The Central Coast is officially on the map for major players in the international wind energy industry. In recent conferences attended by CEOs from firms headquartered in Copenhagen and Beijing, the Central Coast was a solid feature on the map of possible locations for offshore wind installations off the California coast from Piedras Blancas to Vandenberg AFB.

There are three reasons for our growing fame. Good offshore wind speeds, the location of substation and transmission lines right behind the suburban Dyasny power plant in Morro Bay, and the seaward-sheltered Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, and California’s target of 33% renewable energy by 2020. The unknown. Unlike the choice point for offshore wind energy projects in the U.S., the waters off our coast are too deep for floating turbine technology, necessitating a new, untested floating turbine technology with large sea anchors, a massive engineering project. BOEM’s Renewable Energy Program Specialist, said “the most appropriate areas likely have never been evaluated before for this use.” Hence, the environmental challenges that lie ahead for state and federal resource agencies are formidable, and several red flags were raised at the meeting.

Two years is not enough One of those flags was raised when BOEM officials said they are leaning heavily on the experience of European’s. The U.S. East Coast offshore wind installations, and using researchers like Dr. David Ainley, Senior Ecologist at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and T.H. Harvey & Associates, “owing to much greater ocean productivity, seabird density (abundance) in the California current are on orphans of magnitude greater than along U.S. East Coast or coastal Europe, from which most current information on impacts of offshore wind generation is derived.”

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Old Fellows Hall, 520 Dana Street, SLO

For more info or to volunteer (serving, set up, cleanup, free wine & admission, contact: karen@KarenRemmier.com

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Dear Santa Lucia Chapter member,

In recent months, the number of Chapter members has increased to record levels. We are proud of the 2,666 SLO County residents who have chosen to support the work of the Sierra Club's local chapter. As the largest grassroots environmental organization in the country (and in San Luis Obispo county), we have the opportunity and the obligation to stand firm against all efforts to over-value and degrade the quality of our water, and open space.

On Saturday, June 17, the Executive Committee of the Chapter will meet to discuss and adopt a strategic plan that will guide the work of the Chapter for the next two years. To make this planning successful and relevant, we need your help. That is why we are involving all Chapter members to meet and have a pot-luck picnic lunch with the ED to share your views on what issues should be our greatest priorities, and strategies to ensure the resources necessary to address those priorities.

Thank you for your support and involvement in the Santa Lucia Chapter.

Karen Merrim, Chair Executive Committee

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Thank You, Peter

SLO’s Skyway Gallery has reduced its evening hours. Hope Peterson proposes to close up shop and sell the Sierra Club-Skyway Gallery event venue/coffee shop that has run since 1996 and is at 1094 Mission St, San Luis Obispo. The Skyway Gallery has held its biennial general meeting since 1996, has been making the space available to free of charge since our first program there. What that means for us immediately is no general meeting this month as we look for a new home. What it means for everyone else is that the City of SLO is the loser of a unique venue for world music, poetry reading, wine tasting, networking, and community activism.

All these things will happen in places other than the Skyway Gallery, but there is no place to replace this extraordinary venue. Thank you, Peter.

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PG&E Withdraws Proposal to Charge Community Choice Agencies for Diablo's Closure Costs

By Woody Hastings, Clean Power Exchange

In an email sent by PG&E to Parties in the Proceeding on February 27, PG&E announced that it is withdrawing its proposal to charge Community Choice Energy customers for the energy efficiency and renewable energy that would replace Diablo's Nuclear Power Plant generation. This is very good news for California's Community Choice agencies and their customers.

In September 2016 the Center for Climate Protection submitted a formal written letter that opposed charging Community Choice customers for violating Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power with an alternative. Community Choice customers already pay a small fee for nuclear decommissioning.

On top of the decommissioning fee, they also pay a Power Charge Implementation Adjustment for sale for already-purchased electricity and must pay a fee because the customers now receive their electricity from the former Diablo Nuclear Power Plant.

PG&E’s email states that “after careful consideration of the important feedback provided by parties in January 27, 2017, opening test.

