Sierra Club’s June 6 Ballot Endorsements

Santa Lucia Chapter Endorsements for County Races, 2006

SUPERVISOR, 2nd DISTRICT
Judy Vick

In the Sierra Club, it has long been generally agreed that there is no such thing as a perfect candidate; that we must weigh the positives against the negatives, overlook rough edges, blind spots etc... if, on balance, we find that the candidate is viable and we agree more than we disagree with his or her beliefs and agenda.

Not this time. The unanimous recommendation of our seven-member Political Committee to endorse Judy Vick was made without reservations. Her forthright positions, unswerving “unpolitical” answers to tough questions and grassroots appeal have lit a fire under the 2nd District race and marked her as the quintessential people’s candidate. As a “self-made” woman with a distinguished professional career in the public sector as a therapist and counselor, the skills she has acquired there will clearly serve her well as a Supervisor. She will be an able advocate for our issues on the Board. The District is fortunate that this candidate has chosen to run in this election.

Bruce Gibson’s many qualifications, contributions to the community and overall track record, with particular notice to his good work on the Cayucos viewshed ordinance, were noted approvingly by our Political Committee. Roger Anderson did not return a questionnaire or request an interview.

SUPERVISOR, 4th DISTRICT
No endorsement

A key message of the Sierra Club’s “Cool Cities” campaign is that smart energy projects can make good financial sense and save money while simultaneously promoting clean energy. Lower energy bills, more jobs, and increased local revenues are hard to object to.

Locally, that message is now being heard. For the last few months, Sierra Club has been meeting with representatives from the SLO Chamber of Commerce, SLO Green Build, the Homebuilders Association, Coast National Bank, Cal Poly, the County Board of Supervisors and the Air Pollution Control District. All agree: It’s time to get serious about smart energy on the Central Coast, on a large scale.

This ad hoc committee is planning an all-day regional Smart Energy Solutions Forum, to be held October 10 at the SLO Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

We have high hopes for this process and what could come out of it. Investments in renewable energy and hybrid fleets, energy efficiency, improving public transportation, making our cities more bikeable and/or walkable, curbing sprawl, increasing recycling and reducing waste are all on the table. Purchasing wind energy, solar roofs on all local schools, and cities committing...
Santa Lucia Chapter General Meeting

Smart Energy Solutions in SLO

A preview of this fall’s regional energy forum

(Note change of venue!) With skyrocketing gas prices and climate-related catastrophes in the news every week, we’re all concerned about a cleaner energy future. In our county, there are many opportunities for smart energy solutions that save taxpayer dollars and reduce global-warming pollution at the same time. Come find out what other cities are doing, and how we can do our part right now.

Join us on May 16 as we come together for a preview of a major regional forum on smart energy solutions in San Luis Obispo. For more info, visit www.santalucia.sierraclub.org

Fiona's Cafe
Thursday, May 16, 7:00 p.m.
SLO City/County Library
995 Palm St.
San Luis Obispo

Save the date!

Immigration, Trade and the Sierra Club

The debate you’re not hearing

By Andrew Christie Responsible Trade Committee

This spring, as immigration once again became the hottest political topic in America, the debate has again focused on higher fences and driver’s licenses, amenities and guest worker programs.

In a March 30 Viewpoint in the Tribune that specifically supported support for a state bill to deport undocumented felons after they’ve served their prison terms, but which also made broad statements on immigration in general, Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee and colleague John A. Vasconcellos proposed an amendment to the bill that would have involved the name of the Sierra Club, giving the appearance that we endorse their views on the issue (and prompting members to call the Chapter office for clarification on the day their article appeared).

For the Sierra Club, the central fact of forced migration is the one that has gone largely unstated in this debate. Corporate globalization and U.S. policies on trade have more to do with how many people cross our border illegally than U.S. immigration policy or any potential reform thereof.

The exploitation of less developed countries in the economic globalization framework known as “free trade” has resulted in their financial and environmental impoverishment - both known to be primary causes of global overpopulation and increased migration. In 2002, the International Forum on Globalization noted that this framework is “promoted and enforced by international financial institutions and agreements such as The World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization, the North American Free Trade Agreement and the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas.” Such agreements and institutions have brought about the loss of local production for local consumption, triggering “instability of food supplies, hunger for millions of people, and devastating consequences for farmers, communities, and nature.”

The Sierra Club recognizes corporate globalization and overconsumption as primary causes of human impoverishment, environmental degradation and forced migration. (www.sierraclub.org/sierra/200411/immigrants.asp).

