Let That Be Her Monument

Marlene Braun Fought for Carrizo

San Luis Obispo County and the nation have lost a champion of the Carrizo Plain and all that makes it one of the planet’s most unique and sacred places. Marlene Braun, a longtime Bureau of Land Management employee who embraced an all-too-uncommon approach to responsible public land management, served as the manager of the Carrizo Plain National Monument (CPNM) from 2001 until she took her life on May 2. The void she has left—both in our hearts and on the land—will be very hard to fill.

Marlene felt deeply about, and fought tenaciously for, thoughtful management and meaningful conservation of the Carrizo Plain. Her appointment in 2001 as manager of the then recently-designated National Monument opened a new chapter in the cooperative management of the area by the BLM, The Nature Conservancy, and the California Department of Fish and Game. Marlene embraced, nourished, and encouraged the partnership, and her dedication and commitment to the Carrizo inspired those who were honored to work with her.

The Carrizo Plain National Monument is California’s best-kept secret—more than 250,000 acres of solitude and isolation in a spectacular setting. Ringed by mountains, the Monument contains the last significant remnant of intact San Joaquin Valley grasslands and is home to the highest concentration of endangered and threatened species in the nation.

Long-time Carrizophiles all agree that the area has never looked better than it does right now, largely thanks to Marlene’s efforts and her leadership of the partners’ management decisions. Marlene fought long and hard to ensure that the CPNM Resource Management Plan (RMP)—the document for guiding future management decisions on the Carrizo—would not be rooted in BLM’s traditional paradigm of managing public lands, first and foremost, for economic return rather than for conservation.

That fight continues. The BLM will soon release a controversial draft of the RMP. Will that plan open the door for more cattle grazing, oil exploration, and other exploitive uses—even at the cost of the resources the National Monument was designated to protect? Marlene relentlessly fought the good fight over the development of the RMP. She lost that fight when the powers that be at BLM lined up in opposition to her, rewriting the plan and gutting her efforts.

The Santa Lucia and Kern-Kaweah Chapters of the Sierra Club have made the Carrizo RMP a high priority and will be “rallying the troops” when the public review draft is released. It’s will be up to the public to continue Marlene’s efforts. Please be involved when the time comes.

Marlene Braun died protecting this land. We will see to it that her efforts were not in vain and that her spirit will one day be able to rest in peace.

SLO Open Space Revisions Proposed

Drastic Changes & Bad Outcomes Loom

By Jodee Bennett
ECOSLO Board Member, Natural San Luis Docent

The General Plan is the master-planning document for the City of San Luis Obispo. It deals with everything from Housing, Energy, Circulation and Conservation to Open Space and Land Use.

The City periodically needs to update these elements to keep up with changing needs and technology. In doing so, it is vitally important to keep language that provides protection of our natural resources and quality of life.

As the city continues to grow outward and neighborhoods become more densely populated, protection of our existing and future open space is more important than ever. Preserving our natural open spaces as a refuge for wildlife and a place for people to escape to the natural world is critical to our increasingly hectic lifestyles.

Meaningful protections of our natural resources are embedded throughout the existing 1994 Open Space and Land Use Elements. These protections have served our community well.

The Community Development Department is revising the City’s Open Space, Land Use and Conservation...
Santa Lucia Chapter General Meeting

an evening with PETER DOUGLAS
Exploring the Open Space of Democracy and the “Death” of Environmentalism

One of the state’s most prominent environmental leaders will come to San Luis Obispo on Tuesday, June 21, to discuss the state of environmental activism and democracy.

Peter Douglas, in the words the San Francisco Chronicle, is “the man who, more than anyone in California, represents the brains and the conscience of coastal conservation.”

Marking his twentieth year as Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission, Douglas directs the policy and operations of the commission that annually takes several thousand planning and regulatory actions balancing the use and conservation of California’s 1,100-mile coast, inhabited by more than 20 million people.

