Candidates Endorsed by the Sierra Club

Recruiting and supporting good candidates for public office is, along with voting, one of the cornerstones of a functioning democracy. Unless people of vision and integrity step forward to offer their leadership services to the people, we will be forever doomed to our country’s currently pervasive “cacocracy” — government by the worst men.

Ideally, these once and future leaders will demonstrate an understanding of the dire condition of our environment at every level. Polar bears and amphibians predicted to be extinct in our lifetime. Global warming turning the world’s forests into firewood. Ag land converted from crop production to concrete as fast as we can rezone it, even as we begin to understand the looming oil shortages assure that a local food supply is our only hope of real national security. Who can reverse these trends? Enlightened elected leaders do so, and they do so in the interest of the people as a whole.

Q&A on Measure J

Does this Initiative set a precedent?

If this initiative succeeds in allowing these developers to write their own laws and dictate what happens within a community, others will follow suit to avoid local review of projects. Development by Initiative robs a community of the ability to control its own destiny.

What will happen if the Initiative does not pass?

The developers will have the option to go through the normal development review process, and build the project without being financially responsible for its numerous negative impacts. These laws and regulations are important protections for our quality of life, especially when dealing with a project of this magnitude.

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**Santa Lucia Chapter General Meeting**

**2006 Candidates Energy Forum**

What do local candidates think about the burning issue of our time, and what local solutions do they propose?

Nine days after the SLO Smart Energy Summit (page 6), and 19 days before the election, you’ll want to know where the candidates for Congress, assembly, supervisor, mayor, and city council races stand on climate change, building local clean power capacity, alternative fuels, green fleets, energy efficiency and renewable energy standards, and how they propose to get from where we are today to an energy future that secures our health, safety, and the environment.

This is your chance to find out.

**Thursday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.**

SLO City-County Library 955 Palm St. San Luis Obispo

**Refreshments provided**

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**Why the Sierra Club Supports Phil Angelides**

By Bill Magavern
Senior Representative, Sierra Club California

We can do better. We can have a governor who moves consistently toward a more sustainable future instead of an executive who tries to please his big-business supporters with one hand while making environmental promises with the other.

That is why Sierra Club has endorsed Phil Angelides for governor. The decision was reached after Angelides filled out a long questionnaire and met with us for a lengthy interview, and after 4 different committees of Sierra Club volunteers deliberated on the decision.

(Governor Schwarzenegger declined repeated requests to return our questionnaire and meet with us.)

Angelides impressed the interview committee with his thorough knowledge of policy issues and his ability to articulate his positions.

While Gov. Schwarzenegger deserves credit for programs to fund solar and hydrogen vehicles, green fleets, energy efficiency and renewable energy standards, his environmental promises have too often been undermined by his strong ties to corporate lobbies that oppose environmental safeguards.

Sierra Club California’s interview committee was well aware of Angelides’ record as a developer in the Sacramento area in the past, and we discussed it with him. We gave much more weight, evidence – Angelides has based his environmental promises on the premise that right. Angelides called a halt to the initiative that took away clean energy from the halls of power; while Schwarzenegger supported it.

Schwarzenegger has named one committed preservationist to the Coastal Commission; Angelides promises to name four.

Schwarzenegger went to Ohio in 2004 to campaign for George W. Bush, the most anti-environment president in our history, while Angelides has opposed Bush and is endorsed by Black Boxer.

Schwarzenegger is proud of his role in creating the gas-guzzling Hummer; Angelides is proud that his family owns 3 hybrid vehicles.

While Schwarzenegger raises fears of a future instead of an energy transition future, Angelides has put smart-growth principles into practice, while Schwarzenegger has compromised to clean up their environmental practices.

To help elect Phil Angelides, go to http://angelides.vivaedomocracy.com
High Stakes in State Ballot Propositions

By Bill Allayaud, State Legislative Director, Sierra Club California

In what has become the norm, the November 7th ballot will be filled with a wide range of issues placed there by the Legislature and by advocates pushing initiatives. Sierra Club California has taken positions on a number of these measures because they directly relate to the issues we care about. Some of these measures are very controversial and the stakes are high, so you are strongly encouraged to read up and vote! Here is a summary of each measure with the position adopted by the statewide conservation committee and Sierra Club California Executive Committee.

Proposition 1b – Transportation Bond: NO POSITION. This is a $19.675 billion bond measure that will fund new lanes and other improvements on congested highways, new bridges, more mass transit, including rail, and improvements to port operations. At the time of this writing, a debate is still taking place within the Sierra Club as to a position. Among other arguments, some fear the over $4 billion for mass transit, while others point out that highways should be paid for by user fees rather than general obligation bonds. The legislation that authorized the measure did not include waivers from environmental review for any projects. Please check at www.sclubcalifornia.org after mid-September for our recommendation.

YES on Proposition 1c – Housing Bond. This is a $2.85 billion bond measure that will fund affordable housing of several types. It will also provide money to local governments to provide infrastructure for transit-oriented development and money for planning for infill development. Both of these, affordability and transit-oriented growth planning are consistent with our statewide growth management guidelines.

Proposition 1d – Schools Bond. This is a $10.4 billion bond measure for school overcrowding. Like the housing bond, this is consistent with our growth management guidelines, as the schools that need this money are in urban areas and older suburban areas.

