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SAN GORGONIO

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All in-person meetings, events, and outings have been cancelled until further notice.

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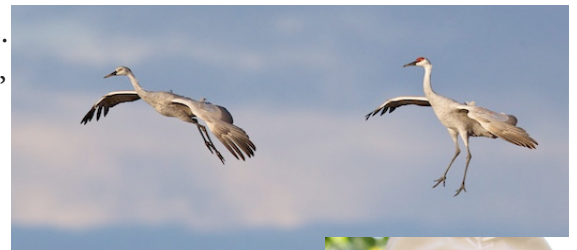
Celebrate the Beauty in Nature! Join us for an Enjoyable Photo Experience at our September 10th Chapter Virtual Meeting!

Program:
"How You Make a Difference"

Professional photographer Steve Kaye will show his photos and tell provocative stories about the photos. You'll see uncommon views of birds, learn a bit about birds, and discover how you make a difference.

Steve Kaye has been taking photos casually since 1965 and professionally since 2010. Now he uses his photos in presentations and articles to inspire respect for nature. He has spoken at photo clubs, judged photo contests, and conducted classes on Nature Photography. Two of his photos appear in *Woodpeckers of North America*, by Stephen A. Shunk (published May 2016).

This is an excellent program for anyone who wants to know more about birds. And it's a wonderful reminder of the extraordinary beauty that we have outdoors.



Meeting Details and how to RSVP on Page 2 >>>



TRANSFORMING OUR AIR QUALITY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

By Dania De Ramon

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The South Coast air basin, which encompasses, LA, OC, Riverside and San Bernardino county, must reduce air pollution emissions from warehouses. The short name for this rule is called Indirect sources or ISR. With years of community pressure at

the South Coast Air Quality Management District, drafting this rule is finally coming to an end.

Now the ISR needs YOUR voice to transform our air quality for generations to come, especially here in the Inland

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Find more than 600 photos, 135 blog posts, and dozens of articles at: www.stevekaye.com

MEETING DETAILS

Thursday, Sept 10th

7:00 PM Local Time

**Want to attend this Chapter Virtual-Meeting?
It's EASY! Just click on the link below to send us your RSVP:**

<https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?formcampaignid=7013q000001b2hpAAA&mapLinkHref=>



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Empire and in southern CA where we've seen a rise of warehouses next to sensitive receptors like homes, schools, parks, and open spaces. The rule is far from perfect and in fact industries like gas have a heavy influence on this rule. In order to reduce emissions the air district will be granting points under a menu of air emissions reductions called WAIRE- Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions. Gas and other polluters want the rule to be easy for them, which is why your voice matters. We cannot let gas continue to pollute and hurt our health slowing killing us and hurting our air forever.

Together our voice can shape this policy to support no zero emission investments, infrastructure, equipment and cultural changes to the largest industry in San Bernardino and Riverside county.



Share your voice for a strong indirect source rule to stop pollution from warehousing. We need your comments at the Air District board meeting starting at 9:00 am. Public comments are at around 11 - 12 pm depending on the agenda, September 4th.
https://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/calendar_v2?month=9&day=4&year=2020&id=0f50aeef-c2b6-6f27-bf6f-ff00004a91a9

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BEFORE YOU MARK YOUR BALLOT ...

WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR THE ENDORSEMENT ISSUE OF THE PALM & PINE



Members – About the same time as you receive your mail ballot, you will receive a print version of the *Palm and Pine*. This will include any Sierra Club endorsements made up through mid-September. **Not a member? Join today** so you receive this important information – we are only allowed to mail political endorsements to members.

You won't want to miss this special print edition of our newsletter. Our political team has worked throughout the year to review candidate information and make recommendations for endorsement. We also help with state-wide ballot measures so you know which way to vote to support the environment as well as social and environmental justice.

In addition to politics, this special edition will include a review of Chapter work this year, and current advocacy work of volunteers and campaign staff. Learn more about what is happening around our chapter, and where you might be interested in getting involved.

Not sure if your membership is current? Just email our Chapter Chair at chair@san-gorgonio.sierraclub.org and we will check for you. Don't miss out on this special print edition of your *Palm and Pine*!



WHY ARE ENDORSEMENTS IMPORTANT?

By Mary Ann Ruiz, Chair, San Gorgonio Chapter

Sierra Club San Gorgonio Chapter, and Sierra Club California understand the importance of political endorsements and we take our process seriously.

Endorsements for statewide offices go through two local political committees and a statewide legislative committee. All positions taken on initiatives require approval from the California Conservation Committee (CCC), comprised of a steering committee as well as delegates from all 13 chapters in California. Local municipal and district endorsements also go through two local committees and the State committee. Candidates know that a Sierra Club endorsement makes a valuable statement about their commitment to environmental issues, and voters look to Sierra Club for advice.