He has developed public education and outreach programs (Adopt-a-Beach, the Coastal Resources Information Center, California Coast Clean-Up), and heads a highly-skilled non-partisan staff that serves the public in implementing the California Coastal Act — negotiating complex settlements of coastal resource disputes and working with local governments and multiple state and federal agencies.

Don’t miss this opportunity to hear and speak with Peter Douglas.

Tuesday, June 21, 7:00 p.m.
Ludwick Center
864 Santa Rosa Street (corner of NBI)
San Luis Obispo

What Are We Being Called to Do?

By Karen Merriam
Chapter Chair

Really I’m a very practical person. I like to build things: I like mowing my fields with my tractor; I like washing my dogs after they come in from a long day of gophering. I like playing hide-and-seek at seven each morning with the young owl whose parents chose my newly-erected owl box to call home.

So why is a practical person like me doing so much thinking about who we are as a Chapter — what we stand for — as a community of people who belong to The Sierra Club? Perhaps it is because we face together new issues and new decisions for which the old answers and strategies may no longer suffice.

Twelve men and women who represent the Chapter in a variety of capacities met together Sunday, May 15, at my home to discuss our Chapter’s priorities for the coming months. We talked, and walked, and ate wonderful food, and discussed our direction as a Chapter. What we discovered were our communalities and our deep commitments. We discovered our combined strengths. We found that we could trust each other’s genuine desire to assert and to respect our interdependence — with each other and with all aspects of our endangered environment. We found relief in coming together; and we were frustrated that in that short time we couldn’t articulate all the plans and strategies that we feel will help us do a better job to protect and preserve all that is precious to us. We ended our time together with our work only just beginning.

Our process and our efforts will continue. We intend to set clear priorities and directions for our Chapter. It’s the only way to use our time, resources, and talents effectively and wisely. It would help if you would tell us what is most important to you as a member of this Chapter of the Sierra Club. If your neighbor was asked to you would talk about: “What does your Sierra Club Chapter stand for? What do you, the Chapter, do?” how would you answer that question? When you figure that out — send your answers to me <kmerriam@digitalputty.com> — I really want to know. We need to be asking and answering these questions together.

Then I can go back to watching the hooded orioles who have a secret nest near my study window. I can walk out into my fields at night to hear the sounds of many lives singing in a great chorus. And I can be glad that we have talked together.
Dear Senator Maldonado:

Where's SLO's Sanctuary?

State Senator Abel Maldonado has had a draft resolution sitting in his desk drawer since January. It’s called “Assembly Joint Resolution to support the extension of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary to include the coast of San Luis Obispo County.”

He has not yet introduced it. As the federal Minerals Management Service expands off-shore oil leases off California and raises objections to the inclusion in the Sanctuary of the Davidson Seamount – a treasure house of biodiversity 90 miles west of San Simeon (see “Draft Plan for Monterey Bay Sanctuary Near”) – on the grounds that doing so may impede future oil and gas exploration off our coast, the handwriting is on the wall and dipping down to the floor: Sanctuary is our only permanent protection from offshore drilling.

For fifteen years, San Luis Obispo has awaited this resolution. That’s how long its been since multiple resolutions endorsing a “Morro Coast Sanctuary,” a measure that would have resulted in an identical protected area, were passed by the city councils of virtually every municipality in the County. In one weekend in 2003, ECOUSLO volunteers gathered more than 700 signatures in Morro Bay on a petition asking for an extension of the Sanctuary to include the waters of San Luis Obispo.

Some local fishermen are opposed to the extension. Though it would have no impact on fishing, the simple fact that it represents an extension of federal regulation is enough to trigger opposition. The only other opposing group is, of course, oil companies and oil companies’ friends. They are standing alone against the overwhelming desire of local residents, long since expressed.

The joint resolution would not itself create an expanded Sanctuary, instead conveying the sense of the California Senate and Assembly supporting the concept and sending a clear message to the National Marine Sanctuary Program and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration before the next scheduled revision of the Sanctuary management plan.