Proposition 1e – Levees and Flood Control Bond: NO POSITION. This is a $4 billion bond measure that would allow the following initiatives to be funded which would allow detrimental levees in the Sacramento River system, including the Delta, to be fixed. The legislation that authorized this measure provides for a streamlined permitting process, but not an exemption for any environmental review or permit process. Also, the footprint of the levees cannot be expanded.

YES on Proposition 84 – Water Supply Quality and Parks Bond. This is a $5.3 billion bond measure that would allow for improvements to quality of local drinking water supplies, conservation of open space, streams, and forests through increased purchase of parks and conservation easement, and water quality work including for clean beaches. This ominous measure seems to have something to do with attention to the development of entities support it. Monies from the park bond measures passed by voters over the last eight years are nearly gone.

NO on Proposition 85 – Parental Consent for Abortions. This constitutional amendment is very similar to Prop 73, which we opposed last November because it is an environmental and women’s health, undermines property values and insurance. It would require parental consent to have an abortion prior to a pregnancy that either the mother or father believes is endangered under the age of 18 receiving an abortion. Many health care groups oppose the measure because it could encourage illegal, unsafe, amateur abortions. Sierra Club has had taken pro-choice positions since 1969 in support of our policies on population and women’s access to family planning services and reproductive health care.

YES on Proposition 87 – The Clean Energy Initiative. This measure will fund a $4 billion dollar effort to reduce California’s dependence on geothermal and diesel by 25% over 10 years, through incentives to make alternative fuel vehicles and alternative fuels more widely available and affordable to consumers and by funding research to bring clean renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies to the marketplace more quickly. The money will be raised by a tax on oil companies per every barrel of oil extracted from land or water areas in California.

YES on Proposition 89 – The Clean Money Initiative. This measure, sponsored by the California Nurses Association, would enact public financing of political campaigns and set new limits on political contributions and expenditures. This initiative proposes to remove corporate wealth as a major factor in elections through a voluntary office and type of election. Prop 89 also sets new limits on campaign contributions to state-office candidates and campaign committees and new restrictions on contributions and expenditures by lobbyists and corporations. The primary revenue for the Clean Money Fund is generated by a 0.2% increase in the state general fund. Propositions 89 and 1b would allow for implementation of the Clean Money Campaign in the primary revenue for the Clean Money Fund is generated by a 0.2% increase in the state general fund. Propositions 89 and 1b would allow for implementation of the Clean Money Campaign in the state.

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Morro Bay Power Plant EPA Hearing Date Set

By Jack McCurdy

Will the air in Morro Bay, and for an unknown number of miles into San Luis Obispo, be safe to breathe if it contains toxic emissions from a new Morro Bay Power Plant? That is the question before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency when it conducts a hearing on a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit, permit issued by the California Air Resources Board for the power plant connected to the plant owner Dynegy, Inc., for the proposed plant.

The hearing is set for Tuesday, Oct. 24, in the Veterans Memorial Hall, 209 Surf St., Morro Bay. At 6 p.m. Morro Bay residents are urged to attend the hearing to show their objections to the permit, which would allow dangerous emissions levels that could imperil their health, undermine property values and hurt tourism and business. The permit is at www.epa.gov/region9/air/permit/r9-permits-issued.html.

The central contested fact is that ground-level concentrations of particulate matter (PM), which EPA considers a significant health risk, would rise 10% in Morro Bay primarily as a result of the proposed plant’s operating capacity being increased beyond 1200 megawatts, and reduction of the height of the smokestacks from 450 feet to 145 feet, which would prevent winds from blowing sulfurous emissions from the PM into the community surrounding the plant.

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Taking Issue
problematic recent environmental commentary & coverage in our local press

“Study finds breathing problems for 9/11 workers”
Los Angeles Times, September 6, 2006

Summary: 70 percent of rescue workers at the World Trade Center site developed breathing problems while working there and many are still suffering today.

Mentioned nowhere in this story is the “why”: The White House suppressed warnings of health risks at Ground Zero in the aftermath of the terrorist attack. The EPA failed to find toxic hazards because it did not look for them, and failed at least a dozen times to change its safety assurances as new information arose — even after it became clear that people were getting sick.

Both EPA and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assured families they could clean up contaminated dust themselves with wet rags and discouraged them from wearing safety masks.

In August 2004, the Sierra Club issued the report Pollution and Deception at Ground Zero, which documented that many hundreds of people in New York City had become ill because of exposure to pollution from September 11, 2001. The report found that if our federal government had responded to the disaster with proper vigilance for people’s safety, the EPA failed to find toxic hazards in the aftermath of the terrorist attack.

The EPA failed to warn of health risks at Ground Zero even after it became clear that people were getting sick. The federal government had responded to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack with the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). At the time, 70 percent of rescue workers at the World Trade Center site developed breathing problems — and many are still suffering today.

The Sierra Club representative at the meeting pointed out that the NRC’s failure to immediately state that it intended to file an appeal, and asked how it could reconcile an appeal — a denial of its obligation to require that a high-level nuclear waste dump be designed in a manner as protective against terrorist attack as possible — with its asserted role of “making sure the facilities are designed and operated safely.”

