Jenny Wilder Receives Erin Brockovich Award  
By Carol Wiley, San Gorgonio Chapter Awards Chair

A recent meeting of the Alliance for Responsible Recreation Jenny Wilder was presented with the Erin Brockovich Award. This award is presented annually to a person for their outstanding leadership and action in protecting our lands from damage from ORV abuse. In addition to the presentation of the plaque, the ceremony involved passing on some beautiful wind chimes crafted out of a melted down ORV found in the desert and created by artist Jenny Wilder is well known for her great organizing talents, networking skills, her accomplishments with Friends Juniper Flats, working with the Bureau of Land Management, dedication to many environmental issues and effective activism. Besides all this she is chair of the Mojave Group of the Sierra Club, leads many hikes and works on graffiti removal on the Pacific Crest Trail along Deep Creek. Congratulations to Jenny on this well deserved honor!

Chapter Awards Presented
By Carol Wiley, San Gorgonio Chapter Awards Chair

The annual San Gorgonio Chapter awards were presented at the June meeting. These awards are to recognize the outstanding contributions by deserving volunteers in the chapter.

The first award was the Joe Momeyer Conservation Award which is given for outstanding contributions to the conservation efforts. This year we presented two awards to two very deserving people. The first was presented to Jono Hildner, Political Chair for the chapter (pictured above). The award was presented by Kim Floyd, Conservation Chair for the chapter, who nominated Jono for his success in firing up the Political Committee for the chapter and providing the leadership so that we are known by two environmentally friendly newly elected Tankano and Ruiz. Jono has filled an important gap that the chapter suffered regarding our ability to influence local elected officials. We have many great political opportunities in the chapter. These opportunities were mostly missed before Jono’s leadership. We will get much better as time goes on. Additionally, related specifically to conservation, Jono has been the Chapter lead on the My Generation effort working closely with Allen Hernandez and Chapter activists to assure success of our Local Clean Energy campaign currently focused in the Riverside and San Bernardino high population areas. Jono has been our Chapter leader to win funding both from the Chapter and the National Activists Network to fund an expansion of the My Generation Local Clean Energy efforts into the East Coachella Valley this summer. Jono has provided a great boost of new insight and energy for the Chapter. Thanks to Kim Floyd for providing the above information.

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Renewable Energy on the Upswing
By Allen Hernandez
Community Organizer, Sierra Club
Local Clean Energy, Inland Empire

California is often known as the leader in cutting edge technologies and innovation. Last month the Solar Energy Industry Association released a report naming California the leader among all US states in solar job creation. As evident by the report, California leads the way in locally produced renewable energy.

Rim of the World High School has quickly found itself at the forefront of renewable energy trailblazing as we look at a visit to the school and you will quickly notice, besides the breathtaking mountain view, four small-sized commercial wind turbines and solar panels sitting along the sidewalk of the school’s parking lot. Along with the locally produced renewable energy in the school’s parking lot, there is a computer system in one of the science classrooms which monitors the energy being produced by the wind turbines and solar panels, which students and staff have access to. As far as I know, this is the only school in the nation to have such an elaborate one-of-a-kind renewable energy system in place.

On May 17th, the Sierra Club’s My Generation Campaign and the San Gorgonio Chapter’s Mountains Group had the pleasure to be part of a program highlighting Rim of the High School’s accomplishments and a program aimed at involving more young people to advocate for more local clean energy in their communities.

The program started with presentations to two of Rim of the World High School teacher’s Barry Schell’s science classes and the Mountains Group in the school library. Mr. Schell first presented to the audience the specifications of the wind and solar energy system at Rim of the World, which currently powers about 3-4 classrooms. I then took the stage and presented on how the Sierra Club’s local clean energy campaign, called the My Generation campaign, has been able to advocate for local distributed generation in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties through the leadership of young people. I outlined how young people in the Inland region have canvassed, lobbied, protested, written in support of and made videos in support of local clean energy for their communities. At the end, Rim of the World High School students and Mountains Group members were invited to join the Sierra Club in its first exclusively local clean energy lobby day in Sacramento set to take place August 25-26 in Sacramento.

After the presentation, Mr. Schell led a guided tour of the school’s renewable...
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As of my deadline, votes on bills in both houses were going fast and furious in an effort to move bills from one house to the next. If bills hadn’t moved out of the house where they originated by May 31, they were dead for the year.

Here is a short list of the issues we were supporting and some that we oppose. I’ve not included bill numbers, as the lag time for the Palm and Pine is such that individual bills are likely to have been amended by the time you read this.

SUPPORT:
• Bills that would declare a moratorium on fracking until the

impacts on the environment are known and regulations developed that would allow the public to know what is being pumped into the ground and how the waste water is being treated and disposed of.
• Giving the Coastal Commission the ability to actually enforce their regulations by fining violators. As it is now, violators often ignore the letters they get from the Commission.
• Efforts to increase public access to energy produced by solar. Both by sharing in community based projects and for low income households to better afford it.
• Improving notice regarding big projects that require CEQA review.
• Banning single-use plastic bags.
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Police report
By Jono Hildner, Political Chair

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Xeriscape Tour

For the 11th year in a row the Big Bear Group will host the Big Bear Valley Xeriscape Garden Tour set for Saturday, July 20th. Participants can begin the FREE self-guided tour anytime between 9 am and noon starting at Emitter’s Mountain Nursery, located at 41223 Big Bear Blvd. in Big Bear Lake, across the street from the Denny’s Restaurant. Once registered, participants will have until 4:00 pm to complete the driving tour of the homes in Big Bear Valley.

A tour booklet, which includes the locations of the 8 stops, a map and helpful information on gardening in the mountains, will be handed out at the starting location. Experts will be on hand at each of the homes on the tour to explain the ins and outs of creating a beautiful landscape, and conveying water at the same time. Several of the tour sponsors will be on hand at the Emitter’s starting location to answer questions about topics such as composting, tree care and artificial turf. Drought-tolerant plants will be on sale at Emitter’s throughout the day.

Once again the tour will feature a special Fire Wise home where the homeowner married defensible space with drought tolerant and native plants. Attendees will be able to pick up information on which native plants should be planted within 15 feet of the home and which should be planted outside a 15 foot circle. The point being you can have a beautiful, natural yard and be Fire Wise, too.

Native plants will also be on sale mid-way through the tour at Hunters Nursery with native plant expert, Orchid Black on hand to answer your questions.