But for that to happen, Senator Maldonado needs to take that resolution out of his desk drawer and bring it to the floor.

TAKE ACTION!

Write or call Senator Maldonado and tell him you want him to introduce the Joint Resolution:

Senator Abel Maldonado
State Capitol, Room 4081
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: 916-651-4015
Fax: 916-445-8801

Whose Geese? Our Geese!

A Hunt in the Middle of a City?

The City of Morro Bay is an official bird sanctuary, including about half the grassy island territory in the estuary that is a center of waterfowl hunting activity every winter. The Department of Fish and Game has jurisdiction over the other half.

Do shotgun pellets respect lines on maps? Do hunters know where the Dept. of Fish and Game’s jurisdiction ends and the City of Morro Bay begins in the middle of the estuary? Do they point their shotguns away from that invisible line when a goose flies overhead?

Even if there were enough local wardens to enforce the hunt regulations (there aren’t), and even if they were inclined to issue citations to their fellow hunters, friends and relatives (they’re not), this is unenforceable.

As an enforcement issue, a public safety issue, a tourism issue, and an environmental issue, this dog won’t hunt. Shotgun blasts are not conducive to taking the stress off migratory species existing to one of the last remaining forage & resting lagoons on the Pacific Coast.

TAKE ACTION!

Nine years ago, the community tried to put an end to this anachronistic and inappropriate hunt. In response, the National Rifle Association packed public meetings with hundreds of hunters from across the country and shouted down the voices of environmental sanity, bullying our citizens into silence.

That was then, this is now. The hunt is indefensible, out of place and out of time, overwhelmingly opposed by the people who live here.

Now is the time to make your voices heard. Come out to the June 13 meeting of the Morro Bay City Council and support a vote of the Council to convey to the Fish and Game Commission the Sierra Club’s resolution to end the waterfowl hunt in the Estuary:

June 13, 5:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, 595 Harbor St., Morro Bay.

Come out to the June 23 meeting of the Los Osos Community Advisory Council to support LOCAC recommending a hunt ban resolution to its District Supervisor Shirley Bianchi:

June 23, 7:00 p.m., South Bay Community Center, 2180 Palaides Ave., Los Osos.

Read, print, sign & send us the hunt ban resolution on line at www.santalucia.sierraclub.org/estuary/estuary.html

See Sierra Club’s Andrew Christie and CAHRENE’s Mandy Davis interviewed on the Morro Bay hunt on “SLO Issues,” 6:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 10:00 p.m. Sundays, on SLO public access channel 2.
Energize the Movement at our Largest

Registrations are coming in! The Sierra Summit will be the largest gathering held by the Sierra Club in its 113-year history, and will serve as an important milestone in the environmental movement. This four-day event-taking place September 8-11 in San Francisco will be a huge opportunity for attendees to explore, enjoy, and protect the planet through a fun and rich learning experience.

This is also a unique opportunity to energize the environmental movement at a critical time, and a chance for all people who enjoy the planet and are concerned about its future. “This will be a rich experience for all of us,” says Executive Director Carl Pope, “Good things happen when so many come together to shape the future. Through it, we will further build community and articulate hope and our values.”

There will be a myriad of workshops on everything from “Backyard Organics” and “Eating Smart,” to “Photography & Nature” and “Restoring the Wild.” There will also be an exhibit hall filled with the latest environmentally sensitive technologies and products, and Sierra Showcase will display the accomplishments of our chapters, groups and committees.

Speakers will include one of the country’s environmental champions and one of Time magazine’s “Heroes for the Planet” for fighting to restore the Hudson River, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Other speakers include former Poet Laureate Robert Hass, chef Alice Waters, and professor George Lakoff.

The Summit will include the Sierra Club Strategic Direction Setting process which will be the most inclusive and extensive direction setting process the Club has ever had with 1,000 delegates from across the country. And as part of the pre-Summit preparation, all members are invited to participate in online discussions (see instructions below). And of course no Sierra Club event would be complete without outdoor activities, and there will be a number of hikes and other fun opportunities to get outdoors and socialize. It will be a great chance to network and learn with other Sierra members and leaders from around the country.

