail is often a good thing, but not this time. Along with the highway, it would destroy habitat for the desert tortoise and other desert species, and provide few underpasses and other means of habitat connectivity. The Las Vegas train has little prospect of being built. The company proposing the train, Desert Xpress, tried to get a \$6 billion loan from the federal government. But Republicans in Congress, seeing its dim financial prospects, quashed that attempt. A Chinese company later announced they would help build the train, but then withdrew.

Even with a government handout (with a good chance the loan would never be repaid), the Las Vegas train plan assumes we would give them the median of I-15 for the rail line. Not only does this transfer public land to private hands, but also it would also essentially preclude widening the I-15 in the future.

CalTrans and other agencies have now pushed this ill-advised project through its environmental review process. Fortunately, at this point it has few prospects for funding. We can hope that situation continues. Some money for land acquisition looks to be included in the sales tax extension ballot proposal for L.A. County in November. Please take any opportunity you find to point out the problems of this project.

### Candidates for the 2017-2018 Mojave Group Excom

The Mojave group has received the following candidates for the November ballot; Norman Bossom, currently serving as the Outings Chair, Bryan Baker, currently serving as the Conservation Chair, Debbie Buchanan, currently serving as the Recorder and Susan Stueber, currently serving as the Chair. Look for a ballot in the November/December *Palm and Pine*.

### Juniper Flats Restoration Grant Update

Work continues within the polygon in Juniper Flats in spite of the heat! Monitoring continues around the perimeter. The first Outreach Event was held on July 23rd. Yes, it was hot but it was bearable in the shade. There is another Outreach Event that is being planned for early November. Please consider getting involved. Every little bit helps.

For more information and to sign-up please contact, Alyssa Canoff, [acanoff@blm.gov](mailto:acanoff@blm.gov) or Zack Pratt, [zpratt@blm.gov](mailto:zpratt@blm.gov) Phone: (760) 252-6040 or Susan Stueber, [sstueber16@gmail.com](mailto:ssstueber16@gmail.com)

help from members that are currently not involved.

Almost all of our funding comes from the efforts of Heather Sargeant and her band of volunteers that work for the Mountains Group at the Mountain Thrift Shoppe in Blue Jay. Heather does not have enough volunteers to provide “coverage” for all of the hours we would like to be working. More volunteers will give Heather a chance to maximize the hours that our Group puts in. Just a three-hour shift on Monday morning (10am to 1pm) or Monday afternoon (1pm to 4pm) or Wednesday afternoon (1pm to 4pm) – easy enough!

We have been lucky over the years to have enough volunteers (just) to step up and help us with our various activities and Executive Committee service. The current situation is looking a little less lucky.

The Mountains Group has 220 members (varies a little from month-to-month) and there are 27 of us providing some kind of active participation. Just a little over 12%. If we can get that to 15% (6 more active volunteers) it would be most helpful. Let's say one Secretary to handle ExCom meeting minutes for five meetings per year, two volunteers

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## Santa Margarita Group

By Michael H. Momeni, PhD - Environmental Scientist

### The Fourth of July Parade

An historic moment occurred on July 4, 2016, when the Sierra Club Santa Margarita Group participated in the City of Temecula's 4th of July Parade. This was our first major outreach event to the local community to show our patriotic spirit and declare our presence. Margaret Meyncke organized our group's participation in this event.

Our giant Earth Ball generated



The Earth Ball was guided by John Meyncke through the route along Temecula's historic Old Town Front Street.

Charles Dickens (1859) wrote in *A Tale of Two Cities*: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair..." although I read the novel in high school, the author's words still resonate true to our times. We would despair if the rational mind would be displaced with the season of darkness. I am an optimist; I hope for the best of future times. Our progress in bringing rational steps toward progressive environmental protection should not be darkened by the despair of allowing those wishing to bring the "bad old days" back into our future.

We are at the cross-roads of wisdom and foolishness. We need to protect our environment from those who have exploited our natural resources and left behind mounds of radioactive contaminants, and once again wish to destroy one of our great natural heritages the Grand Canyon for uranium and other toxic materials. We need to support the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Interior. Otherwise, we bring back the age of darkness where environmental scientists and environmentalists are replaced by political hacks with a sole desire to undermine our hard won progress in the protection of our environment. We have seen this darkness in resolute attempts to disable our protection of the environment during the nineteen eighties.

Let us hope that the age of wisdom will prevail. We must not stay silent.

Santa Margarita Group activities during the last three months included:

1. Participation in the Temecula Fourth of July Parade;
2. Development issues in Temecula;
3. Outdoor family meetings; and
4. Hikes.

supportive comments from the crowd. About 35 people marched in matching green tee shirts carrying stuffed animals and American flags.

Along the route, parade announcers read a prepared statement about our Santa Margarita Group activities and invited the public to join our monthly meetings, and visit our webpage, Facebook and our What's Up blog. We sang "This Land is Your Land" and played kazoos. It was whimsical, family friendly, and lots of fun!

