E
ast of the Coachella Valley is a 5,000+ acre area along Pinkham Wash bounded by Joshua Tree National Park on the north and the Mecca Hills Wilderness on the south. For desert tortoise and wildlife moving back and forth between the National Park and the Wilderness, it’s a bit of desert paradise, especially with the huge area of desert dry wash woodland along Pinkham Wash and on down into Box Canyon. It’s a wonderful area, but there’s trouble in paradise.

Glorious Land Company (GLC) proposes to build a “new town” on the site and has submitted a Specific Plan proposal to Riverside County for 8,200 residential units, over 1.3 million square feet of commercial office, retail, hotels, light industrial and public facilities, flood control channels, and so on. GLC calls its proposed project Paradise Valley and there’s the trouble. If we’re going to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, stop despoiling our fragile desert lands, and come to grips with emissions, stop despoiling our fragile environment, then the proposed project must be discarded. Paradise will be paved.

- Would sever the connectivity between Joshua Tree National Park and the Mecca Hills Wilderness for wildlife movement and ecological processes.
- It’s 17.5 miles from downtown Indio and over 30 miles from Costco in the middle of the Coachella Valley. Realistically, the “new towns” residents would be constantly traveling to and from the “old towns,” commuting to work, shopping, playing, visiting friends, etc. Far more miles would be driven because the development would be nowhere near the existing cities of the Coachella Valley. That’s not smart sustainable growth as claimed by GLC. It’s old-fashioned leapfrog development with unnecessary impacts on air quality and climate change through heavy reliance on fossil fuels for those excessive miles.
- Requires new infrastructure rather than efficiently extending existing infrastructure in or adjacent to a city. While it is certainly new growth, it is neither smart nor sustainable when there is no infrastructure and no services. The project has to annex into a water district and obtain water through a combination of groundwater and water rights obtained from drought-stricken Kern County. In other words, the water isn’t here.
- Is currently over five thousand acres of undisturbed desert habitat, and it should stay that way. The proposed development doesn’t just destroy the acres directly affected by the mass grading and construction; it also impacts the residual open space on the site as well as required Joint Project Review (JPR) prepared to determine if the project would be consistent with the MSHCP’s Conservation Objectives. Instead, the County proposes to have JPRs prepared for individual future phases of the project, after it has been approved. If this approach is allowed to proceed, the MSHCP will have been fatally subverted and all the regional conservation benefits of the MSHCP will be discarded. Paradise will be paved.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:
Write to the Riverside County Planning Commission expressing your opposition to the Paradise Valley Specific Plan project. Comments may be emailed to the County Planner, for the project: Russell Brady, at rbrady@RIVCO.ORG

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thousands of adjacent acres in the National Park and the Mecca Hills Wilderness in well-documented ways. These “edge” effects include the introduction of invasive species and new predators; disruption of ecological processes and wildlife movement corridors; urban runoff of fertilizers, pesticides, and pollutants; lighting; noise, and trespass. Development of this site would severely damage the ecological integrity of thousands, if not tens of thousands, of acres of fragile desert.

The project site is in the MSHCP’s Desert Tortoise and Linkage Conservation Area; it should be purchased by the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission (CVCC) as part of its implementation of the MSHCP. GLC prefers to develop the site, but if their project is denied by the County Board of Supervisors, then perhaps they will agree to sell to the CVCC.

The Sierran Club, the Center for Biological Diversity, and an array of other conservation and environmental/social justice groups have been opposing the project and seeking to compel the County to comply with the MSHCP. The County currently has a fourth Planning Commission hearing scheduled for May 15th in Palm Desert.
CALLENR SUBMISSIONS
DEADLINE: Items for the May/June 2019 Calendar are due by April 1, 2019, no joke!
FORMAT items like those below. Send items electronically if possible.
OUTINGS: Send your write-ups to a group or section Outings Chair.
MEETINGS & other events: Send electronically to Ladd Seekins at ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com

GENERAL INFORMATION/RULES/DISCLAIMERS – All Outings Leaders are Chapter Certified Leaders having appropriate Outings Training Courses, First Aid Courses, & experience for the Outings they lead. Leaders may exclude individuals from participation if they believe they may not be qualified. Non-Sierra Club members may join outings at the leaders’ discretion stated in the write-up. All participants agree to abide by the Leader’s rules. Participants should CALL THE LEADER AHEAD TO SIGN-UP. Many Outings specify items to be carried by each participant. Do not attend Outings without the specified items unless you have first discussed it with the leader. Often the TEN ESSENTIALS are required. They are: 1) Map 2) Compass 3) Flashlight 4) Knife 5) Windproof/waterproof matches in case of water 6) First aid 7) Food & water for emergency use only 9) Extra clothing including rainwear 10) Sun protection including sunscreen/sunglasses/hat. Carpooling is encouraged, but solely the responsibility of individual participants. The Sierra Club & its leaders may facilitate carpooling; however, they will not assign. Drives should have adequate insurance coverage & their vehicle should have no safety defects. For Sierra Club facilitated carpooling, drivers agree to not consume any alcoholic beverages. It is customary for riders to share expenses with the driver. The above information applies to Sierra Club Outings & Activities only. Non-Sierra Club activities may be listed in a separate location as a courtesy. Please be sure to read the disclaimer that accompanies these activities.

** ADVENTURE PASS SPECIAL NOTICE – Outings occurring in the San Bernardino, Angeles, Cleveland, or Los Padres National Forests may require a Forest Service “Adventure Pass” for each vehicle. The Forest Service designates where the passes are required. Generally, areas that have developed parking & may include toilet facilities, interpretive signs & trash cans require passes & unimproved areas do not require passes. Outings that require passes usually will be preceded by ** in the listings that follow, and/or the leader may indicate the need for Adventure Passes. While leaders try to provide accurate information, ultimately it is the vehicle’s driver that assumes responsibility to adhere to all rules, regulations, & laws - not the Sierra Club. The permits cost $30 per year or $5 per day; however, they may not be obtainable the day of your outing. As a passenger, you are expected to share some of the cost of the daily passes along with a mileage contribution along with the others in the vehicle. Golden Eagle Passports & Golden Age Passports may be used in lieu of the Adventure Pass.