Blakeslee and Vasconcellos advanced the argument that rising rates of migration from less developed to more developed countries have been a cause of environmental harm and resource depletion. This popular, oversimplified argument is often debated in terms of overpopulation vs. consumption, or U.S. immigration-driven population vs. global population. This creates a dramatic tableau of environmentalists vs. immigrants, a destructive exercise in futility that looks a lot like class warfare and serves the same purpose: Diversion from the real problem.

When the issue is correctly framed within the context of the global economy, we see that forced migration is an effect, not a cause, of environmental destruction.

When the focus of the debate is U.S. immigration policy rather than the nature of immigration, this reality is invisible. But lately, a consensus has begun to emerge. “At the turn of the millennium,” reported Marcelo Suarez-Orozco in his presentation at the 2001 conference Global Shifts: U.S. immigration and the cultural impact of demographic change, “we are witnessing intense new worldwide migration and refugee flows...largely structured by the intensification of globalization.” The same year, the Journal of Media and Public Policy noted “The privileging of rich migrants over poor ones romanticizes intensification of globalization.”

The debate on immigration in America, the topic in America, the debate has once again become the hottest political issue in America. The Sierra Club is one of the few environmental organizations that is involved in this debate. (Note change of venue!)

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May is Bike Month!
Support the bicycling community throughout the County

Bike Month is a national celebration of human-powered vehicle transportation encouraging people of all ages and abilities to ride bicycles to their destinations instead of driving.

SLO Regional Rideshare is introducing a unique way for businesses to take part in Bike Month this year. Businesses are encouraged to take

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Dalidio Ranch Initiative: An Obscene Affront to SLO County Democracy

By David Broadwater

I just received an unsolicited and unwanted letter in the mail and I’m not because it’s pornographic, but because what it proposes for the November ballot is obscene.

I live in Atascadero and would prefer to let the folks in San Luis Obispo and their representatives make decisions about land use in their neck of the woods. But Mr. Dalidio wants me to sign a petition so that every voter in the County can have a say about his development next to SLO City. By placing his initiative on the ballot, he also wants to have your town’s needs and desires could force you to surrender your autonomy.

Although I’ve read a little about the Dalidio project, I’ve remained a comfortably ignorant spectator, certain that those most affected would make the best decision. It’s their business, not mine.

As a registered voter (designated as “high propensity” by Dalidio’s paid propagandists), I don’t want to be required to study his project in enough detail to vote intelligently. Neither do I want voters from Nipomo, San Miguel, or anywhere else.

San Luis Obispo or any other town voting on land use decisions in my neighborhood (as it’s to open a nuclear waste repository in town or something similar), that’s our business, not theirs.

The precedent that would be set by the success of Mr. Dalidio’s initiative could result in the unraveling of local representative democracy. The outlaw exemption it would ratify would render land use decisions blind to their infrastructure, economic and ecological consequences.

The ability of communities to plan for their futures would be plagued by unremittting uncertainty and instability.

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Exchange Your Veggies

Squaring off against too much squash?

What will you do when all those tomatoes ripen?

Wish you could have had some of those oranges now rotting on the ground down the street?

It’s official: The Neighborhood Produce Exchange of SLO County is up and running. Check it out online at: www.neighborhoodproduce.org

Why feed the compost pile when you can feed your neighbors? Spread the word!

ESA Wrecking Crew Tries to Scam SLO

Last March, the City of San Luis Obispo received a request from the California Natural Resources Group and the Regional Council of Rural Counties to sign on to a resolution supporting “updating the Endangered Species Act.”

The California Natural Resources Group is a front for the business, agriculture, forestry, mining, and construction lobbies. The Regional Council of Rural Counties supports “efforts...to balance species protection with the economic and social consequences that may result from such protection, including compliance costs,” “streamlining” the California Environmental Quality Act, and “reassessing the National Environmental Policy Act. They oppose “initiating requirements which would further increase the cost of Timber Harvesting Plans (THP’s) or make the approval process more onerous,” believe that “the housing element law should be revised to place a greater emphasis on obtaining financing and ensuring production, rather than undertaking and satisfying extensive planning requirements.” They support things like “extending the compliance date in rural counties for retrofitting diesel engines in public fleets and off-road equipment,” and even, lord help us, “expeditious certification of electronic voting machines,” (2005-06 Policy Principles and Legislative Priorities).

Had quick-thinking Councilwoman Christine Mulholland not checked with us for confirmation that the goals of these groups do NOT conform with the City’s legislative platform, the Mayor might have signed this blandly worded resolution from the pollution lobby, intended to “streamline” the Endangered Species Act, and endangered species, out of existence. Close one.