### Development Issues in Temecula

We were privileged to hear Temecula City Council member Dr. Matt Rahn talk and discuss developmental issues in Temecula. He has extensive experience in the design of wildlife habitat and ecosystem monitoring programs, with an emphasis on the identification of invasive species, the impact on threatened or endangered species, and the development of appropriate

management and mitigation programs. The Santa Margarita group has been a willing and pleased community partner with our city administration on many projects and activities. Pam Nelson, the Chair of our Group, wrote: "We admire and appreciate the City's ongoing efforts to improve and protect the quality of life for its residents." Please see:

<http://sierraconservation.blogspot.com/2016/07/altair-specific-plan-and-environmental.html>

And <http://sierraconservation.blogspot.com/2016/07/sierra-santa-margarita-letter-about.html>

We diligently support an orderly development of our community with an eye toward expanding our open spaces, allowing a corridor for wildlife passage across Highways 15 & 215, monitoring water demand and supply, air quality, and creating and expanding mass-transit systems to Los Angeles and San Diego counties. Pam Nelson wrote: "The Altair project on the western section of Temecula could have a significant impact on wildlife movement between the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve and the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve and Santa Margarita River – Temecula Creek – Pechanga Creek connection."

Wildlife movement between the Santa Ana Mountains across Interstate 15 to the Palomar Mountains has been a concern for decades and we are now at a point where it appears that the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve is in the center of the last viable linkage for wildlife that connects the Inland Mountains to the Coastal Mountain Range. We consider a wildlife corridor system may be the only way to protect and save the wildlife that are now stranded on the west side of Highway 15. This is an urgent man-made problem that cannot be avoided any longer. We urgently need to pursue avenues for creating a wildlife corridor across Highway 15.

## Moreno Valley Group

By Ann McKibben, Secretary

An easy way to find out about outings sponsored by the San Geronimo Chapter and the Moreno Valley Group is to look up their online presence. Below are the links you can use to find out more information:

- [http://sangoronio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno\\_valley](http://sangoronio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley)
- <http://sangoronio2.sierraclub.org/node/3>
- <https://www.facebook.com/MorenoValleySierraClub/>

The Moreno Valley Group will be sending out their fall newsletter at the end of October. Look for the newsletter and the group executive committee election ballot.

**Update World Logistics Center (WLC):** The nine separate lawsuits against the city of Moreno Valley on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) issues for the WLC were combined earlier in the year. The lawsuits challenged the adequacy of the CEQA documents for the WLC project. A second lawsuit challenges the three initiatives the developer sponsored which allowed the Moreno Valley city council to directly approve the WLC project in an attempt to bypass the CEQA lawsuits. At the August 3 hearing the judge heard arguments from both sides on the developer-sponsored initiatives. She has 90 days to issue her final ruling on the lawsuit. A September 2 hearing date was set to hear arguments on the project approval. Here is the link to the newspaper article on the hearing: <http://www.pe.com/articles/environmental-809733-developer-city.html?page=1>

In late July the County of Riverside & the Riverside Transportation Commission settled their lawsuits with the developer of the WLC. The agreement spells out how

much money the developer will pay the county to make improvements on Gilman Springs Road, improvements on Highway 60 and will also help pay to conduct a regional transportation study.

The settlement does nothing to address the issues of worsening air quality, traffic impacts and impacts on endangered species. Fourteen thousand (14,000) truck trips will still impact Highway 60 each day and affect the quality of life for Moreno Valley residents. Here are links to two newspaper articles with more information: <http://www.pe.com/articles/county-809440-transportation-moreno.html?page=1> and <http://www.pe.com/articles/transportation-809607-county-project.html?page=1>

Please contact group conservation chair George Hague at [mvalleygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:mvalleygroup@yahoo.com) if you have any questions about the lawsuits or hearing schedule.

### Yes, Donations Are Still Needed:

Your donations will still help us with this and other efforts to challenge the WLC. Any amount is appreciated. Please send your donations to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325 with the memo notation "WLC." Thank you to all of you who have donated in the past and continue to support our work.

**Mid County Parkway:** The six-lane Mid County Parkway (MCP) between the cities of San Jacinto and Perris is designed to allow projects like the Villages of Lakeview

to be built. It also directly impacts more than 400 home and business owners in the city of Perris as well as indirectly impacting many more homes and businesses with pollution. The Center for Biological Diversity is leading litigation efforts on the MCP with the help of the Sierra Club as well as several other local groups. The administrative record has been prepared for the lawsuit.

**Villages of Lakeview (VOL):** According to the Riverside County Planning Department the revised and updated environmental impact report (EIR) for the VOL could be released as soon as early as September. The proposed VOL housing project (8,900 units) is planned on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. Because Riverside County approved their new General Plan Update and Climate Action Plan in December, the VOL EIR had to be revised to reflect those changes. Please note the county has assigned a new planner to the project. You can contact planner Russell Brady at [rbrady@rctlma.org](mailto:rbrady@rctlma.org) or (951) 955-3025 for more information and to be put on their mailing list.

The Riverside County GPU, officially known as General Plan Amendment 960 (GPA 960) lawsuit, is moving slowly through settlement talks. The environmental groups have not accepted all of the county's suggested settlement positions and plan to move forward with most of the litigation.