CARPOOLING POLICY – In the interests of facilitating some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club assumes no liability for carpooling arrangements. Carpooling, ride sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

LIABILITY WAIVER – To participate on one of the Sierra Club’s outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please visit the San Gorgonio Chapter website at sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org & click on Disclaimers under the Outings tab.

RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

(1ST MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of selected months.
Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6, Oct. 7 & Nov. 4. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0413.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

(1ST MON) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING The meeting place rotates. CONTACT ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jierce17@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING Monthly chapter program. For more information, see front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS, hadd.g.seekins@gmail.com (909) 800-3911.
CHAPTER

LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, briannel1@aol.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

(2ND THU) 7:00 PM SJ 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) 337-0413.
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

(2ND THU) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimfloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385.
CHAPTER

MOJAVE GROUP MEETING Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesco, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUBBIE, susan.stubblefield@gmail.com
MOJAVE GROUP

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MOJAVE GROUP

(2ND THU) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING Monthly meeting except July, August & December. In place of the December meeting there will be a winter celebration ON THE WEEKEND. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30, PLACE: Terreux Valley Library, 30060 Pahoa Rd, Terreux. INFO: PAM MENNELSON (951) 767-2234 sierracubs@msn.com
SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING Monthly except July & August. Please sign up for an informative program. PLACE: Boldi’s, Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd, Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, briannel1@aol.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

(3RD THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING Monthly meeting except January, February & December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site sierracubs.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jierce17@yahoo.com
BIG BEAR GROUP

(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379.
CHAPTER

WEELKY RECURRING FITNESS ACTIVITIES
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings

MON 6:00 PM RIVERSIDE MT. RUBIDOUX ONE HOUR FITNESS WALK MEET: Ninth Street entrance to Mt. Rubidoux. INFO: Judy Smith 951-369-5117.
CHAPTER

FEB 25-28 (MON-THU) DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK CARCAMP On Monday we will meet at noon at the Panamint Springs Campground ($10. per car) on Hwy. 190 just of Panamint Valley Road. In the afternoon we will hike to Darwin Falls. Tues. we will move to Mesquite Springs Campground & hike the rim of Ubehebe Crater. Weds. we will hike Titus Canyon & return to camp. Thurs. we will pack up & go to the Mesquite Dunes for a mooning hike on the dunes before heading home. All hikes will be at a leisure pace. RESERVATIONS: contact LEADER CAROL WILEY, earthingwiley2000@yahoo.com, 760-245-8734.
MOJAVE GROUP

FEB 26 (TUE) 8:00 AM AMINDAN CANYONS, PALM SPRINGS HIKE Hike up a strenuous trail in Indian Canyons to Maynard Mine, about 3 miles, gaining almost 2500’ elevation! We will enjoy a break & explore the area around the mine before returning the same route, making this a 6-mile round trip. MEET at the entrance when the gates open at 8:00 AM. Contact leader for carpooling from Upland. COST: Entry fee is $9 per person or $7 for seniors 62 or older, military, & students. Inclement weather cancels. BRING 10 essentials including lunch. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola82@gmail.com
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

FEB 26 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379.
CHAPTER

MAR 1 (FRI) 9:00 AM SB MTS LAKE VIEW LOOP Hike for a 6 miles R/T moderate, 600’ elevation gain hike. Bring a trash bag, as we are sure to encounter snow play trash along the way. MEET at the Little Green Valley trail head across the street from the Snow Valley parking area. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. Well behaved dogs welcome. BRING trekking poles, jacket, snacks, and water. LEADER Sandy Ellis, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com Inclement weather will cancel. LEADER Heather Seargent 909-336-2836 (no text) heathercoo@aol.com
SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**MAR 1 (FRI) 9:00 AM BONITA FALLS HIKE This will be a easy short hike up the rocky was to the 90-foot Bonita Falls in Lytke Creek Canyon. About 3 miles round trip, slight elevation gain. Adventure Pass required at trailhead.
BRING: water & a snack; wear sturdy shoes/boots. Rain cancels. MEET: Contact John St. Clair for the meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, johar@stclair.us, 909-983-8501.
LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAR 2 (SAT) 8:30 AM DEEP CREEK RIPARIAN AREA HIKE A strenuous, 1000 ft elevation gain, 7-mile hike down into Deep Creek riparian area. Hike in then out the same route. We’ll stay down in the canyon for exploration and snack time. (This is not the hot springs area) BRING: 10 essentials, adequate water, layered clothing, hiking poles. MEET: AMC Theatre, 22311 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley. High clearance vehicle recommended. There is limited parking. Carpooling may be available. Approximately 10 miles to trailhead. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: CAROL STUBBLEFIELD, 760-964-0039 carolwhitbylass@gmail.com
MOJAVE GROUP

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hike for the upcoming hiking season. RATED: Easy/Moderate. MEET at the trailhead located near Crafton Hills College. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS: CONTACT LEADER JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, jady5723@gmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

MARCH 11 – MARCH 17
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings

Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings & Activities

MARCH 11 (MON-ThU) 8:30 AM SHEEP PASS, JOSHUA TREE NP CAR CAMP
Join us for a Monday thru Thursday nights car camp at Sheep Pass Group Campground, site #2. We will hike, explore, relax & share our favorite campground cooking. RESERVATIONS: register online ASAP as space is limited to 20 occupants & 10 vehicles. If you don’t want to camp, you can still join us for day hikes, meals & campfire time! Campsite is reserved. COST: $10 per night per participant for site, any extra will go to Los Serranos group. Entrance fee is $30 per carload or National Parks pass is accepted. Contact leader for more info & to sign up. LEADER: MARY ANN RUZI, 909-815-8797, maryannmu@gmail.com. LOS SERRANOS GROU

MARCH 12 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in making on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimfly09@fastmail.fm (760) 249-3385.

