Momentum is building. All around the country, plans for climate marches and rallies are springing up in solidarity with the massive march in Washington, D.C. on April 29th. As one of more than 50 groups on the People’s Climate Movement steering committee, Sierra Club calls on everyone to join in and stand up or march “for our air, our water and our land... for clean energy jobs and climate justice... for our communities and the people we love.”

Although this People’s Climate Movement was planned before the election, today it’s even more imperative. Donald Trump’s administration and the 114th Congress threaten our climate, our civil rights and our liberties. Almost daily we discover more attacks on hard-won protections that many of us have taken for granted.

“It’s time to march again,” writes Sierra Club executive director Michael Brune, referring to the People’s Climate March two years ago in Manhattan.

“On Saturday, April 29th, we will come together once more in the streets – this time in Washington, D.C. – in the name of climate justice.”

The campaign begins with a personal note. “Of all the individual actions you can take, nothing will be more powerful than joining with others to say that climate change demands action, and that communities of color, workers, women, Muslims and immigrants will not stand aside while our rights are threatened.” The April 29th event draws together two most members of San Gorgonio Chapter will be the Inland Empire People’s Climate Rally and March in Riverside. Host Contact Information: brenda@the-inland-insider.com.

Through the years the San Gorgonio Chapter has kept us aware of climate movements, such as those sponsored by 350.org, an NGO founded by Bill McKibben and a group of Middlebury College students in 2007. The 350 name comes from scientist James Hansen, who posted in a paper that 350 parts-per-million (ppm) of CO2 in the atmosphere is a safe upper limit to avoid a climate tipping point. Hence in 2007, we learned about McKibben’s “350.org” campaign with 1,400 demonstrations throughout the U.S., which led to the first International Day of Climate Action on October 24, 2009.

On that date several people from the Los Serrano Group invited Sierra Club friends to join a Rails-to-Trail bike ride in Rancho Cucamonga, as part of the world-wide climate event. People in 181 countries participated in more than 5,200 events and posted group photos on the WEB, which ran on the marquee in Times Square. These united actions from different places on the planet called for a binding global climate treaty, discussed at the Copenhagen Accord in December.

Other climate events followed, such as on February 17, 2013, when nearly 40,000 people from across the country rallied in Washington D.C. against the Keystone Pipeline. Sierra Club was one of the official organizers, along with 350.org and n-d groups. The next year, on September 21st, Sierra Club and more than 1,500 organizations endorsed the first so-called People’s Climate Movement in New York City with around 400,000 participants, the largest climate march in U.S. history. This event with companion demonstrations worldwide contributed to the U.N. Climate Summit a few days later in Manhattan and helped prepare for the Paris Climate Summit in December 2015.

Which brings us to April 2017, as momentum grows through the week of Earth Day activities to culminate in the People’s Climate Movement, organized again as in 2014 by 350.org, Sierra Club and a large coalition of green and environmental justice groups, labor unions, faith groups, students, indigenous peoples and civil rights groups working together – with more than 500 supportive partner organizations.

So – on April 29th, the 100th Day of the Trump Administration, the People’s Climate Movement is calling on everyone, everywhere, to show the world and our leaders that we will resist attacks on our people, our communities and our planet. “The only thing that’s for sure is if we stay home, nothing will change – except the climate.”
“One step up and two steps back…” a favorite Springsteen song, and today’s truth. Many stepped up, and organized resistance stopped the GOP healthcare backlash. Within days, we stepped way back into the 50s as popular vote loser debacle. Within days, we stepped way back into the 50s as popular vote loser debacle. Within days, we stepped way back into the 50s as popular vote loser debacle. Within days, we stepped way back into the 50s as popular vote loser debacle. Within days, we stepped way back into the 50s as popular vote loser debacle. Within days, we stepped way back into the 50s as popular vote loser debacle. Within days, we stepped way back into the 50s as popular vote loser debacle. Within days, we stepped way back into the 50s as popular vote loser debacle. Within days, we stepped way back into the 50s as popular vote loser debacle.
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APR 25 (TUE) 7:00 PM  SUGAR GORNOON CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING  Chapter officers and the Planning Committee will meet to discuss the upcoming hiking season. PLACE: The Meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUZIC, ruzicmary@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379.

APR 26 (WED) 9:00 AM  FISHCAMP HIKES  Moderate 4-mile loop hike along the Spring Fork Wild Horse Trail. This hike will likely have some ups and downs but the scenery is worth the effort. PLACE: Meet behind the Fishcamp Visitor Center, 11871 Apple Valley Road, 92500. MEET: next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley. Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the park. INFO & LEADER: EILEEN O’BRIEN (951) 661-7579, efill67@gmail.com. CO-LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com

MOUNTAIN'S GROUP

APR 28 (FRI) 9:00 AM  SB MTS GREEN VALLEY LAKE AREA HIKE  Join us on a 4 to 6 mile easy/moderate hike around the Green Valley Lake region of the San Bernardino Mountains. MEET: in Green Valley Lake, across from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake, CA 92341). WEAR: Layered clothing. BRING: Snacks and water. Please CALL to check on weather conditions. LEADER: SANDY ELLIS, 909-867-7115 (no text), fsellis67@gmail.com. CO-LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com

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APR 29 (SAT) 8:00AM  TENAJA TRUCK TRAIL, SAN MATEO CANYON HIKE  This is a hike through an area known for its numerous petroglyphs, dating back 1000’s of years. It is a total of 4 miles and includes an elevation gain of 400’ up to the summit of Romond Mountain. The views across the Desert are spectacular. MEET: Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, at 8 am. We will park to the trailhead some 30 miles away. The road to the site is graded and in good condition. WEAR: sturdy shoes, BRING: water, snacks, and layered clothing. A camera is a must. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3752, coachnorm@yahoo.com