**SR-60 Truck Climbing Lanes:** In May, Caltrans administration approved the SR-60 Truck Climbing & Descending Lanes project that begins on State Route 60 at the eastern edge of the World Logistics Center (WLC) in Moreno Valley. In June the Center Biological Diversity, Sierra Club,

### HIKES:

**Robert Audibert and Gary Marsalone September 10: Suicide Rock** – A 7-mile out and back hike to Suicide Rock that is moderately difficult with a gain in elevation of about 1900'.

**October 29, the Tanja Trail to Fisherman's Camp:** This beautiful San Mateo Canyon hike is 7 miles long and moderately difficult with a gain of 1300' of elevation.

Some of our other activities:

- **Anza Earth Day:** Pam Nelson tabled at this cute country-style festival.

- We were represented by Pam Nelson at the Regional Conservation Authority meeting on July 11, 2016, at the Riverside County Administration Building. Pam expressed our great appreciation for the work of the Habitat Management Team.

- We were represented by Teri Biancardi, Margaret Meyncke, Michael Momeni at the Rancho California District conference (July 15, 2016) on water supply and demand for the region. The speakers were: Dr. Michael Anderson (Department of Water Resources), Demetri Polyzos (Metropolitan Water District of Southern California) and Jeff Armstrong (Ranch California Water District).

- We were represented by Pam Nelson at the Regional Conservation Authority meeting in Riverside.

- Scott Smith, Margaret Meyncke and Pam Nelson attended the T-Now RTA meeting. To reduce the impact of exhaust from automobiles in Temecula Valley, we are urging the creation of practical and cost-effective mass transportation within our region.

- Our outreach community program met with several teachers and Scott Hanson and David Marrett about the future of our teacher Environmental Education program named Stewards of Environmental Education (SEE). It was agreed to continue the workshops. The Santa Rosa Plateau Foundation will support the program.

Residents for a Liveable Moreno Valley and Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley sued to stop the proposed project and instead the groups favor making the road safer without adding more lanes. The project would induce more trucks to travel the route (adding 14,000 daily truck trips), worsen air quality, and endanger wildlife at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area which is south of Highway 60 and the WLC project. Here is a link to a newspaper article with more information: <http://www.pe.com/articles/valley-805965-truck-moreno.html?page=1>

Lake Perris State Recreation Area offers a number of events that range from guided nature walks, kayak tour, weekly campfire program. Check out their Facebook page for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/Lakeperris/> For hours and visitors fees for Lake Perris State Recreation Area (LPSRA) please see: <https://www.facebook.com/Lakeperris> & [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=651](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651) Notice that Bernasconi Beach access will be closed due to the repair of the dam. If you or a family member is 62 years or older, you can purchase an annual pass for \$20.00 at the camp grounds which is good for everyone in your car at Lake Perris and most other state parks until December 31.

Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board hike, Saturday, October 22, 2016, 7:30 a.m., Hike to Box Springs M Trail (**difficult**); approx. 4.8 miles roundtrip; meet in the parking lot on the west side of campus, Canyon Springs High School, 23100 Cougar Canyon Drive, MV. Verify all information at (951) 413-3703. List of hikes: [http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/resident\\_services/park\\_rec/trails.shtml](http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/resident_services/park_rec/trails.shtml)



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**OCT 10 (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

**OCT 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

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

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

**OCT 13 (THU) 9:00 AM SAN DIMAS CANYON HIKE**  
Here's an easy stroll terminating at the San Dimas Dam built in 1921 to mitigate area flooding. Elevation gain is a mere 400' for this 2.5 mile R/T jaunt. River sounds and sites are to our left as we approach the Dam. BRING: water, sturdy boots and layered clothing. MEET: Please call/e-mail me prior to scheduled date for details. Rain cancels. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL (909) 985-7686 jmwandjjw@hotmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**\*\*OCT 14 (FRI) 7:30 AM ONTARIO PEAK HIKE**  
This will be a strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Ontario Peak (elevation 8693 ft), 12.8 miles round trip with 3700 ft. elevation gain. Scenic view from the top of Ontario Peak. Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. 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

**OCT 15 (SAT) 8:00 AM DEEPCREEK CANYON HIKE**  
This 9 mile hike has one short area with a small elevation gain. The «Grand Canyon» of the High Desert has wonderful views above the historic Deep Creek. Just a joy to see and photograph. There will be an historic commentary relating to the Hesperia Water Ditch which runs through this area. Bring, water, snacks, a camera and wear strong footwear. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8 am. LEADER: Norman Bossom 760-912-3725 or coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

**OCT 16 (SUN) 8:30 AM HANNA FLATS HIKE**  
This is a moderate out and back 8- 9-mile hike with approximately 800 ft elevation gain. This hike starts at the Gray's Peak trailhead. We will hike part of the way up Gray's then turn north and hike toward the Hanna Flats campground. I'm hoping we will see some fall color on this hike. MEET: at the Gray's Peak trailhead on North Shore Rd, 2.7 miles from the turnoff going toward Fawnskin. You will need an Adventure Pass to park at the trailhead. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Contact hike leader Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932 or email judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