MARCH 12-14 (TUE-Thu) AFTON CANYON CARCAMP
Afton Canyon is in the new Mojave Trails National Monument. We will camp both nights and do a day hike to the Lost Horse Mine on Thursday. MEET at 1:00 pm at the side campyons in the afternoon. Wednesday we will hike the Afton Canyon to some interesting sites. Thursday morning hike to an area of hoodoos. Hike will be at a leisurely pace. RESERVATIONS & leader CAROL WILEY, earthingwildearth006@yahoo.com, 760-245-8734. MOJAVE GROUP

MARCH 13 (Wed) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Join on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, stueber61@gmail.com. MOJAVE GROUP

MARCH 14 (TUE) 7:45 AM BIG TREES TRAIL, JOSHUA TREE NP HIKE
This out-and-back hike from Ryan Campground to the Lost Horse Mine totals about 8.4 miles. The 2.2-mile Big Trees Trail climbs to intersect the Lost Horse Mine Trail. It’s another 2 miles uphill hiking to the mine itself, where we’ll break before returning on the same trails. Terrain varies from open washes to hills & an abandoned mine road; footing is easy; trail to sand to very rocky. Good footwear is a must. RATED: Moderate, about 1000 ft. elevation gain/loss overall. MEET: Be ready to carpool and depart at 7:45 from Visitor Center, 6554 Park Boulevard, Joshua Tree CA 92252. BRING: Water & snacks, poles, wind/sun protection, first aid manual & No Trace travel supplies. WEATHER: Check forecast before hike. Rain or snow cancels. RESERVATIONS & LEADER LJ FOSTER, eljayefhiker@yahoo.com & include your name. BIG BEAR GROUP

MARCH 14 (TUE) 4:30 PM OLIVE MTN HIKE
Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain with a moderate to difficult 4-mile round trip hike. Elevation gain about 1,000 ft. BRING: Water, flashlight, sturdy shoes, snack. MEET: from 6:00w in Mojave Valley except Perris, go north 1 mile, turn right on Kalima, go ½ mile & turn left on Kittich. Parking on the side of the road near the Visitor Center. INFO: LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

MARCH 14 (TUE) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July, August & December. Place: Temecula Library, 36060 Pala Road, Temecula. INFO: PAM NELSON (760) 767-2324 sierrclubsmg@gmail.com. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

MARCH 15 (FRI) 9:00 AM GREEN VALLEY LAKE HIKE
A 3-5 mile R/T moderate, 600’ elevation gain hike in the Green Valley Lake area of the San Bernardino Mountains. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. MEET in Green Valley Lake across the street from the post office (33271 Green Valley Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341). WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING jacket, trekking poles, snacks, and water. LEADER SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), feuills67@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

MARCH 16 (SAT) 8:00 AM MAIDENHAIR FALLS HIKE
Join us on a 5.5-6 mile moderately difficult hike with 900’ of elevation gain/loss. From the desert landscape at the trailhead we will travel past sycamores, cottonwoods then palms in Maidenhair Falls an oasis in the desert. At the trailhead there is a shallow pool fed seasonally by layers of Maidenhair fern along with mosses. The Falls are seasonal. On my visit it was only dripping, but still worth the effort to get there. Hikers will have to climb over or around some large boulders and thorny cactus above. Hikers should bring 3 liters of water, lunch and snacks. WEAR comfortable hiking shoes with soles that don’t slip. Dress in layers, wear a hat, long pants are a good idea and do not forget the sunscreen. DIRECTIONS: From Temecula take 79 south (Temecula Pkwy) to Warner Springs. Turn

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The beginning of a year re-energizes our efforts to do what we can locally to promote and serve Sierra Club goals. For example, we continue to fight against rampant residential and commercial development to preserve wildlife as well as nature; we reach out to the community via our monthly meetings and outings; and we seek to encourage participation by younger, soon-to-be environmentalists through our educational programs. Along the way we don’t lose sight of the fact that each Group is a community unto itself and shares in activities that strengthen our ties.

On January 2nd the SMG had a meetup at the confluence of Temecula Creek and Murrieta Creek in southwestern Riverside County, virtually under Interstate 15 in Temecula. Over twenty participants walked the area with Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve (SMER) staff, Pablo Bryant and Jamie Bourdon. They discussed the challenges wildlife have crossing the I-15 here, so relevant after the recent freeway death of a male juvenile mountain lion. We are working with The Nature Conservancy and SMER to form a coalition to address this area of the freeway, with workshops scheduled for late Spring. This young mountain lion is at a crucial decision point as to crossing at a culvert, which ultimately chose not to do so.

Members of our group attended an Open House at the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve (SMER) on Sunday, January 13, hosted by Beth Cobb and her volunteer staff. Twenty or so of us enjoyed a spectacular view of the Santa Margarita River which runs through the Temecula Gorge prior to listening to an overview of the Reserve. We then had the chance to see the gorge and the river up-close, about ½ mile down the hill. Jamie Bourdon, now one of two full-time staffers at the Reserve, was on hand to provide more information.

An event on Sunday, March 17 from 2-5 will highlight the Meadowview Stream Restoration project at the 350-acre Meadowview development in Temecula. Thanks to joint efforts by many government agencies and private residents, dangerous erosion and public safety concerns have been addressed, with solutions including hydro-modification and native plant restoration. Participants will hear a brief presentation and then take a one- to two-mile walk around the site. Teri Biancardi of the SMG has led this effort.