For additional information on the Sierra Club’s Xeriscape Garden Tour contact Christie Walker at 909-547-2237. To see pictures of last year’s gardens, go online to: www.sierracalbigbeargroup.org and scroll down to the bottom where you will find links to several digital photo albums of past tours.

Outings

In May the Big Bear Group held their yearly patch party where patches were given to bikers that completed the 5 peaks of Big Bear or Section C of the Pacific Crest Trail.

Five Peaks of Big Bear 2012 honorees were:

- Beatrice Ethicon - Charlotte Watts - Ed Caliendo
- Janey Roy - Marc Beckoff - Mary Marble
- Mike Lucero - Nora Sanchez - Ricky Lara
- Warren Larson
- Pacific Crest Trail-Section C honorees were:
- Bob Young
- Catherine Shih
- Tom Hart
- Linda Newsome - Roberta Darrow
- Ed Caliendo
- L.J. Forster

Adequate representation is important because this is the voice of the people of California about Off Road recreation which is destroying California scenery, wildlife and biodiversity. The decision makers in the OHMVR division of State Parks get their information about how the people of California perceive OHV recreation from this advisory group. If that group is dominated by dirt bike enthusiasts, then it is likely that they will receive a demand for every more “riding areas”. It is equally unlikely that they will receive any useful information about the environmental damage caused by dirt bikes and ATVs.

If you are concerned about uncontrolled OHV riding and the destruction of natural resources in California, please contact Governor Brown and urge him to ensure a balance of interests on the OHMVR Commission. Your voice can make a difference!

L ast month I wrote about the State Parks being broken and about the destruction of public lands caused by uncontrolled Off Road Riding. It appears that the Off Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMVR) division gets a huge amount of money from taxes paid at the pump, and yet there seems to be an increase in damage and less control. Did you know that Off-highway recreation includes both motorized recreation and motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation activities?

Here are the answers to some questions about the OHMVR Commission:

1) When was the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission created? California’s Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Commission was created by the Legislature in 1982.

2) How many commissioners are there and who are they? Nine Commissioners are appointed to staggered four-year terms. The Governor appoints five of the members (subject to Senate confirmation), and the Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly each appoint two members. The Commission membership is intended to represent a broad range of groups including OHV recreation enthusiasts, biological or soil scientists, rural landowners, law enforcement, environmental protection organizations, and non-motorized recreation interests.

The current commissioners are listed on the Commission page with their biographies:

- Paul Slavik, Chair Huntington Beach, CA. Slavik was appointed by Governor Brown in July 2008 (expires Jan 2016).
- Breene Kerr, Vice Chair, Los Altos Hills, CA. Kerr was appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly in February 2011 (expires Jan 2014).
- Diana Perez, Santa Maria, CA was appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly in Feb 2011 (expires Jan 2016).
- M. Teresa Villegas, Los Angeles, CA was appointed by the Senate Rules Committee in July 2012 (expires Jan 2015).
- Edward Patrovsky, Apple Valley, CA was appointed by the Senate Rules Committee in January 2013 (Expires 2017).
- E. Theodore Cabral, Penngrove, CA was appointed by Governor Brown in March 2013 (expires Jan 2016).
- Kevin Murphy, Morgan Hill, CA was appointed by Governor Brown in March 2013 (expires Jan 2016).
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After reviewing the biographies of the above commissioners, it appears to me that three of the current 7 commissioners, Paul Slavik, E. Theodore Cabral and Kevin Murphy all clearly represent motorized recreation and in particular dirt bikes.

M.Teresa Villegas may be perceived as representing the environment. It appears that the following groups may not be fairly represented: biological or soil scientists, rural landowners, law enforcement, environmental protection organizations, and non-motorized recreation interests. Apparently no commissioner represents rural land owners, and no commissioner represents biological or soil scientists.

The report must address specified issues (http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/pages/1140/files/ OHMVR_Comm_Policies-Procedures_Final_101411.pdf)

The Commission is responsible for preparing and submitting a program report to the Governor, the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water, and the Committee on Appropriations of each house on or before January 1, 2011, and every three (3) years thereafter. The report must address specified issues (http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/pages/1140/files/ OHMVR_Comm_Policies-Procedures_Final_101411.pdf)

It is the responsibility of the Commission to be receive public comment on:
- Program implementation,
- Proposed substantial acquisition or development projects, and
- Property owner or tenant complaints on OHV impacts to their property.

The OHMVR Commission Wants to Hear From You!

The Commission wants to hear your comments about the OHV Community and others about what is happening in riding areas. The Commissioners welcome your thoughts on ways to improve OHV recreation, where you feel grant money should be spent, or any problems you may see, along with suggestions for solving them. If you cannot attend a local meeting, please submit your written comments to:

OHMVR Commission
PO Box 942986 - Sacramento, CA 94296-0001
Tel: (916) 524-5801
Fax: (916) 524-0271
E-Mail: OHVCommission@parks.ca.gov or OHVInfo@parks.ca.gov
URL: www.ohv.parks.ca.gov/
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I would like to give a special thanks to Ed Calliendo for his hard work in making these programs successful.

Monthly Meeting Subjects

Our July 18 special guest speaker will be the Mountain Top District Ranger Scott Tangenberg. Scott will have a presentation on the diverse trees of Big Bear and the surrounding San Bernardino National Forest. He will also talk about volunteer opportunities with the Forest Service in Big Bear. For those looking for something interesting and rewarding to do, I highly recommend that you attend this meeting.

Our August meeting will be a dessert potluck and will feature Erv Nicholas as our guest speaker. As many of you know, Erv was Chair of the Big Bear Group ten years ago. He is an accomplished photographer and will show us many of his photographs taken since leaving Big Bear and working as a volunteer in National Parks and National Forests all over the west and Alaska. This will be an entertaining evening so bring a dessert to share for what will be an enjoyable experience.

Moreno Valley Group

By Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

The Moreno Valley Group had an information table at the Earth Night in the Garden event held on April 22 at the Western Metropolitan Water District demonstration garden in Riverside. We spent the afternoon and early evening sharing information about the Sierra Club with visitors. We also shared information about the proposed World Logistics Center warehousing project and the effect it will have on the quality of life for the whole inland area. Many Jianino organized the group’s participation in the event. Many thanks to her for all of her work preparing things for the event. Also we want to thank all of our great volunteers: Ann Aasen, Alex Aasen, Theresa Carson, Manya Jianino, Steve Jianino, Kathryn Jones, Jonathan Lipscomb, Ann McKibben, and Mike Millsapugh for their help.