### OCT 17 – OCT 23

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

**OCT 17 (MON) 6:00 PM CHINO HILLS URBAN TRAILS HIKE**  
Come out and enjoy the evening on one of our local urban trails in Chino Hills. We will hike 2-3 miles, exiting the trails by 7:00 pm at closing time. Hike is easy although there are some steep hills that will challenge as good conditioning practice! Chino Hills urban trails offer views of all our surrounding mountain ranges on a clear fall evening. We will also take a look at the Tres Hermanos Ranch area to the west, currently being reviewed for possible development. Bring: sturdy shoes, 1 liter of water. Contact leader for meeting place: Contact Mary Ann Ruiz, Hike Leader at 909-815-9379, or maryann.ruiz@sangorgonio.sierraclub.org LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**OCT 18 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING**  
Monthly except July & August. Gordon Pratt, California Native Plant Society will speak on how we can attract butterflies to our gardens. The public is welcome & refreshments are served. See Los Serranos webpage for detailed program information: sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/groups/los\_serranos PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA (educational building, entrance in rear). INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianelli@aol.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**OCT 20 (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. INFO: ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103, dogs111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

**OCT 21 (FRI) 9:30 AM S B MTS, CHILDREN'S FOREST/SEQUOIA GROVE HIKE**  
An easy hike from the Keller Peak Road takes us to the Giant Sequoia grove planted in 1972. Distance: 3 miles RT. Afterward we will walk the Children's Forest nature trail. BRING: layered clothing, sun protection, snack, 1 qt. water. RESERVATIONS: contact leader, SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 or fsellis67@gmail.com MOUNTAINS GROUP

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to help with ConsCom projects (monitor a development, etc.) and a trio of Thrift Shoppe workers. Breathing room. Check your mirror – do you see one of those folks?

So, that's the "replacement" part. Now, let's talk succession. I have been the Chair of the Mountains Group for more than eleven years and if something happened to me (like if I came to my senses) the remainder of the ExCom would be significantly burdened. Not because I am handling big, heavy-duty stuff but because I am handling lots of little nit-picky stuff, and however well (or not well) the details of the tasks are documented, there would still be a lot time needed to pick up all of the loose ends and make sure that things that needed to be done were recognized and handled.

What we should have is someone who is willing to become the Group Chair (one day) and can spend time with me learning about the Chair's responsibilities and how they are addressed. That way if I need to step away, or something happens to me, we have a transition that does not put undue strain on the Group leadership.

Same with Heather's Thrift Shoppe role. And Steve Farrell's Vice-Chair and Program Chair tasks. And someone on the ConsCom should be willing to step into a leadership role there if needed. Or you could become an Outings Leader with the idea of becoming the Outings Chair one day.

Please think about spending some of your time as an active member of the Mountains Group, helping where you may be needed, or where your interests lie, and with an eye towards moving into a leadership position some day. Contact me (barriemail@mac.com) and ask me any questions that you may have about the "jobs" that we have and the help that you could provide.

## Mountains Group Executive Committee Election

This year's Nominating Committee (Dave Barrie, Sue Walker and Chris Del Ross-Risher) wants you to know that if you want to be considered for nomination, or know someone that you want to present for nomination, you can contact any one of them. (Try Dave at barriemail@mac.com) Before you do, however, look over this year's Election Rules:

### Election Rules

- Nominees must be Mountains Group members who give their consent to be nominated.
- Requests for nomination must be received by September 3, 2016.
- If the Nominating Committee chooses **not** to place a willing candidate on the ballot as a nominated candidate, the candidate may seek placement on the ballot as a petition candidate.
- The name of any Mountains Group member may be proposed by written petition (with candidate approval) containing the signatures of at least 5% of Mountains Group members. (10 minimum). Petitions with valid signatures must be received by September 17, 2016.
- All Mountains Group members as of October 14, 2016, shall be sent ballots.
- Ballots will be mailed (as part of the *Palm and Pine*) by October 21, 2016.
- Final receipt date for ballots shall be November 25, 2016, at 12 noon.
- Ballots will be verified, opened, and counted at 3:30 pm on Saturday December 3, 2016, at Keller Hut.
- The two-year term of office for the newly elected Excom members will commence on January 1, 2017, and will run through December 31, 2018.

Everything accomplished by the Mountains Group is done by volunteers and this is one way that you can help make a difference.

If you want to know more about the duties of an Executive Committee member please feel free to contact Dave Barrie at barriemail@mac.com.



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**OCT 22 (SAT) 8:00 AM DEEP CREEK NORTHERN SECTION HIKE**

This 5-mile hike is an extension, historically, of the Deep Creek outing, in relation to the historic Hesperia Water Ditch. Commentary is provided in relation to this section of the water ditch. The final part of the hike takes us across the Mojave River where the water may be flowing. Prepare to get your feet wet! BRING: Water and a camera. Wear a hat and strong shoes. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8 a.m. LEADER: Norman Bossom 760-912-3725 or coachnorm@yahoo.com  
MOJAVE GROUP