Our MSJC/SMG intern program, begun in the summer of 2017, is attracting many new and enthusiastic students. In this program students have a variety of opportunities to work in the field and with SMG projects while earning college credit. Prospective interns number eleven at present. Projects range from investigating species, organizing data, improving

We are eager to get our General Meeting programs scheduled and started beginning in March, the third Thursday of each month in the Discovery Center at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

Getting around our local area with minimum use of fossil-fueled vehicles is still an important focus for us. SMG members Michael Momeni and Pam Nelson recently attended the Annual Meeting of the Transportation Now at UC Riverside. This group addresses public transportation needs throughout Riverside County; members of the SMG participate regularly in its Southwest chapter. To get us out of our motorized vehicles, we have been instrumental in developing the Murrieta Creek Regional Trail for biking, jogging or simply walking along the Creek from Temecula to its terminus in Lake Elsinore. Gary Oddis is the new Trails Committee Chair. Official signage along the route is expected soon.

Santa Margarita Group
By Elena/Maryellen Garcia, Ph.D.

A quick reminder to all San Gorgonio Groups...remember to order extra copies of the Palm and Pine for your Earth Day celebrations!

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Looking forward to April, our planning of the local Earth Day Faire is well underway. Chaired by Caren Hansen, this event will be held on Saturday, April 6th from 11 am until 4 pm at Vail Headquarters, 32115 Temecula Parkway. It features ecologically-minded vendors, health-oriented displays, a games area for kids and a stage for speakers around the theme, “Healthy Diet, Healthy Planet.” Exercise buffs can join the A V A/America’s Walking Club between 10 am and 1pm for a 5-k or 10-k walk that starts at the site. Vendors can contact carenhanson@earthlink.net or 951-760-131; for more information about walks, please text Kathy 951-218-3755 or email bunznkat71@gmail.com

The Santa Margarita Valley’s water basin. Their first-hand experience with this topic came as the result of spearheading the fight to save the long-closed Vail Ranch Headquarters from destruction in 1998. As a follow-up to their talk, the SMG had a meetup on February 3rd at the Temecula History Museum located at the Vail Headquarters heritage site. Other general meeting speakers include Cynthia Portillo on February 14 on the topic of the Salton Sea, now very ecologically fragile, and Jonathan Reinig, county biologist, on March 14, speaking on wildlife connectivity with respect to Riverside County’s Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). And on April 11, Chad Hansen, Ph.D., director and principal ecologist for the John Muir Project, will present on the topic of healthy forests.

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Introduction Our New Chapter Political Chair, Bhavin Jindal

Hello Sierra Club Family!
I am excited and humbled to serve as your Chapter Political Chair for the 2019-2020 elections. These will be an impactful two years and our goal is to join with our allies and make new ones to protect our world for our friends, family, and neighbors.

About Me:
I have lived most of my life in Southern California and have been in the Inland Empire since the first grade. Growing up in San Bernardino, I have witnessed the open arm embrace of policies that disregard the wellbeing of our environment and those that depended on it. As a result, I’ve grown up with a desire to contribute my piece to creating a better place to live in. I started college at Riverside Community College, and then graduated from Claremont McKenna with a dual degree in economics and government with an emphasis in public policy. In my free time I like to catch up on national and international events. I usually go on a binge-watching spree once a month for existing shows and try to stay updated on the latest movies. When I was younger, I wanted to be an astronaut. Now I can be found gazing at our night sky and reading ancient legends and myths based on what our ancestors saw.

My Goals:
In recent years the number of environmentally conscious candidates has grown dramatically. I would like to see this growth accelerate. Our biggest cities still do not believe in the concept of sustainable development and allow the abuse of our resources with little oversight. We want to be present and carefully consider every single election that takes place within the San Gorgonio region. One of our limitations in doing so is that we have simply been resources and bandwidth. Much of the work this year will be to start the organizing process and strengthen the resources we must work with in order to have a wider reach in the upcoming elections. Second, it is important to build and strengthen alliances that share our views. We will be looking into ways that we may contribute to helping voters understand the viewpoints of our endorsed candidates and turn out to vote for them. Local policies are just as impactful as state and federal ones. Thus, it becomes just as important to focus on small local races as it is our large state and federal ones.

Chapter’s March Program Features a Timely Subject
With Judith Ashton Speaking on “Citizens’ Climate Lobby”

The March 5th chapter meeting will feature Judith Ashton, Group Leader of the Redlands Chapter of Citizens’ Climate Lobby (CCL). The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands.

Judith will focus on the “Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019,” H.R.763, introduced in January. The bill encompasses the goals of the CCL, including a 40% reduction in carbon emissions in the first 12 years, creating over two million new jobs, and returning a dividend to American households. At press time, the bill has nine co-sponsors, four of them from California but none local.

The Citizens’ Climate Lobby is a grassroots environmental group advocating for a revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend at the federal level. Founded in America in 2007, it has affiliates in 37 other countries and 400 local chapters worldwide. The CCL trains and supports volunteers to build relationships with their elected representatives to order to influence climate policy. Judith is a Sierra Club member but her main environment work is with the Citizens’ Climate Lobby. She is a member of the Redlands Human Relations Commission. She is retired from her previous job as Dean of Humanities and Social Science at Crafton Hills College and head of the English Department at San Bernardino Valley College.

Above photo from Judith’s Twitter site; photo at right is courtesy of Citizens’ Climate Lobby.
Upcoming Moreno Valley Group hikes include a March 2 hike to Harford Springs Reserve. Please check our web page for information and details about this hike and future outings: https://sangorgonio2.sierraclub.org/groups/moreno_valley. A bald eagle count will take place on 8:00 a.m., March 9 at Lake Perris State Recreation Area (LPSRA). Meet at Lake Perris Regional Indian Museum for orientation. Please call Lake Perris State Recreation Area to (951) 940-5600 to confirm all information. No experience is necessary. Park entrance is FREE for volunteers.