Many changes have taken place in the city of Moreno Valley since our last group news. On April 30 the Inland Regional Corruption Task Force conducted a raid and served search warrants at the homes of the five Moreno Valley city councilmembers, the corporate offices of developer Highland Faireview, and a local real estate broker. The task force is composed of the FBI, IRS, and U.S. attorney’s office. Some of the warrants were under Riverside County district attorney’s office. The warrants have not been made public, they are apparently related to a corruption investigation being conducted by the Riverside County Grand Jury. Many articles have appeared in The Press Enterprise and their reporters have done an excellent job of sharing information with the public. You can view their articles at: www.pe.com

In other developments the Moreno Valley city attorney retired in December 2012 and will be on administrative leave until July; the city manager resigned May 14; and the city’s economic development director left the city on May 22. If you are interested in following these changes at city hall, please view articles at www.pe.com for in depth coverage.

Community meetings regarding the World Logistics Center continued to be sponsored by the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice, Sierra Club, Residents for a Livable Moreno Valley and concerned citizens.

The speakers at the meetings have covered topics related to air pollution/health issues, increased traffic congestion, and the project’s effect on the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 13, 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Moreno Valley High School Lecture Hall. For more information contact Tom Thornsley at (909) 797-1397 and savemorenovalley@hotmail.com

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**RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)**

**(1ST MON) 6:00 PM** SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Alpaca Oasis, 72723 Bear Lake Blvd on Hwy 38. 237-2922. 1st Mon of month. 909-337-0313. 
INFO: JUDY SMITH, (951) 369-5117.

**(2ND MON) 7:00 PM** SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard’s Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313.

**(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM** SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
MEETING PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LAID SEEEKINS <laid.g.seekins@gmail.com> - (909) 803-3911.

**(1ST WED) 6:30 PM** BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE (909) 584-940. BIG BEAR GROUP

**(1ST THU)** LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov). No meeting in July 2013 because of conflict with the Independence Day holiday. PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUZ (909) 815-9379, cruzmaryann@gmail.com - LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**(2ND TUE) 7:00 PM** CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEETING
Continuing from the Outings They Hold. LEADERS exclusively from previous months. The only exception if they believe they are not qualified. Non Sierra Club members may join outings unless otherwise stated in the postings. Contact the respective leaders agrees to abide by the Leader’s rules. Participants call SHOULD THE LEADER AHEAD TO SIGN-UP.

**WHAT TO BRING**
Main presentation will be carried by each participating leader. Do not attend outings without the specified items if you have not first discussed it with the leader's email ID: contact the leader regarding permits. The permits cost $30 per year or $5 per day; however they may not be obtainable the day of your outing. If you arrive at the meeting place without making arrangements with the leader & trip leader. Includes any minor accompanying you on the outing. You are expected to show the cost of the daily permits equally among everyone in the vehicle or a suggested $5.00 tip for gas & oil (actual out of pocket expenses inclusive of normal mileage contribution). America The Beautiful Interagency Passes may be used in lieu of Adventure Pass.

**CARPOOLS POLICY**
In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpools
arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpools & arrangements assume no liability for them. Carpooling, rideshare, & anything similar to something self-arranged or organized among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. Drivers should have adequate insurance coverage & their vehicles should have no safety defects. Drivers of carpools agree to not consume any alcoholic beverages. It is customary to have $2.00 per person per trip for short trips, $3.00 suggested while three cents per mile per person over 100 miles is usually reasonable.

**LIABILITY WAIVER**
In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club’s outings, you will need to sign the following waiver & acknowledgment of assumed risk & release of liability and liability. In consideration for my acceptance as a participant on this Outing, & the services & amenities to be provided under this arrangement. I understand that on this Outing there may not be rescue or medical facilities or expertise necessary to deal with injuries & damages. I appreciate that I understand these risks & Damages can occur by natural causes or activities of other persons, animals, trip members, trip leaders & participants in attendance, as designated by the Sierra Club (“Trailhead”). The Outing does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to or from the Trailhead, & I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel. This does not apply to transportation provided by the Sierra Club after the commencement & before the end of the Outing. I declare to leave early if not to complete the Outing as planned. I assume all risks inherent in my decision to go forward & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from this decision. This Agreement is intended to be as broad & inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision or any part of this provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby & shall remain valid & fully enforceable.

For the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to WAIVE, DISCLAIM CLAIMS, & RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, & INDEMNIFY & HOLD HARMLESS the Sierra Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, & affiliates from & against any & all liability on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries & Damages, even if caused by negligence of the Sierra Club in its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders, in any way connected with this outing. I understand & intend that this assumption of risk & release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators & assigns, & includes any minor accompanying me on the outing. I have read this document in its entirety & I freely & voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries & Damages & notwithstanding such risks, I agree to participate in the Outing. No: If the participant is a minor, the minor’s guardian must sign on the minor’s behalf.

**RECURRING MEETINGS, MOUNTAIN MEETINGS, AND OTHER EVENTS**

**WEELY RECURRING OUTINGS & FITNESS ACTIVITIES**
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings

**MON 6:00 PM** RIVERSIDE TO MT. RUIDOUNO, ONE HOUR FITNESS WALK MEET: Ninth Street entrance to Mt. Ruيدouno. INFO: JUDY SMITH, (951) 369-5117.

**TUE 7:00 PM** MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE Please join me for a 3 to 6 mile Conditioning hike around Jess Ranch. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum in Apple Valley on Apple Valley Road at 7 PM. BRING flashligt & water. WEAR layered clothing & comfortable shoes. Bring a hiking stick. All hikers will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 11.0 mile through-hike. RATING: Easy MEET: Ninth Street entrance to Mt. Rubidoux. INFO: JUDY SMITH, (951) 369-5117.

**WED 7:00 PM** MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE MEET: Victor Valley Museum every Wednesday except second Wednesday of each month. Walks are paced for participants. Enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, starts & moon on a 3-mile walk around Jess Ranch & along the Mojave River. LEADERS: BILL SPRING <cooper@pct.org> - (760) 951-4520 & JENNY WILDER (760) 220-0750 <jennyssioas@att.com>.

**FRI 7:00 PM** MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING HIKE MEET: join me for a 3-to-6 mile conditioning walk around Jess Ranch. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road in Apple Valley. BRING flashligt, water, jacket & comfortable walking shoes. WEAR layered clothing. For questionable weather please call LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 963-4430.<abelay@msn.com>.