**OCT 22-23 (SAT-SUN) GHOST TOWN EXTRAVAGANZA CARCAMP**

Celebrate Halloween by visiting the ghosts of California's colorful past in the eerie desert landscape near Death Valley. Camp near the historic ghost town of Ballarat. Saturday, a challenging hike to ghost town Lookout City with historian Hal Fowler who will regale us with tales of this wild west town. We'll return to camp for Happy Hour and a potluck feast, followed by a midnight visit to Ballarat's graveyard. On Sunday, we'll tour the town of Ballarat itself before heading home. Send \$8 per person (check payable to Lygeia Gerard), home and work phones, email address and rideshare preferences to LEADER: Lygeia Gerard, P.O. Box 721039, Pinon Hills, CA 92372, 760-868-2179. (Assisted by Marguerite McGuigan)  
MOJAVE GROUP/CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

**\*\*OCT 23 (SUN) 8:30 AM SB MTS, SPLINTERS TO HOLCOMB CREEK HIKE**

Hike a scenic portion of the Pacific Crest Trail from Splinters, on Deep Creek, up to Holcomb Camp. We'll have lunch on the creek. Distance: 8 miles RT with 800 feet elevation gain and loss. WEAR: hiking boots. BRING: 2 quarts water, snacks and lunch. CALL Leader, HEATHER SARGEANT, 909-336-2836 for meeting place. Adventure Pass REQUIRED.  
MOUNTAINS GROUP

**OCT 24 – NOV 1**

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

**OCT 25 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOMMEETING**

Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: Meeting is held via conference call. INFO: For copy of the agenda and call-in info email Chair@SanGorgonio. Sierraclub.org or call 951-683-0204  
CHAPTER

**OCT 29 (SAT) 7:30 AM SEC B: PCT STRAWBERRY/SADDLE JUNCTIONS HIKE**

With this very scenic hike we conclude our Section B hikes for 2016. Starting at 6400' ft. in Idyllwild, we climb steeply 1700 ft. on the Devil's Slide trail to join the PCT at Saddle Junction, and then hike 4.2 miles on the PCT to Strawberry Junction, where we descend 4.1 miles back to Idyllwild. Total distance is 10.8 miles, with 2600 ft. of climb and 3400 ft. of descent. Since the shuttle is so short (and paved), we will all hike together. RATING: Strenuous. MEET: We will meet at the U.S. Forest Service Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549 in the parking lot at 7:30 AM. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, 3 liters of water, lunch, snacks, sun protection, and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Call Hike Leader, Dave Melton, at (760) 408-2456 or dmelton61@yahoo.com  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**OCT 29 (SAT) 8:00 AM RIDGE ABOVE SUMMIT VALLEY HIKE**

This 6-mile hike with fantastic views across Summit Valley and the West Fork of the Mojave River is quite special. There are many wild animal signs and wild plants to enjoy. Appropriate clothing is recommended as the area is exposed. Articles of clothing should be selected on the day, according to the weather in the area. BRING: Camera, a snack, plenty of water and appropriate clothing. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92308 by 8 a.m. LEADER: Norman Bossom 760-912-3725 or coachnorm@yahoo.com  
MOJAVE GROUP

**OCT 29 (SAT) 8:30 AM TENAJA TRAIL TO FISHERMAN'S CAMP HIKE**

Enjoy a day in the beautiful San Mateo Canyon! Join us on a 7 mile out and back hike down to Fisherman's Camp. The hike is moderately difficult with about 1300 ft of elevation gain. You will need to bring two quarts of water, lunch or snack, wear comfortable hiking shoes, dress in layers and don't forget the sunscreen. DIRECTIONS: From I-15, take the Clinton Keith exit and go west, then south on Tenaja Road for a total of 9.9 miles. Turn right at sign that points to Cleveland Forest Rd. We will meet at the first trail head. Rain Cancels. You will see the trailhead parking lot on the left about a mile in. Reservations & info contact LEADER: Bob Audibert at bob.takeahike1@gmail.com or at (951)302-1059.  
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

**OCT 30 (SUN) 8:30 AM BEARPAW PRESERVE FOREST FALLS HIKE**

This hike needs permission from the Wildlands Conservancy. It's my understanding that they just want to know when and how many are coming. Since I am writing this up so far ahead of the date I don't have a reservation for it yet. It will be an approximately 6 - 7 mile hike in the Bearpaw Conservancy. This is a lower elevation hike so I'm hoping this is a great time to see some fall color "down the hill." MEET: to be determined closer to hike time. BRING: 10 essentials, wear layered clothing, 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Contact hike leader Judy Atkinson (909) 289-1932 or email judy5723@gmail.com. If this hike is unavailable we will do another hike nearby approximately the same difficulty.  
BIG BEAR GROUP

**NOV 1 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**

PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com. (909) 800-3911  
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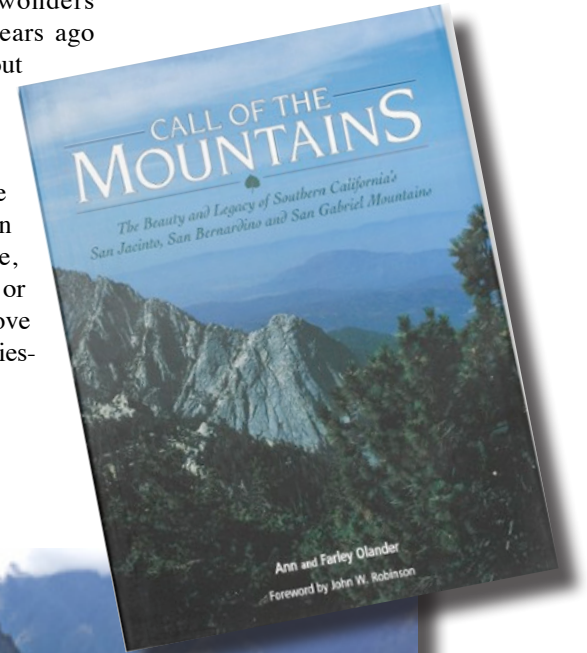
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farmers harvesting potatoes and corn in the high plateau from Chinchero to Moray with its concentric terraces, spiraling 500 feet into the ground where Inca reportedly experimented plant adaptability at varying climates.