At times, our nation may have to make hard choices, but concealing from the public the critical information about health risks is not the way to manage the situation. Americans deserve, and should be able to expect — the straight story about what risks they face. They also have a right to expect strong government action to protect rescue and recovery workers and to ensure safety for the people who return and restore the affected area. Anything less is a betrayal of the public’s trust in national leadership.

Why is PG&E — which was not originally named as a plaintiff but inserted itself into the case — filing the appeal of the court’s ruling instead of the NRC?

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Baywood and Balalaikas

By Joe Dickerson

What do you get if you mix a galleon of boats, a bunch of balalaikas, and a pinch of good old Morro Bay fog? You get the first annual Boatyard Concert.

I first heard about this when the San Luis Obispo MusArt Festival opted not to sponsor a fringe concert in Baywood Park as part of this year’s Mozart Festival. So the Baywood Navy decided they would do something on their own. And boy did they ever! Before I get to the boatyard part, let me congratulate the Baywood Navy, all their volunteers, and the Big Rock Balalaika Band for staging an incredible event. In attendance were dozens of canoes, kayaks and sailboats plus a parking lot full of folks who drove, walked and bicycled to the event. There was no shortage of wonderful Russian and other music. Most of us also sampled the free cookies that were so generously offered by the Baywood Navy’s Woman’s Auxiliary.

The SLO Paddlers group met at the Morro Bay Marina in the fog for a 10:30 a.m. launch and a leisurely paddle to Baywood. There were only live boats in our little flotilla, although a group of seven boats had launched earlier. I didn’t think this boded well for the turnout at the concert but I needn’t have worried. On the way we saw tons of seagulls and played lookey-loo along the Los Baywood waterfront.

We arrived at the concert venue during the sound check, found room to beach our boats and settled in to enjoy lunch. The beach was crowded with boats and more continued to arrive throughout the sound check and well into the concert itself. The huge crowd was very appreciative, even applauding several times during the sound check. Speaking of sound checks, as a musician myself I was impressed with the job that Rich Rosman did with our sound. Outdoors on a pier is not conducive to a session. But the sound quality was excellent whether you were on the beach or out on the water in your boat. Great job, Rich.

After a very enjoyable hour, including some Russian sing-alongs — well, they were more like rumble-alongs as folks tried to remember their college Russian — we launched for the return trip. Predictably, all the boats (the official count was 50), that had arrived at Baywood over a period of an hour or two were now headed back to the marina in mass. If you’ve ever done the 405 at rush hour, you have some idea of what it was like. The fog wasn’t any worse, but the wind had picked up considerably, which added to the challenges and the fun. We got back to the Park Marina tired, a little wet and more than a little hungry, a little wet and more than a little hungry.

"It’s a Wal-Mart in Atascadero so bad!" editorial, The Tribune, July 2, 2006

Summary: Never mind wages that force employees onto the public dole, the long trail of small businesses driven into bankruptcy and downtowns destroyed. The Tribune advises the citizens of Atascadero to accept the fiscal necessity of a Wal-Mart SuperCenter for the sake of tax revenues it will bring, or risk cutbacks in essential services.

Wal-Mart is not "big" — it is a private economic enterprise that has reached a historically unprecedented scale, eliminating competition, altering political and cultural landscapes worldwide to suit its dictates, and driving down wages. It deforms global markets by hammering down the prices it pays to suppliers and manufacturers — and, in turn, the wages these companies pay to their employees, degrading the quality of life in the countries where it does business.

Bond measures and assessment districts are the other way of funding city government services without handing over a community’s soul to big box retail developers, under the traditional principle that people who drive on roads should pay to keep them in good working order.

Ultimately, the destructive impacts of Wal-Mart are not really Wal-Mart’s fault. They are the fault of every president and Justice Department since the Reagan administration that has failed to enforce the anti-trust laws that were passed to protect us from the monopolistic power that Wal-Mart now wields.

The city, at some point not too far away, will necessarily have to make tougher decisions about cuts in city services — unless tax revenues increase.

Critics note that Wal-Mart will be transferring sales from other Orleans Parish businesses, reducing sales tax revenue. Wal-Mart will drain $25 million in sales from other local retailers, which would cost the city $875,000 a year in sales taxes. Atascadero citizens otherwise have indicated that Wal-Mart can capture 60% or more of its sales from existing merchants. A $100 million Wal-Mart sales level could mean $60 million in ‘stolen’ sales from the city at the same time, or an offsetting loss of roughly $21 million annually in sales tax. New Orleans is used to fighting pirates, but even Lafitte would have been boggled by the size of revenue ‘captured’ from existing merchants.” — [New Orleans: Wal-Mart and the Pirates], Sprawl-busters, Jan. 9, 2002

The Wal-Mart proposed for Atascadero — unlike those in Arroyo Grande and Paso Robles — is a SuperCenter, a gigantic retail outlet that sells everything and the kitchen sink under one roof, and can afford to do so at prices undercutting local merchants just long enough to drive them out of business. Corporate welfare dished out to Wal-Mart by state and local governments in the form of tax subsidies greatly assists in the execution of this business plan.

Does the presence of a Wal-Mart on the outskirts of town automatically destroy a quaint downtown? Arroyo Grande, which has a Wal-Mart, also has a quaint downtown. Ditty Paso Robles. This does not mean that a Wal-Mart helps a downtown. But neither does it necessarily destroy a downtown.