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Lead acid batteries are toxic but taste sweet, making lead-laden toys and lead-painted surfaces irresistible to toddlers. As we now know, all kids begin life with substantially more nontasteable than adults, and their tongue-tip receptors are more sensitive to sugars as well. So it’s not surprising they often explore their new world with hands-on tasting. Two thousand years ago, Greek-Roman societies—and not just the underdogs—found that sweet metallic flavor appealing enough. Like us, these custome- ramers had a sweet tooth. Honey, their sips sweetened; sugar was too costly to be most children’s. Some used fruit juice, and some used grapes; and some used honey and wine, magically ren- dered the commonly consumed. The result, called mullum, seemed just the thing to make often-sour citations palatable. Today the result would be called lead acetate or “sugar of lead,” which is delicious but poisonous. Winemaking introduced other perils. Inside ferment- ing, lead strips were glued to tiles, tile can be felt for 40 days. If the strips were not removed, continued, alcohol decomposition, or opening un- drinking, the result would be called mulsum, much liked the things we make often-sour drinks today. To make palatable. (Today we might concoct a mulsum from the lead pipes and pewter, a tin-lead alloy. Who could afford it, drank it. And his drink he consumed. And his parents sucked up it. For centuries, historians have blamed that the Mediterranean basin, af- flicting Roman citizens and numerose slaves. It did not reverse that nasty episode throughout the Mediterranean basin, af- flicting Roman citizens and numerouse slaves. It did not reverse that nasty episode through- out Europe, and lead-laden toys and lead-laden toys are worrying young parents today.

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We Will Not Comply With Your Unprecedented and Unlawful Subpoena

As we reported last year, “Hot Enough for You?” March 26, 2016, the room started getting un- comfortable, warn- ing sounds of ExxonMobil in 2015 when New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman opened a year-long probe of what Exxon executives knew and when they knew it regarding the reality of man- made global warming, a reality they had long been acknowledging within Exxon but not yet communicating within. In November of that year, Schneiderman issued a subpoena to the oil giant to help determine if Exxon had violated State laws against securities, business, and consumer fraud through what potentially false or mis- leading public statements about the impact of climate change on its operations and finances. In July 2016, Republic- an Texas Congressmen Lamar Smith, Speaker, sent the Exxon- Mobil General Attorney’s letter, sent a letter to Rep. Smith in response to the second subpoena, the latter states, “We had hoped that this would be the start of a new Congress, the Com- mittee on Science, Space and Technology would no longer be sub- served to an adversarial, legislatively-prescient and ExxonMobil investigation. The result was, in fact, a subpoena seeking material from a confidential corporate file. Your subpoena doesn’t do otherwise. I write to inform you that ExxonMobil cannot and will not comply with the Subpoena as presently com- posed and it is a legal and constitutional problem.”

The letter points to the subpoena’s effort to obtain privileged communications, following the Exxon/Department of Justice precedent that the Attorney General’s open(prod...
On March 24, President Donald Trump signed an order that sets the stage for the climate action in U.S. history.

The full scope of the dis- 
gregated order is Presi- 
dent who claims to care 
about clean air and water 
keeps out of every line of 
the document. Trump's so-
called “Executive Order on Promoting Energy-Independence and Economic Growth” includes directives to review and rescind or nullify federal regu-
lar documents, and execu-
tive orders, as well as a 
requirement that agencies review 
their rules to identify any that “potentially bur- 
ders” the development of domes-
tic energy resources. In 
particular, the Order targets the EPCs: Clean Power and Carbon Pollution Standards for new 
power plants; EPA and Inter-
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rules for oil and gas develop-
ment (through the Bureau of Land Management); the BLM rules on tracking 
public lands; Interior Depart-
ment rules on oil and gas 
development in national parks and on federal 
refuges; the social cost of 
carbon metrics; and offshore 
wind projects.

On April 3, Earthjustice, the Con-
sumer Federation of America, 
Natural Resources Defense Council and Sierra Club notified the Trump Administration of our intent to sue the Department of Energy for needlessly delaying a rule on 
clean energy. The standard efficiency 
measures, the rules were 
developed through robust public process and signed by the 
DOE in December 2016. 