**JUNE 24 – JUNE 30**
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (also refer to Weekly recurring outings and activities)

**JUN 25 (TUE) 7:00 PM** SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING MEETING Chapter governance meeting. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralphsallisbury@att.net>.

**JUN 29 (SAT) 8:00 AM** VAN DEUSEN CYN TO LITTLE BEAR SPRINGS HIKE This hike is #5 of the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special recognition patch. This hike is a 11.0 mile through-hike. RATING: Moderate MEET:Wons Shopping Center in Big Bear Lake BRING: ten essentials, layered clothing, sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat. MEET: Wons Shopping Center in Big Bear Lake. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8747, <desertlily1@verizon.net>.

**JULY/AUGUST 2013**
The outings calendar is on the internet at http://sangorgonio.sierrclub.org

**CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS**
DEADLINE: Items for the September/October 2013 Calendar are due by August 1, 2013.

**FORMAT**
Items similar to those below. Send items electronically if possible.

OUTINGS:
Outings write-ups go to your group or section Outings Chair. MEETINGS:
Meeting announcements need to be sent to slack.seeeks@gmail.com

**GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES & DISCLAIMERS**
All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Course(s), & are responsible for the Outings They lead. LEADERS exclude individuals from participation if they believe they may not be qualified. Non Sierra Club members may join outings unless otherwise stated in the postings. Contact the respective leaders agrees to abide by the Leader’s rules. Participants call SHOULD THE LEADER AHEAD TO SIGN-UP.

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I have read any rules & conditions applicable to the Outing made available to me; I will pay any costs & fees charged by the Sierra Club; I acknowledge my participation is at the risk of the leader & the Outing begins & ends at the location where the Outing officially commences with leaders & participants in attendance, by meeting the Sierra Club’s “Trailhead”. The Outing does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to or from the Trailhead; & I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel. This does not apply to transportation provided by the Sierra Club after the commencement & before the end of the Outing. I declare to leave early if not to complete the Outing as planned. I assume all risks inherent in my decision to go forward & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from this decision. Likewise, if the leader has concluded the Outing, & I decide to go forward without the leader, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to go forward & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from this decision. This Agreement is intended to be as broad & inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision or any part of this provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby & shall remain valid & fully enforceable. My liability.

For the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to WAIVE, DISCLAIM CLAIMS, & RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, & INDEMNIFY & HOLD HARMLESS the Sierra Club, its officers, directors, employees, agents, & affiliates from & against any & all liability on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries & Damages, even if caused by negligence of the Sierra Club in its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders, in any way connected with this outing. I understand & intend that this assumption of risk & release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators & assigns, & includes any minor accompanying me on the outing. I have read this document in its entirety & I freely & voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries & Damages & notwithstanding such risks, I agree to participate in the Outing. No: If the participant is a minor, the minor’s guardian must sign on the minor’s behalf.

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**JUL 5-7 (FRI-SUN) 8:00 AM      FULLER RIDGE TO FOBES TH BACKPACK**

HIKE: This will be a backpacking trip to the west of the San Gorgonio Wilderness Campgrounds in the National Campgrounds near Snow Valley. If you have never backpacked before, we encourage you to try. This trip will consist of a 25-mile total distance. We will be backpacking 6 miles to Fuller Ridge and then either to North or South Fuller Ridge. You will need: a backpack, sleeping bag, 2 liters of water, trail snacks, sunscreen, and a hat. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, or email at ruizmaryann@gmail.com. NO SERRANOS GROUP

**JUL 8 (THU) 6:30 PM      BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**

MEETING: The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 8 (FRI) 7:00 PM      SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**

MEETING: PROGRAM: See from page 6 below. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2430 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADO WELKINS <lad0.g.welkins@gmail.com> (909) 800-3911

**JUL 10 (THU) 6:30 PM      BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**

MEETING: The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 10 (THU) 7:00 AM      MB BUNKER TRAIL HIKE**

HIKE: This will be a 7-mile hike, starting from the MB Bunker Trailhead at Idyllwild. Directions: From Highway 243 in Idyllwild just south of the ranger station turn northeast on North Circle Dr. Drive 7 miles. At the four way intersection turn right toward South Circle Dr. Drive 1 mile then turn left on Fern Hill Rd. Proceed to the top and park where the house numbers are. LEADER: BOB AUBERT

**JUL 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM      HUMBER PARK TO TAQUITZ PEAK HIKE**

HIKE: Join me on a 4.5 mile out and back hike from Humber Park in Idyllwild to the fire lookout station on Tahquitz Peak. This is a strenuous hike and should take about 5 hours of hiking time. There is 200' of elevation gain. From Humber Park we will travel the 2.5 miles up Devils Slide Trail to San Gorgonio. From there we will head south 1.4 miles on the PCT gradually gaining elevation through the open forest. At the South Ridge Trail junction we head southwest toward Tahquitz Peak for about 1 mile then take a short spur to the summit. Please bring 5 liters of water, lunch and snacks. Bring a headlamp/flashlight, a hat, sturdy and comfortable hiking shoes and dress in layers. Because there is a limit on the number of hikers allowed on Devils Slide, we will get the permit in advance. So if you are interested please REGISTER as soon as possible. To register or for more information contact me at 951-577-6070 or email me at bob.takeahike1@gmail.com or (951)302-1059. DIRECTIONS: From Highway 243 in Idyllwild just south of the ranger station turn northeast on North Circle Dr. Drive 7 miles. At the four way intersection turn right toward South Circle Dr. Drive 1 mile then turn left on Fern Hill Rd. Proceed to the top and park where the house numbers are. LEADER: BOB AUBERT

**JUL 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM      SAN BERNARDINO GROUP MEETING**

Meeting: The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 15 – JULY 21**

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also refer to Weekly resourcing Outings and Activities)

**JUL 16 (TUE) 6:00 PM      SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COM**

MEETING: Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

**JUL 16 (TUE) 7:00 PM      LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

MEETING: Monthly meeting except August. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, Upland Presbyterian Church, Euclid Ave. at 11th. INFO: MARY RUTH (909) 815-979, azanimary@gmail.com. NO SERRANOS GROUP

**JUL 17 (WED) 9:00 AM      SHASTA TRAIL**

HIKE: Hike is part of the “Royalty” that enters the Castle at Tahquitz Peak. This is a rated moderate/strenuous due to altitude and pitch within the 1.6 mile R/T adventure. The trailhead is at 7,000' and there is a 700' elevation gain in just 3/4 mile of the trail. You summit via a Class 3 boulder scramble. Expect about 1/2 hour on this trail. Contact LEADER ED CALIENDO, 909-878-3813 or email at dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 17 (WED) 10:00 AM      CASTLE ROCK**

HIKE: Be part of the “Royalty” that enters the Castle at Tahquitz Peak. This is a rated moderate/strenuous due to altitude and pitch within the 1.6 mile R/T adventure. The trailhead is at 7,000' and there is a 700' elevation gain in just 3/4 mile of the trail. You summit via a Class 3 boulder scramble. Expect about 1/2 hour on this trail. Contact LEADER ED CALIENDO, 909-878-3813 or email at dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 17 (WED) 10:00 AM      Jlh Sheet Mountain**

HIKE: An Adventure Pass will be required to park at the trailhead. RESERVATIONS: Call LEADER ED CALIENDO, 909-878-3813 or dogs111@msn.com or contact CO-LEADER ROBERT DARRAW, at (909) 362-2531.