The Moreno Valley Group will be hosting an information table at Duck Daze, Hidden Valley Wildlife Area, Riverside on May 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. https://www.facebook.com/events/5549404811695645/ Please send an email to movalleygroup@yahoo.com if you are interested in volunteering with us for a few hours.

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San Jacinto Wildlife Area Land Management Plan: A number of years ago (June 2016) the Moreno Valley Group commented on the proposed Land Management Plan (LMP) for the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA). The LMP will be the guiding document for managing the 19,000 acre SJWA in the future. Once the LMP and FEIR are approved/accepted, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will implement the CDFW Lands Pass at the SJWA.

World Logistics Center (WLC): The developer wants to avoid further delays as a result of our latest appeals and has requested settlement talks. The Sierra Club therefore joined many other interested parties in mid-January for a meeting in Los Angeles to discuss issues. All parties agreed with exchanging written settlement points over the following weeks. In late November the California Supreme Court denied hearing the WLC’s appeal of our August Court of Appeal victory on using initiatives for development agreements. Despite three court decisions in our favor in 2018, the WLC is still very much alive. Although the judge ruled that the city’s Environment Impact Report was deficient as to the energy impacts, biological impacts, agricultural impacts, noise impacts and cumulative impacts of the project, the city issued a Revised Section of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the WLC’s last week of July 2018 to address those issues. Please contact the Planning Department and request that you be put on their mailing list to receive information on the project: Patty Nevins, Planning Manager, (951) 413-3206, pattyn@movval.org

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 separate lawsuit was filed by Friends of the Northern San Jacinto Valley and a local residents group, Keep Nuevo Rural. There have been several status conferences with the court and briefing has now been completed. A hearing on the merits of the lawsuit is tentatively scheduled for May 17.

Donations Needed: Your donation may be 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. Thank you to all who have taken time to donate!

Lake Perris State Recreation Area: The first part of 2019 is the best time to buy your Limited Use Golden Bear Pass ($20.00) which is good for the entire year for most state parks for those 62 years or older. It can be purchased at Lake Perris and is good for everyone in your car. Other special passes are also available. The lake is being refilled and the bike trail around the lake is now open. For information on hours, visitors fees, and passes, please check: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651

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Outings Leader Training June 1-2

Do you enjoy Sierra Club outings? Becoming an outings leader has many rewards including the ability to always participate in your favorite outings along with a bunch of like-minded adventurers. Request an application now for the June 1-2 training held at our Sierra Club owned ski cabin near Running Springs.

The 2-day class is designed to cover all the leadership skills required by the Sierra Club to lead outings. Saturday will include outdoor leadership, outings administration, map and compass, environmental considerations and the Psychology of Leadership. Sunday includes a field exercise.

Once again, the chapter is offering the course at no charge; you only will be asked to provide an item for the dinner feast Saturday night. There is a $15 refundable deposit required upon application though. Included will be all course materials – some provided on Saturday and others mailed prior to the course for review.

Early enrollment is encouraged and will allow you plenty of time to review the materials. For an application form or general questions please email Ralph Salisbury, LTC Chair at ralphsalisbury@att.net. Alternatively, you may mail to Ralph Salisbury, 2995 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507.

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MAR 30 (SAT) 8:00 AM HORSETHIEF CANYON HIKE
This six-mile in-and-out hike is rated moderate because of some elevation gain (and loss). The trail takes us along part of the PCT. The views are wonderful in this historic area. Wear strong footwear, bring water and a snack. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSMO, 760-912-3725 coachnorm@yahoo.com
MOJAVE GROUP

MAR 30 (SAT) 8:00 AM MORTON PEAK TO SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL HIKE
Join me on this approximately 8-9-mile, 1500 ft. elevation gain, shuttle hike. Start at the trailhead to Morton Peak, hike the trail to the peak, then down the trail to where it cuts off into the Santa Ana River trail west. There will be great views, desert landscape, and then some unexpected green areas with wildflowers. RATED: Moderate/Strenuous. MEET: I need volunteers to help me set up the shuttle, the Morton Peak Trailhead is off Hwy 38 near Mill Creek Ranger Station. BRING: at least 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking poles, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS & LIAISON: JUDY ATKINSON, (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

MAR 30 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT: LAKE MORENA TO KITCHEN CREEK RD HIKE
(Rescheduled from Jan 12). PCT Section A Segment 2 distance is 10.1 miles with a total climb of 1700 ft. and 700 ft. descent. Starting elevation is 3000 ft. RATED: Moderate due to distance. MEET: Lake Morena County Park, near 2550 Lake Shore Drive, Lake Elsinore, CA 92566. You may wish to camp here Friday night after car shuttle is on paved roads. BRING: Ten-essentials, warm layered clothing, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: DARLENE TAYLOR, daylorncrew@verizon.net (951) 385-5706 or DAVE MELTON (760) 406-2456 dave.melton@comcast.net BIG BEAR GROUP

APRIL 1 – APRIL 7
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also, refer to Weekly Recreational Outings & Activities)

APR 1 (MON) 9:30 AM PIONEERTOWN & MORONGO VALLEY PRESERVE HIKE
Easy to Moderate 2-mile hike on Pipes Canyon trail at Pioneertown Preserve through lovely riparian area to Olsen Ruins and back. Plan to stop for lunch at Pappy & Harriet’s ($) then stop at Morongo Valley Preserve for 4-mile loop after lunch on the way back. Rain/excessive wind cancels. BRING: water, sturdy shoes, hat, sunscreen, camera. MEET: 5010 Pipes Canyon Road, Pioneertown or call for carpool arrangements from Moreno Valley. RESERVATIONS: by 8 pm on Mon 31 to LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 1 (MON) 6:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
MEETING The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jrciteck47@yahoo.com BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 2 (TUE) 7:30 AM MT LOVE VIA INSPIRATION POINT HIKE
RATED Strenuous. We will hike from the top of Lake Ave in Pasadena, up 2.6 miles or to Inspiration Point another 2.5 miles, then continue another 2 miles to Mt Love Summit, elevation 5600 ft. We will return via Serrano Trail making this a killer 15-mile round trip with 4000’ elevation gain! If you have not hiked with her leader previously, you must call for acceptance to participate. Inclement weather cancels. BRING: 10 essentials including lunch MEET: Leader for carpooling from Upland LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653 kviola268@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 2 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
Monthly chapter program. For more information, see front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 from Upland. MEET: I need volunteers to help me set up the shuttle, the Morton Peak Trailhead is off Bowen Ranch Rd., 3N14. Parking at BLM kiosk. MEET: AMC theatre, 22311 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley RESERVATIONS: Carol Stubblefield, 760 964-0039, carolwhitbylass@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

