The Smart Alternative to Delta Tunnel(s)
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Sierra Club California released a report on May 28, 2019, that outlines smart tactics for establishing a resilient water system in California without reliance on Delta tunnels.

The paper, researched and written by a team of volunteer leaders in Sierra Club who have expertise in water policy, identifies a combination of increased agricultural and urban conservation, groundwater storage and management, water reuse, and stormwater capture as keys to developing greater regional resilience.

Sierra Club California has long opposed diverting water away from the San Francisco Bay Delta. Recently, Governor Gavin Newsom rejected a plan to build two giant tunnels to divert river water from north of the Delta to send to water customers south of the Delta. Newsom has called for a more balanced portfolio of water policies and projects to encourage regional resilience.

He has also indicated support for a single tunnel as part of a new system portfolio.

The San Francisco Bay Delta is the largest estuary on North America's West Coast. It has been the subject of decades of debate about how to manage and protect it while also providing adequate drinking water and irrigation water to Californians.

As stated by Kathryn Phillips, Director, Sierra Club California: “There are a lot of options for improving our water system without resorting to any tunnels.

“Any tunnels—whether one or two—will do substantial harm to the Delta ecosystem by preventing the regular flow of clean water into the Delta to prevent stagnation and reduce saltwater intrusion.

“Our water experts have outlined just how to get to a smarter water system without building damaging tunnels.

This report updates an earlier report and comes at a good time.

“We now have a governor who is willing to consider better water system options for Californians and our environment. We’re laying some of those options out in the following report.”

The Smart Alternative to Tunnel(s): A Sensible Water Management Portfolio
By Chiara Sciaracchino, Eric Parfrey, Charles A. Malotte, Charming Evelyn, Katie Bailey, Charlotte Allen
Sierra Club California Water Committee
Volunteers
May 2019

Since passage of legislation in 2009, California’s water policy debate has been dominated by the controversy over Governor Brown’s proposal to continue on page 7 > > >
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2019 ExCom Election Update

Here is a short update to the ExCom election process (Chapter and Groups) for 2019.
The May/June issue of the Palm and Pine had a table of election material (on page 4) that we are required to publish for our members. That table was missing some information from the Mojave Group that was not developed by press time. Here is that information now:

Item #01 should read - Mojave Group, 17100 Bear Valley Road, STE PMB #237, Victorville Ca. 92395-5852.
Item #17 should read - Nov. 23.
Item #18 should read - Starbucks, 17003 Bear Valley Road, Victorville Ca., 11:00 am.
Item #19 should read - Group ExCom, Nov. 23.
The search for candidates will continue until early September and if you want to be considered to be included on the ballot for the Chapter ExCom election or your Group’s ExCom election here is contact information for you:

• For the Chapter ExCom election you can contact Dave Barrie (barriemail@aol.com).

• For the Los Serranos Group ExCom election you can contact Gary Charlton (gmarcharlon@aol.com).

• For the Tahquitz Group ExCom election you can contact Rob Taylor (juntiprette00@mac.com).

• For the Mountains Group ExCom election you can contact Dave Barrie (barriemail@aol.com).

• For the Mojave Group ExCom election you can contact Alan Brechlin (a.cb2@verizon.net).

• For the Moreno Valley Group ExCom election you can contact Tom Thornsley (tomthornsley@hotmail.com).

• For the Big Bear Group ExCom election you can contact Ed Wallace (rushedwallace@yahoo.com).

• For the Santa Margarita Group ExCom election you can contact Mike Momeni (mkhmomeni@gmail.com).

Once again, Chapter and Group volunteers are responsible for our accomplishments and the work that we do to protect the environment. This is one of the important ways you can help make a difference.
Big Bear Group  
By Ellen Kesler, Group Chairwoman

Summer events are lining up our boating opportunities rapidly. We already joined the Mountains Foundation on Natural Trails Day for their event in the Aspen Glen Park on June 1st (see photo). June 22nd will find us in the Big Bear Lake Village for the annual Ecotourism Adventure Day. July 20th will bring our annual Xeriscape Tour and Expo at the Community Gardens. This is a self-guided tour of homes/ Xeriscape landscaping throughout the valley (see page 1). We have Mike and Cindy Bode giving away native plant seedlings and seeds at the Expo as well as booths from various valley groups. The Forest Festival will take place on August 17th on Highway 38, north of Angels Oaks at the NF Information Center. This is an all-day affair where we can even get to

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Mountains Group  
By Dave Barrie, Group Chair

First, it is time (past time) to thank the very active members of the Mountains Group for their outstanding contributions to our efforts to Explore, Enjoy and Protect the Natural and Human Environment of the San Bernardino Mountains.