The only rationale for siphoning out Wal-Mart, versus any mom-&-pop retailer, is that Wal-Mart is big.

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Short Film Favorites
Sat., Oct. 7, sunset/outdoors, Utopia Bakery, SLO

Iraq for Sale
Sun., Oct. 8, 4:30 & 6:30, Faulkner, SB
Fri., Oct. 13, 7:00pm, SLO Library
Sun., Oct. 15, 6 & 8:30pm, SLO Library

Iraq for Sale
- Producer Robert Greenwald to speak
Fri., Oct. 13, 7:30pm, Marjorie Luke Theater, SB

CodePink Activist Lynne Levine
8th Birthday Bash with Folksinger Jim Papey, Fri., Oct. 14, 6-10pm, SLO Library

Conversations with God
Fri., Oct. 20, 7:00pm, SLO Library
Fri., Oct. 20, 6:00pm, Faulkner, SB
Sun., Oct. 22, 3:00 & 5:30pm, SLO Library

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Tel: (805) 544-9663
San Luis Obispo is the site of “Smart Energy Solutions: It’s Our Choice,” a regional community summit at the SLO Vets Hall on October 10, a day of panels, booths and presentations covering the range of possibilities for the central coast’s transition to a clean energy economy.

8:00 a.m. - Registration opens

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Welcome

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Building homes today for tomorrow
-Marilyn Miller Farmer, Architecture Departments, California Poly and Cuesta College
-Dick Wilhoit, President, Estrella Associates
-Jennifer Rennick, architect
-Andrea “Andy” Pease, architect

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Land use planning as a tool to reduce energy consumption
-Joe DiBartolo, Cathorpe Associates
-Rick Cole, City Manager, Ventura
-Vicente del Rio, professor of City and Regional Planning, Cal Poly

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
New Vehicle/Transportation Options
-Ken Dewar, Mikel Roberston, Ron Cogan, plug in America

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Making your business better
-Rob Peria, Associate Professor of Architecture, Cal Poly
-George Garcia, Garcia architecture + design
-Richard Beller, Architect
-Polly Cooper, architect, San Luis Sustainability Group

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12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Lunch Keynote: It’s Our Choice
-Paul Fenn, author of California’s 2002 Community Choice law, San Francisco
-Solar Power Facility proposal

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Choosing transportation options
-Ken Quinn, Program Coordinator, SLO Regional Rideshare
-Don Hubbard
-Robert (Red) Davis, vice president, San Luis Obispo Bicycle Coalition
-Larry Allen, Executive Director, San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Community choice: community and regional energy production
-Paul Fenn, Local Power
-Ken Smokoska, California Alternative Technologies
-Steve Hacketh, Energy Conversion Devices
-David Rubin, Director of Service Analysis, PG&E

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Changing transportation patterns
-George E. Radford, Radford Industries
-David Carrell, Senior Account Executive for On-Site Power Generation, SoCalGas
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-Matthew Woods, Director of Sales, REC Solar

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Generating power for your home or business
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Sierra Club Finalizes Energy Policy

On September 16, the Sierra Club’s national Board of Directors approved a draft of the club’s energy policy, a document that had been the subject of intense discussion and debate throughout the summer.

The Santa Lucia Chapter weighed in by appointing an energy task force that determined areas of needed improvement in the policy and drafted a resolution that we conveyed to the California Nevada Regional Conservation Committee, which endorsed it at two meetings over the weekend of July 15. After several subsequent drafts, Sierra Club’s current, much improved policy now correctly refers to itself as an “energy resources policy,” recognizes land use and agriculture as significant energy issues, and acknowledges the essential role of “full cost accounting” when looking at the full range of energy supply scenarios, including environmental costs and benefits, all in accordance with the Chapter’s resolution.

To read the policy, go to www.sierraclub.org/policy/conservation/energy.asp
Chapter Contributes to Protection of Stenner & Chorro Creeks, Brughelli Ranch

The Santa Lucia Chapter of the Sierra Club has donated $5,000 to the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County toward the purchase and retirement of development rights on four important land parcels: the Union Pacific Railroad Properties below West Cuesta Ridge and the Brughelli Ranch on Buckley Road, just south of the City of San Luis Obispo.

San Luis Obispo and the Land Conservancy are seeking to raise $200,000 by the end of the year to complete these major conservation projects. The three railroad parcels comprise much of the headwaters of Stenner and Chorro Creeks, and include valuable rare plant and animal habitat, along with portions of the Shooters and Morning Glory Trails.

The parcels are essentially private holdings located between Forest Service lands and Camp San Luis Obispo. They contain 13 underlying legal lots and total approximately 315 acres. The Land Conservancy has recently entered into a long-term partnership with Camp San Luis Obispo and the National Guard Bureau to assist them with purchasing conservation interests through a program called the "Army Compatible Use Buffer" program (ACUB). The program provides funds that can be used to protect lands located within three miles of Camp San Luis Obispo, and requires that all property interests be owned and managed by a qualified conservation organization.

These parcels will be the Land Conservancy's first acquisition under this new program, which is anticipated to run through 2013. The purchase price for the three property interests is appraised at $448,000. Camp San Luis Obispo will provide $350,000 in funding, while the Morro Bay National Estuary Program will provide matching funds of $49,000 in the interest of protecting lands in the Morro Bay watershed. The Land Conservancy needs to raise an additional $60,000 to complete the purchase and cover appraisal and closing costs.