APR 3 (SAT) 8:30 AM HIDDEN FALLS HIKE
Come explore, boulders, wildflowers and riparian areas on this moderate 5-mile hike. BRING: 10 essentials, adequate, layered clothing. We’ll drive to the trailhead via Bowen Ranch Rd., 3N14. Parking at BLM kiosk. MEET: AMC theatre, 22311 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley RESERVATIONS: Carol Stubblefield, 760 964-0039, carolwhitbylass@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

APR 7 (SUN) 6:30 AM MT. RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK
Walk See the March 3 write up.

APR 7 (SUN) 9:00 AM Santa Rosa Plateau Loop HIKE
Moderate 5-6 mile hike. We’ll hike to the Vernal Pools and to the historic adobe and should see wildflowers along the way. BRING: water, snack/lunch, hiking poles if you want, and sturdy shoes. COST: $40 entrance fee per person. MEET: Contact co-leaders: CONSTANCE ROESLER (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com and BEATRIZ VINDORLA (562) 713-4470 MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APRIL 8 – APRIL 14
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also, refer to Weekly Recreational Outings & Activities)

APR 8 (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. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 9 (TUE) 8:00 AM SANTA ROSA PLATEAU HIKE
Hike Moderate 5-mile hike to Santa Rosa Plateau. We will start at the Vernal Pools trailhead, hike down to the old adobe, and make our way back across and up one of the return trails. WEAR sturdy shoes or hiking boots, layered clothing; bring hat, minimum 2 liters water, sun protection, snacks and lunch. COST: Day use fee $4 per person Rain cancels. MEET in Ontario at 6:30 am, contact leader for meeting place. MEET: KATHY VIOLA 909-815-9379 or ruizmaryanna@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 9 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimffloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-3585.

APR 10 (WED) 7:30 AM SIERRA MADRE LOOP HIKE
HIKE Hike 3 strenuous miles up Bailey Canyon gaining 2300 feet to Jones Peak (elevation 3400’) After a lunch break, take Lost Canyon Trail down 1 mile to connect with the Mt. Wilson Trail, stopping at First Water, then continuing 4.5 miles down, ending at Mt Wilson Trail Park. This will complete a moderately strenuous 8.5-mile loop, requiring a short car shuttle. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch or snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653 kviola268@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 10 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Foothill Blvd, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Rdgcrest) Enter on Rdgcrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STUEBER, suetube16@gmail.com MOJAVE GROUP

APR 11 (TUE) 8:00 AM RAINBOW ROCKS CANYON, WHITETAIL WEAVER HIKE
Hike past large colorful boulders & interesting terrain to a hidden waterfall at the upper portion of a wooded, cool desert canyon. 7.6 miles total with the return. The trail starts in the Wildlands Conservancy’s Whitewater Preserve but the canyon, rainbow rocks, & waterfall lie on BLM land. NOTE: Feral cattle live in the canyon; if they seem a problem, turn back. RATED: Moderate; steady uphill gain. Inclement weather cancels. BRING: 10 essentials including lunch MEET: Leader for carpooling from Upland. MEET: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653 kviola268@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

APR 11 (TUE) 6:30 PM SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except July, August & December. In place of the December meeting there will be a winter celebration ON THE WEEKEND. Doors open at 6:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:30. PLACE: Ternecula Valley Library, 3000 Pauha Road, Ternecula. INFO: PAM NELSON, (951) 767-2324 sierrachubang@gmail.com & include your name. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

APR 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM FAMILY FRIENDLY WILDFLOWER HIKE HIKE This is a 3-mile hike through the Juniper Flats area near Round Mountain in the San Bernardino Mountains. It is rated as easy to encourage families to attend and enjoy the numerous wildflowers in the area. Wear strong footwear, bring water and a snack. MEET: Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSMO, 769-912-3725. coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP
APR 14 (SUN) 8:00 AM     MOUNTAIN HOME TRAIL HIKE
This hike was postponed in December due to weather. A 9-mile, 1800 ft. elevation gain hike from the trailhead up to Angels Oaks. It is the old road to Big Bear and is quite interesting. We are hiking between mountains so it’s quiet and lovely. RATED: Moderate/Strenuous. MEET: The trailhead is at the Los Leven Center located in Mountain Home Village off Hwy 38. BRING: at least 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: JUDY ATKINSON, male6782@yahoo.com or 760-932-5723@gmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 14-16 (SUN-TUE) 12:00 PM     OWL CANYON/RAINBOW BASIN CARCAMP
Rainbow Basin Natural Area is an Area of Critical Environmental Concern with outstanding views, geological and palaeontological features. Owl Canyon/Car camp, elevation 3036, is first come first served with 22 campsites (no hookups). Campsites include a picnic table, and fire ring. Pit toilets in the campground. The campground is dry. BRING: water with you. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: BOB MOURINO, (760) 953-3854, bob_mourino@yahoo.com. MOJAVE GROUP

APRIL 15 – APRIL 21
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings & Activities)

APR 16 (TUE) 7:00 PM     LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly except July & August. Please join us for an informative program. PLACE: Goldy B. Lewis Center, Central Park, 11200 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, brianneliev@aol.com. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**APR 17 (WED) 7:00 AM     TIMBER MOUNTAIN HIKE
A strenuous hike up ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Timber Mtn. (elevation 8,303), 9 miles round trip with 3300 ft. elevation gain. The trail follows the creek for the first mile under a canopy of oak, spirea, fir, and pine. Rain cancels. BRING: sturdy boots, 2+ liters water, snack, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. MEET: Contact leader prior to the scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, john@stdclairs.us or 909-983-8501.