Report Cards



Grading the Policy Makers

Every autumn, Sierra Club California staff review legislators' voting records for the year on key issues affecting the environment. We also evaluate the governor's performance. The scorecard bills reflect just a fraction of the bills that Sierra Club California staff, guided by its volunteer leaders, take positions on and lobby each year.

Another important piece of endorsement is the recognition by lawmakers and policymakers that we are watching. Once in office, it is crucial that we maintain that same level of involvement as we have during endorsements. We can each make a big difference by developing a relationship with our State Assembly member, State Senator, and their local District Director.

If you are interested in how to make a difference with State lawmakers, join this email list today: <https://www.sierraclub.org/california/email-lists>

Not only are we watching, we are keeping track - see Sierra Club California's Report Card here: <https://www.sierraclub.org/california/report-cards>
2020 updates will be coming soon.

SIERRA CLUB 2021 CALENDARS



**Sierra Club 2021
Engagement Calendar**
Week-by-week format, featuring
spectacular photographs and
“wire-o” binding.

**Sierra Club 2021
Wilderness Wall Calendar**
Spiral bound, month-by-month
format, featuring 12 majestic
North American landscapes.



**Wall and Engagement Calendars may be mixed
for the quantity prices and shipping.**

Order Form

Save up to 30% off the list price. Support local conservation efforts.

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Wilderness Wall Calendar	\$15.00	\$14.00	\$13.00	_____	_____	_____
Engagement Calendar	\$16.00	\$15.00	\$14.00	_____	_____	_____
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Thank you for your purchase!

Santa Margarita Group

Submitted By Margaret Meyncke and Pam Nelson

To all friends of Sierra Club Santa Margarita Group:

Mark Your Calendars for September 10, 2020!

Rest In Peace

Today, we honor a friend and colleague, **Jim Mitchell**, who founded our local group and was our leader for many years. Thank you, **Jim**, for your years of service.

Jim Mitchell, our friend and founder of the Sierra Club Santa Margarita Group, passed away on **Thursday, August 20, 2020.**

We honor his life and contribution to our society.



September is the start of our monthly speaker series. Our meetings will be on the second Thursday of each month, as usual, at 6:30 pm. These educational and informative talks are now moving to Zoom. Need help with ZOOM? Contact me at 951-551-6231.

Our first speaker will be Kenneth Halama who's topic will be the UC Reserves. This will be interesting since there are UC Reserves locally that most of us know nothing about.

Check out their website: <https://ucnr.org/>

Pam Nelson (pamela05n@yahoo.com)

Outreach Event that is NON-Sierra Club.

We invite everyone interested in California Native Plants to come and enjoy this event!

Annual Dr. Gordon Pratt's Native Plant Sale
Vail Headquarters, Temecula

Oct. 3rd, 11 am - 4 pm

Plants available that are specific for our region and it's butterflies.



Wednesday, September 9
4:00 PM PT / 7:00 PM ET
Hosted via Zoom

Photo: "Field of wildflowers in Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve with snow on the San Gabriel Mountains" courtesy of 2020 Ansel Adams Award winners Rob Badger and Nita Winter

This year's Sierra Club's awards presentation will recognize those who have made outstanding contributions to protecting the environment. Join us and be inspired by the incredible individuals and groups who are affecting change around the country and across the world. We look forward to celebrating their persistence, fresh thinking, and partnership in a time where there is so much adversity. These changemakers showcase how everyone has the power to make a difference!

– *Ramón Cruz, Sierra Club President*

For meeting link email ruizmaryann@gmail.com

Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

Due to Covid-19 advisories and restrictions there are currently no scheduled outings. We recommend checking the San Geronio Chapter web page:

<https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/>
or our Moreno Valley Group web page:

https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley
for updated information. You can also email the Moreno Valley Group at movalleygroup@yahoo.com if you have questions.

Here is some updated information on projects we are following:

World Logistics Center (WLC): Recently, on May 1, 2020, while previous litigations were still in court, the 40.6 million square foot World Logistics Center (WLC) warehouses project put forth a massive new environmental document and

sought new approvals on basically the same project. The Planning Commission approved the project after midnight on Friday, May 15. The environmental group Earthjustice, representing the Sierra Club and four other groups, filed an appeal on May 26, 2020, challenging the environmental findings and conclusions. After approval of the WLC's Revised Final EIR in

June the city and Highland Fairview (aka WLC) filed a motion with the Court of Appeal to moot our ongoing CEQA case, on July 23, 2020, which was schedule for arguments on August 5. Subsequently, Earthjustice filed an Opposition to Motion to Dismiss. The immediate result has been court arguments have been taken off calendar for now. We will be monitoring these legal challenges closely and will keep you informed of the outcomes.