Yeah, right.
A scientific study has found that the nutrient content of industrial agriculture’s conventionally grown fruits and vegetables has dropped steeply over the last fifty years. Other studies have shown organically grown produce is nutritionally superior. The study was an attempt:

But, in fact, small-scale alternative agriculture beats Big Ag in taste, nutrition, and productivity. "Small-scale integrated farms produce far more per unit area than large farms. Though the yield per unit area of one crop may be lower, the total output per unit area for small farms, often composed of more than a dozen crops and numerous animal products, is virtually always higher than that of larger farms. Clearly, if we are to compare accurately the productivity of small and large farms, we should use total agricultural output, balanced against total farm outputs and ‘externalities’ (the environmental and human health impacts for which large industrial-scale monocultural farms allow society to pay), rather than single-crop yield as our measurement principle.

“Continuing to measure farm efficiency through single crop ‘yield’ in agricultural economics represents an unacceptable bias against diversification and reflects the bizarre conviction that producing one food crop on a large scale is more important than producing many crops (and higher productivity) on a small scale.”

— Fatal Harvest: The Tragedy of Industrial Agriculture, Island Press, 2002

Despite a recent study that said bluff protection along Pismo Beach’s 5-mile stretch of coastline is “immediately needed,” less than one-third of property owners have built structures to protect their properties from erosion.

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Mr. Grossman also committed to “consult directly with Surfrider Foundation before proceeding” should a seawall ever be needed. He didn’t.

The Coastal Commission said “don’t build here.” Surfrider Foundation said “don’t build here.” Mr. Grossman promised not to put in a seawall.

Yet less than ten years later there is an enormous seawall at 125 Indio.
EcoSummit 2006

ECOSLO’s fifth annual all-day networking session connecting individuals and organizations working on the diverse environmental issues on the Central Coast happened Sunday, March 26, in Cambria’s Camp Ocean Pines.

Photo: Steven Marx

part in the Bike Art Window Display by decorating their company’s window or use a prominent place in their building to represent a ‘Bikes In Bloom’ theme throughout the month. Rideshare is gathering local artists to partner with local businesses to view the Bike Art Window Displays.

“Winning displays will be selected by a panel of art jurors who will caravanning in a Ride-On shuttle to participating businesses to view the Bike Art Window Displays. The winning Bike Art Window Display business or organization will receive:

• Recognition on the Main Stage at Bike Fest on May 18th
• $1,000 worth of promotion material on KSBY
• Business listed in full-page color ‘Thank You’ advertisement in New Times.

Artists designing the window display will receive:

• Recognition on the Main Stage at Bike Fest on May 18th
• $300 from the ARTery in Atascadero

Someday It Has to Quit Raining
By Jack Beigle

In California we really shouldn’t complain about the weather. Our canoe outings have hit a very good average with the weatherman, but we do miss one occasionally.

April was rainy. When it rains, I still think about canoeing. (Actually, I think about canoeing when it isn’t raining also.)

All of the newsletter readers that are canoeists and kayakers will understand my following haiku.

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By Jack Beigle

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Immigration
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globalization as corporate progress and ignores the immense human suffering it entails for the majority of the world’s population. The waves of internal migration also result in the movement of peoples across national borders in order to survive.

The Globalization Caucus at the United Nations World Conference Against Racism noted that “actions of transnational corporations, international development and financial institutions...heighten inequality among and within states, increase pressure to migrate, and impede efforts to fight racism and racial discrimination.”

But word has not yet gotten around. While it’s a given that overconsumption and waste is built in to the model of economic globalization, at most, you may get word that the model of economic globalization. At most, you may get word that the model of economic globalization.

But word has not yet gotten around. A successful community right-to-know program can be achieved locally. Staff will support the Los Angeles area on the local initiatives. The new policy was drafted by the California Pollution Control Financing Authority.

One of the principal issues currently facing the Secretary of State is the problem of applying modern technologies to the state’s institutional framework. The Secretary of State’s role and responsibilities of the office. Bowen has been an environmental leader during her 34 years representing coastal Los Angeles in the State Legislature. She voted for 23 of Sierra Club California’s 24 highest priority bills on the Senate floor over the last 3 years, and also played a key role in removing polluter-linked appointments from environmental positions. Bowen has been a strong supporter of Clean Money campaign finance reform, and is extremely well informed about the role and responsibilities of the office.

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
(dual endorsement)
Liz Figueroa (D)
John Garamendi (D)
Jackie Speier (D)

The Lieutenant Governor sits on the State Lands commission, the Board of Regents and the Coastal Commission (ex-officio).

