



Susan DesJardin

I would like to play a role in helping the Sierra Club meet its objectives to promote enjoyment of our natural resources and to develop and support sustainable practices to ensure the conservation of those resources for future generations. I have lived and worked in the south bay for 20 years and have been a Sierra Club member for 5 years. I have participated in the Sierra Club's Environmental Stewardship Program for 2 1/2 years, worked with the San Jose Climate Action Leadership Team to assist in adoption of a Community Choice Energy program for the city of San Jose, and I enjoy different Sierra Club hiking groups. I am in my fourteenth year as a high school science teacher at Cupertino High School. I currently teach AP Environmental Science and I am the Environmental Club advisor. I am a chemical engineer with 20 years of experience primarily in the design and operation of air pollution control devices.



Michael Eldredge

Michael is a Senior Director at Oracle Corporation. He has worked at a number of Silicon Valley start-ups and research labs and as a partner in a management consulting firm. His work has spanned integrated circuit modeling, super computer computational fluid dynamics, pricing optimization, networking research, cloud computing, and music technology services. He has a Masters and a Bachelors in Electrical Engineering and Computer Systems from Stanford University.

Michael serves on the Environmental Volunteers Board of Directors and is a member of their Finance Committee. He is a former non-profit board and finance committee member at Wildlife Rescue Palo Alto (now part of the Humane Society) and served on the regional board of Little Kids Rock. He has done fieldwork with BioBrothers and Science Sisters Nature Camp. Michael has consulted and presented on adopting appropriate business management principles in non-profits.



Charles Schafer

Charles Schafer works as a financial executive in a corporate environment, having served as Controller and Chief Financial Officer of several companies, after getting an MBA degree from Stanford University. He is also an avid photographer whose primary focus is backcountry landscapes. He has been a member of the Sierra Club for roughly 20 years, and for most of that time, has been extremely active in the Peak Climbing Section (having climbed over 200 mountains). His environmental outlook is a result of his love for the backcountry and its beauty, and he is more devoted to a positive message (this is what we are saving) rather than the negative.

Charles has served on the ExCom for eight years, serving as Chapter Chair for three of them. He also currently serves as the Communications Chair and Fundraising Chair. A lot of his focus has been on building better communications within the chapter, and on promoting member engagement and development. He has also worked to help improve the Chapter's fundraising efforts.



Shani Kleinhaus

Shani Kleinhaus is a passionate ecologist with a strong record of achieving significant impact in planning and advocacy in corporate, academic, and not-for-profit settings. Deep expertise in developing sustainable solutions that regenerate ecological health in urban and natural settings. Skilled at negotiations and collaborations and capable of succeeding in fast-changing and complex situations. With focus on conservation and on the integration of nature into people's aspirations for growth, able to create positive, inspiring and innovative environments. Shani has previously served on ExCom and the Chapter welcomes her knowledge of species protection.



Ed Larenas

Ed Larenas is currently a member of the San Mateo Harbor District Board of Commissioners. He is a biologist and coastal advocate. He is a lifelong resident of San Mateo County and a lifelong visitor to Pillar Point Harbor. He has been the voice for the environment, for respecting climate change and marine science on the Harbor District Board. His priorities have been to improve the water quality of both Harbors and continue improvements of both the Coastal and Bay Trails, to protect the Princeton Shoreline and Surfers Beach and to ensure that Oyster Point Development Projects take sea level rise into account and protect environmental quality and public access.