The above scenes add to those from Pisac's market and its Inca ruins, the fortress/temple remains of Sacsayhuaman and Ollantaytambo plus the wonders at Machu Picchu. Some 600 years ago Inca built these structures without machines or mortar, assembling stones seamlessly with some blocks weighing more than 300 tons. Aligning notches in the stonework with the sun's rays on the June 21st, their winter solstice, must have included a bit of magic or pre-ordained mystery. Hiking above Machu Picchu on the steep, centuries-

old Inca trails of stone both exhilarated – and humbled Ann and Farley, ending their saga in two different worlds.

Longtime Sierra Club members of the Los Serranos Group, the Olanders authored the 2005 award-winning photo-essay, *Call of Mountains, the Beauty and Legacy of Southern California's San Jacinto, San Bernardino and San Gabriel Mountains*.



**2016 Young Environmental Champions Awards**

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter Political Chair

**T**his year we are recognizing a group of 13 young people, more diverse in age and geography than in the past. These individuals range in age from 13 to 34 and have each demonstrated leadership on environmental justice issues from air quality to the Salton Sea.

Without their work that has pointed out the toothlessness of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) we might not have seen the state legislature attempt to make changes in the make-up of that Board. They have demonstrated that certain members of our legislative delegation care more about the corporate interests of Big Oil than they care about the air their constituents breathe. They have brought attention to the potential environmental disaster looming for the

Salton Sea and they came out in force to testify in favor of President Obama designating the three new National Monuments here in our desert.

The actions, some humorous, that they have designed and produced (Cheryl Brown "die-in," SCAQMD April Fools, and Smogy the Bear, etc.) have gained media attention and are getting results that this Chapter has not often seen in the past.

The Chapter helps financially with transportation and expenses and we encourage you to boost your giving to the Chapter financial appeals or contact Jono Hildner, Jono@Hildner.com or Kim Floyd, kimffloyd@fastmail.com to get more involved with the exciting things that are being done by these young environmental leaders.

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**Alex Portillo**  
18 years old  
Mecca, CA

Over the last year, Alex has shown leadership in environmental issues in the East Coachella Valley. She is currently employed as the Social Media Assistant at the EcoMedia Compass, an environmental education non-profit dedicated to raising awareness around the Salton Sea. When she is not working with EcoMedia, Alex is volunteering as a leader with the Sierra Club around clean air issues and the Salton Sea. Over the past year, Alex has attended and given public testimony at AQMD hearings, state water board meetings, school district meetings and Salton Sea Meetings. Alex was also involved in our very influential SB350 work and the subsequent campaigning after that. She was also a legislative intern for Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, and worked on bringing air quality and Salton Sea issues directly to him. She was featured on Southern California Public Radio and in the Sierra Club's *Sierra Magazine*.



**Cristian Garza**  
17 years old  
Mecca, CA

Cristian has shown to be one of our leaders within Desert Mirage High School over the last year. Cristian has worked tirelessly to advocate for clean air issues in the East Coachella Valley.

In the past year, he has attended and given public comment at the AQMD, state water board meetings and Salton Sea meetings. He has participated in key actions such as the April Fools AQMD action and several lobby visits to local legislators. He was also involved in our very influential SB350 work and the subsequent political campaigning after that. He was a representative to the CNRCC from the San Gorgonio Chapter and was one of the main high school organizers from Desert Mirage High School to the huge Desert Monuments Hearing earlier this year.



**Kevin Head**  
26 years old  
San Bernardino, CA

As one of the leaders of the San Gorgonio Chapter's Metro Committee, Kevin has worked tirelessly over the course of the last year advocating for clean air and sustainability. Over the past year, Kevin has participated in AQMD hearings, visibility events at the Etiwanda Gas Plant, our Die-In at a warehousing summit and delegations to elected officials. Kevin has also participated in lobby visits and was part of our influential SB350 team last year and its subsequent political work. Kevin is a leader and support team member with CHICCCAA and works on community gardens.



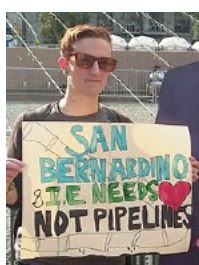
**Asher Jones**  
21 years old  
Riverside, CA

Asher is a leader in the Sierra Club Metro Committee. Over the past year, he has worked tirelessly advocating for environmental justice in our region. Asher has participated in and given public comments at AQMD hearings and warehousing hearings. He has participated in lobby visits and was part of the influential SB350 team last year, and its subsequent political work this year. Asher has participated in our AQMD April Fool's Action, our Die-In action and our delegation to local public officials. Asher was also key in organizing our Riverside Earth Day event and Intersectional Movie night at Riverside City College. Asher has also worked with us on supporting CCAEJ and their work with Ag Park. He was a representative of the San Gorgonio Chapter at the CNRCC and is a tireless advocate on bridging the gap between the LGBTQ community and environmental work. Asher is a member of CHICCCAA.