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APR 29 (SAT) 9:00 AM  SPLIT ROCK HIKE  We will see many interesting rock formations and also some wildflowers. A loop hike with Split Rock in the middle of the day. The hike is 4 miles long and the route is vehicle-maintained. MEET: Tenaja Trailhead, from I-15, take exit 68 and from I-15, take the Clinton Keith exit east in Wildomar go West and continue on Tenaja Road which will take you to the trailhead parking lot. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: SHARON NARDOZZI, (760) 268-3654 or snardozza@cox.net, or CO-LEADER DARLENE TAYLOR, (951) 243-0198 or dtaylorncrew@verizon.net

BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 29 (SAT) 9:00 AM  ALPINE CONFERENCE ROOM 27236 BLUE JAY MALL ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF SELECTED MONTHS: SANTA MARGARITA GROUP  8:00 AM to 9:30 AM. MEET: Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of selected months: 289-1932 or judy5723@gmail.com  BIG BEAR GROUP

APR 30 (SUN) 8:30 AM  WHITETRAPER PRESERVE  Easy to moderate approximate 5 mile out and back hike along a portion of the River to Red Dorne trail. MEET: Call for ride arrangements from Moreno Valley at 8 am or meet at 9 am at parking lot at Whitewater Preserve by ranger station. Take 10 Freeway East, exit at Whitewater, head north along canyon. BRING: Water, sunscreen, sunglasses, layered clothing, hiking shoes. RESERVATIONS: by 8 am APR to CO-LEADERS: CHRISTINA TORRES, (951) 318-7503 or cmteck@gmail.com, and EILEEN O’BRIEN, (951) 661-9739. MORO monet谷 GROUP

APR 30 (SUN) 8:30 AM  MUMYER TRAIL TO ALGER CREEK  Join me for the perennial favorite in the Forest Falls area. It’s a moderate/difficult, 7.5 mile, 1600 ft. elevation gain, round trip hike. This hike leader takes the uphill slowly as it can be steep in places. We will cross Mill Creek, wander through some low oaks, then head up the trail which switchbacks up a chaparral-covered hillside. From here we will hike through Juniper, Oak and Jeffrey Pine. We descend the last 1/4 mile into the Alger Creek camp area where we will have our lunch/snack before returning on the same trail. WEAR: comfortable hiking shoes. RATED: Moderate/Difficult. MEET: Mumyer Creek Trail head in Forest Falls, 2.5 miles from the turnoff into Forest Falls. It’s a large turn-on to the left. BRING: 10 essentials, layered clothing, water, hiking poles, cameras, sun protection, napkins, lunch/snack, hiking boots, poles, and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON, (909) 289-1932 or judy5273@gmail.com.

BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 1 – MAY 7 Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

MAY 1 (MON) 6:00 PM  MOUNTAIN'S GROUP EXCOM MEETING  Alpine Conference Room 27236 Blue Jay Mall on the first Monday of selected months: Feb. 6, Apr. 3, May 1, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, INFO: LEE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. MOUNTAIN'S GROUP

MAY 2 (TUE) 7:30 PM  SUGAR GORNOON CHAPTER MEETING PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEKIN, ladd.g.seekins @sierrclub.org. (909) 880-3911. CHAPTER

MAY 3 (WED) 7:30 AM  TIBURON MOUNTAIN  This is a hike to the falls, then descend to the Walker Split. We will hike through the Cucamonga Wilderness to the South Fork Campground. Walk under the road and start up the trail from the campground. I’m not sure what we will see due to fire damage, but things are growing back and it should be interesting to see the new and the old. RATED: Moderate. MEET: at the large turnout on the north side of Hwy 38 just below the South Fork Campground. Walk under the road and start up the trail from the campground. I’m not sure what we will see due to fire damage, but things are growing back and it should be interesting to see the new and the old. RATED: Moderate. MEET: at the large turnout on the north side of Hwy 38 just below the South Fork Campground. BRING: ten essentials, 2 liters of water, layered clothing, sun protection, lunch/snack, hiking boots, trekking poles, and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy723@gmail.com.

GB BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 8 – MAY 14 Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

MAY 8 (MON) 7:00 PM  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.

MOUNTAINS GROUP

MAY 9 (TUE) 7:00 PM  CHAPARTER 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@fastmial.fm (760) 249-5385.

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MAY 10 (WED) 7:30 AM  BIG BIGHORN PEAK HIKE  A strenuous hike up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Big Bighorn Peak (elevation 8,441 ft.), 11 miles round trip with 3400 ft. elevation gain. Scenic view from the top of the peak. BRING: 10 essentials, lunch, water, hiking shoes. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON, (909) 289-1932 or judy5273@gmail.com.

BIG BEAR GROUP

MAY 10 (WED) 5:00 PM  OLIVE MTN HIKE  Enjoy the view from Olive Mountain. A moderate /difficult 4-mile round trip hike which we will enjoy the view from the top. BRING: water, hiking shoes, backpack, sunscreen, binoculars, lunch. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3752, coachnorm@yahoo.com

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MAY 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM  TANGEJA TRUCK TRAIL, SAN MATEO CANYON HIKE  This is a hike through an area known for its numerous petroglyphs, dating back 1000’s of years. It is a total of 4 miles and includes an elevation gain of 400’ up to the summit of Romond Mountain. The views across the Desert are spectacular. MEET: Victor Valley Museum on Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, at 8 am. We will park to the trailhead some 30 miles away. The road to the site is graded and in good condition. WEAR: sturdy shoes, BRING: water, snacks, and layered clothing. A camera is a must. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM, 760-912-3752, coachnorm@yahoo.com

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MAY 15 (MON) 6:00 PM  BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING  The meeting place rotates. CONTACT: EILEN KESLER 909-585-1062, jcricket47@yahoo.com.