Everyone is welcome to attend, have fun and learn about the exciting ways to enjoy and protect the planet. To register, go to www.sierrasummit2005.org and either complete the form online or mail or fax it in. You can also call (301) 694-5243 or e-mail scs05attendee@expoexchange.com.

**Bill Maher’s New Rules for the Environment**

On May 4, Planet Senior Editor Tom Vahin spoke with comedian and Sierra Summit speaker Bill Maher about his views on the environment.

**Planet:** I assume from the fact that you’re the featured entertainer at the Sierra Summit this September that you take more than a passing interest in the environment. ** Maher:** Sure. I can’t think of anything I worry about more. It’s that little “wanting to live” clause in my contract, you know? All you have to do is read the paper and every day there’s some bad news. It’s either that the tundra is disappearing, or the ice caps are melting, or there’s no snow on Mt. Kilimanjaro. It’s just getting to a point where you can’t ignore it. I asked Bobby Kennedy when he was on my show on Earth Day, when they put history on the clock of the day, how late in the day is it? Is it eleven at night? Is it two minutes to midnight? I don’t know what has to happen to get people to wake up, but obviously something more than you or I are doing.

**Planet:** One problem seems to be that people are ill-informed, even though they’re bombarded with so much information every day. You’re an entertainer, but you’re also an outspoken progressive. Do you feel educating the public is part of your role? ** Maher:** Yeah, and I bring up the environment as often as I possibly can without being such a bore that people turn it off, because then that doesn’t serve anybody’s purposes.

**Planet:** In speaking with Charles Schumer last Friday, you said there are some very important issues—and the environment was the first example you cited—that the Average Joe just finds too byzantine and boring to latch onto. How do we get people to pay attention? ** Maher:** If you ask Robert Kennedy, he’d tell you that the big villain in this is the media. And I tend to think he’s got a good point. The media’s job is to make what’s important interesting, and they have abdicated that responsibility. They fill their pages and their programs with tales of runway brides and molesting pop stars, the sexy stuff that’s easily graspable. That was part of my point to Schumer. People read and care about the things that are easily graspable. The tsunami’s an example. Americans loved that story. Not the tsunami itself, obviously, but there was a sense that, “Oh, here’s one that we can understand. Underwater earthquake makes big wave. I can get my head around that one.” It was sufficiently far away, and of course, there was a supermodel involved, so it was the perfect storm of perfect storms.

**Planet:** You probably recall that in the aftermath of 9/11, one of the things President Bush urged people to do was to get out and go shopping, to demonstrate that we weren’t going to let the terrorists disrupt our daily lives. But unlike during WWII, say, it seems that Americans aren’t being asked to make any sacrifices so far.

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**Your Two Cents**

As part of gearing up for Sierra Summit 2005, Sierra Club members are invited to join a discussion forum called “From Our Roots to the Summit,” where they can be a part of envisioning the future of the Club. The discussion board threads are described (and managed) on the website below. All you need to do is sign up! Make it a point to register, familiarize yourself with how the discussion board works, and plan to visit it frequently as the conversations unfold. To participate, go to the page below and click on “register” at the top to have your password emailed back to you.

http://www.sierraclub.org/summitforum/
Catering Ever: Sierra Summit 2005

as our use of natural resources or reining in our consumption. We seem to be such a freedom-loving country that we almost don’t want to take responsibility. What do we do about that?

Maher: That’s a question that I’ve not found an answer for. I wrote a whole book about it [9/11], called When you Ride Alone, You Ride with Bin Laden, and that was the theme of that book. It’s a gilding of the idea of those WWII patriotic posters that got people to help out and get involved in the war effort. We created new ones for the war on terror, but some of them were just rehashed and cliche. There was one WWII poster that was imploring people to save gasoline, and it said “When you ride alone, ride with Hitler.” So riding with Bin Laden was just an updating of that. We got into that subject—asking, “Are we making mistakes?—quite a bit in the book, and that was the whole idea if your government isn’t going to ask you and inform you, then I’ll do it.”