**JUL 18 (THU) 6:30 PM      BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**

MEETING: The meeting place rotates. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group website www.siaarcublubhaigorg.cq. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 4971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 20 (SAT) 6:00 PM      MOONLIGHT HIKE TO BIG HORN MINI**

HIKE: Join us for another easy backpack to a hike-in camp in the Angeles National Forest. Located in the open forest. At the South Ridge Trail junction we head southwest toward Tahquitz Peak for about 3 miles where we turn right (North) and follow Day Creek to the end, turn left on Etiwanda Avenue and proceed to Visitor Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Rd., Temecula 92589. INFO: JIM MITCHELL (951) 337-0131.

**JUL 20 (SAT-SUN) 8:00 AM      NORTHERN INDIAN SUMMIT**

HIKE: This will be a backpacking trip for beginners to learn the requirements for over-night wilderness camping. Contact LEADER LYGEIA GERARD at Goody2shz@yahoo.com or (760) 868-2179 for equipment list and further details. MOJA VE GROUP

**JUL 21 (SAT-SUN) 8:00 AM      SAN JACINTO V ALLEY (HEMET) CONSERV ATION COMMITTEE**

Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

**JUL 26 (THU) 6:30 PM      BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING**

MEETING: Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group website www.siaarcublubhaigorg.cq. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 4971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ED WALLACE (909) 584-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

**JUL 27 (FRI) 6:30 PM      SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**

MEETING: PROGRAM: See from page 6 below. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2430 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADO WELKINS <lad0.g.welkins@gmail.com> (909) 800-3911

**JUL 28 (SAT) 5:00 PM      SAN BERNARDINO GROUP MEETING**

MEETING: Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard’s Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Skyline. INFO: DAVE BARBIE (909) 337-0131.

**JUL 28-29 (SAT-SUN) ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST BACKPACK**

This is a backpacking trip for beginners to learn the requirements for over-night wilderness camping. From Onyx Summit near Big Bear Lake, we will hike 4 miles to Onyx Summit back on the same trail. Expect about 1 hour on this trail. Contact LEADER JENNY GERARD at Goody2shzyahoo.com or (760) 868-2179 for equipment list and further details. MOJA VE GROUP

**JUN 1 – JULY 7**

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**JUL 23 (TUE) 7:00 PM SANTA BARBARA GROUP MEETING**

**JUL 27 (SAT) 7:45 AM TOPANGA CANYON HIKE**

**JUL 27 (SAT) 6:30 AM BIGHORN PEAK HIKE**

**JUL 27 (SAT) 6:30 AM JOHN MUIR WILDERNESS BACKPACKING TRIP OUT**

**JUL 29 – AUGUST 4 SANTA MARGARITA GROUP PROGRAM**

**AUG 6 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING**

**AUG 7 (WED) 6:30 AM BIGHORN PEAK HIKE**

**AUG 7 (WED) 9:00 AM PCT: ONYX SUMMIT TO ARRASTRE CREEK HIKE**

**AUG 8 (THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARITZA GROUP MEETING**

**AUG 9 (FRI) 8:00 AM SNOW VALLEY TO GREEN VALLEY LAKE HIKE**

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**JULY 22 – JULY 28 Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings**

**JUL 23 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING**

**JUL 26-29 (FRI-MON) EASTERN NEVADA WILDERNESS SERVICE**

**JUL 27 (SAT) 6:30 AM AT THE MALT SHOP IN GREEN VALLEY LAKE. PLEASE BRING TEN-ESSSENTIALS, LAYERED CLOTHING, AND SUNSCREEN. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JOHN EDWARD DICK BARKS AT (909) 866-9232 OR LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501**

**MOUNTAIN CASCADE IN THE CUCAMONGA WILDERNESS TO THE TOP OF BIGHORN PEAK (ELEVATION 8,474 FT), 10 MILES ROUND TRIP WITH 3400 FT. ELEVATION GAIN. THE TRAIL FOLLOWS THE CREEK FOR THE FIRST 1-1/2 MILES UNDER A CANOPY OF OAK, MAPLE, ALDER, AND PINE. SCENIC VIEW FROM THE TOP OF BIGHORN PEAK. RAIN CANCELS. BRING: STURDY BOOTS, 3+ LITERS WATER, LUNCH, SUNSCREEN. ADVENTURE PASS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR PARKING AT THE TRAILHEAD. CONTACT JOHN ST. CLAIR PRIOR TO SCHEDULED DATE FOR CARPOOLING AND MEETING PLACE. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501, <john@stclairs.us> LOS SERRANOS GROUP**

**AUG 2 (FRI) 8:00 AM WRIGHT MOUNTAIN HIKE**

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AUG 13 (TUE) 7:00 PM    CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MONTHLY meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate! Let our leader know if you want to be added to the rolls. LEADER: TOMO HAYASHI (760) 249-5355.

AUG 15 (THU) 6:30 PM    BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
MONTHLY meeting except December. For more current program information, please visit the bigbear@cnrcc.org website. LEADER: JIM MORGAN (951) 843-3523.

AUG 16 (FRI-SUN)    EASTERN SIERRA BACKPACK
Join us for three days/two nights for one of the easiest backpack trails in the Sierras. We will start at the Vei-qp peak trailhead and hike one mile to Ve-qp peak. A great, easy hike for anyone. For more information call LEADER DICK SELBY (760) 694-5370 or ironmany2k@hotmail.com.