APR 17 (WED) 4:45 PM     BOX SPRINGS TOWERS HIKE
Moderate 4-mile round trip hike to the towers. Approx. 400 ft. elevation gain. BRING: water, flashlight, snack and sturdy shoes. MEET: from 60 Fwy in Moreno Valley go north on Pigeon Pass about 4 miles where road veers left and turns into Box Springs Mountain Road (mostly dirt road). In 1.2 miles you reach the parking area on the right. COST: Parking fee $5. Rain cancels. LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cmt.teck@gmail.com. MORENO VALLEY GROUP

APR 18 (THU) 6:30 PM     BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except January, February & December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site sierraclub.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KESLER, 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

**APR 19 (FR) 10:00 AM     SWITZER PARK PICNIC AREA WALK
Celebrate Earth day & John Muir’s birthday early! Come Join us for a 0.5-mile easy walk on a paved ADA-compliant path around Switzer Park, and then have some birthday cake! This walk is ideal for young kids and those with limited mobility. Adventure Pass recommended, and amenities include restrooms and picnic tables. MEET: At the Switzer Park Picnic area in Skyforest. WEAR: walking shoes. BRING: trekking poles/walking stick, and water. LEADER: CARLA KELLEMS 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellems@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 20 (SAT) 7:30 AM     BIG JOSHUA TREE & LOST HORSE LOOP HIKE
Head east from Juniper Flats In Joshua Tree NP to the Big Tree Trail climbing into a beautiful Joshua tree-filled valley before joining the Lost Horse Loop trail. Hike past the Lost Horse Mine over a low pass with views of Pleasant Valley and the Little San Bernardino Mountains until continuing past more mines and an old cabin site. Descend a wash and follow the loop back to the Big Tree Trail and our cars. A combined ascent and descent of 2,144’ on this 13.5 mile hike. RATED: Strenuous. MEET: At Oasis Visitor Center parking lot, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, CA. BRING: Ten essentials, 3-4 liters of water, layered clothing, sun protection, and lunch. RESERVATIONS & LEADER: DAVE NEUSSMANN, 208-892-3001 or idmtman@gmail.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 20 (SAT) 4:00 PM     WILDFLOWER TO SUNSET HIKE

APR 20-21 (SAT-SUN) 8:00 AM     PCT MILL CREEK SUMMIT TO ACTON HIKE & CAR CAMP
A two-day event covering the PCT Section D. First day, hike 11.8 miles from Mill Creek Summit to Messenger Flats. Car camp there and the next day hike 13.8 miles to town of Acton. First day elevation change is 3250 ft. gain & 2280 ft. loss. Second day elevation change is 1810 ft. up & 5470 ft. down. RATED: Strenuous due to distance, elevation

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APR 21 (SUN) 6:30 AM MT, RUBIDOUX FITNESS WALK
WALK
See March 3 write up.

APRIL 22 – APRIL 28
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings & Activities)

APR 23 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
Chapter governing meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, namaryann@gmail.com; (909) 815-9579.

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APR 26 (FRI) 9:00 AM TUNNEL II FIRE EDUCATION HIKE
A 5-mile R/T, 600’ elevation gain, moderate, educational hike. Learn about the ideologies in fire ecology that have changed the way we look at fire behavior since the Grass Valley Fire of 2007. Well behaved dogs are welcome. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking shoes. BRING trekking poles, snacks, and water. MEET: Arrowhead Ridge (201 Grass Valley Rd., Lake Arrowhead, CA) to corral in high clearance vehicles to the trailhead. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellem@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel.

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

APR 27 (SAT) 7:00 AM PCT: CLOUDBURST SUMMIT TO ROCK CREEK RD HIKE
This shuttle hike is a 9 mile segment of the 110-mile PCT Section D. The hike depends on Hwy 2 being open. The trail parallels the highway to Three Points trailhead, then goes over the hill. From about 7000 ft. elevation down to about 3000 ft. RATED: Moderate. BRING: 10 essentials, sun screen, 2-3 liters of water, snacks, lunch and poles. MEET: McDonalds at Interstate 15 and Hwy 138, 3230 Wagon train Rd., Phelan, CA 92371. LEADER: DAVID HOLTEGAARD 909-881-1329. BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 27 (SUN) 8:00 AM MILLER CANYON HIKE
This 4-mile round trip hike is rated as easy. There is minor elevation gain and loss. Miller Canyon is close to Silverwood Lake and part of the Crestline watershed. The trail passes through a heavily wooded area before reaching the lake. This is a suitable family hike. WEAR strong shoes bring water and a snack. MEET: Victor valley museum, 11873 Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92398. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM. 760-912-3725. coachmomm@yahoo.com

MOHAVE GROUP

APR 27 (SAT) 8:30 AM WILDFORCE CREEK TRAIL HIKE
From Hwy 38 near Heart Bar, this is a great mountain hike. Round-trip distance is 8 miles with 1400 ft. elevation gain/loss. Hike through desert chaparral into the pines, oaks and junipers. Have a snack break next to a creek before returning on the same trail back to our vehicles. RATED: Moderate. MEET: At the Wildhorse Creek trailhead on Hwy 38 just south of Heart Bar campground turnover. BRING: 2 liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS & LEADER JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com