Moreno Valley General Plan Update (MoVal2040) (GPU):

The city's general plan update (GPU), MoVal 2040, is being fast-tracked for approval by the spring of 2021, and will very likely dramatically change the current policies and land uses



Mystic Lake Photographer: Ann McKibben

allowed by our city. We would like to encourage everyone in the community to pay attention and get involved with the General Plan Update. It is extremely likely that the city council will be changing the land uses for a large portion of the vacant land on the east end and vacant land elsewhere within the city that will make way for more warehouses and high density housing. If you care about the future direction of development near your neighborhood and throughout Moreno Valley, please take time to follow the progress of the GPU. Attend meetings.

Speak up about what you want for our future. This is a 20-year plan so don't miss your chance to comment. Please email senior planner Chris Ormsby at chriso@moval.org or call (951) 413-3229 and ask to be put on their email list for future meetings and documents. The city's GPU website with updates to participate can be found at the following link: <http://www.moval.org/cdd/documents/general-plan-home.html> Along with the GPU the city is also doing a Climate Action

Plan (CAP) which is meant to make our city and planet less polluted—especially cutting carbon pollution which will help keep our air and water cleaner and protect our children's health. Your input is needed.

Moreno Valley Trade Center: The warehouse project site is located south of Eucalyptus Avenue, west of Redlands Boulevard, and north of Encelia Avenue (includes Hall Nursery and is south of the Aldi warehouse). This project for a light industrial warehouse with 1,332,380 square feet and many diesel truck trips has begun the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) which is likely



San Jacinto Wildlife Area Photographer: George Hague

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to be completed later this year. The project is across the street from many existing homes and land zoned for future homes.

The project requires a General Plan Amendment and a Change of Zone from “Residential: Max 2 du/ac (R2)” to “Business Park/Light Industrial (BP)” to allow it to be built across the street from existing homes. Please take time to get involved by taking part in the DEIR review, providing comments to the city regarding the project. Please contact Gabriel Diaz, Associate Planner, at (951) 413-3226 or email: Gabrield@moval.org and asked to be put on the list to receive notices about this project. The Moreno Valley Group of the Sierra Club made comments on this massive warehouse. Instead of another warehouse, these lands need to be zoned for transitional uses between family homes and warehouse to separate warehouses with their many diesel truck trips from families.

Donations Needed: Your donations are essential to our litigation against the World Logistics Center as well as providing professional input into Moreno Valley’s general



San Jacinto Wildlife Area Photographer: George Hague

plan update process. Please make checks payable to “Sierra Club” with a notation for WLC and/or undesignated. Please send to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. We sincerely appreciate and thank all of you who have taken time to donate to the litigation fund! We appreciate your generous donations.



Big Bear Group

By Ellen Kesler, Group Chairwoman and Ed Wallace, Conservation Chair

Our Conservation Chair, Ed Wallace, has been working with the Friends of the Big Bear Valley environmental group (who also manage the Eagle Cam up here) to block the Moon Camp Development on North Shore of Big Bear Lake. Last month, the county supervisors changed the zoning to allow the building of fifty homes and a marina in Bald Eagle foraging areas and Pebble Plains habitat containing endangered plant species. We along with groups like the Audubon Society have comment against this project for over a decade and will continue to support FBBV as they move



into the litigation phase. Broader considerations addressed in comments against this development are the ability to evacuate the Valley in the event of a wildfire and the strain on the valley’s aquifer. These have been stressed due to the increased development in the Valley and the growth of weekend rentals which have increased the population by four to six times the resident population on busy weekends.

If anyone would like to support this effort, please go to the Friends of Big Bear Valley website.

SIERRA CLUB COVID-19 UPDATE

We are all missing our fellow members, whether at Chapter and Group meetings, events or Outings. To insure safety for everyone, from volunteers to staff, Sierra Club has continued to hold on all outings and in-person events through Feb 28, 2021. All Chapter and National offices are closed and all staff is working remotely.



Big Morongo Preserve, Morongo Valley

Our Outings Leaders are working together to come up with some virtual events, beginning sometime in October with a “Nearby Nature” talk. As we move into the cooler seasons, outdoor recreation opportunities increase. We are fortunate to have city, county, state and national parks all within our chapter. Sticking close to home is our best protection from spreading the pandemic. Our experienced leaders will share some of their favorite nearby nature locations to take in some open space, or take a walk or a hike. Watch our website Outing and Events tab [here](#), as well as the next issue of *Palm and Pine*, for details.



Chino Creek Wetlands, 1.7 miles of hiking trails in Chino

Contact Us . . .

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