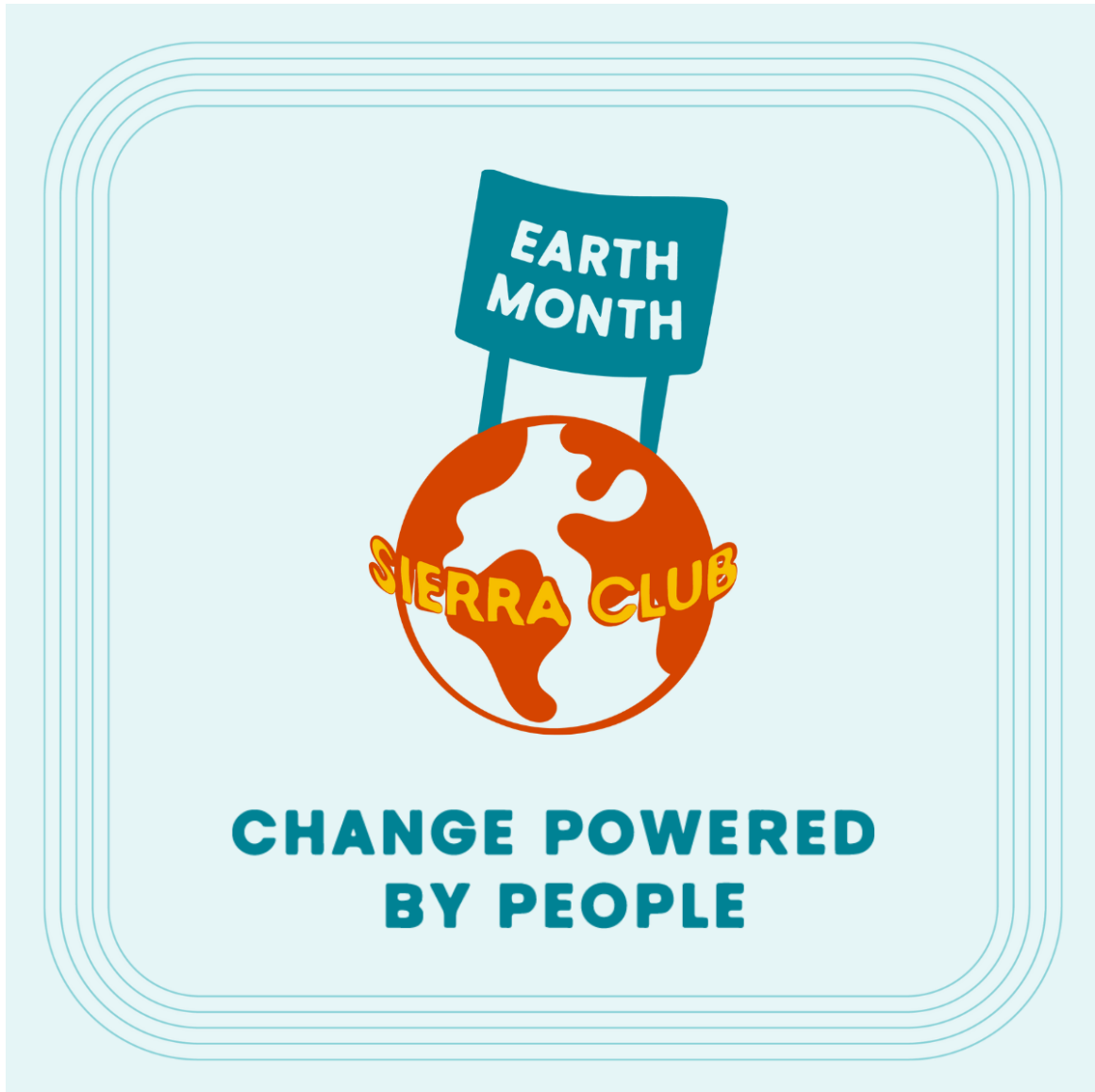




Arizona Legislative Updates



Happy Earth Day and
Next Week, A Bad Air Day at the Capitol



April 22, 2023

Hi all!