The City of San Luis Obispo has received an offer of a bargain (i.e., below market) sale from Ercole and Naomie Brughelli to preserve their 390-acre property on Buckley Road in agricultural use in perpetuity. The purchase price of the easement, $750,000, is about 75% of what an independent appraisal found the easement to be worth. The remaining $225,000 is being donated by the Brughelli family. The ranch has been in the family for generations and they wish to keep it as a viable, working farm and ranch forever.

View of Cerro Romauldo from Union Pacific Railroad Properties below Cuesta Ridge.

The City of San Luis Obispo currently has $550,000 on hand to fund this transaction, and is therefore seeking to raise $200,000 from community sources. This needs to be done quickly, as the Brughellis need to complete the transaction by the end of 2006.

At the completion of this project, along with the Guidetti Ranch on the southern border of the Brughelli Ranch, the City of San Luis Obispo will have created a 1,790-acre working landscape along the southern border of city. Please join us in the effort to bring these two worthy projects to completion.

Where to Send Contributions:
All donations are tax deductible and should be made payable and sent to:
The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County
Collaborative Conservation Project
743 Pacific Street
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Yes, color has come to the Santa Lucia — an historic first. And it will be an historic last, unless you let us know you like it and want us to keep doing it.

Did you read more of this issue than usual? Did you linger over the articles? Did the cover catch your eye and persuade you to pick it up and take a look instead of tossing it into a corner for later? If so, then it’s worth it (about an extra $150 per issue). But you’ll need to let us know. Send your input ASAP to sierra8@charter.net, or Sierra Club, PO Box 15755, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.
On Saturday, September 2nd, an enthusiastic audience packed the house at the Morro Bay Veterans Hall for “Talk About the Bay,” aka The TAB Conference, where they heard and quizzed state legislators, scientists, and waste-water treatment experts over a wide range of issues relating to the Morro Bay estuary and the watershed, including liquified natural gas, eminent domain, nuclear power, cat fevers, power plant cooling technology, the Los Osos sewer, and the nature and necessity of environmental activism.

“I hate to use the word synergy because its been used to death, but the synergy in that room was something to behold,” said Santa Lucia Chair Karen Merriam. “The big picture, on a scale you just don’t even see in a city council or supervisors meeting, was delivered at the TAB conference, in a big way.”

The brainchild of the Ocean Outfall Group, TAB was primarily organized and underwritten by the Santa Lucia Chapter, and co-sponsored by ECOSLO, Surfrider, the SLO Coastal Alliance, the Morro Bay National Estuary Program and New Times. Our hope was to tie together all the terrestrial and marine issues affecting the way we use, pollute, treat and re-use water. Our success far exceeded our expectations.

In the course of the discussion, Peter Douglas Assemblymember Sam Blakeslee (R-San Luis Obispo), in an unsurpassed appearance, gave a quick update on the Los Osos wastewater treatment plan and acknowledged his colleague, Assemblymember Pedro Nava (D-Santa Barbara) and the Sierra Club for their support of his bill, AB 2701, the best chance of passing in the state Ocean Commission, expressed his determination to “kill once-through cooling” and require plants to upgrade to more dangerous, but far less destructive, cooling technology; California Coastal Commission Executive Director Peter Douglas devoted his talk to citizen involvement and activism and the proposition that “the greatest threats to the environment are ignorance and apathy.” As ancillary threats, Douglas identified what he called “the stategic dominance of the dark side” — front groups with “the public he-hated” agendas fighting on behalf of special interests and against the public interest — and “cognitive dissonance reaction syndrome, which is what happens when Bush tells you we’re winning in Iraq or corporations tell you they have the public’s best interests at heart, and then you look at reality.”

PG&E’s request for a license renewal for Diablo Canyon’s 2000 megawatts by 2025.

“Energy costs are beginning to break the back of our economy, and that tide can only be turned if California begins planning responsibly for future energy needs,” said Rochelle Becker, Executive Director of the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility. “It would be irrespon- sible of the CPUC to allow PG&E’s request for its study to proceed 19 years before the current license expires. After an independent analysis of all costs, benefits and risks of California’s continued reliance on aging nuclear plants is complete, we hope the CPUC will have determined that nuclear power will not be the energy choice for our future.” In that case, ratepayers would have wasted $14 million on a premature and pointless feasibility study that could have been dedicated instead to a detailed research on a serious study of how to replace Diablo’s 2000 megawatts by 2025.

“These issues must be addressed before the Public Utilities Commission passes on the costs to ratepayers for a PG&E in-house study that gets to decide whether the continued operation of a dangerously sited and vulnerable nuclear plant will be profitable and reliable for 40 years beyond current license terms,” said Andrew Christie, Executive Director of the San Luis Obispo chapter director. “For these reasons, the CPUC should reduce the Settlement Agreement at $4 million and deny PG&E’s request for a license renewal feasibility study a decade and a half before there is any need for one.”

PG&E’s track record of accurate forecasts for costs at Diablo Canyon has been dismal, and a license renewal feasibility study fifteen years before expiration will not give ratepayers any assurance of future costs. PG&E has admitted that costs are often beyond the utility’s control, and ratepayers are held hostage to NRC mandates.