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MAY 15 (TUE) 7:30 PM  MOJA VE GROUP MEETING  Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17778 Franciscan Victoria; (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest.) Enter on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: SUSAN STEUBER, susanquinin steer@uhaul.com

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

**MAY 16 (TUE) 7:00 PM** LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING Monthly except July & August. Programs on nature, conservation & travel topics. The public is welcome & refreshments are served. See Los Serranos webpage for detailed program information: sangreigomio.com/chapter/chapter主席@lauchladelacasa.com, or (760) 208-3654 or snardozza@cox.net or daive.melton@gmail.com

**MAY 17 (WED) 5:00 PM** HIDDEN SPRINGS HIKE Moderate 4-mile loop on the Hidden Springs trail and arroyo. Trail has some ups and downs but basically follows the base of the hills. Bring water, wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels. MEET next to Hidden Springs School, 9801 Hidden Springs Dr., Moreno Valley, Park along Greenridge Dr. next to the small park. LEADER CHRISTINA TORRES (951) 318-7503 or cotttrock@gmail.com

**MAY 18 (THU) 6:30 PM** BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING Monthly meeting except January, February, and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site -sierrachuc.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 1945 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: Eileen Kellems 909-338-1910 (no text), LEADER: BILL ENGS, 909-393-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com

**MAY 19 (FRI) 9:00 AM** KELLER/MILL PEAK/COVEY ROCK HIKE See the write up for this hike May 12.

**MAY 20 (SAT) 7:30 AM** PCT SEC B: FULMER RIDGE-DEEP SPRINGS CREEK Hike This is an 11.9-mile challenging hike for those needing this section of B Fuller Ridge to Deep Springs, Idyllwild. This hike requires a car shuttle which takes about 1 hour to get to and from the PCT trailhead. MEET: Sect B, Fuller Ridge to the Deer Springs trail along the San Jacinto Loop Road, Idyllwild. An Adventure Pass is not required for either trailhead. CONTACT: Led by TERRY G. HOUTMAN, 760-952-3815, rmpc@icloud.com or BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910, dogs111@msn.com

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

**MAY 23 (TUE) 9:00 AM** WHITELAKE PRESERVE TO STONE HOUSE HIKE Join us for an 8-mile moderate hike on the Whitelake PCT trail from the Whitelake Trailhead (Campground) to Stone House Campground. This is a beautiful hike, with some outstanding views in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. RATING: 7 miles in distance and rated moderate in difficulty.

**MAY 24 (WED) 9:00 AM** BEAR FLATS HIKE The Bear Canyon Trail to Bear Flats (also known as Old Baldy #3) offers one of the finest scenary in the San Gabriels. This moderate hike has an elevation gain of 1,260 (only a small section is actually flat) with a 3.6-mile R/T. BRING: water, hiking sticks, sturdy boots and layered clothing. MEET: Please call–n-mail the leader by 5:00 PM May 23 LEADER. RUF WRWAL (909) 985-7686, jwruwandj@gmail.com

**MAY 25 (THU) 7:00 PM** SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The meeting is by mail only. Contact Liesl Kellems for participation. MAIL ANN For instructions. INV ORG: LIESEL KELLEMS, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379.

**MAY 26 (FRI) 9:00 AM** SBMTMS: EXPLORATION TRAIL HIKE Join us for a 4.5-mile moderate conditioning hike down the Exploration Trail. MEET: Lower trail parking lot (1996) for a 3-mile R/T with 800 feet gain. We will follow the PCT along the river, past Red Dome, then head east on Mission Creek Trail to enjoy lunch in comfort at the Stone House. Incredible vistas, rivers, coves, and desert blooms. Rain cancels. BRING: water, lunch/snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for camping arrangements from Uphland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653, kviola286@gmail.com

**MAY 26-28 (FRI-MON) **NV: MT. GRATTON WILDERNESS SERVICE MEETING Join the CNRCC Wildfire Committee for this New Year’s Eve in Mt. Grataon Wilderness--another in our ongoing series with the wilderness staff from BLM’s Ely Office. Useful work in a scenic arena–a great way to celebrate Memorial Day out in the wilds. Project specifics available later. Optional camping available. Contact LEADER: VICKY HOOPER, 909-356-4141, vicky.hooper@sierchaur.org

**MAY 27 (SAT) 8:30 AM** MOUNT ISIP HIKE A hike about 7 miles round trip with a 1,300 ft. elevation gain-loss to the crest of the San Gabriel Mountains. Start at Hilda Saddle, go south on the PCT to Little Jimmy camp where we will leave the PCT and continue to the top of Mount Isip. Great views of the south San Gabriels. This is a “Peaks of Big Bear” hike. RATING: Moderate to Strenuous. MEET: 8:30 AM at Inspiration Point on Highway 38, 4 miles west of Big Bear. Getting to the trailhead requires a 4-wheel drive vehicle due to the rocky trailhead. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing (because it could be cold and windy at the top), 2-3 liters of water, lunch/snack, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Uphland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653, kviola286@gmail.com or LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 909-393-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com

**MAY 28 (SUN) 8:00 AM** CANYON VIEW HIKE RATED: moderate to strenuous. This 3-mile round trip hike with about 1,000 ft. elevation gain takes you through the canyon on the Eureka Peak Trail, descend for a mile or so, then take the Canyon View Trail for some time with great views of the canyon. MEET: 8:00 AM at Inspiration Point on Highway 38, 4 miles west of Big Bear. Getting to the trailhead requires a 4-wheel drive vehicle due to the rocky trailhead. BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing (because it could be cold and windy at the top), 2-3 liters of water, lunch/snack, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. MEET: Contact LEADER: BILL ENGS, 909-338-1910, dogs111@msn.com or LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 909-393-5790 (no text) karlakellems@gmail.com

**MAY 29 – JUNE 4** Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)
Guest speaker Jim Vanderaa returns to the San Gorgonio Chapter on May 2nd to give a presentation on his recent mountaineering trip to the volcanoes of Ecuador. Jim will speak of the five Andes peaks he attempted: Pasachoa, Corazon, Illiniza Norte, Cayambe, and Chimborazo.