Our Executive Committee (ExCom) members Steve Farrell (Vice Chair, Co-Conservation Chair, Co-Program Chair), Bob Sherman (Publicity Chair, Co-Conservation Chair), Chris Del Ross-Risher (Conservation and Planning), Sherry Bailey (Membership Chair), Debby McAllister (Treasurer), and Karla Kellems (Outings Chair, Co-Program Chair) are a wonderfully diverse group of talented and dedicated individuals that can be counted upon to provide passion and expertise to any task or project that needs their involvement. Thanks to you all!

Our Fundraising Team Leader is Heather Sargeant and she is assisted by Maria Campos, Jack Witt, Crystal Risley, Gayle Pinkston, Karla Kellems, Nancy Taylor and Sandy Ellis. Their efforts at the Mountain Thrift Shoppe provides funding for donations for the Children’s Forest, the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust, Rim High Scholarships, a number of environmental organization memberships and any costs that we incur in our efforts to protect the environment through County and Court processes. We really, really appreciate their work and thank them for it. Our membership (about 230) should be thankful too – we don’t have to keep asking for money from you all.

There are a few of our members that need mentioning here as well. Carl and Trudie Blank provide refreshments (hot, cold, sweet, savory, crunchy, chewy, healthy and yummy) for our monthly membership meetings at St. Richard’s. Thank you both sooooo much!

Sue (Tsunami) Walker has been active in Mountain Group activities since 2006, monitoring projects, writing letters, marshaling efforts and providing unflagging energy. If we are involved in something Sue finds a way to make a contribution. Thank you, Sue!

Hugh Bialecki is a Mountains Group member but channels his efforts to protect our environment into work as the President of the Save Our Forest Association (SOFA). The Mountains Group and SOFA are almost always partners on large development issues, sharing EIR review work, meeting attendance, communication efforts and, when necessary, legal costs. Hugh’s leadership with SOFA is tremendously helpful to the protection of our mountain environment and we appreciate his efforts.

Peter Jorris and Kevin Kellems are also Mountains Group members but their primary environmental efforts are with the San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust, protecting mountain land by buying it and, if possible, getting it added to the National Forest. The Mountains Group has been happy to help them acquire some of that property and we are glad that they are so good at what they do! Thanks! And Kevin, thanks for your support of Karla’s efforts! Karla’s many efforts!

I’m not going to go into detail here about active projects, but I do want to mention that the Church of the Woods project in Rimforest, the Blue Jay Resort project and the County General Plan revisions are all on our plates at this time. You can hear updates and details about them at our monthly meetings at St. Richard’s.

The 2019 Mountains Group Executive Committee elections are in process and this year is especially critical. Our Executive Committee (ExCom) is made up of seven elected members that serve two-year terms. The elections are staggered, so four of our members are up for election in even numbered years and three in odd numbered years. This year we have three spots to fill, but only two incumbents are running again. The third incumbent (me) is stepping down from the ExCom (this is my 15th year as Chair of the ExCom) so we need someone new to join ExCom. We do not elect for specific positions on the Committee, we elect seven members and they decide amongst themselves who is going to do what. But we do need a full seven members and they can always use some extra help as well. For example, we need a Secretary to take notes and provide minutes for our ExCom meetings (currently five meetings per year). The Secretary does not need to be an elected ExCom member just a Mountains Group member willing to do the work. There are other tasks currently handled by ExCom members that could be shared with volunteers as well.

If you are at all interested in helping the Mountains Group in this way please contact me for more information. That’s Dave Barrie at barriemail@mac.com

Along these same lines, Heather Sargeant has been leading our fundraising efforts as the Mountains Group representative to the Thrift Shoppe board as well as our 3 three-hour shifts weekly and managing the shifts of our volunteers. Heather has been doing that for nearly twenty years and has targeted July of 2020 as her “retirement” date. Someone in the Mountains Group will need to take on that responsibility (we are in REAL trouble if someone doesn’t) and stepping forward now would give Heather someone to share her workload with as she provides dedicated training. Could that be you?