Diablo Canyon was designed in the 1960s, and, like all nuclear plants, is now exhibiting dangerous signs of aging. The “unknowns” in the nuclear industry continue to surprise oversight agencies and result in millions of dollars charged to ratepayers. Components that ratepayers and oversight agencies anticipated would last the life of nuclear reactors are now failing and there is no guarantee they will not fail again and need to be replaced during a license renewal period.

A report issued September 18 by the University of California, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory found that nuclear reactors are prone to costly, lengthy shutdowns for safety problems regardless of their age or the experience of their managers.

So many costs are in flux in the energy sector, it is guess today at a forecast that would accurately gauge the costs of operation of the Diablo Canyon plant during a license renewal period from 2025-2045 is virtually impossible.
Classifieds

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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.

Meeting Minutes

highlights from recent chapter committee meetings

Executive Committee meeting, August 1, 2006
Present: Chair Karen Merriam, Steven Marx, John Ashbaugh, Cleve Nash, Katherine Wassenberg, Jack Morrow, Andrew Christie (staff), Richard Kransdorf (Political Com Chair), Jan Marx (Legal Com Chair), Jim Gates (guest).
Absent: Cal French

Karen presented the reconstruction of the Energy Task Force to implement the Chapter Energy Campaign and discussed the budget for Smart Energy Solutions; she is submitting a grant application to national SC.

Treasurer’s Report: Steven discussed coordinating bookkeeping/accounting with national SC.

Conservation Committee: Andrew discussed the “closed door policy,” persuading businesses to keep their doors closed rather than air conditioning the great outdoors.

The ExCom agreed to do everything possible to assist the No on Measure J campaign.

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We have signed onto the NRDC letter opposing State Water Board’s plan to allow stormwater discharge into Areas of Special Biological Significance. Tracy Haydon will run for ExCom. John Ashbaugh and Cleve Nash will run again. Katherine Wassenberg is moving to Greece and resigning her seat.

Andrew Christie has been promoted to Chapter Director.

The Board of Supervisors denied our appeal of the Cambria desal project as expected. We will appeal to the Coastal Commission.

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The residents of the city of San Luis Obispo have consistently made it clear that maintaining open spaces within and around the urban area is a priority. The Initiative exempts the project, as do the independent audit, citizen review and the Downtown at greater flood risk. The project would put a free- way hazard treatment, and the Brughelli Ranch. The Chapter saw the downtown Village, rewrite the County’s General Plan, receive public gifts of re-zoning land use planning, combined with her proven commitment to upholding the County’s General Plan and protect us from the environmental burden of cleaning up MTBE contamination in our lands. The Initiative exempts the project, as do the independt audit, citizen review and the Downtown at greater flood risk. The project would put a free-way hazard treatment, and the Brughelli Ranch. The Chapter saw the downtown Village, rewrite the County’s General Plan, receive public gifts of re-zoning land use planning, combined with her proven commitment to upholding the County’s General Plan and protect us from the environmental burden of cleaning up MTBE contamination in our lands.
leaders, Haas is well-acquainted with policy implications ranging from the Endan-gered Species Act to National Marine Sanctuary. Coseo has to be a staunch advocate for water quality, open space, recreation and public trails and a reliable energy agenda that the city could and should adopt as a bi-partisan act of fiscal responsibility. We are confi- dent his political skills will bring the others along.

Port San Luis Harbor District: Steve Jenkins. Jenkins is running for re-elec-tion to the Port San Luis Harbor District, a reference to his previous term from 1979 to 1986. Jenkins is motivated to return to the Port by his desire to make the Port San Luis Light-house more accessible to the public – who, after all, owns the property even though it is land-locked by PG&E and gated to the public. He is looking for more public input, more public land and willingness to be a bit more lenient over the county’s business, and assure that the City’s environmental agenda does not get marginalized. If elected, and Mea- sure J passes, he would have used to the full weight of the regulatory process to continue fighting the Dalidio project, with great care in preserving the land for future agricultural use.

San Luis Obispo: Mayor Christine Mulholland. The most unapologetic champion of the environ- ment among elected officials in the County, City of San Luis Obispo. Mulholland is chairwoman of the Mayor’s Environmental Committee. She is the city’s most elected official. By electing Mulholland, the citizens of SLO could send no better message to all the big box developers and high-rise hopefuls who seek to cash in on SLO City’s charm by destroying it for short-term gain. Her unwavering opposi-tion to the Dalidio project is un-popular but substantively correct opposi-tion to the Bridge Street project (building affordable housing in a flood zone with Industrial zoning) are examples of her

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“Proposition 90 is the greatest threat to our homes, our neighborhoods, and the environment that I can recall seeing in all my years of public service.”

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According to William G. Ham, for-mer California’s nonpartisan legis-la tive analyst. “Prop. 90 could require BILLS TAXPAYER COSTS EACH YEAR, if communities and the state cannot pass or enforce basic laws to protect neighborhoods, limit unwanted development—wielding financial weapons, restrict unwise businesses and protect consumers.”

“Prop. 90 would trap taxpayers in a lose-lose situation,” says the LCC, “If communities act to protect their quality of life, taxpayers could be forced to make huge payouts. Or, if communities could afford the penalties, basic quality-of-life protections simply couldn’t be enacted. That’s why conserva tives who see the measure they would drastically limit our ability to protect California’s coastline, open spaces, farmland, air and water quality.”