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Cayucos Loves That Dirty Water

The tertiary-stage treatment of waste water is the most technologically advanced method of cleaning sewage, producing an end product that can be recycled for use in landscaping and agriculture.

It’s one of two options on the table for the upgrade of the Morro Bay Cayucos Wastewater Treatment Plant, which—three decades after the passage of the Clean Water Act—is still pumping primary-treated sewage into Morro Bay. The two communities are just now putting together a plan to bring their discharge up to federally-required treatment levels. One plan would bring the plant up to secondary treatment—the federal minimum. An alternative plan would add tertiary treatment, with the potential of bringing all of the communities’ wastewater up to that level.

Alas, Morro Bay City Manager Robert Hendriks and several directors of the Cayucos Sanitary District are adamantly opposed to including any tertiary element in the plant upgrade, saying it would cost too much and would provide no benefits—apparently unaware that re-usable water is a scarce and valuable commodity on the Central Coast, and despite the fact that plant manager Bruce Keogh has said that a tertiary upgrade plan would be more likely to attract federal funding than a plan for minimal secondary treatment. In other words, the superior and more expensive plan is actually likely to cost Morro Bay and Cayucos less out of pocket. Hendriks and the CSD are also inclined to take a leisurely nine and a half years to get their waste water up to the minimal secondary treatment level.

But the opponents of tertiary treatment are expressing their opinions publicly. On May 19, at a joint meeting of the Morro Bay City Council and the Cayucos Sanitary District, public testimony and the majority of Morro Bay’s Council members expressed an overwhelming preference for upgrading the plant to tertiary treatment. But Cayucos succumbed in deference to a vote and sending the issue to a subcommittee, after which the plan will be voted on separately, not in joint session, by the Morro Bay City Council (clearly in favor of the tertiary option) and the Cayucos Sanitary District (largely opposed). Cayucos district officials and Mr. Hendriks did not care to make their anti-tertiary argument in front of TV cameras and with attorneys from the Natural Resources Defense Council and a cross-section of alert citizens and representatives from the Sierra Club, Surfrider, Central Coast Ocean Outfall Group and the Regional Water Quality Control Board in the room.

If you like the idea of a healthy marine environment and recyclable water on the Central Coast, and a long-term vision of waste water treatment that will be forward-thinking one, now is the time to tell the Cayucos Sanitary District that gravid agreement to rise to the federally required dead-minimum level of waste water treatment and no better in not the way to take care of our coastal waters. Tell them Morro Bay and Cayucos need tertiary treatment, and they need it now!

TAKING ACTION!
Write to:
Board of Directors
Cayucos Sanitary District
P.O. Box 333
Cayucos CA 93430
FAX: (805) 995-3673

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The draft plan is a revision of the MBNMS’ original management plan, adopted with sanctuary designation in 1992, and will focus on how best to understand and protect the sanctuary’s resources and implement actions that will guide the MBNMS for the next five years. The majority of the action plans are grouped into four main themes:

• Coastal Development (e.g., coastal armoring, desalination, harbors and dredge disposal and submerged cables)
• Ecosystem Protection (e.g., special marine protected areas, Davidson Seamount, bottom trawling effects on benthic habitats, and introduced species)
• Water Quality (e.g., beach closures and microbial contamination and cruise ship discharges)
• Wildlife Disturbance (e.g., marine mammal, seabird, and sea turtle disturbances, motorized personal watercraft, and tidewater protection)

Each of the action plans address priority concerns raised by the public. Indeed, the action plans were developed based on an extensive public process conducted over the past 4 years and which included hundreds of people participating in a series of public “scoping meetings,” stakeholder work groups and Sanctuary Advisory Council workshops and meetings.