Everything we do is done by volunteers – and we need your help to continue our work!

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Moreno Valley Group  
By Ann Turner McBibben, Secretary

Sierra Club-endorsed candidate Darrell Peeden was elected to the Moreno Valley Unified Board of Education Trustee Area 5 Special Election on May 9, 2019. Mr. Peeden was initially appointed to the position but others wanted a special election. The results confirmed Darrell to the same position as MVBOE Trustee Area 5.

Our outings schedule will take a break this summer because of the heat. Please check our online calendar this fall at: https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley for information about fall outings. Many thanks to Christina Torres, group outings chair, Nancy Power and Beatriz Vindiola for organizing and leading our group’s outings! Thank you, too, to Christina for organizing the Group information table at Duck Daze with Beatriz Vindiola and Eileen O’Brien!

The Moreno Valley Group will hold executive committee (excom) elections this fall. Two positions will be up for election and we would love to have at least four candidates on the ballot. If you would like to run and have been a member for over one year, please contact us at: mvalleygroup@yahoo.com for more information about the nomination process. The nomination period runs through September 1st.

It is with a heavy heart that we report that our group newsletter editor, Marty Langley passed away on April 20. Marty fought Multiple Myeloma for more than five years, but last September her cancer morphed into Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL) which is much more serious and aggressive. Throughout her years of treatment, Marty generously edited our newsletter and improved it. She

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**July’s Chapter Program is Truly “For the Birds”!**

*Birding the 2018 Spring Migration from Gulf Coast Texas to Ohio and Michigan*

The annual spring migration of birds at birding hotspots in Texas, Ohio, and Michigan is possibly the world’s most spectacular birding event. Thousands of birders from all around the U.S. and the world come to these locales each spring to experience the mass movement of birds on their way north.

Sierra Club members Brian Elliott and Gary Charlton followed the 2018 spring migration starting in April at the Texas Gulf Coast hotspots of High Island and Sabine Woods. They followed that up in May with trips to the world famous Magee Marsh of northwest Ohio and the Tawas Peninsula on Lake Huron in Michigan.

Warblers, tanagers, vireos, and orioles were the main attractions but many other species were encountered as well. Each of the locales they visited had a unique and different birding “flavor.” Come to our July 2nd general meeting where Brian and Gary will share their images from the trips and discuss their experiences birding this great spring migration event!

**Meeting Details**

*When*
Tuesday, July 2nd • 7:30 PM

*Presented By*
Sierra Club members Brian Elliott and Gary Charlton

*Where*
San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands
(California St. exit off 10 Fwy)

*Hope to see you on July 2nd!!*

Gary & Brian
The Goods movement logistics industry dominates our Inland Empire railroads, freeways, skies, and streets. Multinational as well as large local corporations including Nestle, Amazon, Walmart, Smart and Final and others are making the Inland Valley the home of big box warehousing for distribution of our favorite items. Cities like Fontana, San Bernardino, Ontario, and Bloomington are sites that are strategic for the distribution logistics industry. Although the real estate is cheap, the cost to the health of our communities is staggering.

Last summer the urban areas of Riverside and San Bernardino County experienced 87 bad air days in a row. This bad air acts as a blanket of ozone trapping particulates and air pollution. High ozone presence in our air causes chronic diseases such as asthma, bronchitis, and cancer. For the first time since the beginning of the Inland Valley’s logistics growth boom, we have a chance to reverse the course of this pollution through community benefits agreement approach.

Community benefit agreements during development, policy, and advocacy include various partners of movements coming together and agreeing on how to set the table for all of our common interests. Our opportunity to change the course of future pollution is the proposed expansion of the San Bernardino airport. This expansion is expected to increase cargo flights from 5 a week to 26 per day 24/7, and add over a thousand truck trips per day – all without the promise of jobs that will provide a living wage and be filled by local hires. This airport expansion project appeared to be rushed through approvals with little community involvement. Now, a coalition including the faith based organizations Inland Congregations United for Change, labor represented by Teamsters and Warehouse Worker Resource Center, the environmental justice organization Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice, the Sierra Club, My Generation campaign, and San Gorgonio Chapter are working to delay the project until community benefit agreements can be worked out.