For more information visit the NO on Prop. 90 website: www.NoProp90.com

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plant would use water drawn from the Morro Bay National Estuary to cool the plant (water is returned through cooling systems). Even though the plant is less “green” than other possible cooling technologies, it does use water that is already part of the regional ecosystem. This makes it much more environmentally friendly than the ocean water cooling systems that would require pumping large amounts of water out of the ocean.

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but that doesn’t excuse this attempt by ideological zealots to erode local citizen’s power to rein in sprawl and encourage community revitalization. Sadly, that’s exactly what is going on – the debate over Kelo has been hijacked by campaigns backed almost entirely by one billionaire that are designed to benefit fat-cat developers at the expense of local citizens’ right to govern their own communities. The right-wing campaigning doesn’t stop with restricting eminent domain, it includes a Trojan horse: Additional anti- environmental provisions smuggled into ballot measures that undermine the process used under the Kelo reform. These proposals play directly into the hands of large develop- ers, while claiming to be populist efforts to fight the “special interests” that are funding these Ballot measures. Investigating the funders of the “saking” initiatives quickly reveals a number of organizations: Americans for Limited Government, America at its Best, the Fund for Democracy, and Montanans in Action.

All are funded and controlled by the same individual: New York developer Howard Rich. Rich is the right-wing bogey and he’s got deep pockets. The relationships between these key funding organizations is complex and hidden by a conscious effort to cover Rich’s tracks. In California, the funding for the taking initiative has come from the Fund for Democracy, which is directly

controlled by Rich. Additional money has come from Montanans in Action (MIA). MIA has received money from Americans for Limited Government, which is controlled by Rich. MIA is under investigation in Montana for refusing to release the names of its backers.

What we know for sure is that this rich New Yorker “[is] through a web of organizations...backing eminent domain initiatives in Arizona, Idaho, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, Oklahoma and Washington with $4 million,” according to Capitol Weekly, “though no state has received as much financial support as California.” In their opposition ballot argument, the League of California Cities notes that the proposition’s backers “want to believe Prop. 90 is about eminent domain.

“That’s the bait. But hidden in the fine print of the measure is the trap – a far reaching section entrenched in emi-nent domain that would lead to huge new fees for all California taxpayers. Prop. 90 would change California’s constitution to enable large landowners and corporations to demand huge payouts from state and local taxpayers just by claiming a law has harmed the value of their property or business – no matter how important the law or far- fetched the claim.”
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.

Wed., Oct. 11, 18, 25, 5:30 p.m. Informal Hikes. 2-3 hours around the Los Ojos Visitor Area at 700 ft. Bring water, snack, and dress for the weather. E-mail ggfelsman@onemain.com for meeting locations.

Sat., Oct. 7, 8:30 a.m., West Cuesta Ridge Hike from Stonner Creek Road. Meet at the western Stonner Creek Road 1/2 mile past the Old Train Trestle. 1500 to 2000 foot elevation gain. Bring plenty of water, sunscreen, and Morning Glory that day. Bring lunch, water and dress for the weather. Details call Gary 473-3694. You will traverse what the Land Conservancy is trying to preserve (see page 7).

Sun., Oct. 8, 9:30a, Sun, BIKE TOUR of WOODLANDS: We’ll bicycle about 8 miles of this vast area of this ‘instant’ city. Meet at junction of Willows & Albow Way. On the last bike-tour we saw a ‘city’ repli- cating acres and acres of open space that you have to see to believe it is amazing. What a water is limited on this ‘dome’ please Call 929-3647 or <bdenneen@kcbx.net> a few days before to confirm and for details.

Sun., Oct. 8, 9:30a, Sun, BIRDING ON OISO FLACO Lake: Oso Flaco Lake is a small freshwater lake nestled in the Guadalupe Dunes. Stopper on the birding flyway we expect to find American bitterns, red-necked ducks, ring-neck ducks, white pelicans, Virginia rails, sora rails, and raccoons. NOTE: There is a parking fee of $5.00 per car and a mile portage from the parking area to the lake. We will help you portage your boats. Please allow an extra hour for the portage. Bring your boat and equipment, PFDs, binoculars and your picnic lunch that you can eat in your boat. LAUNCH OISO FLACO CUMWAY PUT IN 11:00 AM FOR DETAILS PLEASE CALL Joe Dickerson 693-9534 or 688-5025.

Sat., Oct. 14, 8:30 a.m. Valencia Peak-Outs Peak-Coom Creek Loop Hike. Join the leader on this tall hike in Mon- tana de Oro. This is a moderately strenu- ous hike of about 9 miles and 2000 ft. of elevation gain. We will explore several areas of the park from the peaks to the riparian habitat of Cone Creek to the bluffs along the ocean on the return to the car. There is a possibility of ticks and poison oak. We will meet in the parking lot of the visitors’ center in Montana de Oro. Bring water, snacks/lunch, and dress for the weather. Details for call Chuck at 441-7597. (12)

Sat-Mon., Oct. 14-16, Service and Celebration on the Carrizo Plain. In 2001, William Clinton created the Carrizo Plain National Monument under the authority of the Antiquities Act of 1906. The area is now part of the National Landscape Conservation System, special landscapes managed by BLM. This outing, sponsored by the Sierra Club and the Wildlife Society, will celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of the Act. On Saturday, we will remove and/or alter barbed wire fence to benefit pronghorn antelope. Sunday’s celebration will be a hike in a rugged and little-known area of the Caliente Mountain WSA. Those who are able will continue fence removal on Mon- day. For information, contact Leader: Caroline Koch, deutchs@onemain.com. CNRCC Desert Com/Wilderness Society.