The presentation will also include the capital city of Quito, the indigenous Quechua people, and the interesting individuals he met while in South America.

Jim is a resident of Upland and has previously been a guest speaker at our chapter in 2015 on his Everest Base Camp trek and in 2016 on his summit of Kilimanjaro and other adventures in Tanzania.

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Mark Your Calendars for Chapter’s Programs in May and June 2017!

“Climbing the Equador Volcanos”
Presented by Jim Vanderaa
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San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands

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Sierra Santa Margarita Earth Day Celebration

Our club will celebrate the coming Earth Day on April 22nd. Our Faire will include vendors exhibits and live animals shows. It will take place in the Stampede parking area behind the Stampede Western Music Venue at 28721 Front Street, Temecula, California.

Entertainment for families includes: a nature walk and opportunities to see and touch a snake, a frog, a Bengal cat, a bird and a tarantula. Children can also participate in eco-friendly games such as counting the bugs in a jar to win a Tarantula puppet. Other activities for all ages will be an exhibit of the latest electric and hybrid cars and bicycles, educational and fun displays and a silent auction. Additionally, artists will happily paint your young people faces. For more information, please call Caren Hanson: 951-760-1131.

Hikes 2017

Robert Audibert and Gary Marsalione are guides and coordinators of Sierra Santa Margarita Group Hikes. The following two hikes are our most recent adventures.

Rock Tanks Loop Hike
February 11: This hike was a 6.4 miles through the Anza- Borrego Desert. This hike was moderately strenuous with a gain or loss in elevation of about 1,300 feet.

Maidenhair Falls Hike
March 18: This 5.5-6 miles hike was moderately difficult with an elevation gain or loss of about 900 feet. Maidenhair Falls is a true oasis in the desert. We observed the desert wild flowers and climbed over or around some large boulders and thorny cacti.

March 9, 2017: What Causes the Extreme Drought to Flooding in Our Region?

During our monthly meeting in March, Alex Tardy discussed meteorological data and interpretation affecting our weather in the Western US causing drought and flooding in California. His lecture included photos of inundated vehicles and toppled trees that resulted from sudden flooding.

Tree City USA

Margaret Meyncke wrote: “Trees are a vital and strategic part of a healthy environment.” The National Arbor Day Foundation has been promoting trees since 1972. They have a special program with a four part plan to help cities earn certification as an official “Tree City USA.” Our local Sierra Club invites you to join our effort to establish Temecula as an official Tree City.” Please contact Margaret Meyncke at m.meyncke@gmail.com; or contact us on Facebook, “Trees for Trails,” a public group dedicated to all things TREES.

Pam Nelson (Chair, Sierra Santa Margarita), Caren Hanson, and Margaret Meyncke attended the Symposium on February 23, 2017, held at the Western Science Center in Hemet. Teachers, David Marrett and Matt Willard from our SC teacher outreach program called Stewards for Environmental Education and Discovery (SEED) were also present. Pam presented an overview of our SEED teacher outreach program to educators.
Villages of Lakeview (VOL): Comments on the draft environmental impact report were submitted last fall. Current information from the county indicates they are working on responses to the comments and the final environmental documents may be available by the end of March. The proposed VOL housing project (11,350 units) is planned on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. You can contact planner Russell Brady at rbrady@rctlma.org or (951) 955-3025 for more information and to be on their mailing list.

Donations Needed: Please take time to make a donation to help us continue our efforts to challenge the latest version of the 11,350 unit Villages of Lakeview project on the southern border of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and continue our World Logistics Center litigation. You can make checks out to the “Sierra Club” with the notation WLC/VOL and send your donations to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. Thank you to all who have already donated.

The Riverside County General Plan Update aka GPA 960: Some of our concerns include GPA 960’s impact on greenhouse gases, agricultural lands and the San Jacinto Wildlife Area’s at-risk species as well as promoting sprawl. The Riverside County Superior Court, downtown Riverside, the six-lane MCP between the cities of San Jacinto and Perris is designed to allow projects like the Villages of Lakeview to be built. The Center for Biological Diversity is litigating the MCP for the Sierra Club and other groups.

Cajalco Road Expansion: Riverside County is moving ahead with plans to widen Cajalco Road to six lanes. Environmental documents are being prepared. The Cajalco Road expansion continues the planned Mid County Parkway expansion, i.e., a six-lane road from San Jacinto to Corona.

Lake Perris State Recreation Area: Check out their Facebook page for more information: https://www.facebook.com/Lakeperris/about their events. The 2017 limited Golden Bear Pass ($20.00) to most state parks is good from January 1 through December 31 for those 62 years or older and can be purchased at Lake Perris. It is good for everyone in your car. State park passes also include the Disabled Discount Pass and Distinguished Veteran Pass. For information on hours, visitors fees, and passes, please check: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651

Moreno Valley Recreational Trails Board hike, Saturday, May 20, 2017, 7:30 a.m., Hike to Olive Mountain (DIFFICULT; 3.6 miles round trip). Meet in the parking lot on the north side of campus (enter from Slawson), Palm Middle School, 11900 Slawson Ave., Moreno Valley. Call (951) 413-3703 to confirm all information.

A s we moved through November 2016 into the New Year I am sure that many of us were watching political events with some concern. The new Administration have been even more destructively environmentally than we could have imagined. Frustrated, I decided to turn to my books and ignore the actions of the new Administration. Turn the television off, do not listen to the radio and skip the political quips on Facebook.