**Gullit Acevedo**  
23 years old  
Fontana, CA

A relative newcomer, but a firecracker, Gullit has been on fire since becoming involved with the Sierra Club. In the past few months, Gullit has participated in actions such as delegations to public officials and our Die-In action. Gullit has donned the Smogy the Bear costume at several events as well. Gullit has also worked on organizing capacity for our team in the Inland Empire. Gullit is a member of CHICCCAA and does amazing work with the special needs community in Fontana.



**Bev Eskew**  
34 years old  
San Bernardino, CA

Bev is one of the leaders who crosses county borders. Bev has been involved in our delegation actions, Die-in action and April Fool's AQMD action. Bev was our main organizer for the Riverside City College Earth Day event and the intersectional movie night event. She has also supported our solidarity work with CCAEJ and Ag Park. Bev is a member of CHICCCAA and is also focused on community gardens.



**Anthony Victoria**  
24 years old  
San Bernardino, CA

Anthony is a journalist for the *Inland Empire Community Newspapers*. He is the editor of the El Chicano newspaper. Anthony has been a tireless advocate for environmental issues in the Inland Empire. Over the last 12 months, Anthony has written many pieces on air pollution, including, "Reyes: I will bring money for workers and students," "Brown attempting to retain assembly seat," "Town hall meeting displays resident concerns for environmental justice," and "Assemblymembers undecided on environmental senate bill."



**Raul Zendejas**  
19 years old  
Mecca, CA

Raul is one of our main leaders in the East Coachella

Valley. He has participated in numerous ways in the past year. Raul has taken part in our delegation actions to public officials and our AQMD April Fool's action. He has also taken part in local lobby visits and was part of the influential SB350 team and its subsequent political work. Raul has testified at AQMD meetings, state water board meetings and Salton Sea meetings. He was featured in an Al-Jazeera news story talking about the Salton Sea and air quality issues. Raul was also a representative for the San Gorgonio Chapter to the CNRCC. He is currently the lead on building up our social media presence on twitter.



**Elijah Cervantes**  
19 years old  
Thermal, CA

Eli is one of our leaders in the East Coachella Valley. Over the past year, Eli has worked on really bringing to light the air quality issues in the valley. He has attended and given public testimony at AQMD hearings and state water board meetings. Eli has participated in delegations to public officials, lobby visits and in our AQMD April Fool's action. He was also featured in an Associated Press story and in Al Jazeera this past year focusing on the Salton Sea and air quality issues. He has also been able to move his people to write LTEs about air quality issues and get them published in *The Desert Sun*. Eli was a San Gorgonio Chapter representative to the CNRCC.



**Stephanie Gonzalez**  
19 years old  
Mecca, CA

Stephanie is one of our rising leaders in the East Coachella Valley. Over the past year, Stephanie has participated and testified at the AQMD and at Salton Sea Meetings. She has participated in lobby visits and delegations to public officials as well as helping out on the political work this season. She was also involved in our AQMD April Fool's action. Her testimony has been quoted in both KFI News Radio and in the *Riverside Press Enterprise*.



**Ruben Garza**  
19 years old  
Mecca, CA

Ruben is one of our established leaders in the East Coachella Valley. Over the past year, Ruben has participated and given testimony at the AQMD, state water board and at Salton Sea Meetings. He has participated in lobby visits and at delegations to public officials, as well as helping out on political work this season. Ruben was also a member of the influential team working on SB350. He participated in our AQMD April Fool's action and in organizing local Salton Sea meetings. He helped organize Earth Day events at Desert Mirage High School, appearing as Smogy the Bear, and was covered by the local TV news station. Ruben has also submitted and published a letter in the *Desert Sun* on the Salton Sea. He has been quoted on KFI News Radio.



**Diego Alaniz**  
13 years old  
Mecca, CA

Diego is relatively new to our organizing program, but has proven to be a force to be reckoned with. Since arriving, Diego has participated and given comment at AQMD hearings and Salton Sea meetings. He also participated in our AQMD April Fool's action. Diego also organized students to protest a local AQMD hearing held at his middle school.



# Moving on to November

By Jono Hildner, San Geronio Chapter Political Chair

All four of the candidates for the Assembly that we endorsed, all of whom are challenging incumbent members whose voting records are a disaster for the environment and environmental justice, will be fighting for us on the ballot in November. Winning these four races will be huge for the Chapter and for the environment.

All of these candidates need, not only your vote, but your personal efforts as a volunteer. If you can spend even a few hours working on making calls from the comfort of your own home, drop me a line on email. Jono@Hildner.com – I'll get you connected. Most people have no idea how important this is to both the campaign and to our relationship to the person once they are in office.