AUG 17 (SAT) 7:00 AM    OZONE TRAIL, JUNIPER FLATS AREA HIKE
Experience a morning hike in the Juniper Flats Area. Apple Valley is about 4 miles round trip and rated easy/moderate. There is an interesting cliff at the start of the hike with about 1,000 foot elevation gain. This hike will take us from the Fish Creek trailhead in the San Gorgonio Wilderness 6 miles to the trailhead. For more information call LEADER JENNY WILDER, JenOasis@aol.com or (760) 220 0730.

AUG 17(SAT) 8:30 AM    DELAMAR MT PEAK VIA PCT HIKE
This year’s hike will go up into the wilderness and perhaps to Owens Peak itself. The ponderosa forest and chaparral will be reminiscent of a visit to the Sierra Nevada. There will be an optional and scenic hike high in the Caliente Mountains on Friday. On Saturday, our group will assist with removing invasive species. On Sunday, we will hike all day and assist with public education. JOIN US! Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings.

AUG 17 (SAT) 8:00 AM SOUTH FORK TO DOLLAR LAKE HIKE
This hike is an opportunity to visit and to assist an outstanding and relatively unknown national monument. There will be an optional and scenic hike high in the Caliente Mountains on Friday. On Saturday, our group will assist with removing invasive species. On Sunday, we will hike all day and assist with public education. JOIN US! Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings.

SEP 21 (SAT) 7:30 AM    OAK GLEN, JUNIPER FLATS AREA HIKE
This hike is a limit of 12 participants so please CALL LEADER, ED CALIENDO (909) 878-3813 or email at dogs111@msn.com.

SEP 23 (FRI) 6:00 PM    SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COM MEETING
MONTHLY conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: STEPHEN FARRELL (760) 661-2496 or <stephen_farrell@msn.com>:: Chapter governance meeting. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 or <scsangor@gmail.com>.

SEP 24 (SAT) 7:30 AM    CARRIZO PLAINS SERVICE AND HIKING
This is an opportunity to visit and to assist a relatively unknown national monument. There will be an optional and scenic hike high in the Caliente Mountains on Friday. On Saturday, we will join other volunteers in doing trail maintenance for National Public Lands Day. On Sunday, we will tour a number of the historic, prehistoric, and geologic sites in the Monument. LEADER: CRAIG DEUTSCHIE, craig.deutschie@gmail.com, 760-666-0745.

SEP 30 (SAT) 6:00 PM    SOUTH FORK TO DOLLAR LAKE HIKE
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AUG 22 (TUE) 6:00 PM    SAN GORGONIO MOUNTAIN CONS COM MEETING
MONTHLY program meeting. PLACE: San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RICK ESTES (951) 314-3328 or <scsangor@gmail.com>.

AUG 25 (WED) 9:00 AM    GRAY'S PEAK TO HANNAH FLAT CAMPGROUND HIKE
This is a moderate hike to difficult 9 mile round-trip hike with an 800 foot elevation gain. The Grays Peak trailhead is located on the west side of Highway 38, about ½ mile west of Pawning, across from the Great Boy picnic area to the north. A National Forest Adventure Pass is required for parking. BRING 2 quarts of water, snacks, hat, sunscreen layered clothing and sturdy hiking boots. We will MEET at the trailhead where adventure passes are required. For more information call LEADER DICK BANKS at (909) 866-9232.

AUG 25 (TUE) 6:00 PM    SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
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AUG 25 (SUN) 9:00 AM    EXPLORATION TRAIL HIKE AND POTLUCK
This is a 5.6 to 7 mile hike with about 1000’ of elevation gain in the Running Springs area. We will hike about 1.5 hours downhill and then retrace our steps uphill to develop an appetite and return to our cars where we’ll enjoy a potluck dinner at the picnic tables in the Children’s Forest. RATING: Moderate. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL LEADER: LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 721039, Pinon Hills, CA 92372, or call or e-mail for further details: (760) 868-2179; Goody2sa@yahoo.com.

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SEP 15-16(SAT-SUN)    INDIAN WELLS CANYON SERVICE AND HIKE
Indian Wells Canyon, north of Thousand Palm and west of Interstate 10, is a very well known and popular trail head for off-road vehicle and mountain bike enthusiasts. It is a limit of 12 participants so please CALL LEADER, ED CALIENDO (909) 878-3813 or email at dogs111@msn.com.

SEP 27-29 (FRI-SUN)    CARRIZO PLAINS SERVICE AND HIKING
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OCT 26-27 (SAT-SUN)    GHOST TOWN EXCURSION CAR CAMP
Come with us to the beautiful White Mountains to camp, hike and just relax. On Sat, we’ll hike the ancient bristlecone pine forest on a moderate 5 mi round trip interpretive trail, followed by a picnic lunch and a short optional hike to a nearby old mine site. Back at camp, we’ll enjoy a happy hour, a potluck feast and a campfire. Sunday, pack up and head home. Group size strictly limited. SEND $8 per person (check payable to Lygeia Gerald), 2 large SASE, H愿望 phones, email address, rideshare info to LEADER LYGEIA GERARD, P.O. Box 721039, Pinon Hills, CA 92372, 760-866-2179.

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The Ralph Salisbury Outings Award is given to someone who has demonstrated a long-time commitment and has made outstanding contributions to Sierra Club outings by organizing, leading and supporting the outings program. This award went to Joe Whyte (pictured above) of the Los Serranos Group. Joe was presented by Ralph Salisbury. Joe received the “Majorie and Clark Jones Service Award” in 2009. He recently celebrated his 80th birthday and continues to lead wonderful hikes for the Sierra Club as well as the LaVerne Trail Trekers, friends, family and anyone that can keep up with him. He has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and a great granddaughter. Joe also does volunteer work, including Meals on Wheels and Travelers’ Aide at Ontario Airport. He has recently received CERT training and is prepared to help in emergencies. Thanks to Joe’s wife of 52 years, Fran, for helping with this information. The following was written by Jeff Warhol, long-time friend of Joe’s. “Joe Whyte—Mountain Man. In the over 20 years I’ve known my neighbor, mountain mentor and friend, Joe Whyte, I never cease to be amazed at this 80 year old gentleman. I have told him many times before “I would want to be just like you if I ever grow up.” It was in the 80’s that he booked me on hiking and ever since doing Mount Whitney with him back then, I have been dragging my bucket of chicken up countless more summits with Joe as my point man.” Joe’s pleasant manner and unique sense of humor helps a lot on the trail. His tenacity, pace a grit inspires those years his junior. Joe’s knowledge of trail worthy information makes many think he is author, John Robinson’s ghost rider. Happy trails, Joe and may you have many, many more.” Thanks Jeff for that insightful look at Joe Whyte.
Join us for a 3-day, 3-island, live-aboard cruise to Channel Island National Park. Hike wild, windswept trails bordered by blazing wildflowers, relax along rugged coastlines. Marvel at pristine waters teeming with frolicking seals and sea lions. Train your binoculars on unusual sea and land birds. Watch for the highly endangered island fox. Look for reminders of the Chumash people who lived on these islands for thousands of years. Or, just relax at sea. All cruises depart from Santa Barbara aboard the 68’ twin diesel Truth.