Figueroa has built a superb record in the Legislature, voting for 83% of Sierra Club California’s 24 highest priority bills on the Senate floor over the last 3 years, and introducing a bill this year to counter the Bush Administration’s attempt to roll back community right-to-know about toxic releases.

CONTROLLER
(dual endorsement)
John Chiang (D)
Joe Dunn (D)

The Controller sits on the State Lands Commission, the California Pollution Control Financing Authority, and the State Personnel Board. Chiang has been elected twice to represent the Los Angeles area on the Board of Equalization. He has consistently voted to uphold and rigorously enforce a series of “polluter-pays” fees that fund programs for electronic waste recycling, hazardous waste cleanup, and childhood lead poisoning prevention. He also advocated ocean and desert protection as a staff member for former Controller Gray Davis.

Dunn has compiled an outstanding legislative record in the last 3 years, and is well regarded by his colleagues as a hard-hitting Senate inquiry into the profligating energy companies, like Enron, who abused California during the electricity crisis.

TREASURER
Bill Lockyer (D)

For 8 years, Lockyer has been the greatest CA Attorney General in California history; he now promises to be the greatest Treasurer ever. The Treasurer influences environmental policy through investment decisions, the state’s largest consumer attorney, he demonstrated his investigative ability by leading a hard-hitting Senate inquiry into the profligating energy companies, like Enron, who abused California during the electricity crisis.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
Jack O’Connell (D)

Sierra Club’s main interest in this position stems from our active involvement in environmental education, and the fact that O’Connell, a former reporter, has supported environmental education both in the classroom and in outdoor schools.

The endorsement decisions culminated a 2-week candidate process that included questionnaires, candidate interviews, and deliberations by four different committees of volunteer leaders.

Club Gets Key SLO Energy Element
On April 4, the San Luis Obispo City Council passed their first-ever Conservation and Open Space Element (COSE) key SLO Energy Element.

One key sentence of its many pages now reads as follows: “We recommend acceptance of the County Air Pollution Control District in calculating emission inventories and the development of balanced strategies for addressing climate protection through development of model ordinances and guidelines designed to meet the City’s goals.”

The new policy was drafted by the Santa Lucia Chapter, submitted to the Planning Commission and accepted by City Council at its February 5 meeting, the hearing the last review of the draft COSE; by the Commission before final review, amendment and adoption.

Encouraging local government entities to join and participate in this innovative and dynamic process, the new policy will significantly increase the amount of green house gas emission reductions that can be achieved within the city. It will also provide technical assistance to local stakeholders and create an information clearinghouse to assist local initiatives.
Classifieds

New/Dec issue ad deadline is May 14. To acquire a rate sheet or submit your ad and payment, contact:
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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., 7:30 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.

Meeting Minutes

highlights from recent Chapter meetings

Conservation Committee, April 4, 2006

In attendance: Lynne Harkins, Jono Kincade, Mandy Devlin, Sue Harvey, Jan Marx. Staff: Andrew Christie. Guest: Karen Merriam.

Karen reported on a strategy meeting on extension of MBNMS. Leslie Kernek has withdrawn her resignation from the Marine Interest Group until a decision is made on how replacements will be chosen.

Morro Bay Power Plant OTC Consortium hired Bill Powers to lobby the issue of once-through cooling. Jan suggested contacting all coastal chapters and Sierra Club California’s legislative lobbyist.

Jono Kincade will meet with Mayor Tom O’Malley of Atascadero regarding Cool Cities. APCD’s Larry Allen is making presentations at city council meetings on greenhouse gas reduction plan. Jono and Jessica Dom will meet with Paso Mayor Frank Mecham to discuss the Cool Cities resolution.

Sierra Club California has endorsed the Clean Alternative Energy Initiative, collecting signatures for the November ballot. It would tax oil extraction revenues and direct funds to renewable energy. We may ask about having a petition at the ECOSLO office for signatures.

A group meeting with Dr. Steve Divincenzo to discuss labeling his Bt corn was arranged by Jono. He would support a countywide initiative to have GE food labeled. He agreed to produce a booklet saying which of his produce are GE, organic and conventionally grown and make it available to his customers. It should be ready for next growing season. He is in favor of growers reporting to the Ag Commissioner that they are growing GE foods. Followed up the meeting with a letter confirming areas of agreement.

SLO City Council to decide on chapter 8 -- open space protections -- of COSE. Jan and Andrew will speak.

The chapter and Mothers for Peace have filed an appeal of the DCNPP steam generator replacement with the Coastal Commission. Two commissioners are also appealing.