Sierra Club’s My Generation Campaign showed support for SB airport communities, by organizing a massive town hall in San Bernardino raising awareness of this project. We canvassed for weeks, spread the word to other groups, and introduced the concept of community benefits at the Town Hall Forum.

At My Generation we look forward to connecting with other organizations towards solutions for cleaner air, energy, transportation, and good green jobs that provide a living wage. This airport expansion project is an opportunity to do so. Community benefits must come from interested community members coming together to provide a dignified future for all. Our next meeting will be June 15th to solidify agreements to clean up our air, provide good union jobs, and ensure that some of the public funds spent on this project come back to the community.

To learn more about how you can become involved email: yassi.kavezade@sierraclub.org
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Green New Deal Town Hall
By Mary Ann Ruiz, San Gorgonio Chapter Chair

Many of you attended our May Green New Deal Town Hall – over 80 people came to learn about this plan. Partnering in and started their own “Victory Gardens” – around 20 million gardens – and produced 40 percent of all the vegetables grown in the US in 1943.

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Meet Smokey Bear!

Our Big Bear Group General Meetings/programs are every third Thursday of the month in the Discovery Center at 6:30 pm.

Dave Melton, Outings Chair
Our 8,519 Summer Social/ Patch Party will be on Saturday June 29th at Charlotte Watt’s house, which is conveniently located in Fawnskin at 963 Canyon Rd. Note that this is a new location this year. We encourage all our hikers to attend and enjoy some camaraderie whether or not they are earning a patch.

We will have a hike and a nature walk in the morning. At 8:00 am Judy Atkinson will lead a climb of Gray’s Peak. Contact Judy at 909-289-1932 or see the hike schedule for more information and the meeting location. At 9:30, L.J Foster will lead a nature walk down to the lake. Meet at Charlotte’s house for the nature walk.

At noon the club will provide a barbecue lunch for the returning hikers and guests. Charlotte’s husband Bruce will be the chef, with a great menu for vegetarians and non-vegetarians alike. You are invited to bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Following lunch, we will continue to socialize and award patches to all who have earned a patch since the last party. All Sierra Club Members, hikers, family members, and friends are invited. Please RSVP to Charlotte at 909-866-7423 or momscampsute@gmail.com

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Villages of Lakeview (VOL): A coalition of environmental groups represented by Center for Biological Diversity has challenged the Riverside County Board of Supervisor’s approval of this 8,725-unit development on the south edge of the San Jacinto Wildlife area. A hearing on the merits of the lawsuit is tentatively for August.

Donations Needed: Your donations are essential to our litigation against the Villages of Lakeview and the World Logistics Center as well as other projects in our area. Make checks payable to “Sierra Club” with a notation for WLC and/or VOL or other. Please send to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. We sincerely appreciate and thank all of you who have taken time to donate to the litigation fund! We appreciate your generous donations.

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We need to tell the County Planning Commission to oppose Paradise Valley, a proposed “new town” of 25,000 people on the south edge of Joshua Tree National Park, 17 miles east of the Coachella Valley. Paradise Valley is an atrocious project -- it should have been a non-starter.

Please write to the Planning Commission at the address below. Personalize it: add your own words as to why you’re opposed. The Planning Commission will consider the project at its August 21st meeting, so we want to get as many letters (or emails) as possible to them before that. Via email to: esarabia@rivco.org

Or regular mail to:
Riverside County Planning Commission
County Administrative Center
4080 Lemon Street
Riverside, CA 92501

Please also send a separate email to:
mountaintracker47@gmail.com

Let us know you’re opposed to Paradise Valley and would like to receive updates.

Thank you for helping!

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Sample Letter

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I’m strongly opposed to the Paradise Valley project that threatens thousands of acres next to Joshua Tree National Park, Wilderness, affecting, wildlife, air, water, and the night sky just to construct a new city of 25,000 people where it simply doesn’t belong.

This project is sprawl on steroids, located 17 miles from the closest urban area! It would create a huge demand for infrastructure, bypassing east Coachella Valley communities in much greater need of clean drinking water, good roads, sewage treatment and other County services. An international developer who has no understanding of the desert is trying to develop this atrocity right in the middle of a designated Conservation Area for threatened desert tortoise and other wildlife that Riverside County and many cities have all agreed to protect.