The race that has received the most attention from us, Eloise Reyes' challenge to "Chevron Cheryl" Brown in Assembly District 47, saw Eloise



Eloise Reyes (Assembly District 47)

finish only 9 percentage points behind the incumbent. This is impressive in the face of the truckloads of dollars that Big Oil poured into this race.



Abigail Medina (Assembly District 40)

Abigail Medina, in Assembly District 40, won that primary with 51.5% of the vote. We know that the incumbent Marc Steinorth wasn't expecting that and will come out in full attack mode for the fall. If you live in AD40, we need you on board to help.



Greg Rodriguez (Assembly District 42)

Greg Rodriguez in Assembly District 42 and Sabrina Cervantes in Assembly District 60 posted impressive results for second place finishes with 41% and 42% respectively. These were achieved with very little money spent in the primary – holding their funds for a strong effort in the fall. They are both in a very good position to win in this year when there is a very strange candidate at the top of



Sabrina Cervantes (Assembly District 60)

the ticket and no Republican running for the US Senate.

We need all our members to get out and support these candidates. With our help we could see a four member swing to the environment in the Assembly. This is HUGE, so let's get everyone involved.

All four of our endorsed candidate for Congress won their primary races with comfortable margins. Reps. Pete Aguilar, Norma Torres, Raul Ruiz and Mark Takano will all face lesser known opponents in November, but it will not be a walk in the park for any of them. If you get a chance, give them your congratulations! An offer of a financial donation or a willingness to volunteer wouldn't hurt either.

Attorney General Kamala Harris garnered a surprisingly high 40% of the vote in a field of 37 candidates. She will face Rep. Loretta Sanchez in the fall and with her strong campaign war chest and ability to raise a lot more, she should be able to become our next US Senator representing California. It should be noted that Harris has featured her Sierra Club endorsement in her advertising and is expected to continue to do so.



Finally, on the County level, both our endorsed candidates for Supervisor, will appear on the November ballot. Debbie Walsh, candidate for Riverside County Supervisor #1 and Angela Valles (photo on left), candidate for San Bernardino Supervisor #1, each got about 25% of the vote. Debbie Walsh will have a very difficult time beating Kevin Jeffries who garnered 50% of the primary vote, but Angela Valles has a real shot in November, as the incumbent, Robert Lovingood managed to get only 37%.



All in all, it was a wonderful primary for the Sierra Club and the environment, but battles, especially for the State Assembly and County Boards will be fierce. We can expect that special interest dollars that would normally go to Republican candidates for US President and US Senate, will find their way into our area to support the incumbents that we are committed to oust.

This means that our members need to volunteer to put these fine candidates over the top. If you live in any of these districts, expect to get a call from a fellow member of the Club, asking you to spend some time, especially after Labor Day, working on these campaigns.

**LET'S ALL COMMIT TO GET OUT AND WORK TO TURN THE INLAND EMPIRE GREEN!**

**JOIN NOW**

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Contributions, gifts and dues to the Sierra Club are not tax deductible; they support our effective, citizen-based advocacy and lobbying efforts. Your dues include \$7.50 for a subscription to *Sierra* magazine and \$1.00 for your Chapter newsletter.

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## Sierra Club's Positions on Statewide Ballot Measures

By Kathryn Phillips, Director, Sierra Club California

November's ballot is jam packed with 16 statewide initiatives and one referendum. Sierra Club California's staff and volunteers are continuing to cull through those measures, but as of this writing, the volunteer-led initiative review process has identified three measures on which the Club has taken a position. Specifically, Sierra Club is urging a "Yes" vote on Proposition 56, Proposition 58 and Proposition 67. The measures are briefly described below.

At least one other measure is going through the review process now, and others may be considered as the election approaches. For the latest updates on Sierra Club California positions on statewide measures, check out <http://www.sierraclubcalifornia.org> and follow the "Elections" link located under the "Get Involved" menu tab at the top of the homepage. You can find the full text of these and other initiatives on the ballot at the Secretary of State's website, [sos.ca.gov](http://sos.ca.gov).

### Measures with Positions

#### Prop. 67 – Referendum to Overturn Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags – YES (Support)

By voting yes on this measure, you will be voting to keep the statewide plastic bag ban signed into law in 2014. A "yes" on this measure is a yes to a clean environment and an end to single-use grocery bags that pollute waterways, harm wildlife, and create a long-lasting litter problem. A "yes" will say no to big out-of-state plastic manufacturers who put this measure on the ballot to try to stop enforcement of the statewide ban.

#### Prop. 56 – Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement – YES (Support)

A "yes" vote on this measure will increase the sales tax on cigarettes by \$2 per pack, and e-cigarettes would be taxed on an equivalent level. The tobacco tax has not been raised since 1998.

Sierra Club has long supported reducing public exposure to air pollution, including pollution from cigarettes, and has supported cigarette taxes as a tool for smoking reduction. Cigarette taxes help increase the cost of smoking, discourage smoking and fund anti-smoking education.

#### Prop 58 – California Education for a Global Economy Initiative (EdGE) – YES (Support)

Would overturn restrictions on bilingual education that were imposed in 1998 by Proposition 227.

The California EdGE Initiative allows every student in California the chance to get the most appropriate language instruction and, therefore, become engaged residents who can effectively speak out for the environment and public health.