If you have heard of the author, Bill Bryson, then you will understand the enjoyment his books bring me. Mr Bryson wrote ‘A Walk in the Woods’. It was made into a popular movie of the same name, starring Robert Redford and Nick Nolte. I have not seen the movie, but, if it is half as good as the book, it will be worth watching.

It is the story of two men and their adventures while hiking some of the Appalachian Trail. While reading the book, I had hoped that I would not be reminded of the political events taking place in Washington. I was, sadly, mistaken. According to the book, there are five species of trees that have disappeared from the Trail in very recent times. The scientists make it clear that climate change is responsible, for, what can only be described, as a tragic event, environmentally. Well, thanks Bill, now I am upset.

When not hiking the Trail, the venerable Mr Bryson went to a Town named Centralia, PA. This turned out to be a story, in itself. Centralia, was a coal mining Town. In 1962 firefighters were cleaning the local landfill. This involved controlled burning. It is believed that there was an opening in the ground and that a subterranean fire started along a seam of coal. It is thought that the seam was anthracite coal, which is difficult to burn, but when it does, it is very difficult to extinguish. In 1962, the population of Centralia was over 1,000 Hardy souls. As the years went by, the area became warmer, roads would buckle and steam would shoot through holes in the ground. The situation came to a head in 1992, when the local gas station owner decided to check his tanks. He found that the underground temperature was over 1,000 degrees. The State became involved. The Town was evacuated, millions of gallons of water were pumped underground, to no good effect. The good people of the area, were paid over $30 Million in compensation. The town was abandoned, with the exception of some folks who were allowed to stay, to live out their lives. All seven of them. It is thought that this subterranean fire could burn for another 250 years. Another tulip town? By, has also had to be abandoned.

This is a tragedy for these hard working people. I would not want to go into a coal mine, no matter how desperate I was. I weakened and started to take note of the political events taking place. I saw Trump giving a speech in which he was singing the praises of miners and promising lots of lovely ‘Clean coal.’ Well, from what I have researched, coal is, in fact regular coal, with all of the nasty chemicals, CO2, etc. This process is expensive. The extracted elements are made into a liquid form which is pumped into areas where oil can be found. Apparently, it enhances the amount of that product. The question is: who will invest in coal? Most power stations now use gas. If clean coal is so expensive why would an investor take such a risk?

I noted that there is a clause in the Affordable Care Act which applies to coal miners who are unable to work because of ‘black lung’. They are given benefits. The benefits pass on to surviving spouses. Far too many coal miners die from ‘back lung’ and/or lung cancer, and many of these deaths are premature. I was listening to a former coal miner, from Virginia, I believe, on the radio. He had retrained and was working as a computer engineer. He certainly wasn’t disappointed at never having to go down a coal mine again. Surely, retraining is the answer. These brave people deserve better.

Let us hope that the current administration will, at some stage, believe that climate change is real, that the human race is responsible for much of that change, that renewal energy is the way forward, and that we have to train people in industries that are the future. A brave administration, who truly believe that climate change is real, would move the country forward through education, innovation and investment. I have just started reading Bill Bryan's book, 'In a Sunburned Country'. It relates to Australia. Interesting.

Mountains Group

By Dave Barrie

T his will be just a quick note about a few items and to share the schedule for this year’s Executive Committee (ExCom) election.

At our February 6th ExCom meeting we confirmed the results of our 2016 ExCom election which had Steve Farrell, Bob Sherman and Sherry Bailey re-elected to new terms and Karla Kellens joining the ExCom for the first time. Karla is replacing Bill Engs as the Group’s Outings Chair.

Many thanks to Bill for (years and years) of leading our Outings efforts and to the training that Karla, our new Outings Leader has done. And welcome aboard Karla!

The Mountains Group’s annual Spring Retreat will be at Keller Hut on May 6 and 7 and it is your chance to relax at Keller Hut, enjoy the company of other Mountains Group members (and maybe meet some that you don’t know), share a potluck dinner on the evening of the 6th, and, if you like, spend the night in a rustic mountain cabin. I will be overseeing the weekend and if you would like more information or want to “sign up” to attend you can contact me at barriemill@mac.com.

Word of warning – if I have to shovel my way in, there will NOT be a Spring Retreat!

Here is our Mountains Group 2017 ExCom Election Schedule:

At the February 6th Mountains Group Executive Committee (ExCom) meeting, Sue Walker (as Chair), Steve Farrell, and Bob Sherman were appointed to be both the Nominating Committee and Election Committee for the 2017 ExCom election. At the same meeting the following Election Schedule was approved:

**February 6**: Deadline to appoint Nominating and Election Committees and set Election Schedule.

**June 5**: Deadline for Nominating Committee Chair to submit Mountains Group Election article to Palm and Pine.

**September 2**: Last date to accept nominations and Deadline for Nominating Committee to present list of candidates to the ExCom.

**September 16**: Deadline for Petition Candidates to present petitions.

**October 5**: Deadline for ExCom Elections Committee to provide final ballot, with petition candidates, if any) to Palm and Pine.

**October 13**: Date to produce list of members to receive ballots.

**October 20**: Palm and Pine mailed. (Approx.)

**November 24**: Deadline to receive ballots.

**November 25**: 11:30 a.m. Election Committee shall verify, open and count the ballots.

**November 25**: 8:00 p.m. Election Committee shall inform the candidates, the ExCom, and any other interested parties of the results.

Please check future issues of the Palm and Pine for additional information and to learn how you might be able to help.
Join us for this favorite hike to the historic fire lookout at the top of Tahquitz Peak at 8846 feet.

JUN 6 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORONGANO CHAPTER MEETING PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernadino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 10 at California St. INFO: LAO SEESEKKINS立案的 li@sierraclub.org.