Energy efficiency is the most affordable and effective solution to America’s energy problems. Appliance and 
equipment efficiency standards save customers hundreds 
of billions of dollars in utility bills, and decrease pollution. According to DOE projec-
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When several proposals for new solar facilities in the Carrizo Plain area of eastern San Luis Obispo County, California, became publicly known in 2009, those proposals raised many questions in my mind: How long would they take? How would they be received by the environmental and social communities? Would they be a benefit to the local community or a detriment? In an attempt to answer those questions, I did some investigation, research, and public discussions regarding those lands. At that time the author served as a citizen’s advisory group for Carrizo Plain National Monument. The Carrizo Plain had over the years attracted a dedicated group of volunteers and activists who were fiercely protective of the Monument and its biology and cultural resources. The solar proposals (known as Topaz Solar Farm and Cali- fornia/Nevada Desert Committee) were the subject of considerable scientific and discussion within the advisory group. The group determined that it would be helpful to the public discussion of the project and the process if the author made the personal decision to stay abreast of the proposal process, knowing that many of the decisions would influence environmental groups and help us get to that end.

Overall, the view of the one observer, the solar facilities have been a significant contribution to the Carrizo Plain area outside of the Monument. Throughout much of the project, the Carrizo Plain National Monument has been consulted and supported by the environmental community and assisted in the development of the project. However, the project was completed in 2016 by PG&E, the company that initially proposed the project. The overall process of the project, which included the development of multiple solar projects, resulted in the provision of funding for additional kit fox, giant kangaroo rat and pronghorn research and a biological monitoring program, which is considered a significant benefit to the community. The project has been successful, with the installation of the solar panels, which provide energy to the local community. However, it is important to note that the project also had some negative impacts, such as the modification of the local vegetation and the potential disturbance to wildlife. The project has been a success, but it is important to continue monitoring and evaluating the long-term effects on the environment.

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Fri-Mon, May 5th-7th, Bright Star Wilderness Retreat in Pacheco. Bright Star Wilderness lies in the high desert and foun- dations of Kern County. Help us to improve and sustain it, then come back to 2016 in 2016. Two times a day to re- build blocked access to a cabin site that has been removed. Provide vehicle trash problems. This is a larger project to protect the vul- nerable burned area. Contact: Keith Allen, kj.allen96@gmail.com or (661)-404-9065. CNRCC Desert Committee.

Sun., May 7, 1-4 p.m. Bike + Yoga on High School Hill. High School Bike Club (a.k.a. Out-look) is riding the Murphy-Hill for the first time in years. Bike up Murphy Hill, 2 miles up, but it’s a steep incline and will give you a good cardio exercise. Weather permitting, you will see some of the best views of the San Luis Obispo area. Total distance should be around a round trip with a 1492 foot eleva- tion gain is located on the top of Liverzita St. It is very easy. Bring water and good shoes. No Costume or mud required. For more information, contact Sun Cycle and Fitness or ej一系列@gmail.com.

Sat., May 13th, 10:30 a.m. Bikes & Babies, Little Falls, and Big Falls Hike. Very easy. Start at 10:30, 14-mile, 2,000 ft. hike in scenic Low Camp Rd with middle of the loop on Lopez Canyon Rd. There will be several stream crossings during the ride, so bring sandals or other footwear to use for wading. Porky will probably take a brief stop to graze, so don’t let that put you off. Bikes and babies will arrive by 1:30 to head back to El Monte. Meet at front of Pacifico de Beer Co. in Santa Maria for car park. A brief picnic dessert will postpone to meet up with the events infor- mation, contact Leader Carl Cron, 546-0117.

Welcome Bill Waycott
By Joe Morris, Outings Chair 2009-2020

The new Outings Chair for our chapter will be Bill Waycott. He has been approved unanimously by the Executive Committee, and will take up his duties on May 1st. Bill is a community leader by training, experience, and respect from his peers to take over this job, and we are very fortunate to have his acceptance. He has been a well-regarded outings leader for the chapter since 2009 and is especially known for his trips to identify and discuss local native plants (he holds a Ph.D. in botany) bill retained the Mann’s Main Day, during which bikers will climb the first 14 miles of the ride. On Sunday, he will be joined as both President and Outings Chair of the local chapter of the California Native Plant Society.

I have enjoyed Outings Chairs who will see you on all our trails, as we continue to lead hikes and city walks for the chapter.