Sun., Oct. 15, 0930, TOUR de NIPOMO: Bicycle ride stopping at Park, Native Garden, Creekside Preserve, Dana Adobe, High School. Meet at Nipomo Library. Eight miles with many stops. Kids OK. Call 829-3647 or <bdenneen@kcbx.net> a few days before to confirm and for details.

Sat., Oct. 21, 8:30 a.m. Stony Creek Exploration Hike. Come explore the re- mote and seldom used trail in the Gila Wilderness. This hike will be an out and back trail. Meet at the Pacific Beverage Company in Santa Margarita. For further information email Massara at 564-0317.

Sun., Oct. 21, 0930, Sun, DAN ADORE CREEK HIKE: See riparian habitat, oak, water, historical site followed by hike on the old road. Easy 1-mile hike, dogs OK.

Sat., Oct. 21, Covington Flats Hike - Joshua Tree National Park. Would you like to go for a scenic loop hike in a sedi- mented but very beautiful area of the park? The plan is to run a section of the California Biking and Hiking Trail with some cross-country hiking that will in- clude great views looking down into the low desert, and some lovely hill desert scenery. The hike will begin at about 4000 feet and hopefully on a cool clear fall morning. This should be about a five- hour hike and about a seven-mile dis- tance. A couple of quarts of water and a high protein lunch should do you fine and your momma proud. Call Ann and Al Murdy at 760-386-2032 (direct), no mes- sages or e-mail amurdy@jwes.org. CNRCC/San Gorgonio Chapter.

Sat., Oct. 22, 21-22 - Anawatz Mts. and Death Valley Tour of the proposed wilderness. The area includes rugged mountains, deep canyons, open valleys, bajadas, pristine dry lakesbeds and rare springs and creeks. Saturday the tour will take us to Sheep Creek in the Anawatz Mts., through some of the “Bowling Al- ley”, which is a Death Valley interpreted wilderness addition, and camping at Owdawake Springs. Sunday will include a stop at beautiful Saratoga Springs for lunch and then a trip to China Ranch with a hike to Amargosa River Waterfall. The roads are dirt and rough at times, so a 4WD is strongly recommended. We are camping is primitive, so bring all food for weekend and lots of water. Camera and binoculars highly recommended. Call Bryan Jones, of California Wilderness Coa- ch, for more information. Contact Car- oline Koch. <bdenneen@kcbx.net> a few days before to confirm and for details.

Sun., Oct 22-29 - Antelope Protec- tion Carcamp (Nature Study/Work Party) With little rain and few water sources, the species that live in Carrizo Plain are both hardy and endangered. Particularly beautiful are the pronghorn antelope, which evolved in areas of open spaces. This will provide us a chance to see some time Saturday to enjoy the monu- ment. Camp at Selby campground, bring food, water, heavy work gloves work, and camping gear for the weekend. Put Sat. night. Alternate date in case of rain: Nov 11-12. Resource specialist: Alice Koch. For more information, contact Leaders: Cal and Letty French, 1414 Chinney Rock Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446, (805) 229-7538. Prefer e-mail ccfrench@tcsn.net CNRCC/Santa Lucia Chapter.

Sat., October 29, Tomales Dunes with the Great Coastal Places Cam- paign: Sierra Club Coastal Director Mark Massara will lead activists from through- out the state on a easy and informative hike through one of California’s great coastal places: the Tomales Dunes. This magnificent and relatively isolated spit lies across from Point Reyes State Park near San Simeon in Maricopa County and is one of the largest unprotected stretches of dunes in California. The Sierra Club has been working for years to protect the dunes from the threats posed by the unpermit- ted RV camping, Lawson’s Landing- the largest RV campground in California. The Great Coastal Places hike series is designed to bring people together to experience our fragile, threatened coastline and show the simple things you can do to make a difference in protecting the coast for future generations. Tomales Dunes has sensitive wetlands, multiple endangered species and a future in doubt.

Learn how much you can do with very little time commitment. For more information email Mark at saugethebest@syrargch.org or call Catherine Casdelf at (415) 866-9312.

Sun., Oct., 29, 0930, CALLENDER DUNES HIKE: Meet at west of Calleinder Rd. at Hwy #1. We’ll bike into remote dunes to Chumash Midden, see Black Lake. Dogs OK Call 829-3647 or <bdenneen@kcbx.net> a few days before to confirm and for details.

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Sun., NOV. 12, 0930, KAYAK OISO FLACO, I have an extra kayak but U have to move it & it U bring your own boat and equipment, PFDs, binoculars and your picnic lunch. LOW TIDE 10:48 PM 3.1” PUT IN 10:00 AM Joe Dickerson 693-9534 or 688-5025 HIGH TIDE 1:48 PM 4.0” LAUNCH AT MORRO BAY STATE PARK MARINA.

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

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