JUN 8 (THU) 9:00 AM WRIGHT MOUNTAIN VIA ACOAR TRAIL HIKE The trail begins in a residential neighborhood of Wrightwood and connects to the PCT in 2.5 miles, gaining 1500 feet. Then continues another 1.5 miles, gaining another 500 feet to the summit of Mount Wright, ending up at the same trailhead. Bring: water, lunch/nacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Contact leader for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA, 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUN 6 (TUE) 11:00 AM JUANITA MOUNTAIN HIKE/SCRAMBLE This is a moderate hike to the top of Juanita Mountain with 1,400' elevation gain. MEET: In Green Valley Lake across from the post office (33271 Green Valley Lake Rd, Green Valley Lake), for a car shuttle to the Little Green Valley trailhead parking area across the street from Snow Valley. WEAR: Hat, long pants, hiking shoes. BRING: Snacks and water. PLEASE CALL to check on weather conditions. LEADER: KARLA KELLEMS 909-939-5790 (no text) karlakellemis@gmail.com. CO-LEADER: HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2836 (no text).

JUN 6 (TUE) 9:00 AM TAHQUITZ PEAK FIRE LOOKOUT HIKE Join us for this favorite hike to the historic fire lookout at the top of Tahquitz Peak at 8846 feet.

JUN 7 (WED) 9:00 AM WERNER MOUNTAINS IN THE CITY/SCRAMBLE This is a moderate scramble to the top of Werner Mountains, elevation 8,850 feet.

JUN 7 (WED) 9:00 AM FOURPEAKS MOUNTAINS HIKE This is a moderate hike to the top of Fourpeaks Mountain, elevation 9,750 feet.

JUN 7 (THU) 9:00 AM SNOW VALLEY HIKE The property, threatened by inappropriate development, was acquired by the San Bernardino County Parks, and the California State System university, in order to take consideration the greenhouse gas emissions in the supply chain when they’re reviewing bids for those projects. It combines information disclosure and regulatory elements to empower manufacturers who produce the least amount of climate pollution while making sure any of five products: cement, steel, glass, insulation and asphalt. On launch day, the bill’s supporters represented labor, manufacturing, environmental, environmental justice, and health groups.

Over the next month, Sierra Club California staff and volunteers will be helping refine the bill and building the support list before it goes to its first committee hearing in March. The Buy Clean Bill will be one of the priority bills for in-district lobbying. You can learn more about the Buy Clean Campaign on the buycleancalifornia.org website.

If you’d like to get involved in helping your chapter or group learn more about the Buy Clean Campaign, or if you’d like to get involved in in-district lobbying, please contact Kari Gundersen at kari.gundersen@sierractl.org, or meet Kari Gundersen at our office at Mag.Gundersen@sierractl.org.

JUN 9 (SAT) 7:00 AM MOUNTAIN VIEW HIKES This is a 4-mile hike in the mountains of Big Bear Lake, CA. WEAR: Sturdy hiking shoes, hiking boots, trekking poles, and camera. MEET: Contact LEADER for carpool arrangements from Upland. LEADER: KATHY VIOLA 909-346-9653, kviola826@gmail.com LOS SERRANOS GROUP
JUN 15 (THU) 6:30 PM
BIG BEAR GROUP
MEETING
Meeting monthly except January, February, and December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site - sierrachul.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ELLEN KLEESLIER 909-855-1062, elleenk@embarqmail.com - BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 17-18 (SAT-SUN) 7:30 AM
OVERNIGHT BACKPACK TRAINING
This is the third and final backpack training session. To participate, you must have successfully completed the prior sessions and have overnight backpacking equipment. Upon completing all three training sessions you will be eligible for the day-hike sectional trips. For detailed training information, go to Big Bear Group website - http://www.sierrachul.org/san-gorgonio/big-bear/outings and locate backpack outings training. RATING: Strenuous, 10-mile R/T hike. MEETING: 7:30 a.m. at Cedar Glen, Post Office, 20892 Hook Creek Rd, Cedar Glen. REGISTRATION: contact LEADER, DARLENE TAYLOR, (951) 385-7076, daya_lomcrew@verizon.net or CO-LEADER ED CALIENDO, dogs111a@msn.com - BIG BEAR GROUP

JUN 17 (SAT) 8:00 AM
DOBLE MINE, BIG BEAR TRAINING
Starts the week and enjoy the historic Doble Mine. This hike is a 6-mile round trip and involves an elevation gain of 500' up to the mine. Also included is an historic commentary relating to the mining in this area. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley, CA 92398 by 8 a.m. LEADER: MARVIN WELLS (760) 252-8787. BRING: sturdy shoes, SPONGE water, snacks and layered clothing. PLACE: NORMAN BOSSEM 760-912-3757, coachnorm@yahoo.com - MOJAVE GROUP

JUN 16-22 (FRI-THU)
ESCALANTE BACKPACK
The first part of this 37-mile backpack cover 11 miles in Harris Wash, then 12 miles along the Escalante River, and finally 14 miles out over 25 Mile Wash. The entry and exit washes are muddy and the side canyons that become slot canyons. Along the river, we will take hikes to explore Chocoprock Canyon and Neon Canyon. Be prepared to get your feet wet - hiking may be easier in the river if the banks are choked with tamarisk. Trip requires a car shuttle, high clearance vehicles. MARTIN ST. CLAIR, 23521 Apple Valley Rd, Apple Valley, CA 92307 by 8 a.m. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSEM, 760-912-3757, coachnorm@yahoo.com - SOUTHERN NEVADA GROUP

JUNE 19 – JUNE 25
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

JUN 20 (TUE) 7:00 PM
LOS SERRANOS GROUP
MEETING
Monthly except July & August. Programs on nature, conservation & travel topics. The public is welcome & refreshments are served. See Los Serranos webpage for detailed program information: sierrachul.org/groups/los_serranos/PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: BRIAN ELLIOTT, briannell@aol.com - LOS SERRANOS GROUP