Project were due in April. As a public service The Press-Enterprise has posted the comment letters on their web page: http://blog.pe.com/environment/2013/04/24/moreno-valley-many-comments-on-mega-warehouse-complex/ The proposed project will cover 2,710 acres (approximately the size of 700 full-sized football fields). The project site is located between Highway 60 and the northern boundary of the state-owned 11,000 acre San Jacinto Wildlife Area. The draft document can be found on the city’s web page: http://www.moreno-valley.ca.gov/wildlife/wla/index.html Please contact: Mark Gross (markg@moval.org), Planning Division, City of Moreno Valley, 14177 Frederick Street, P.O. Box 88055, Moreno Valley, CA 92552 and request that you be notified of all meetings as well as future documents for this project.

Again we ask all our members think of making a donation to the Moreno Valley Group to raise money to support hiring planning professionals to make comments on the World Logistics Center (WLC) environmental documents. The proposed project will be one of largest facilities in the country (not county, but country). It will have dramatic effects on the region’s traffic, air quality, and health. If you have not already sent us a check, please take time to donate what you can to help the Moreno Valley Group submit comments on the WLC’s massive environmental documents. If we decide to litigate, these comments could make the difference between losing and winning. Thank you to those who have already donated! Please send your donations to: Sierra Club, Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. We appreciate your help!

The Moreno Valley Group will restart its outings program in this fall. The new schedule will be posted on our web page: http://www.sangorgano.scierraclub.org/moreno-valley/index.html and Facebook page: www.facebook.com/MorenoValleySierraClub (you do not have to sign up to view our FB page.) Please contact our outings chair Theresa Carson at tlcarsom01@gmail.com or (951) 660-7246 if you have questions regarding our group outings and schedule.

River’side County Planning Department was scheduled to hold an advisory committee meeting on June 13 on the county’s General Plan Update (GPU). They are scheduled to hold the next advisory committee meetings in February or March 2014; Board of Supervisor hearings in May or June 2014. The GPU will impact all of us who live in Riverside County as the plan will lay out land use designations for years to come, address sprawl, global climate change, noise and open space issues. Land use designations will significantly impact the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and also open up valuable agricultural lands for development. Many of the land use designations follow developers’ proposed specific plans and projects. Please contact Kristi Lovelady, Principal Planner, Riverside County Planning, 4800 Lemon Street, 12th Floor, Riverside, CA 92501-3634 at (951) 955-0781, klivelad@rcgov.org and request a copy of the draft EIR for the GPU and all other documents and notices of all meetings pertaining to it. The Moreno Valley Recreational Trail Board has scheduled a “Hike to Hidden Springs” (Moderate) on Saturday, July 7, 2013. Meet at 7:30 a.m., Hidden Springs Elementary School, 9801 Hidden Springs Drive, Moreno Valley (parking lot in front of school). It is a 3.3 mile hike round trip. Please call (951) 413-3702 to verify all information.

Lake Perris State Recreation (LPSRA) Area is open seven days a week from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please check their web page (http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651 ) for entrance fee information and hours of operation. Information on the Limited Use Golden Bear passes (for those age 62 and older) can be found at: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23887 The pass expires on December 31.

The group has volunteer opportunities for those who may want to donate their time. Next fall we will need someone to manage the group’s Sierra Club calendar sales. It is an easy way to help out. Please contact us at mvvalleygroup@yahoo.com or call Ann McKibben at (951) 924-8150 or George Hague at (951) 924-0816.

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Palm and Pine

Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park

April 7-9; May 7-9; June 2-4; July 21-23; August 25-27; September 15-17, 2013

By Joan Jones Holtz

JULY/AUGUST 2013

The GPU will impact all of us who live in Riverside County as the plan will lay out land use designations for years to come, address sprawl, global climate change, noise and open space issues. Land use designations will significantly impact the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and also open up valuable agricultural lands for development. Many of the land use designations follow developers’ proposed specific plans and projects. Please contact Kristi Lovelady, Principal Planner, Riverside County Planning, 4800 Lemon Street, 12th Floor, Riverside, CA 92501-3634 at (951) 955-0781, klivelad@rcgov.org and request a copy of the draft EIR for the GPU and all other documents and notices of all meetings pertaining to it. The Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board has scheduled a “Hike to Hidden Springs” (Moderate) on Saturday, July 7, 2013. Meet at 7:30 a.m., Hidden Springs Elementary School, 9801 Hidden Springs Drive, Moreno Valley (parking lot in front of school). It is a 3.3 mile hike round trip. Please call (951) 413-3702 to verify all information.

Lake Perris State Recreation (LPSRA) Area is open seven days a week from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please check their web page (http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651 ) for entrance fee information and hours of operation. Information on the Limited Use Golden Bear passes (for those age 62 and older) can be found at: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23887 The pass expires on December 31.

The group has volunteer opportunities for those who may want to donate their time. Next fall we will need someone to manage the group’s Sierra Club calendar sales. It is an easy way to help out. Please contact us at mvvalleygroup@yahoo.com or call Ann McKibben at (951) 924-8150 or George Hague at (951) 924-0816.

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to the fire lookout station on Tahquitz Peak. This is a strenuous hike and should take about 5 hours of hiking time. There is 2400’ elevation gain. From Hummer Park we will walk the 2.5 miles up Devils Slide Trail to the Saddle junction. From there we will head south 1.4 miles on the PCT gradually climbing through the open forest. At the South Ridge Trail junction we head southwest toward Tahquitz Peak for .4 miles then take a short spur to the summit. Please bring 3 liters of water, lunch and snacks. Be sure to bring sunscreen, a hat, sturdy and comfortable hiking shoes and dress in layers. Because there is a limit on the number of hikers allowed on Devils Slide, I will get the permit in advance. So if you are interested please register as soon as possible. Leader: Bob Audibert. To register or for more information please email me at Bob.takeahike1@gmail.com or (951) 302-1059. Directions: From Highway 243 in Idylwild just south of the ranger stations turn northeast on North circle Dr. Drive .7 miles. At the four way intersection turn right on South Circle Dr. Drive .1 mile then turn left on Fern Hill Rd. Proceed to the top and park where the outhouse structures are.