This update of the sanctuary’s management plan is part of a process known as the Joint Management Plan Review (JMPR) and involves the Cayucos Monterey Bay Sanctuary but the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries to the north.

The sanctuary program has produced a “Citizen Update to the Joint Management Plan Review” to help the public better understand the sanctuary management plan review process, how key coastal and ocean issues will be addressed and how citizens can make their voices heard. To access a copy or for updates on the review, go to http://sanctuaries.nos.noaa.gov/jointplan or call (831) 647-4217.

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Calendar of Events
Chapter Programs and Planning

June 4-5  Sierra Club California Convention, Rancho El Chorro
June 8 5:00 pm State Parks HCP Stalking meeting, Embasco Suites, SLO
June 2 4:15 pm Conservation Committee Meeting
June 21 6:30 pm General Meeting, Ludwick Ctr - “Activism and Democracy”
June 24 5:00 pm Chapter Executive Committee Meeting
Aug 20 12:00pm Chapter Annual Summer Picnic

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Local Government Meetings

City of SLO—1st & 3rd Tues., 7:00 p.m.; 781-7103
Arroyo Grande—2nd and 4th Tues., 7:00 p.m.; 473-5404
Atascadero—2nd & 4th Tues.; 466-8099
Cambria CSD—4th Thurs.; 927-6223
Grover Beach—1st & 3rd Mon., 6:30 p.m.; 473-4567
Grover Beach Planning Commission—2nd Tues.
Morro Bay—2nd & 4th Mon.
Paso Robles—1st & 3rd Tues., 7:00 p.m.; 237-3888
Pismo Beach—1st Tues., 5:30 p.m.; 773-4657
Los Osos CSD board—1st Tues. & 2nd Mon., varies
California Coastal Commission—3rd Tues., varies
SLO County Board of Supervisors—every Tues.; 781-5450
SLO Council of Governments: 781-4219
SLOCOG Citizens Advisory Committee—1st Wed. every other month, 6:00 p.m.
SLOCOG Board—1st Wed. every other month, 8:30 a.m.

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Newer home in Oak Creek Commons. 4 bdrms 2 bths, great kitchen, & low-maintenance landscape. Enjoy privacy along w/ benefits of a co-housing community. Includes 10 acres of pristine oaks, 4000 sq. ft. common house, pool & hot-tub. Some members of the Sierra Club live in this community. $429,000. For more information please contact Christine McDonald of Prudential Hunter Realty at (805-441-5018)

A Will . . .

. . . is a way to protect the environment as well as yourself. If you do not have a will, the state decides how your property and other affairs are handled. Decisions made now can later provide financial security for family, friends, and the Sierra Club. You may even direct your bequest to a specific Club program or your home Chapter. For more information and confidential assistance, contact

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Outings and Activities Calendar

All of our hikes and activities are open to all club members and the general public. If you have any suggestions for hikes or outdoor activities, questions about the Chapter’s outing policies or would like to be an outings leader, call Outings Leader Gary Felsman (473-3645). For information on a specific outing, please contact the outing leader. Outings Leaders please get your outings or events in by the 1st for the next month’s outings.

**Hiking Classifications:**
- **D:** 0-2 mi., 2-3 mi., 3-5 mi., 5-10 mi., 10-12 mi., 12-15 mi.

**Elevation Gain:**
- **A:** 0'-100'
- **B:** 100'-200'
- **C:** 200'-300'
- **D:** 300'-500'
- **E:** 500'-1000'
- **F:** 1000'-2000'
- **G:** 2000'-3000'
- **H:** 3000'-4000'
- **I:** 4000'-5000'
- **J:** 5000'-more
- **K:** 1-2 mi., 2-3 mi., 3-5 mi., 5-10 mi.
- **L:** 10-12 mi., 12-15 mi.
- **M:** 15-20 mi.
- **N:** 20-25 mi.
- **O:** 25-30 mi.
- **P:** 30-35 mi.
- **Q:** 35-40 mi.
- **R:** 40-50 mi.
- **S:** 50-60 mi.
- **T:** 60-70 mi.
- **U:** 70-80 mi.
- **V:** 80-90 mi.
- **W:** 90-100 mi.
- **X:** 100-200 mi.
- **Y:** 200-300 mi.
- **Z:** 300-400 mi.