**JUN 21 (WED) 6:30 AM
CUCAMONGA PEAK HIKE
This will be a strenuous lake up Ice House Canyon into the Cucamonga Wilderness to the top of Cucamonga Peak. Len: 8959', 11.2 miles round trip with 3900 ft. elevation gain. Scenic views in all directions from the top of Cucamonga Peak. Rain cancels. Adventure Pass required at trailhead. BRING: sturdy boots, 3 liters water, lunch, sunscreen, layer clothing appropriate for the weather. MEET: Victor Valley Museums, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by Van, WEAR sturdy shoes, BRING water, snacks, and levered clothing. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSEM 760-912-3757, coachnorm@yahoo.com - MOJAVE GROUP

JUN 24 (SAT) 8:00 AM
BIG HORN MINE, WRIGHTWOOD HIKE
This 4-mile hike offers spectacular views over the San Gabriel Mountains and a glimpse into the past. The trail is flat but can be a little rough in one small area. The Mine has much of the equipment, large caves and old shafts. There are also some informational displays. MEET: Victor Valley Museums, Apple Valley Road, Apple Valley by Van, WEAR sturdy shoes, BRING water, snacks, and layered clothing. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSEM 760-912-3757, coachnorm@yahoo.com - SOUTHERN NEVADA GROUP

JUN 25 (SUN) 8:00 AM
JOHNS MEADOW HIKE
A favorite for all who have hiked this trail in the San Gorgonio Wilderness. Wildflowers are abundant from the end of June until the mid/end of July. Start with a short climb to where the Johns Meadow trail branches off. Hike through pines, oaks and fir trees. Cross a couple of small runoffs from springs that pop out of the side of the trail. May have a couple of small creek crossings with all the rain and snow we have had. Come across a lush area full of wildflowers. Cross Forse Creek and have a short climb to a Johns Meadow where we will take our break before returning on the same trail back to the vehicles. If you can’t make this hike, I will be repeating it in a couple of weeks. RATED: moderate, 7 miles. MEET: Forse Creek trailhead parking area. BRING: 10 essentials, 2 liters of water, layered clothing, sun protection, snack/lunch, hiking boots, trekking poles and camera. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER JUDY ATKINSON (909) 289-1932, judy5723@gmail.com, email preferred. PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 869 N. Euclid Ave, Upland CA - BIG BEAR GROUP

JUNE 26 – JULY 2
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

JUN 27 (TUE) 7:00 PM
SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM
MEETING
Chapter governing meeting. Monthly except December. PLACE: The meeting is by teleconference. If you wish to participate, contact Mary Ann for instructions. INFO: MARY ANN RUSZ, mizzmaryan@aol.com, (909) 815-8379.

JUN 28 (WED) 9:00 AM
MT. BADEN-POWELL HIKE
This will be a strenuous hike to the summit of Mt. Baden-Powell at 9399 feet elevation, 8 miles round trip with 2814 ft. elevation gain. Spectacular vistas as far as the eye can see every direction!!! Rain cancels, BRING: water, lunch, snacks, sturdy boots, hat, sun screen. Contact John St. Clair prior to a scheduled date for carpooling and meeting place. LEADER: JOHN ST. CLAIR, 909-983-8501, john@stclairs.us - LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JUL 3 – JULY 9
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also, refer to Weekly Recurring Outings and Activities)

JUL 6 (THU)
LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING
Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, contact BRIAN ELLIOTT, briannell@aol.com - LOS SERRANOS GROUP

NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES
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NON-SIERRA CLUB RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

APR 19 (WED) 6:30 PM
AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. MEET: 7:30 p.m. at the Highgrove United Methodist Church, 938 W. Center St., Highgrove. DIRECTIONS: Take the Center St. exit from Interstate 215. The church is one half mile east of the freeway on the right. INFO: GAIL SEEKINS (909) 825-4427 lgseekins@shqglobal.net or LARRY POWELL (909) 864-2309

APR 21 (FRI) 8:30 PM
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB See writeup above for 1st Fri NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

MAY 1 (FRI) 8:30 PM
INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB See 3rd Friday writeup (above) for information.

MAY 5 (TUE) 8:30 PM
INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB See 3rd Friday writeup (above) for information.

MAY 17 (THU) 7:30 PM
AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY See April 10th writeup for details.

MAY 19 (FRI) 8:30 PM
INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB See 3rd Friday writeup (above) for information.

JUN 2 (FRI) 8:30 PM
INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB See 3rd Friday writeup (above) for information.

JUN 16 (FRI) 8:30 PM
INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB See 3rd Friday writeup (above) for information.

JUN 21 (FRIDAY) 8:30 PM
INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB See 3rd Friday writeup (above) for information.

JUL 7 (FRI) 8:30 PM
INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE
NON-SIERRA CLUB EVENT UC RIVERSIDE FOLK DANCE CLUB See 3rd Friday writeup (above) for information.
Most of us cannot remember living in a time when the federal administration was this hostile to the environment. Not just the critters and the physical landscape, but the air, the water and the people most adversely affected by the lack of concern for what the environment means to the future. This has resulted in a huge surge in the number of Americans showing an interest in making financial contributions to long-established organizations such as the Sierra Club and the American Civil Liberties Union. The challenge for these groups is to figure out how to channel that intense concern into effective activism, as well as use the increased financial resources to empower “the resistance.”

We, here in the Chapter leadership, are still working to figure out how to harness all the energy and outrage into positive outcomes for the environment. We are making plans in conjunction with the national Club, but encourage all of you who have ideas or wish to get more involved, to “Like” the Chapter Facebook page, “Sierra Club San Gorgonio Chapter” or send a message to Jono@Hildner.com.