We will remind DPG that they said last year they would meet in Morro Bay or SLO this year to discuss waterfowl hunt regs. The MLPA alternatives will be discussed at the Harbor Advisory meeting Thursday at Vets hall in Morro Bay. Mandy requested that people attend to support Package 2.

Sue agreed to serve on the County’s TDC blue ribbon committee as the Chapter’s representative.

Adjourned: 5:15.

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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 (473-3694). 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:

- **Distance:** 1 = 0-2 mi., 2 = 3-5 mi., 3 = 6-10 mi., 4 = 10-12 mi., 5 = 12 mi. or more.
- **Elevation Gain:** A = 500’, B = 1000’, C = 1500’, D = 2000’, E = 2500’, F = 3000’ or more.

Sat., May 6th, 7:00 a.m. Hike to Pimkolam Peak (Junipero Sierra or Santa Lucia), Join the leader on this strenuous hike to the highest point in the northern Los Padres National Forest. The hike is 12 miles with 3800’ of elevation gain. We will pass through several different ecosystems, including oak forest, chaparral, and pine forest. There are also some wonderful rock outcroppings near the trailhead. The view from the top is magnificent. The peak is an abandoned fire tower which can be climbed. This is an all-day outing as the drive to the trailhead is about 1 1/2 hours. Tentative meeting place is the Las Tablas Park and Ride, on the West Side of Highway 101. From SLO take 101 north to Las Tablas Exit. Turn left and the parking area is on the left, will carpool from there. Drivers should bring driver’s license, auto registration, and proof of insurance which is required by Port Hunter Laggett. Bring suitable water, lunch, good hiking shoes, and dress for the weather. The trail may be brushy in places and there is a possibility of poison oak. No Adventure is needed. Please confirm with the leader. For info and confirmation contact Chuck at 927-3769. (SF)

Sat., May 6, 8:45 a.m. ADORE TRAIL: Moderate to strenuous uphill hike through grassland, canyon, and oak-studded grassland (8 mi., 1300 ft. elevation). Bring lunch, water, jacket and sturdy shoes. Meet 8:45am in Santa Maria at the North SB County Government Center’s eastbound parking lot. Rain cancels trail may be very muddy. JERRY JERMAN (AR)

Fri., May 12, SUNSET/MOONRISE HIKE AND POTLUCK AT HARDES GRADE: Walk along the ridge at Hardes grade with a short strenuous climb at the end (4 mi., 700 ft. elevation). Come and watch as the sun goes down and the full moon comes up a few minutes later. Bring a backpack with flashlight, food to share, and water, and enjoy yourself. Meet at the Leopolds Pata Hot parking or the Orcutt Long’s Drugs parking lot at 6:15pm. Hikes are subject to change, always contact the leader. JIM 805-876-5766 (AR)

Sat-Sun., May 20-21 - Lone Pine Lake, Ahwahnee Hills & Manzanar: Join us at our beautiful creekside camp in the high desert near Lone Pine. On Sat. we’ll hike a moderate 6 mi. at 1600’ gain from Whitney Portal to beautiful Lone Pine Lake, followed by happy hour, a potluck feast and campfire. On Sun. we’ll take a driving tour through the Alabama Hills on our way to the WWII Japanese internment camp at Manzanar with its moving tribute to the internes held there during the war. Group size strictly limited. Send $55 per person (Sierra Club), 2 assae, H&H phones, email, rideshares info to D. Ladj, Lapis Gerard, 1550 N Verdugo Rd. #40, Glendale, CA 91208, (818-242-7003). Co-Ldr: Bill Spreng, (760) 951-4520. CNWCC Desert Com/Mojave Group

Sat., May 20, 10:00 a.m., CANOE OR KAYAK THE LAS TABLAS ARM OF LAKE NACIMIENTO: This lake is full, bald eagles are nesting, and the scenery is glorious. We will paddle out to the main body of the lake and possibly beyond for a picnic lunch and then return by 3 p.m. Bring your own human-powered watercraft, PFDs, water, lunch, and sun protection—the usual stuff. Free lunch and free parking at the leader’s put in at 10:00 a.m. Email or phone the leader for more information and for driving directions to the launch site. Limit of 12 boats. Leader: Cal French, 239-7338 or cfrench8@cnrc.net

May 20-27, VOYAGE OF THE GLACIERS: Answer the call of the wild with your pioneer spirit as we explore the land John Muir said “was still in the morning of creation.” Travel with your pioneer spirit as we explore your own Calendars

This is a partial listing of Outings offered by our Chapters. Please check the web page www.santalucia.sieccal.org for the most up-to-date listing of activities.