All our hikes and activities are open to all Club members and the general public. Please bring drinking water to all outings and suggestions for hikes or outdoor activities, questions about the Chapter’s outing policies, or would like to be an outings leader, call Outings Chair Bill Waycott, (805) 459-2103. For information on a specific outing, please call the listed outing leader.

Sun., May 14th, 9 a.m. Arroyo de la Creos NATIVE Plant Field Trip, N. SLO County. Join on this Mother’s Day visit to a major botanical hotpot in the county, co-led by D.R. “Doc” Miller, to see the unique species on these coastal bluffs. The Arroyo de la Creos native forest offers a variety of plant commun- ity plus understorey and rare spec- ies found only in this relatively small region. Duration of field trip about 3 hrs. Bring water, snacks, sturdy shoes, sunscreen, hat, and layered clothing as needed. Meet at El Capitan Suit Overlook any May 14th, first entrance on right north, at 9 a.m. To Camp, parking lot near Spencey’s Market in north Morro Bay. May 10. Meet at 9:30 a.m. For more informa- tion, contact Leader: Bill Waycott, 459-2103 or Bill@moagmail.com.

Sat., May 20th, 8 a.m. Arroyo Lopez Canyon Camp Trail, N. SLO County. In and-out hike to enjoy Arroyo Lopez. We will walk a mile up a forest road to the creek, then continue on a stream canyon trail to an oldfashioned oak, between hills. Bring water, hiking poles, snacks, sunscreen, and sunhat. Meet at Lopez Canyon Rd. There will be several stream crossings during the day, so bring sandals or other footwear to use for wading. Porky will probably take a brief stop to graze, so don’t let that put you off. Bikes and babies will arrive by 1:30 to head back to El Monte. Meet at San Francisco and Beach Pit parking for the best views of the San Luis Obispo area. Contact: Keith Allen, kj.allen96@gmail.com or (661)-404-9065. CNRCC Desert Committee.

Sun., May 20th, 11 a.m. Trekking Peak Pikes, Santa Barbara. Meet on a short, 1.5 mile, 100 ft. gain, hike on Bluffs Coastal Trail to learn and practice effective use of trekking poles. Bike follows the road to coastal trail and back. From Hwy 101, take Shell Beach Rd, then west on El Portal Rd to intersections with Bluffs and Indio Drives. Cross under the tracks near gate. Leader: David Georgi, david.l.hikingpikes@gmail.com. Kam #16.

Sun., May 21st, 10 a.m. Tracking Peak Pikes, Shell Beach. Meet on a short, 1.5 mile, 100 ft. gain, hike on Bluffs Coastal Trail to learn and practice effective use of trekking poles. Bike follows the road to coastal trail and back. From Hwy 101, take Shell Beach Rd, then west on El Portal Rd to intersections with Bluffs and Indio Drives. Cross under the tracks near gate. Leader: David Georgi, david.l.hikingpikes@gmail.com. Kam #16.

Sun., May 21st, 10 a.m. Treadmill: Beach Bike. Roll on a short, 1.5 mile, 100 ft. gain, hike on Bluffs Coastal Trail. So you can learn and practice effective use of trekking poles. Bike follows the road to coastal trail and back. From Hwy 101, take Shell Beach Rd, then west on El Portal Rd to intersections with Bluffs and Indio Drives. Cross under the tracks near gate. Leader: David Georgi, dave.l.hikingpikes@gmail.com. Kam #16.

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Sat., May 27th, 2-5 p.m. Hilltop Walk of San Luis Obispo. Meet at El Monte’s Beach Bike. El Monte Rebirth. Imagine San Luis Obispo’s famous intram- struction. Mission Plaza, Route 101, 50 foot- tuine, pool parlors, and five-tent- cent stores. This is a partial listing of Outings offered by our chapter. For more information contact.Contact: dabo@sierraclub.org.

Activities sponsored by other organizations
Sat., May 13th, 9-11 a.m. Birding at the Garden with Morro Coast Audubon. One mile trailwalk at a slow to moderate pace. Gentle terrain over a variety of habitats. Jay Carroll and Eric Weir of Morro Coast Audubon Society will talk about the birds of SLO Botanical Garden members $10 non-members. $3 parking fee. For more information, visit or contact contact@dabo@sierraclub.org.

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