Have a Happy Earth Day tomorrow and check out the events at the end of this message. The Arizona Legislature was not around this past week, so the Earth did get a break from them, but they will be back next week. First up, on Monday, they will be holding a special meeting on air quality to try to undercut efforts to improve our air, especially relative to ozone pollution.

Please come to the Legislature for the Joint Legislative Ad Hoc Study Committee on Air Quality and Energy on Monday. It starts at 1:30PM, but get there at 1:15PM and we can speak briefly before we go in. The meeting will be held in Senate Hearing Room 1. We're not sure if they will allow public comment or not, but even if you do not want to speak, **please come and show support for clean air and clean energy.**

Air Quality Hearing
Monday, April 24th
1:30 PM
Senate Hearing Room 1
Arizona State Senate
1700 W. Washington St
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RSVP to sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org and let us know you can be there.

While the Arizona Legislature was out last week, the Governor was not. She vetoed additional bills and has now set a new record for the number of bills vetoed in one session as her tally is now up to 63 with more vetoes likely to come. [You can read the Governor's veto letters here.](#) We appreciate her vetoes of several bad water bills -- SB1257, HB2442, and HB2056 -- and numerous bad democracy bills, and all of those anti-LGBTQ bills, and generally rejecting the hateful measures the Arizona Legislature passes.

Sadly, there are still a large number of bad bills in the mix, so please continue to communicate about them. It helps to set the stage for a veto if we can help get as many no votes as possible.

Ask your representatives to oppose the [SB1278 strike-everything amendment](#) that takes away local control on a number of health and safety issues relating to home appliances and would limit local leaders' ability to establish local building code provisions related to affordability, energy, and public health.

[Send a message to your representatives here!](#)

Please let your legislators know you think it is a bad idea to interfere with efforts to reduce traffic and promote transit and biking as they are proposing in several bills that await action in the House.

[Ask your representatives to vote NO on SB1312, SB1313, SB1314, and SCR1018.](#)

There are several bills to prohibit consideration of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors when deciding on state investments still moving in the Arizona House too.

[Please ask your representatives to oppose SB1139 and SB1500!](#)

Take Action!

To review bills we are tracking, [go to this link.](#)

For more information, reach out to Sandy Bahr at sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org.

See below for Earth Day events, as well as on how you can help support a national monument proposal.

Many thanks for taking action!

All the best,



Sandy Bahr
Chapter Director
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Coming Up This Week!



Historic Capitol courtesy of Sandy Bahr

Saturday, April 22nd, Earth Day, 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Join Chispa Arizona for its Earth Day Festival '23 at El Reposo Park to foster collaboration and community spirit and share information and activities for children.

[RSVP here.](#)

Saturday, April 22nd, Earth Day, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Check out the Climate Summit hosted by AZ AANHPI for Equity at the Nina Mason Pulliam Audubon Center.

[RSVP here.](#)

Monday, April 24th at 1:30 PM in SHR1, A Bad Air Day at the Capitol

Joint Legislative Ad Hoc Study Committee on Air Quality and Energy

- Overview of the Committee Purpose
- Presentations
 - Information on the Ozone Nonattainment Designation for the Maricopa County region
 - Tim Franquist, Environmental Director, Maricopa Association of Government

- Audra Koester Thomas, Transportation Planning Program Manager, Maricopa Association of Governments

Support a New National Monument and Protect Grand Canyon!

Join the Grand Canyon Tribal Council in asking President Biden to establish Baaj Nwaavjo I'tah Kukveni Grand Canyon National Monument to protect just over one million acres of lands adjacent to Grand Canyon National Park.

Baaj Nwaavjo means “where tribes roam” for the Havasupai Tribe, and I'tah Kukveni means “our footprints” for the Hopi Tribe.

[Support this new monument here!](#)