**Distance:**
- **1:** 0-2 mi., 2-3 mi., 3-5 mi., 5-10 mi.
- **2:** 10-15 mi.
- **3:** 15-20 mi.
- **4:** 20-25 mi.
- **5:** 25-30 mi.
- **6:** 30-35 mi.
- **7:** 35-40 mi.
- **8:** 40-45 mi.
- **9:** 45-50 mi.
- **10:** 50-55 mi.
- **11:** 55-60 mi.
- **12:** 60-65 mi.
- **13:** 65-70 mi.
- **14:** 70-75 mi.
- **15:** 75-80 mi.
- **16:** 80-85 mi.
- **17:** 85-90 mi.
- **18:** 90-95 mi.
- **19:** 95-100 mi.
- **20:** 100-105 mi.
- **21:** 105-110 mi.
- **22:** 110-115 mi.
- **23:** 115-120 mi.
- **24:** 120-125 mi.
- **25:** 125-130 mi.
- **26:** 130-135 mi.
- **27:** 135-140 mi.
- **28:** 140-145 mi.
- **29:** 145-150 mi.
- **30:** 150-155 mi.
- **31:** 155-160 mi.
- **32:** 160-165 mi.
- **33:** 165-170 mi.
- **34:** 170-175 mi.
- **35:** 175-180 mi.
- **36:** 180-185 mi.
- **37:** 185-190 mi.
- **38:** 190-195 mi.
- **39:** 195-200 mi.
- **40:** 200-205 mi.
- **41:** 205-210 mi.
- **42:** 210-215 mi.
- **43:** 215-220 mi.
- **44:** 220-225 mi.
- **45:** 225-230 mi.
- **46:** 230-235 mi.
- **47:** 235-240 mi.
- **48:** 240-245 mi.
- **49:** 245-250 mi.
- **50:** 250-255 mi.
- **51:** 255-260 mi.
- **52:** 260-265 mi.
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- **56:** 280-285 mi.
- **57:** 285-290 mi.
- **58:** 290-295 mi.
- **59:** 295-300 mi.
- **60:** 300-305 mi.
- **61:** 305-310 mi.
- **62:** 310-315 mi.
- **63:** 315-320 mi.
- **64:** 320-325 mi.
- **65:** 325-330 mi.
- **66:** 330-335 mi.
- **67:** 335-340 mi.
- **68:** 340-345 mi.
- **69:** 345-350 mi.
- **70:** 350-355 mi.
- **71:** 355-360 mi.
- **72:** 360-365 mi.
- **73:** 365-370 mi.
- **74:** 370-375 mi.
- **75:** 375-380 mi.
- **76:** 380-385 mi.
- **77:** 385-390 mi.
- **78:** 390-395 mi.
- **79:** 395-400 mi.
- **80:** 400-405 mi.
- **81:** 405-410 mi.
- **82:** 410-415 mi.
- **83:** 415-420 mi.
- **84:** 420-425 mi.
- **85:** 425-430 mi.
- **86:** 430-435 mi.
- **87:** 435-440 mi.
- **88:** 440-445 mi.
- **89:** 445-450 mi.
- **90:** 450-455 mi.
- **91:** 455-460 mi.
- **92:** 460-465 mi.
- **93:** 465-470 mi.
- **94:** 470-475 mi.
- **95:** 475-480 mi.
- **96:** 480-485 mi.
- **97:** 485-490 mi.
- **98:** 490-495 mi.
- **99:** 495-500 mi.
- **100:** 500-505 mi.

For more information and driving directions, please visit the club website: www.santa-lucia.sierraclub.org. You can also email us at g3si@sierraclub.org.