Getting Outdoors on our Urban Hikes by Margaret Meyncke

One of the goals of the Sierra Club is to get people outside. Our program, “Urban Hikes,” has been successful at introducing people to the idea of getting outdoors in a safe and convenient format. Our latest hike was at Rose Haven Heritage Garden in Temecula. This lovely three-acre community garden is open from dawn to dusk. It is owned and maintained by the Temecula Rose Society and provides many educational opportunities for all ages. There is a vegetable garden where local teenagers from school and middle school work every Saturday for fun and community service credit. There is a FREE third Saturday program for families when they do a craft and garden activity. For our Urban Hike, we started with a treasure hunt called a “Discover Hike.” Each family got to explore the garden and find the “treasures.” Afterwards, we gathered under the ancient pepper tree for a picnic as the kids played “hide and seek.” What a great way to make friends and get outdoors!

Hikers on Devil’s Slide Trail Photo by Bob Audibert
This preserve system includes 12 nonprofit nature preserve system owned and operates California's largest and his experiences on 24n24. Conservancy and what it means to him, Paul will speak on the Wildlands sponsorships, he raised over $5,000 for Mountains. Calling it "24n24," he adventure in the San Bernardino attempted a challenging peak climbing This year in May, Paul to use the Yucaipa Ridge limit. Paul needed the gain and 60-hour time because of its cumulative as the world's toughest Tennessee, described a 100-mile trail race in the Barkley Marathons, mountain trails to train for searching for steep Conservancy when to the Wildlands Actually, Paul was first introduced to Cam has understood the desert thoroughly, it is affecting the desert in particular. His current research into Climate Change and how it is altering the natural world builds national park quality visitor facilities for conservation in Coachella Valley and she has been putting out excellent issues ever since. The Marjorie and Clark Jones Service Award is given for outstanding contributions to the chapter over a number of years. This was presented to Jo Ann Fischer. Ralph Salisbury presented this award to Jo Ann (pictured above) for her invaluable work as Editor of the Palm and Pine. With over 20 years as owner of her own business, Write When U Need It, where publishing client newsletters "twisted" her love of graphic design and writing, then combine over 30 years as a Sierra Club member in both the Angeles and San Gorgonio Chapters, she was pleased to volunteer her talents as Editor of the Palm and Pine. From day one, she has loved working with environmentally conscious people like the Sierra Club members. Her first issue of the Palm and Pine was the January/February 2010 issue and she has been putting out excellent issues ever since.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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560,000 acres. Operating exclusively with private funding, TWC purchases and restores landscapes and builds national park quality visitor facilities that are open to the public at no cost. Over the past ten years, TWC has been California’s nonprofit leader in providing free outdoor education programs for school children. The Wildlands Conservancy’s over-arching goal is to call people back to the beauty, wonder, and inspiration of the natural world and to encourage people to be participants in saving our magnificent landscapes and restoring California’s rich biological diversity. The Conservancy’s nonprofit preserve system now includes:

- The west coast’s largest nonprofit-owned preserve at Wind Wolves;
- California’s largest nonprofit-owned wilderness at Pioneertown Mountains Preserve;
- California’s longest stretch of nonprofit-owned coastline at Sounding Seas Reserve; and;
- The largest nonprofit-owned river estuary at Eel River Estuary Preserve.

The Wildlands Conservancy’s administrative headquarters is at the Oak Glen Preserve. Situated at 5,024 feet, the preserve is adjacent to the steep escarpments of Yucaipa Ridge in the San Bernardino National Forest. The 2169 acre preserve includes prominent peaks the Conservancy purchased to prevent exploitation of private lands within the National Forest and to promote the expansion of the San Gorgonio wilderness. These peaks include Wildpine Peak (8,707 feet) and Galena Peak (9,324 feet), an important lambing ground for bighorn sheep. Habitats encountered on the main trail include ponds, streams, wetlands, oak and pine forests, chaparral, and willow woodland.

The preserve headquarters is at 103-year-old Los Rios Ranch, southern California’s largest historic apple ranch. Each year, more than 300 foot visitors make the scenic drive to Los Rios to pick apples, picnic, hike, participate in environmental programs, and enjoy home made apple pie. The Wildlands Conservancy acquired the ranch when it was being marketed for residential subdivision. The Conservancy has entered a long-term lease with third and fourth generation Oak Glen Apple growers to operate the orchards, packing shed and bakery. The lessee, Riley’s Frontier Events, celebrates working the land, log cabin living, and hosts a country music venue and pioneer re-enactor events.

 Classified AD: For Sale
Women’s Gregory Deva 60 backpack, like new. Only used on three hikes, including summit of Mt Whitney. $150 (I’ll donate $75 to Sierra Club, with $75 to me). Contact: Becky at (951) 205-3357

“24 Peaks in 24 Hours for the Wildlands Conservancy” on Tap For August 6th Chapter Meeting

Ultrarunner Paul Melzer will speak at the August 6 chapter meeting. Paul is the Mission Advancement Executive for the Wildlands Conservancy and also serves as the Volunteer Coordinator. Paul will discuss the strategy he uses to train for the 100-mile trail races he competes regularly in runs of greater than marathon distance, describing himself as “a strong mid-packer.”

Actually, Paul was first introduced to the Wildlands Conservancy when searching for a place to train for the Barkley Marathons, a 100-mile trail race in the mountains of eastern Tennessee, described as the world’s toughest because of its cumulative 60,000 foot elevation gain and 60-hour time limit. Paul needed the Conservancy’s permission to use the Yucaipa Ridge trails.

This year in May, Paul attempted a challenging peak climbing adventure in the San Bernardino Mountains. Calling it “24n24,” he attempted to climb 24 peaks within a 24 hour period. Accepting pledges and sponsorships, he raised over $5,000 for the conservancy even though he was not able to complete the adventure.

Paul will speak on the Wildlands Conservancy and what it means to him, as well as on his running, his training, and his experiences on 24n24.

The Wildlands Conservancy (TWC) owns and operates California’s largest nonprofit nature preserve system. This preserve system includes 12 magnificent landscapes spanning over 145,000 acres of diverse mountain, valley, desert, river and ocean front properties. TWC also funded the largest conservation land gift to the American people in U.S. history - over 560,000 acres. Operating exclusively with private funding, TWC purchases and restores landscapes and builds national park quality visitor facilities.