Because of the sensitivity of this area, next to Joshua Tree National Park, and in a Conservation Area, I oppose anything on this site.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

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Potential Water Savings/Supplies from a Portfolio of Resilient Strategies

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2. About 2.1 MAF of Paci c Institute’s projections of potential urban water conservation savings were realized in 2015. The Untapped Potential of California’s Water Supply used the average of urban uses between 2001 and 2010 as a baseline, which was 9.1 MAF a year. According to the 2018 California Water Plan Update, in 2015, urban uses consumed an average of 7.0 MAF a year (p. 1-53).

3. Even greater supplies could be realized if SB 332 is enacted – estimates are 2.5 MAF.


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build two 40-foot diameter, 30-mile long tunnels that would divert water from the Sacramento River around the San Francisco Bay Delta for export to the south. More recently, Governor Newsom has rejected the two tunnels plan and suggested they be replaced by a single tunnel.

What California needs is not two tunnels, or one tunnel. What it needs is a diverse water portfolio, including firm commitments of water for the environment. California can meet its water needs and provide the flows needed to restore the Delta with a combination of increased agricultural and urban conservation, groundwater storage and management, increased water reuse, and stormwater capture. A smart and sustainable water portfolio will enable us to meet the challenges of climate change and provide the water our families, farms, and ecosystems require to flourish.

The amount of water we could save in California with this combination of conservation measures is enough to stop the over-draft of California’s groundwater basins and replace much if not most of the water we now take from the Delta, thus restoring the ecological health of the Delta and making even one tunnel unnecessary.

This table has been compiled from 2014 analysis by the Pacific Institute and Natural Resources Defense Council, and 2016 analysis by the Department of Water Resources. The Sierra Club opposes the more aggressive operation of reservoirs and the Delta pumping plants DWR proposes in order to achieve maximum gains from conjunctive groundwater storage as we believe these gains can be achieved using more sustainable and environmentally-friendly techniques.

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Have you checked out the Palm and Pine Online?

Have you received your email each month with links to the paper and our calendar? We would love to hear from you about the online publication.

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Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park

July 14–16, August 18–20, September 22–24, October 20–22

Join us for a 3-day, 3-island, live-aboard tour of the enchanting Channel Islands. Hike wild, windswept trails bordered with blazing wildflowers. Kayak rugged coastlines. Marvel at pristine waters teeming with frolicking seals and sea lions. Train your binoculars on unusual sea and land birds—and an occasional whale. Watch for the endangered island fox. Look for reminders of the Chumash people who lived on these islands for thousands of years. Or, just relax at sea. This cruise departs from Santa Barbara. The cost, $730, includes an assigned bunk and all meals, snacks, and beverages. Kayaking will be overseen by our concessionaire; all hikes will be on trails, class 1 terrain. This trip is a fundraiser to support the Sierra Club political program in California. To reserve space send a $200 check, written to California Sierra Club PAC to Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732.

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MEETING DETAILS
Tuesday, August 6th • 7:30 PM
“Keep California Leading: Our Voice at the Capitol”
Presented by Mary Ann Ruiz
Program held at the
San Bernardino County Museum,
2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands
(California St. exit off 10 Frey)

Palm and Pine

July-August 2019

Topic of Chapter’s August Meeting Aims to Draw Big Crowd

“Keep California Leading: Our Voice at the Capitol”

While our federal government dodges any action to avert a climate disaster, here in California, the fifth largest economy in the world is leading the charge to combat climate change. Sierra Club California is Our Voice at the Capitol in Sacramento, giving a voice to the environment in the State Legislature and at state-wide policy agencies. Join us to learn more about this effective organization at our August 6th meeting. Sierra Club California Chair (also our Chapter Chair) Mary Ann Ruiz will lead this meeting. In addition to learning about our presence at the Capitol, you will have the opportunity to learn more about helping to influence our Legislature on important environmental bills coming up in the August/September Legislative session. We will have a short video about in-district lobbying, with signups from anyone interested in learning more. We’ll show you how to be sure you are on the Action Alert list, so that when we need phone calls and emails to your State Assembly Member or Senator, you can help.

We will also have an action you can take that night to make a difference. Many of you came to our June Green New Deal Town Hall. Here’s your opportunity to help influence California Policy towards sustainable infrastructure, clean transportation and water for all, and a better future.