APR 28 (SUN) 8:30 AM WHITETRANCE PRESERVE HIKE
Easy/moderate approx. 5-mile R/T hike along the PCT to Red Dome Rock. NOTE: should Whitewater be closed, Big Morongo Valley Preserve will be the alternate hike location. BRING: Water, sunscreen, snack/lunch, layered clothing, rain cancels. MEET: Call for ride arrangements from Moreno Valley at 7:30 a.m. or meet at 8:30 a.m. at parking lot at Whitewater Preserve by ranger station. Take 10 Fwy East., exit at Whitewater, head north along canyon. RESERVATIONS by 8 p.m. Apr 27 to LEADER: CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7501 or cmt.teck@gmail.com

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APRIL 29 – MAY 5
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
(Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings & Activities)

APR 29 (THU) 7:00 AM LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, bieaneill@aaol.com

LOS SERRANOS GROUP

MAY 3 (FRI) 9:00 AM CRAFTS PEAK HIKE
Join us for an 8-mile R/T 1000’ elevation gain difficult hike to the top of Crafts Peak, one of the Sierra Club’s 100 Peaks. Well behaved dogs welcome. MEET at the Green Valley Lake Campground, at the end of Green Valley Lake Road. WEAR hat, long pants, and hiking boots. BRING trekking poles, lunch, and 2 bottles of water. LEADER KARLA KELLEMS 760-405-4311 (text OK) karlakellem@gmail.com. Inclement weather will cancel.

SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

COMING UP
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
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MAY 3-4:50 PM SUNDAY SANTA ROSA PLATEAU OR NEARBY TRAILHIKE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT
VOLKSWALKING IN SO. CALIFORNIA
Come walk with Kathy every Monday for a 3-4 mile hike on the beautiful Santa Rosa Plateau or on another interesting trail nearby. No hikes on Christmas & New Year’s Day. Noncompetitive hiking for fun, fitness, & fellowship, Volkswamch is a worldwide movement that started in Germany in the 1960s on air force bases. “Volks” means “people” in German. MEET at carpool to 7:00 AM sharp at Barons, Market 3220 Clinton Keith Road, Wildomar 92595. WEAR sunscreen, a hat & BRING plenty of cold water & a snack. INFO: KATHY BUNDY 951-218-3755. See also the meetup.com page; Volkswalking in So. California Open to Everyone!

[MEETS February 23; March 4, 11, 18 & 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29]

1ST & 3RD FRI 8:30 PM INTERNATIONAL DANSE FOLKDE RANCE DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT
UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB
International folk dancing; Greek, Israeli, Syrian, Turkish, etc. This is the same group that used to meet at UCR. Twice monthly: on the 1st & 3rd Fridays. COST: $3 donation to help pay for the room. PLACE: Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. ex from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@sbcglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

[MEETS March 1 & 3; April 5 & 19; May 3]

3RD WED 6:30 OR 7:30 PM AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT
SAN BERNARDO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY
A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize on the third Wednesday of each month. The June & December meetings are potluck dinners starting 6:30 p.m. other months start 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 10 at California St. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 797-2201.

[MEETS March 20 & April 17]
Keller Peak Ski Hut was built by the Ski Mountaineers in 1938 and is managed for the use of all Sierra Club members by the Keller Hut Committee, staffed by volunteers from several club chapters, sections, and groups. The hut is located at an elevation of 6800’ between Running Springs and Big Bear Lake in the San Bernardino Mountains, conveniently located across the street from Snow Valley Ski Area.

Chains required when snow falls.

Overnight Capacity: 30 (Overnight: Inside 20 sleeping pads - Outside space for tent, hammock, or sleep in vehicle).

Facilities: Two rustic living/dining rooms, two dormitory lofts (separate men and women on open weekends) with 10 sleeping pads each. Fully equipped kitchen with cookware, dishes, and utensils. Furnish your own food, sleeping bag or bedding, flashlight, personal items, and hand towels. In cold winter months please contribute firewood for the pot-belly stove and fireplace. Reservations: Open to Sierra Club members and their guests.

Weekend Rates: $15.00 each for Sierra Club members and their family, $20.00 each for non-members and their family, $10.00 each for children under 12 years of age.

Day use Rates: $5.00 each for Sierra Club members and their family, $10.00 each for non-members and their family, $5.00 for children under 12 years of age.

Upcoming: March 9-10 - Open Weekend. For more information contact Brian Decker at scubaairpig@yahoo.com. April 27 - Spring Hut Host Training (Some restrictions apply) Contact: kellerskihutouting@gmail.com for more information. May 11-12 – Grand Re-Opening Party. Contact Mike Adams at adamsfreerange@aol.com

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12th Annual Walk on Blue Mountain

Join your friends on the 12th Annual Walk on Blue Mountain on Sunday, March 3rd, at 8:00 a.m. Originally sponsored by the Sierra Club, Friends of Blue Mountain and Foundation of Grand Terrace, this year the City of Grand Terrace will organize the event.

This annual walk originated as an effort to promote the development of a park on Blue Mountain in the City of Grand Terrace and a hiking trail to the top of the mountain. Since last year’s walk, Grand Terrace received a $220,000 grant from the State of California to develop the park/trail. The city is providing matching funds and hoping to open the park in 2020. The walk starts at the intersection of Palm Ave. and Honey Hill Drive in Grand Terrace. Plan on a start time of 8:00 a.m. with the latest departing time of 2:00 PM. The 3-mile hike includes a gain of 1,092 feet if you go all the way to the top. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water and sun/wind protection. Friendly dogs on leashes are allowed. Plenty of free on-street parking and parking at Grand Terrace City Hall is available.

For more information contact Jessi Smith at j.smith@grandterrace-ca.gov or 909-824-6621 Ext 259. It’s time to celebrate the upcoming success of this multi-year effort!

Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park

April 7-9  May 5-7  June 9-11,  July 14-16

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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, $570, 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.

For more information contact leaders:

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