Living in California, it is easy to think that all our elected officials are wonderful supporters. Nothing could be further from the truth. While we’ve made some wins and continued our progress toward turning the IE Green!

Let’s keep turning the San Gorgonio Chapter green!!

This year, we have more Young Environmental Champions than ever. There’s a good reason for that! These young activists have done amazing work and have achieved much success in the face of incredible odds. Some of these young folks we have recognized before, but many have risen to the occasion in just the last year. Some have become seasoned leaders in their own right and others are just getting their feet wet and enjoying the challenges, understanding the issues and jumping in with both feet.

Space available in this issue of the Palm & Pine does not allow me to list each activity for each YEC where they played a role, so let me lay out the many events and/or actions in which most of them played a part:

Numerous meetings of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Board in Diamond Bar. For those from the Eastern Coachella Valley, it meant getting up at 4:00 or 5:00 am to catch a bus or van and then spending a whole day in order to testify about the impacts of bad air quality on them and their families. Several of these were dramatic actions staged to get added press attention to the failure of the SCAQMD to do their job.

Work on legislative campaigns in AD 37, AD 40, AD 42 and AD 60, all of which were against anti-environmental incumbents. AD 37 and AD 60 were big wins and continued our progress toward turning the IE Green!

Canvassing door-to-door in Wildomar and Highland to educate the public and collect signatures.

Participating in the Women’s March/Immigration March, the anti-warehouse rally in Fontana and the rally to support the DRECP with Secretary Sally Jewell.

Actions to support work on the Salton Sea.

All actions contribute to our overarching goals, but the most impressive win for this group, led primarily by Marina Barragan, is the win with the 15-year clean air plan adopted by the SCAQMB. This has been a continuing battle with a majority of the Board favoring the polluters. Due in large part to the work of these young activists, the Board adopted a plan to finally get rid of the totally ineffective cap-and-trade program of Regional Clean Air Incentive Market, called RECLAIM and replace it with a system of “command and control.” Further, by pushing the California Air Resources Board, they got that body to require that the SCAQMD begin to regulate ports and warehouses as indirect sources (primarily diesel truck exhaust) of air pollution.

The Chapter salutes ALL of this year’s Young Environmental Champions and urges all our members to congratulate them and to continue to support their work.

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter Political Chair

Young Environmental Champions for 2017

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SAVE THE DATE: 15th Annual Xeriscape Garden Tour – Water Conservation… A Big Bear Way of Life

The 2016/2017 winter season has seen above average snow and rainfall, compared to years in the recent past. Does this mean the drought is over? Maybe for some parts of California, but not for Big Bear Valley. Big Bear Valley is unique in many ways, including how we tap into our water. Unlike Los Angeles and other Southern California cities, Big Bear Valley gets all its water locally via local wells. Nothing is brought in from Northern California via the aqueduct. While it’s easy to see signs of recovery in the rising levels of Big Bear Lake, Baker Pond, and even Baldwin Lake, water conservation is not going away anytime soon. The popular Big Bear Valley Xeriscape Garden Tour is a great way to learn about conserving water by creating beautiful drought-tolerant yards and gardens that require only limited water use.

The 15th Annual Big Bear Valley Xeriscape Garden Tour, put on by the Sierra Club Big Bear Group, is the perfect opportunity to get landscaping ideas, discover drought tolerant plants and learn how to save money on your water bill, all while creating a beautiful drought-tolerant garden. As an added bonus, one of the homes will feature a landscape that is both low-water use and fire-wise.

This year’s theme, “Water Conservation…A Big Bear Way of Life,” will focus on Big Bear’s unique water situation and how everyone can do their part to conserve water while still creating beautiful and exciting yards and gardens.

The tour will once again include the DWP’s Xeriscape Demonstration Garden on Fox Farm Road, in front of the Community Garden, with native plant expert Orchid Black available for questions.

So mark your calendars for the 15th Annual Xeriscape Garden Tour to take place on Saturday, July 15. Participants can begin the free self-guided tour anytime between 9 a.m. and noon at Ewing’s Mountain Nursery, located at 41223 Big Bear Blvd, in Big Bear Lake, across the street from the Denny’s Restaurant. A tour booklet, which includes the locations and directions for the tour stops, and helpful information on Xeriscape gardening in the mountains, will be handed out at the starting location. Once registered, participants will have until 4:00 p.m. to complete the self-guided driving tour of the homes in Big Bear Valley.

For additional information on the Sierra Club’s Xeriscape Garden Tour to take place on May 15, visit http://bigbeargardentour.weebly.com.

Outings Leader Training June 3-4

By Ralph Salisbury

If you enjoy healthy exercise and the abundance of special places to visit in the San Gorgonio Chapter, then you have probably participated in our extensive Outings Program. Coming up is the opportunity for you to become a Chapter Outings Leader. Chapter Outings Leader training will be held at the Sierra Club’s 7201 Arrow Drive, Rancho Mirage. The course involves an overnight stay and includes instruction in outdoor leadership, Club Office Administration, Map and Compass Psychology of Leadership and environmental considerations. You will include a field exercise where you put into practice your newly acquired skills.

For this year only the fee will be $15 which covers some direct costs including lodging and foods. San Gorgonio Chapter Outings will pick up the remaining $27 cost for course materials. Participants will be asked to contribute one food item for the Saturday night dinner after which we hold one final class.

Early enrollment is highly encouraged as spaces are limited. To complete this study material prior to the class; however, it will greatly aid you in doing so. Naturally, completion will be necessary before becoming an outings leader.

For an application form or general questions, please email Ralph Salisbury, LTC Chair at rashalphsalisbury@att.net. Alternately, you may mail to Ralph Salisbury, 2905 Floral Ave, Riverside, CA 92507.